

Current Affairs Digest



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1. Who among the following has been awarded the inaugural Shane Warne Award as the men's Test player of the year 2023?

- A. Steve Smith
- B. Usman Khawaja
- C. David Warner
- D. Lance Morris
- E. Michael Neser

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* Australia's opening batter, Usman Khawaja has claimed the inaugural Shane Warne Award as the men's Test player of the year in 2023.

* He has been Australia's top run-scorer in the five-day format since rejoining the Test team, with 1020 runs at 78.46 during the voting period.

* Other winners:

- o Belinda Clark Award (Women's): Beth Mooney
- o Allan Border Medal (Men's): Steve Smith
- o Men's ODI Player of the Year: David Warner
- o Women's ODI Player of the Year: Beth Mooney

2. Name the Australian women's cricket player, who bagged the Belinda Clark Award at the Australian Cricket Awards 2023 ceremony?

- A. Ashleigh Gardner
- B. Tahlia McGrath
- C. Megan Schutt
- D. Darcie Brown
- E. Beth Mooney

Answer :- E

Solution :-

- * Belinda Clark Award (Women's) 2023 awarded to Beth Mooney.
- * Australia's opening batter, Usman Khawaja has claimed the inaugural Shane Warne Award as the men's Test player of the year in 2023.
- * He has been Australia's top run-scorer in the five-day format since rejoining the Test team, with 1020 runs at 78.46 during the voting period.
- * Other winners:
 - o Allan Border Medal (Men's): Steve Smith
 - o Men's ODI Player of the Year: David Warner
 - o Women's ODI Player of the Year: Beth Mooney

3. In January 2023, who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of the Sports brand, Puma India?

- A. Harmanpreet Kaur
- B. Deepti Sharma
- C. Smriti Mandhana
- D. Mithali Raj
- E. Shafali Verma

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- * Puma India (Sports brand) has appointed women's cricket team captain, Harmanpreet Kaur as a brand ambassador.
- * She will endorse the footwear, apparel, and accessories throughout the year.
- * With this, Harmanpreet joins PUMA's roster of brand ambassadors which includes Virat Kohli, Neymar Jr, Sunil Chhetri, MC Mary Kom, Harleen Deol, K L Rahul, and Avani Lekhara.
- * Harmanpreet Kaur has the record of the fourth fastest women's T20I hundred in the world to her name.

4. Which of the following tableaux won the best tableaux in States/UTs category in Republic Day Parade 2023, on the basis of the assessment of the panel judgment?

- A. Gujarat
- B. UP
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Uttarakhand
- E. Odisha

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The government has announced the list of the best marching contingents and tableaux for the Republic Day Parade 2023.

* Results have been announced on the basis of the assessment of the panels and online poll for the popular choice.

Best three Tableaux (States/UTs):

* Panel-based: (1) Uttarakhand, (2) Maharashtra, and (3) UP

* online poll-based: (1) Gujarat, (2) UP, and (3) Maharashtra

Best Tableau (Central Ministries/Departments):

* Panel-based: Ministry of Tribal Affairs

* online poll-based: CAPF

5. Which of the following state government has approved the state floriculture mission with an initial investment of Rs 150 crore, under which the flower cultivation area will be expanded to 3,288 hectares within three years?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Assam
- C. Sikkim
- D. Tamil Nadu
- E. Chhattisgarh

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The Assam Cabinet, headed by CM Himanta Biswa Sarma, approved a state floriculture mission with an initial investment of Rs 150 crore that covers 20,000 farmers.

* The cabinet has also approved several other essential decisions including setting up a different CM secretariat at Dibrugarh and building a new Raj Bhavan in Tezpur.

* Under State Floriculture Mission, the flower cultivation area will be expanded from 2,200 hectares to 3,288 hectares within three years.

6. Which of the following cities set up a super site and a mobile van facility to collect real-time pollution data and identify factors that are responsible for the increase in air pollution?

- A. Mohali
- B. Delhi
- C. Noida
- D. Hisar
- E. Gurugram

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal has inaugurated a “super site” and a mobile van to collect real-time pollution data and tell its constituents.

* Delhi would become the first city in the country to get a real-time source segmentation of air pollution.

* It will identify factors that are responsible for the increase in air pollution in Delhi.

* The project has been initiated by the Delhi Pollution Control Committee in collaboration with IIT Kanpur, IIT Delhi, and TERI.

* The super site facility is located at Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya premises near ITO.

7. According to the Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF) ranking 2023, which of the following Indian colleges topped the government college to pursue the Master of Business Administration (MBA) course in India?

- A. IIM Ahmedabad
- B. IIM Bengaluru

- C. IIM Kolkata
- D. IIM Indore
- E. Delhi University

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* According to the latest ranking, released by the Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF), the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad is the best college to pursue the Master of Business Administration (MBA) course in India.

* IIM Ahmedabad is followed by IIM Bengaluru and IIM Kolkata at second and third spots, respectively.

* The Xavier Labour Relations Institute (XLRI), Jamshedpur has topped the rankings among private colleges.

8. Veteran Murali Vijay announced his retirement from the international format of which of the following sports?

- A. Football
- B. Cricket
- C. Badminton
- D. Tennis
- E. Kabaddi

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* Veteran India opener, Murali Vijay (38) announced his retirement from international cricket.

* He last represented India in 2018 against Australia in the Perth Test.

* He had played 61 Tests, 17 ODIs, and 9 T20Is for India since making his debut in November 2008 in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

* He scored 3,982 runs for India in the longest format, including 12 centuries and 15 fifties.

* In the one-day, he had 339 runs that included a half-century.

9. Who among the following was appointed as the Deputy National Security Adviser (NSA) in National Security Council Secretariat for two years?

- A. Subhash Joshi
- B. Pankaj Kumar Singh
- C. D.K. Pathak
- D. K.K. Sharma
- E. Rajni Kant Mishra

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- Former Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF), Pankaj Kumar Singh was appointed as the Deputy National Security Adviser (NSA) in National Security Council Secretariat for two years.
- He is a 1988-batch IPS officer of the Rajasthan cadre.
- He retired as the BSF chief on December 31, 2022.
- Earlier, he served as Inspector General of the CRPF in Chhattisgarh and IG (Operations) at CRPF, Delhi.
- He has also served in the Rajasthan Police and CBI.

10. Who among the following has won the Gaja Capital Business Book Prize 2022 for a book titled 'Broke to Breakthrough' that detailed the story of the rise of dairy company Hatsun Agro?

- A. Harish Damodaran
- B. Narotam Sekhsaria
- C. T.T. Jagannathan
- D. Sandhya Mendonca
- E. Harsh Mariwala

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- Indian Express journalist, Harish Damodaran was awarded the Gaja Capital Business Book Prize 2022 for his book 'Broke to Breakthrough'.

- This book is a detailed and perceptive account of the rise of dairy company Hatsun Agro and its founder R.G. Chandramogan.

- Gaja Capital Business Book Prize:

- It was instituted in 2019.

- Aim: To encourage Indian entrepreneurs, writers, and journalists to tell stories

11.The writer of the book titled, 'Broke to Breakthrough' has won Gaja Capital Business Book Prize 2022. Who is he?

- A. Pravin Rao
- B. Kris Gopalakrishnan
- C. Harish Damodaran
- D. Ram Charan
- E. Harish Mehta

Answer :- C

Solution :-

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12.Which of the following state governments will launch its education project, 'Schools of Eminence' on 21st January 2023?

- A. Odisha
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Gujarat
- E. Punjab

Answer :- E

Solution :-

- The Punjab government will launch its first major education project, 'Schools of Eminence' on 21st January 2023.
- It will be launched at the Indian School of Business (ISB), Mohali.
- Under the project, the state government will upgrade existing govt schools into 'Schools of Eminence' for classes 9 to 12.
- Under phase 1, the govt plans to upgrade nearly 110 government schools as 'Schools of Eminence'.
- The Punjab govt had set aside a fund of Rs 200 crore for this project.

13. Which of the following Indian cities hosted the first G20 Health Working Group meeting on January 18, 2023?

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Gandhinagar
- C. Kochi
- D. Jaipur
- E. Thiruvananthapuram

Answer :- E

Solution :-

- The first G20 Health Working Group meeting has started at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- It was attended by Bharati Pravin Pawar (MoS Health and Family Welfare) and V. Muraleedharan (MoS External Affairs).
- Focus: Health emergencies prevention, preparedness, and response; strengthening cooperation in the pharmaceutical sector; and digital health innovations to aid universal health coverage
- Other locations of HWG meetings: Goa, Hyderabad, and Gandhinagar

14. In January 2023, the Telangana government launched the second phase of Kanti Velugu initiative. This initiative is associated with _____.

- A. Female MSME Programme
- B. Farmer's life insurance policy
- C. Eye Screening Programme
- D. Student Education Loan
- E. Free Health Check-up Programme

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- Telangana CM, K Chandrasekhar Rao launched the second phase of 'Kanti Velugu' initiative in Khammam district on January 18, 2023.

- It is considered to be the world's largest eye screening programme.

- Kanti Velugu:

- o It is a free eye screening programme

- o It will be organized at the special health camps for 100 days with 1500 medical teams

- o 1st phase: It was conducted for eight months by 827 health teams

- o The health camps will commence on January 19 in the rest of the state.

15. The second phase of Saansad Khel Mahakumbh 2022-23 was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in which district of Uttar Pradesh?

- A. Aligarh
- B. Prayagraj
- C. Azamgarh
- D. Basti
- E. Bareilly

Answer :- D

Solution :-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the second phase of Saansad Khel Mahakumbh 2022-23 in Basti District of Uttar Pradesh via video conferencing.

- It organizes diverse competitions in both indoor and outdoor sports.
- Apart from these, competitions in essay writing, painting, rangoli making will also be organized.
- This event is being organized in two phases.
- Basti district is a Lok Sabha Constituency of Harish Dwivedi.

16. Which of the following districts was recently declared as the country's first Constitution-literate district?

- A. Mairang
- B. Resubelpara
- C. Nongpoh
- D. Baghmara
- E. Kollam

Answer :- E

Solution :-

- Kerala CM, Pinarayi Vijayan has declared Kollam district as the first Constitution-literate district in the country.
- It is achieved through 'The Citizen', a Constitution literacy campaign.
- This campaign was jointly launched by the Kollam district panchayat, the District Planning Committee, and the Kerala Institute of Local Administration.
- Aim: To provide constitution literacy to 23 lakh citizens belonging to 7 lakh families in the district.

17. According to reports, the ISRO Venus mission, Shukrayaan I may be delayed until 2031, was scheduled to launch in _____.

- A. December 2024
- B. January 2025
- C. February 2024
- D. December 2025
- E. March 2023

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- According to a report, the Shukrayaan I, the ISRO Venus mission may be delayed until 2031
- The mission was scheduled to launch in December 2024
- The concept was conceived in 2012
- After five years, the Department of Space received a 23% increase in the 2017–2018 budget and ISRO started preliminary investigations
- The best time to launch from Earth to Venus is once every 19 months or thereabouts
- If ISRO misses 2024, then ISRO has "backup" launch dates in 2026 and 2028

18. R'Bonney Gabriel is associated with which country who has been crowned the Miss Universe 2022 at the 71st Miss Universe pageant organized in New Orleans, Louisiana?

- A. Brazil
- B. Venezuela
- C. Dominican Republic
- D. USA
- E. Mexico

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* Miss USA, R'Bonney Gabriel (28) has been crowned the Miss Universe 2022 at the 71st Miss Universe pageant organized in New Orleans, Louisiana.

* She is a model, fashion designer, and sewing instructor who prioritizes the environment in her work.

* She is also the first Filipino American to win Miss USA.

* Amanda Dudamel from Venezuela was the first runner-up, and Andreína Martínez from the Dominican Republic was the second runner-up.

19. DNPA has announced Digital Impact awards 2023 in eight categories. What is the full form of DNPA?

- A. Digital News Publishers Association
- B. Digital Network Publishers Association
- C. Digital Network Public Authority
- D. Digital News Production Authority
- E. None of the above

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The Digital News Publishers Association (DNPA) has announced Digital Impact awards 2023 in eight categories.

* Categories (Best Use of Digital Media):

1. For Health – CoWIN App
2. For Women & Child Welfare Reforms – (A) Poshan Tracker App, (B) Himmat Plus App
3. For Ease of Living – Digilocker
4. For Financial Reforms – PMJDY
5. For Human Resource Development & Education – DIKSHA
6. For Sustainability and Environment Protection – CAMPA

20. Yuki Bhambri and Saketh Myneni are associated with which sports?

- A. Tennis
- B. Badminton
- C. Chess
- D. Table Tennis
- E. None of the above

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* In tennis, the Indian team of Yuki Bhambri and Saketh Myneni won the men's double Bangkok Open title 2023 organized at Nonthaburi, Thailand.

- * They defeated Christopher Rungkat and Akira Santillan (Indonesian-Australian team).
- * With this win, Yuki will get a career-high doubles rank of 90 and Saketh should also touch a career-best 74 in the ATP doubles chart.
- * They will next compete in the Australian Open where they have been given a wild card entry.

21. What is the theme of the 53rd annual meeting of the World Economic Forum 2023?

- A. Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World
- B. Cooperation in a Fragmented World
- C. Creating a Shared Future in a Fractured World
- D. The Great Reset and Restart
- E. Responsive Leadership

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- * The annual meeting of the World Economic Forum started in Davos, Switzerland, on January 16 and will continue till January 20, 2023.
- * The theme of the 53rd annual event is 'Cooperation in a Fragmented World'.
- * Aim: To address the pressing issues the world is facing and promote innovative solutions
- * A range of topics will be discussed at the 2023 meeting - New Energy, Climate Change, Jobs, Travel and Tourism, Health, Tech, and Banking.

22. Name the writer who won the first-ever Federal Bank Literary Award 2022 for his autobiography 'Oranweshananthinte Katha'?

- A. K Venu
- B. K. R. Meera
- C. Jayakanthan
- D. Meena Kandasamy
- E. Devaki Nilayamgode

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* Noted writer K Venu has bagged the first-ever Federal Bank Literary Award 2022 for his autobiography 'Oranweshananthinte Katha'.

* The award was presented by the chairman and independent director of the Federal Bank, Balagopal Chandrasekhar.

* It was presented at an event held as part of the ongoing sixth edition Kerala Literature Festival, Kozhikode beach.

* The prize money was handed over by Nandakumar V (executive vice-president of the bank).

23.As per the announcement made by Earth Sciences Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh by which year India will be covered by Doppler Weather Radar Network?

- A. 2023
- B. 2024
- C. 2025
- D. 2026
- E. 2030

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* Earth Sciences Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh announced that India will be covered by Doppler Weather Radar Network by 2025, at the 148th Foundation Day of the Indian Meteorological Department.

* Aim: To predict extreme weather events more accurately

* It will enhance weather monitoring capabilities and benefit the farmers to contribute significantly to the economy.

* IMD has taken proactive steps to increase the Radar Network from a mere 15 in 2013 to 37 in 2023.

24.Which Indian film has won the Critics Choice Awards 2023 in the Best Foreign Language Film category?

- A. K.G.F: Chapter 2
- B. Brahmastra
- C. Pushpa: The Rise
- D. RRR
- E. Kantara

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* India's 'RRR' directed by SS Rajamouli has won the Critics Choice Awards 2023 in the Best Foreign Language Film category and Best Song category for 'Naatu Naatu'

* Television:

- o Best Actor: Bob Odenkirk (Best Drama Series: Better Call Saul)
- o Best Actress: Zendaya (Euphoria)

* Film:

- o Best Actor: Brendan Fraser (The Whale as Charlie)
- o Best Actress: Cate Blanchett (Tár)
- o Best Director: Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert (Best Movie: Everything Everywhere All at Once)

25. In January 2023, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) launched SRBM Prithvi-II from the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the Odisha coast. In this context, what is the full form of SRBM?

- A. Short-Range Ballistic Missile
- B. Short-Range Barricade Mission
- C. Short-Range Battle Measured
- D. Short-Range Blast Missile
- E. Short-Range Bulk Material

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully launched Short-Range Ballistic Missile (SRBM), Prithvi-II from the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, Odisha coast.

* Prithvi-II missile is a well-established system.

* It has been an integral part of nuclear deterrence in India.

* During the training launch, the missile hit its target with high accuracy and successfully validated all operational and technical parameters of the missile.

* Range: 350 km

26. In January 2023, the new Integrated Food Security Scheme has been named as PMGKAY by the Union Cabinet. In this context, what is the full form of PMGKAY?

- A. Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Antodaya Yojana
- B. Prime Minister Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana
- C. Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana
- D. Pradhan Mantri Garib Kraykaram Antodaya Yojana
- E. Prime Minister Garibo Ki Ann Yojana

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The government of India has renamed the new Integrated Food Security Scheme as Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY).

* Prior to this, the Union Cabinet had approved this scheme for providing free food grains to Antodaya Ann Yojna (AAY) and Primary Household (PHH) beneficiaries.

* This scheme came into effect on 1st January 2023.

* Under PMGKAY, free foodgrains will be provided to all PHH and AAY beneficiaries, as per entitlement under National Food Security Act.

27. Who is the author of the book titled Revolutionaries- The Other Story of How India Won Its Freedom, released by Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi?

- A. Sanjeev Sanyal
- B. Vikram Sampath
- C. J Sai Deepak

- D. Bibek Debroy
- E. Krishnamurthy Subramanian

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* Home Minister, Amit Shah has released a book titled Revolutionaries- The Other Story of How India Won Its Freedom.

* The book was authored by veteran Economist Sanjeev Sanyal, a member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister.

* The book has written the stories of freedom fighters like Bhagat Singh, Chandra Shekhar Azad, V D Savarkar, Aurobindo Ghosh, Rashbehari Bose, and Bagha Jatin, in a collective manner.

28. In January 2023, the Indian High Commission signed an MoU with which of the following universities to establish a Hindi Chair with an aim to familiarize students with India, its history, and its culture?

- A. Uva Wellassa University
- B. Sabaragamuwa University
- C. Delhi University
- D. Jawarhar Lal Nehru University
- E. Wayamba University

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The Indian High Commission has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to establish a Hindi Chair at Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka.

* The MoU was signed between Gopal Baglay (High Commissioner) and Prof. Udaya Rathnayake (Vice Chancellor of Sabaragamuwa University).

* Aim: To help familiarize students with India, its history, and culture as well as pave the way for popularising Hindi by deputing Indian faculties.

29. PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 26th National Youth Festival, organized in Hubballi, Karnataka on 12th January 2023. What is the theme of this event?

- A. Viksit Yuva - Viksit Bharat
- B. Rozgaar Bharat - Rozgaar Yuva
- C. Surakshit Bharat - Viksit Yuva
- D. Surakshit Yuva - Surakshit Bharat
- E. Viksit Yuva - Rozgaar Yuva

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- * Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 26th National Youth Festival, organized in Hubballi, Karnataka from 12th -16th January 2023.
- * This festival is held every year to provide exposure to our talented youth at the national level.
- * It is being held on National Youth Day (12th January), which is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.
- * Theme of this event: “Viksit Yuva - Viksit Bharat”
- * The event also included folk dances and songs.

30.The Henley Passport Index 2023 has been released. In this context which of the following statement is correct?

- A. This report was released by Henley & Partners.
- B. India ranked 86th with 59 destinations worldwide.
- C. Japan has topped this report with 192 destinations.
- D. Iraq has placed bottom with 27 destinations.
- E. All statements are correct

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- * According to the Henley Passport Index 2023, released by Henley & Partners, Japan with 193 destinations topped the list.
- * While, Singapore and South Korea with 192 destinations ranked second, followed by Germany and Spain (190 destinations); Finland, Italy, and Luxembourg (189 destinations).
- * India has ranked 85 with 59 destinations worldwide.

* Bottom: Afghanistan

* The list was prepared on the basis of data provided by the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

31. Name the deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), whose tenure has been extended by the one year, by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi? (January 2023)

- A. M K Jain
- B. M Rajeshwar Rao
- C. T Rabi Sankar
- D. Harun R. Khan
- E. Michael Debabrata Patra

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The government of India has extended the term of the deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Michael Debabrata Patra, by one year with effect from January 15, 2023.

* His three-year tenure was coming to an end on January 14, 2023.

* He looks after the monetary policy department as the deputy governor of the RBI.

* He is also as a member of the Monetary Policy Committee.

* The three other deputy governors of RBI are M K Jain, M Rajeshwar Rao and T Rabi Sankar.

32. Who has been appointed as the Director of Facebook-parent Meta Global Business Group in India? (January 2023)

- A. Anil Sachdeva
- B. S R Khanna
- C. Vikas Purohit
- D. Raj Singh
- E. Vishal Nagpal

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- * Facebook-parent Meta has appointed Vikas Purohit as Director of its Global Business Group in India.
- * He will lead the strategy and delivery units under the advertising wing.
- * He has served as the chief executive at Tata CLiQ till October 2022.
- * He will report to Arun Srinivas, Director and Head of Ads Business for Meta in India.
- * He has also worked in companies such as Amazon, Reliance Brands, Aditya Birla Group and Tommy Hilfiger.

33. Who among the following has been appointed as the 6th Vice - President of the country, by the Gabon's President, Ali Bongo?

- A. Alain-Claude Bilie By Nze
- B. Daniel Ona Ondo
- C. Julien Nkoghe Bekale
- D. Emmanuel Issoze-Ngondet
- E. Rose Christiane Ossouka Raponda

Answer :- E

Solution :-

- * President of Gabon, Ali Bongo has appointed the country's first female Prime Minister, Rose Christiane Ossouka Raponda (59) as the vice-president of country.
- * She was appointed as the country's PM in July 2020.
- * She was also named budget minister in 2012 before being elected mayor of Libreville (Capital) in 2014.
- * While, former minister, Alain-Claude Bilie By Nze will replace PM Ossouka Raponda to form a new government.
- * Currency: Central African CFA franc

34. Who among the following will replace the Gabon's first female Prime Minister, Rose Christiane Ossouka Raponda, to form a new government in the country?

- A. Paul Biyoghé Mba
- B. Raymond Ndong Sima
- C. Daniel Ona Ondo
- D. Emmanuel Issoze-Ngondet
- E. Alain-Claude Bilie By Nze

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* Former minister, Alain-Claude Bilie By Nze will replace PM Ossouka Raponda to form a new government, as she has been appointed as the 6th the vice-president of Gabon.

* President of Gabon, Ali Bongo has appointed the country's first female Prime Minister, Rose Christiane Ossouka Raponda as VP of country.

* She was appointed as the country's PM in July 2020.

* She was also named budget minister in 2012 before being elected mayor of Libreville (Capital) in 2014.

* While, former minister, Alain-Claude Bilie By Nze will replace PM Ossouka Raponda to form a new government.

* Currency: Central African CFA franc

35. In January 2023, which of the following countries has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with India to enhance cooperation in the training of diplomats, at 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention in Indore?

- A. Sudan
- B. Indonesia
- C. Canada
- D. Sri Lanka
- E. Panama

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Panama to enhance cooperation in the training of diplomats.

* The agreement was signed by EAM, Dr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar and Panama's Foreign Minister, Janaina Tewaney Mencomo.

* Both countries have also discussed the opportunities for greater economic, health, finance and people to people linkages.

* Panamanian Minister has also joined the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention in Indore.

36. Noted academic and poet, Prof Rehman Rahi, who passed away, was honoured with the country's highest literary award, the Jnanpith in 2007 for _____.

- A. Nawroz-i-Saba
- B. Sukhok Soda
- C. Kalam-e-Rahi
- D. Siyah Rood-e-Jaerenn Manz
- E. Saba Moallaqat

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* Noted academic and poet, Prof Rehman Rahi has been passed away at the age of 98.

* He received the Sahitya Akademi Award for his collection of poems 'Nawroz-i-Saba' in 1961.

* He was honoured with the country's highest literary award, the Jnanpith, for his work "Siyah Rood-e-Jaerenn Manz" in 2007.

* He has also awarded Padma Shri in 2000 by the govt of India.

* He was an acclaimed poet who has translated the works of many renowned poets and writers into the Kashmiri language.

37. In January 2023, the National Health Authority (NHA) has launched a new system to measure and grade hospital performance, under its flagship scheme AB PMJAY. What is the full form of AB PMJAY?

- A. Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Authority Yojana
- B. Arogya Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Ayushman Yojana
- C. Ayushman Bharatiye Prime Minister Jan Arogya Yojana

- D. Arogya Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Ayushman Yojana
- E. Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The National Health Authority (NHA) has introduced a new system to measure and grade hospital performance under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PMJAY).

* Aim: To shift the focus of measuring the performance of hospitals from the volume of services provided to the value of healthcare services.

* The Health Ministry announced that the new model with the reward system will consequently reduce the effects of the disease in the population in the long term.

38. Who among the following has defeated America's Sebastian Korda to win the 2023 Adelaide International 1 men's singles title?

- A. Novak Djokovic
- B. Lloyd Glasspool
- C. Harri Heliövaara
- D. Emil Ruusuvuori
- E. Jean-Julien Rojer

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* Serbian Tennis Player, Novak Djokovic has defeated America's Sebastian Korda to win the 2023 Adelaide International 1 men's singles title.

* While, Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus) has won women's singles title, after defeating Czech Republic's Linda Nosková.

* Other winner:

o Men's doubles: Lloyd Glasspool(United Kingdom) / Harri Heliövaara(Finland)

o Women's doubles: Asia Muhammad (United States) / Taylor Townsend (United States)

39. Who among the following has been re-appointed as the chairman of the five-member BCCI's senior selection committee, recommended by the Cricket Advisory Committee?

- A. Chetan Sharma
- B. Shiv Sundar Das
- C. Subroto Banerjee
- D. Salil Ankola
- E. Sridharan Sharath

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- * Former Indian pacer, Chetan Sharma has been re-appointed as the chairman of the five-member BCCI's senior selection committee.
- * He was the head of the board's selection committee from December 2020.
- * His name was recommended by the Cricket Advisory Committee.
- * The committee also named Shiv Sundar Das (Central Zone), Subroto Banerjee (East Zone), Salil Ankola (West Zone) and Sridharan Sharath (South Zone).
- * BCCI secretary: Jay Shah

40. Who among the following has defeated Sohaila Hazem of Egypt, to win the girl's Under-15 squash title at the 2023 British Junior Open tournament, held in Birmingham, United Kingdom from January 4-8, 2023?

- A. Joshna Chinappa
- B. Dipika Pallikal
- C. Sunayna Kuruvilla
- D. Tanvi Khanna
- E. Anahat Singh

Answer :- E

Solution :-

- * Indian squash prodigy, Anahat Singh (14) has clinched the girl's Under-15 squash title at the 2023 British Junior Open tournament, held in Birmingham (United Kingdom) from January 4-8, 2023.

- * She defeated Sohaila Hazem of Egypt by 3-1 in the final.
- * The British Junior Open is held in January every year in the UK.
- * She has also won the 2022 Scottish Junior Open held in Edinburgh, Scotland in the Girls under-17 categories.
- * She hails from New Delhi.

41. In January 2023, who has become the fastest player to reach 1,500 runs in T20 International cricket in terms of balls faced?

- A. KL Rahul
- B. Suryakumar Yadav
- C. Rohit Sharma
- D. Hardik Pandya
- E. Virat Kohli

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* Indian batter, Suryakumar Yadav has become the fastest player to reach 1,500 runs in T20 International cricket in terms of balls faced.

* He took only 843 balls to reach this landmark.

* In 45 matches and 43 innings, Suryakumar has scored 1,578 runs at an average of 46.41.

* He has three centuries and 13 half-centuries in the format, with the best individual score of 117.

* However, he is the third-fastest batter to reach the 1,500-run mark in terms of innings.

* Fastest to 1500 runs in T20Is

- o Virat Kohli - 39 innings
- o KL Rahul - 39 innings
- o Aaron Finch - 39 innings
- o Babar Azam - 39 innings

- o Mohammad Rizwan - 42 innings
- o Suryakumar Yadav - 43 innings

42.The International Kite Festival 2023 is being organised in which of the following states from the 8th to the 14th of January, 2023?

- A. Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- B. Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- C. Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- D. Panaji, Goa
- E. Kochi, Kerala

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* Gujarat Chief Minister, Bhupendra Patel has inaugurated the International Kite Festival 2023 in Ahemdabad, organised from the 8th to 14th January, 2023.

* The theme of this festival will be held with the theme of G20 - One Earth, One Family, One Future.

* The event is organized after a gap of two years due to the covid 19 pandemic.

* The delegates from G20 countries have been invited to the inauguration of the international kite festival 2023 to exchange their culture.

* Ahmedabad has hosted the International Kite Festival as part of the official celebration of Uttarayan.

43.According to the report, published by Nikkei Asia, India has surpassed which of the following country to become the third-largest auto market for the first time? (January 2023)

- A. Japan
- B. United States of America
- C. China
- D. Canada
- E. Singapore

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* According to the Nikkei Asia report, India has surpassed Japan to become the third-largest auto market for the first time.

* As per the report, India's sales of new vehicles totalled at least 4.25 million units, based on preliminary results, topping the 4.2 million sold in Japan.

* According to the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers, New vehicles delivered in India totalled 4.13 million between January and November 2022

* China has topped the list, followed by the US.

44. In January 2023, Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi has launched the Aspirational Block Programme at the second National Conference of Chief Secretaries in New Delhi. In this context, which of the following statements is incorrect?

a. This programme is on the lines of the Aspirational District Programme that was launched in 2017.

b. The programme will cover 500 districts across 30 states/UTs initially.

c. This programme aims to improve the performance of blocks lagging on various development parameters.

A. Only a

B. Only b

C. Only c

D. Both a and b

E. Both b and c

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* PM Modi has launched the Aspirational Block Programme at the second National Conference of Chief Secretaries in New Delhi.

* Aim: To develop backward districts

* This programme is on the lines of the Aspirational District Programme (launched in 2018).

* The programme will cover 500 districts across 31 states and Union Territories initially.

* Over half of these blocks are in 6 states—UP (68 blocks), Bihar (61), MP (42), Jharkhand (34), Odisha (29) and WB (29).

45. Who has been selected for the "Award for Global Leadership" by the Harvard Law School Center? (January 2023)

- A. Uday Lalit
- B. N. V. Ramana
- C. Ranjan Gogoi
- D. Sharad Arvind Bobde
- E. D.Y. Chandrachud

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* Chief Justice of India (CJI), D.Y. Chandrachud has been selected for the "Award for Global Leadership" by the Harvard Law School Center.

* Reason: In recognition of his lifetime service to the legal profession in the country and around the world.

* The award will be presented to him at an online event on January 11, 2023.

* He took over as the 50th CJI on November 9, 2022.

* He obtained an LL.M. degree and a Doctorate in Juridical Sciences (SJD) from the Harvard Law School.

46. India's largest and first coal gasification-based Talcher Fertilizer Plant in Odisha will be operational by _____. (January 2023)

- A. December 2024
- B. October 2023
- C. January 2024
- D. October 2024
- E. December 2023

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* Union chemicals and fertilizers Mansukh Mandaviya has informed that the Fertilizer projects in Odisha's Talcher will be operational by October 2024.

* It will be the largest and first coal gasification plant in India.

* Talcher Fertilizers Ltd has been mandated by the government to revive the erstwhile Talcher plant of FCIL by setting up a new coal gasification-based urea plant with an installed capacity of 12.7 lakh tonne per annum (LMTPA).

47. India's first-of-its-kind inclusivity, 'Purple Fest: Celebrating Diversity' was started in which of the following states from January 6–8, 2023?

- A. Goa
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Tamil Nadu
- E. Odisha

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The India's first-of-its-kind inclusivity, 'Purple Fest: Celebrating Diversity' has been started in Panjim, Goa from January 6–8, 2023.

* The event was attended by Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar; Goa CM, Dr Pramod Sawant; and Minister for Social Welfare, Goa government Subhash PhalDessai.

* Aim: To showcase how we can come together to create a welcoming and inclusive world for everyone.

48. Who among the following was honoured with the lifetime achievement award at the opening ceremony of the 15th edition of the Jaipur International Film Festival (JIFF), organised in Jaipur from 6th to 10th January 2023?

- A. Sonali Bendre
- B. Aparna Sen
- C. Priyadarshan
- D. Kamlesh Pandey
- E. Pankaj Parashar

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* Veteran actor-director, Aparna Sen was honoured with the lifetime achievement award at the opening ceremony of the 15th edition of the Jaipur International Film Festival (JIFF).

* She made her film debut in Teen Kanya (directed by Satyajit Ray) in 1961.

* She has directed acclaimed movies like 36 Chowringhee Lane (1981), Paroma (1985), Paromitar Ek Din (2000), and Mr and Mrs Iyer (2002).

* 282 films from 63 countries are being screened from 6th -10th January 2023.

49. In January 2023, the Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports has launched the themes, logo, and website of Y20 summit India in Curtain raiser event in New Delhi. In this context, which of the following is incorrect theme of Y20 summit India?

- A. Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation & 21st Century skills
- B. Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability a way of life
- C. Recover Together, Recover Stronger
- D. Peacebuilding and Reconciliation: Ushering in an era of No War
- E. Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance and Health, Wellbeing & Sports: Agenda for Youth.

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* Anurag Singh Thakur (Minister of Youth Affairs) has launched the themes, logo, and website of Y20 summit India in Curtain raiser event in New Delhi.

* **Themes:**

* Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation & 21st Century skills

* Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability a way of life

* Peacebuilding and Reconciliation: Ushering in an era of No War

* Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance and Health, Wellbeing & Sports: Agenda for Youth.

50. Which of the following platform was awarded with the platinum award at the Digital India Awards 2022 in the Digital Empowerment of Citizens category on 7th January 2023?

- A. Judgment Search Portal (e-Committee, Supreme Court of India)
- B. e-NAM (Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare)
- C. Transport Mission Mode Project (eTransport) (Ministry of Road Transport and Highways)
- D. e-Vivechna App (Madhya Pradesh)
- E. Ksheerasree Portal (Kerala)

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The President of India, Droupadi Murmu has conferred the Digital India Awards 2022 to the winners on 7th January 2023.

* The e-NAM (Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare) was awarded the platinum award in Digital Empowerment of Citizens category.

* While, Transport Mission Mode Project (eTransport) (Ministry of Road Transport and Highways) received gold award and Judgment Search Portal (e-Committee, Supreme Court of India) received silver in Digital Empowerment of Citizens category.

* The e-Vivechna App (Madhya Pradesh) was awarded the platinum award in Digital Initiatives at Grassroots Level.

* The Mine Mitra (Uttar Pradesh) was awarded in Digital Initiatives for Ease of Doing Business category.

* Duare Sarkar (West Bengal) was awarded in Public Digital Platforms – Central Ministries, Departments and States.

51. In January 2023, the Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal has launched a centralised platform 'BIS portal' for mapping of Industrial Units and Laboratories. In this context, what is the full form of BIS?

- A. Beneficiary Identification System
- B. Bank for International Settlements
- C. Bureau of Indian Standards
- D. Beneficiary Identification Standards
- E. Bank for Indian Settlements

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* Minister for Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal has launched Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) portal for mapping of Industrial Units and Laboratories.

* It is a centralised platform.

* Aim: To provide information on industrial units and laboratories across the country.

* It will enable analysis of test facilities in the country and help entrepreneurs in accessing information about testing facilities.

* He has also launched Standards National Action Plan (SNAP) 2022- 27.

52. In January 2023, the former Chief Justice of India, Ranjan Gogoi has released a book titled 'Chief Minister's Diary No.1', this book has recorded the daily activities of Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma, who is the current chief minister of which of the following states?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Manipur
- C. Assam
- D. Arunachal Pradesh
- E. Nagaland

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* Former Chief Justice of India and member of the Rajya Sabha, Ranjan Gogoi has released a book titled 'Chief Minister's Diary No.1'.

* This book containing the account of events of the first year in office of Assam CM, Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma.

* The book featured accounts of daily activities he undertook as a Chief Minister.

* His diary essentially featured the growth initiatives that the state has witnessed over the last 11 months.

53. In January 2023, the traditional Cherchera festival has been celebrated in which of the following states?

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Bihar
- C. Goa
- D. Tamil Nadu
- E. Chhattisgarh

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* Chhattisgarh CM, Bhupesh Baghel has celebrated the traditional Cherchera festival at Dudhadhari Math in Raipur.

* This traditional festival is celebrated on the full moon night of 'Paush' Hindu calendar month.

* It is celebrated in the happiness of taking the crops to their homes after cultivation.

* According to mythological belief, on this day Lord Shankar has begged from Mata Annapurna, so people used to donate green vegetables along with paddy on this day.

54. In which of the following state, Union Home Minister, Amit Shah has inaugurated the 122-foot-high Sagol Kangjei Statue?

- A. Manipur
- B. Assam
- C. Sikkim
- D. Nagaland
- E. Arunachal Pradesh

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* Union Home Minister, Amit Shah has inaugurated the 122-foot-high Sagol Kangjei Statue at the Ibudhou Marjing complex at Heingang in Imphal, Manipur.

* He has also inaugurated and laid foundation stones for several projects in the state.

* He has also inaugurated Churachandpur Medical College and hoisting of 175 feet tall National flag at INA headquarters, Moirang.

* Sagol Kangjei: It is the name of the game of polo played in Manipur.

55.Name the Indian film maker who has been honoured with the Best Director Award at the New York Film Critics Circle Awards 2022?

- A. Subhash Ghai
- B. SS Rajamouli
- C. Rajkumar Hirani
- D. Siddharth Anand
- E. Karan Johar

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* Filmmaker SS Rajamouli has honoured with the Best Director Award for RRR at the New York Film Critics Circle Awards 2022.

* RRR has also been nominated in the Best Foreign Film category, and Best Original Song (for Naatu Naatu Song) at the Golden Globe Awards 2023.

* Naatu Naatu has also shortlisted in the Best Song category at the 95th Academy Awards.

* Other Awards:

- o Best Picture: Tar (Directed by Todd Field)
- o Best Actor: Colin Farrell (Tar)
- o Best Actress: Cate Blanchett

56.Which film has won the Best Picture of the year award at the New York Film Critics Circle Awards 2022?

- A. RRR
- B. Tar
- C. Nope
- D. Blue Jasmine
- E. The Batman

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- * Filmmaker SS Rajamouli won the Best Director Award for RRR at the New York Film Critics Circle 2022.
- * The group is one of the first critics' groups to weigh in on the awards season. Rajamouli's win surprised many as his competitors included Steven Spielberg, Darron Aronofsky, Sarah Polley, and Gina Prince-Blythewood.
- * A pre-Independence fictional story, "RRR" stars Ram Charan and Jr NTR as real-life Indian revolutionaries in the 1920s Alluri Sitarama Raju and Komaram Bheem, respectively.
- * Todd Field's Tar has won the Best Picture of the year, also nabbing Best Actress for Cate Blanchett's leading performance.
- * Colin Farrell won Best Actor for two of his performances this year — Kogonada's future-set sci-fi drama After Yang and Martin McDonagh's The Banshees of Inisherin.
- * Ke Huy Quan has won the Best Supporting Actor for his performance in Everything Everywhere All At Once,
- * Keke Palmer won the Best Supporting Actress for Nope.

57. Who is the present chairman of the University Grants Commission's (UGC)?

- A. M Jagadesh Kumar
- B. Ajay Kumar Srivastav
- C. Praveen Kumar Srivastav
- D. Arvind Walia
- E. Santosh Kumar Yadav

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- * University Grants Commission's (UGC) Chairman, M Jagadesh Kumar has unveiled the draft norms to allow foreign universities to set up campuses in India.
- * As per the draft norms, foreign universities can set up their campuses in India after receiving the approval from UGC.
- * The initial approval will be for 10 years.

* Foreign varsities with campuses in the country will only be allowed to offer full-time programmes in physical mode (No online or distance learning).

58. Which state/UT's Tourism department has collaborated with National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) to develop Hydro tourism at world's highest hydro power project?

- A. Jammu and Kashmir
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Sikkim
- D. Ladakh
- E. Uttarakhand

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* Ladakh Tourism department has collaborated with National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) to develop Hydro tourism at world's highest hydro power project on the Indus river, near Alchi in Leh.

* Aquatic sports like Jet Skiing, Motorboating, Ice Skating during winter, and boating during summer season will be rolled out in a phased manner.

* Similarly, tourism department is also introducing border tourism in cooperation with Fire and Fury Corps of Indian Army.

59. The G20 foreign minister meet is scheduled to take place in which city of India in March 2023?

- A. Jammu
- B. New Delhi
- C. Chandigarh
- D. Lucknow
- E. Ahmedabad

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The G20 foreign minister meet is scheduled to take place in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi in March 2023.

* The government has issued an expected guest list that includes Joe Biden (US President), Vladimir Putin (Russia President), Rishi Sunak (UK Prime Minister), Xi Jinping (China President), among others.

* Special invitee guest countries: Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore, Spain and UAE.

* India's G20 Sherpa: Amitabh Kant

60. In which state the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar has inaugurated the three-day 'North East Krishi Kumbha-2023'?

- A. Assam
- B. Tripura
- C. Manipur
- D. Meghalaya
- E. Sikkim

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar has inaugurated the three-day 'North East Krishi Kumbha-2023' in Meghalaya.

* He also participated in the 49th Foundation Day celebration of the ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam.

* The event included live demonstrations and exhibition of recent technologies through 102 stalls, by the host institute and its regional centers along with all the ICAR institutes.

61. Which state has won the UN-Habitat's World Habitat Awards 2023 for Jaga Mission (5T initiative of the state)?

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Odisha
- C. Chhattisgarh
- D. West Bengal
- E. Assam

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* Odisha has won the UN-Habitat's World Habitat Awards 2023 for Jaga Mission (5T initiative of the state).

* 5T: Team work, Technology, Transparency, Transformation and Time limit.

* It is the world's largest land titling and slum upgrading program that aims to empower the lives of slum dwellers.

* Under this mission, 100% households in 2,724 slums have been provided with pipe water connections, and 8 cities become slum-free.

62. Jio Platforms Limited (Jio) has signed a partnership agreement with club city to become the Official Mobile Communications Network Partner of Club in the country?

- A. Manchester
- B. Bristol
- C. Liverpool
- D. Lancashire
- E. Sheffield

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* Jio Platforms Limited (Jio) has signed a partnership agreement with Manchester City to become the Official Mobile Communications Network Partner of Club in the country.

* Man City's OTT platform 'CITY' will be integrated into the JioTV platform.

* It will provide fans further access to exclusive club content including match highlights, live Manchester City Women's team and Elite Development Squad fixtures, matchday content and City Studios documentaries.

63. Assam CM, Himanta Biswa Sarma has selected how many personalities for the Assam State Civilian Awards 2022?

- A. 20
- B. 21
- C. 15
- D. 30

E. 25

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* Assam CM, Himanta Biswa Sarma has selected 21 personalities for the Assam State Civilian Awards 2022.

* The State's highest civilian award, 'Assam Baibhav' to Dr. Tapan Saikia for his contributions in the field of cancer care.

* Assam Saurav (Assam second highest civilian award) will be conferred to Krishna Roy; Gilbertson Sangma; Nayanmoni Saikia; Dr. Binoi Kumar Saikia and Dr. Shashidhar Phukan.

* Asom Gaurav (third highest civilian award) will be conferred to 15 people.

64. The Assam government has decided to confer Assam State Civilian Awards 2022 to 21 personalities for their exceptional contribution in the state. In this context which of the following statements is/are incorrect? (January 2023)

a. Dr. Tapan Saikia has been selected for the State's highest civilian award Asom Gaurav.

b. The Assam State Civilian Awards can be categorised in two categories - Assam Saurav and Asom Gaurav

c. The second highest civilian award of Assam will be conferred to 20 personalities.

A. Both a and b

B. All statement are incorrect

C. Both b and c

D. All statement are correct

E. Only a

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* Assam CM, Himanta Biswa Sarma has selected 21 personalities for the Assam State Civilian Awards 2022.

- * The State's highest civilian award, 'Assam Baibhav' to Dr. Tapan Saikia for his contributions in the field of cancer care.
- * Assam Saurav (Assam second highest civilian award) will be conferred to Krishna Roy; Gilbertson Sangma; Nayanmoni Saikia; Dr. Binoi Kumar Saikia and Dr. Shashidhar Phukan.
- * Asom Gaurav (third highest civilian award) will be conferred to 15 people.

65. In January 2023, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the BIND scheme. In the context of this scheme, which of the following statements are correct?

- a. BIND scheme refers to Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development.
 - b. Government has approved an outlay of 2,539.61 crore rupees up to 2026-27.
 - c. This scheme aims to develop infrastructure of public broadcaster, Prasar Bharati.
- A. Only a
 - B. Only b
 - C. Both a and c
 - D. Both a and b
 - E. All statements are correct

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- * The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved Central Sector Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND) Scheme with an outlay of 2,539.61 crore rupees up to 2025-26.
- * Aim: For the infrastructure development of Prasar Bharati i.e. All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD).
- * At present, Doordarshan operates 36 TV channels including 28 regional channels and All India Radio (AIR) operates more than 500 broadcasting centres.

66. In January 2023, which of the following state government has distributed plots of worth about 129 crore rupees to 10 thousand 918 families under the Chief Minister's Residential Land Rights scheme (Mukhyamantri Awasiya Bhu Adhikar Yojana)?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Gujarat
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Jharkhand
- E. Chhattisgarh

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* MP CM, Shivraj Singh Chouhan has launched the Chief Minister's Residential Land Rights scheme (Mukhyamantri Awasiya Bhu Adhikar Yojana) at the Bagaj Mata temple complex in Tikamgarh district.

* Under the scheme, plots worth about 129 crore rupees were distributed to 10 thousand 918 families of Tikamgarh district.

* Aim: To provide free plots to the poor living in rural areas for building their houses.

* The benefits of all other schemes will also be provided.

67. In January 2023, the government of India has approved the investment of over 2,614 crore rupees for the 382 MW Sunni Dam Hydro Electric Project in Himachal Pradesh. This project will be built on which of the following rivers?

- A. Chenab
- B. Kosi
- C. Yamuna
- D. Sutlej
- E. Ravi

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The Government has approved the investment for the 382 MW Sunni Dam Hydro Electric Project in Himachal Pradesh with an estimated cost of over 2,614 crore rupees (Rs 2,246.40 crore (Hard cost amounting), Rs 358.96 crore (Interest During Construction) and 9.15 crore (Financing Charges).

* The project will be built on the Sutlej River.

* It will be constructed by Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam limited in over 5 years.

* The project will generate employment for about 4,000 persons.

68. Walter Cunningham, who has been passed away at the age of 90, was a/an _____.

- A. Boxer
- B. Scientist
- C. Astronaut
- D. Writer
- E. Actor

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The last surviving astronaut from the first successful crewed space mission in NASA's Apollo programme, Walter Cunningham has been passed away at the age of 90.

* He was one of the three astronauts of Apollo 7 mission, that was launched in 1968 and lasted for 11 days.

* Before joining NASA, he was enlisted in the US Navy and began training as a pilot in 1952.

* He was served as a fighter pilot with the US Marine Corps on 54 missions in Korea.

69. In January 2023, how much amount has been approved by the government of India for National Green Hydrogen Mission, that aims to make India a Global Hub for production, utilisation and export of Green Hydrogen?

- A. 16,201 crore rupees
- B. 13,842 crore rupees
- C. 17,490 crore rupees
- D. 19,744 crore rupees
- E. 11,553 crore rupees

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The government has approved the National Green Hydrogen Mission with an initial outlay of 19,744 crore rupees.

* Aim: To make India a Global Hub for production, utilisation and export of Green Hydrogen.

* Of the Rs 19,744 crore outlay, 17,490 crore for Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition Programme (SIGHT) programme.

* The ministry of new and renewable energy (MNRE) will also formulate the scheme guidelines for implementation of the respective components.

70. In January 2023, which of the following space sector start-up has launched its Pushan-Alpha satellite as rideshare onboard SpaceX's Transporter-6 mission from Cape Canaveral in Florida, US?

- A. Gather AI
- B. Digantara
- C. Astrome Technologies
- D. Kawa Space
- E. FlytBase

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* Digantara (Space start-up) has launched its second satellite Pushan-Alpha as rideshare onboard SpaceX's Transporter-6 mission from Cape Canaveral in Florida, US.

* The satellite will serve as a space weather testbed in the sun synchronous orbit.

* It will also enhance precision driven situational space awareness applications.

* Its observations will help complement Digantara's ROBI (ROBust Integrating proton fluence meter) mission.

* Digantara Aerospace CEO: Anirudh Sharma

71. In January 2023, who among has been sworn-in as the 39th president of Brazil?

- A. Jair Bolsonaro
- B. Ciro Gomes

- C. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva
- D. Alexandre de Moraes
- E. Simone Tebet

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- * Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (77) has been sworn in as the 39th president of Brazil.
- * He has defeated Jair Bolsonaro in October 2022 to win an unprecedented third presidential term.
- * In election, he has secured 50.83% of the votes, whereas his opponent, Bolsonaro got 49.17% votes.
- * He was served as the president of Brazil for two terms from 2003 to 2006 and then 2007 to 2011.
- * He is the first Brazilian president to have been elected to a third term in office.

72. Dr Manjula Subramaniam, who has been passed away, was a first woman chief secretary of the following states?

- A. Haryana
- B. Gujarat
- C. Tripura
- D. Madhya Pradesh
- E. Rajasthan

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- * The first woman chief secretary of Gujarat, Dr Manjula Subramaniam has been passed away at the age of 74 due to health complications at a hospital in Vadodara.
- * She was appointed as the first woman chief secretary of Gujarat in 2007.
- * PM Narendra Modi was the Chief Minister of Gujarat then.
- * After retirement, she was appointed as chief vigilance commissioner of Gujarat.
- * She was also part of the Sabarmati Riverfront Development Corporation.

73. In December 2022, which of the following ministries launched the Prajjwala Challenge, that aims to invite ideas, solutions and actions to transform rural economy?

- A. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- B. Ministry of Rural Development
- C. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- D. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare
- E. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- * The Ministry of Rural Development under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission has launched the Prajjwala Challenge
- * Aim: To invite ideas, solutions and actions that can transform rural economy
- * The broad contours fall into following categories: Focus on Women and Marginalized section of community; Localised Models; Sustainability; Cost Effective solutions; Multi sectoral ideas and solutions
- * Top 5 ideas will be rewarded with Rs. 2 Lakh each

74. In December 2022, the Union government has given an additional charge of Border Security Force (BSF) DG to _____.

- A. Sujoy Lal Thaosen
- B. Anish Dayal Singh
- C. Sheel Vardhan Singh
- D. M A Ganapathy
- E. Pradeep Chandran Nair

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- * The Union government has given an additional charge of Border Security Force (BSF) DG to senior Madhya Pradesh cadre IPS officer and CRPF Director General (DG), Sujoy Lal Thaosen.
- * He replaced Pankaj Kumar Singh, who retired on December 31, 2022.

* About BSF:

* It was raised in 1965, after the India-Pakistan war.

* It is one of the seven Central Armed Police Forces.

* Other Central Armed Police Forces are: Assam Rifles (AR), ITBP, CISF, CRPF, NSG and SSB.

75. What is the theme of 108th Indian Science Congress, that was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 3rd January, 2023 via video conferencing?

- A. Science and Technology for Sustainable Development with Women Empowerment
- B. Science in society
- C. Coping with natural disaster: an integrated approach
- D. Science, population and development
- E. Science and quality of life

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 108th Indian Science Congress through video conferencing on 3rd January, 2023.

* Theme 2023: Science and Technology for Sustainable Development with Women Empowerment

* The inaugural ceremony will be hosted by Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University (RTMNU) at its Amravati Road Campus.

* The technical sessions of the 108th Indian Science Congress have been divided into 14 sections.

FEBRUARY 2023

1. SAMEER, a premier R&D Institute of the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) signed an MoU with Siemens Healthineers to make available low-cost MRIs, a step towards affordable healthcare, and diagnostic access for every Indian. In this context, What is the full form of SAMEER?

- A. Social Approach for Microwave Electronics Engineering & Review
- B. Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering & Research

- C. Science for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineer Research
- D. Society for Applied Magnetic Engineering Electronics & Research
- E. Science for Approachable Microwave Electronics Engineering & Research

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* SAMEER is the acronym for Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering & Research.

* SAMEER has signed a memorandum of understanding with Siemens Healthineers to make available low-cost MRIs, a step towards affordable healthcare, and diagnostic access for every Indian.

* SAMEER is specialized in RF Microwaves Radar and Communication Systems.

* It is India's premier R&D Institute of the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY).

* SAMEER is the acronym for Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering & Research.

2. India defeated England by 7 wickets, under the captaincy of _____ to win the first-ever ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup 2023.

- A. Harleen Deol
- B. Renuka Singh
- C. Amanjot Kaur
- D. Smriti Mandhana
- E. Shafali Verma

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* India women's cricket team defeated England by 7 wickets in the final to win the first-ever ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup 2023, held in Potchefstroom, South Africa.

* India's Captain for U-19 Women's T20: Shafali Verma

* BCCI secretary, Jay Shah announced a whopping cash reward of ₹5 crores for the entire India squad.

* England captain and stellar all-rounder, Grace Scrivens has been named Player of the Tournament.

* Player of the Match: Titas Sadhu (India)

3. Who among the following has been named the Player of the Match for the first-ever ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup 2023, held in Potchefstroom, South Africa?

- A. Grace Scrivens
- B. Jemimah Rodrigues
- C. Yastika Bhatia
- D. Shafali Verma
- E. Titas Sadhu

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* India women's cricket team defeated England by 7 wickets in the final to win the first-ever ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup 2023, held in Potchefstroom, South Africa.

* Player of the Match: Titas Sadhu (India)

* India's Captain for U-19 Women's T20: Shafali Verma

* BCCI secretary, Jay Shah announced a whopping cash reward of ₹5 crores for the entire India squad.

* England captain and stellar all-rounder, Grace Scrivens has been named Player of the Tournament.

4. In January 2023, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Meity) announced a list of 120 startups and innovators for the XR Startup Programme. This programme is a collaboration between Meity Startup Hub and _____.

- A. Google
- B. Microsoft
- C. Meta
- D. Amazon
- E. Flipkart

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- * The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and Meta have jointly released the list of 120 startups and innovators for the XR Startup Programme.
- * It includes an Accelerator and a Grand Challenge.
- * Aim: To boost the emerging Tech ecosystem
- * Out of the startups selected in the Accelerator Programme, over 30% are from tier II or tier III cities across India.
- * It will discover, nurture, and accelerate Extended Reality (XR) Technology startups and innovators.

5. In January 2023, the government of India renamed the iconic Mughal Gardens in Rashtrapati Bhavan as the _____.

- A. Rashtra Udyan
- B. Amrit Bagicha
- C. Navbharat Udyan
- D. Amrit Udyan
- E. Rashtra Bagh

Answer :- D

Solution :-

- * The iconic Mughal Gardens in Rashtrapati Bhavan has been renamed as the Amrit Udyan.
- * It would be open to the public from 31st January to 26 March 2023.
- * This decision is said to be part of the government of India's 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'.
- * The cluster of about 15 gardens will collectively be known as Amrit Udyan.
- * Individual gardens within the sprawling Presidential Estate - Herbal Garden, Musical Garden, and Spiritual Garden - will retain their names.

6. In January 2023, who has been elected as the new president of the Czech Republic, replacing former President, Milos Zeman?

- A. Andrej Babis
- B. Alena Schillerová
- C. Tomio Okamura
- D. Radek Vondráček
- E. Petr Pavel

Answer :- E

Solution :-

- * A former chairman of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) military committee, Petr Pavel has become the new president of the Czech Republic.
- * He succeeded the former President of the Czech Republic, Milos Zeman.
- * In a run-off vote, he defeated billionaire Andrej Babis.
- * He has been a vocal supporter of the European Union and NATO, seeing the Czech Republic's future as inextricably linked to their membership.
- * Czech Republic Capital: Prague

7. In February 2023, who among the following was awarded the ATMA Lifetime Achievement Award 2023 for his invaluable contribution to the Indian tyre industry at the ATMA Annual Conclave 2023?

- A. Hisashi Takeuchi
- B. K.M. Mammen
- C. Dhandapani Gunasekaran
- D. Vaidhyanathan K
- E. Pawan Singh

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- * **Chairman and MD of MRF, K.M. Mammen** was honoured with the ATMA Lifetime Achievement Award at the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA) Annual Conclave 2023 in New Delhi.

* Reason: For his leadership qualities, an invaluable contribution to the Indian tyre industry

* Maruti Suzuki India MD & CEO Hisashi Takeuchi presented the award.

* He also leads the industry from the front for over 20 years.

* ATMA Headquarters: New Delhi

8. In February 2023, which of the following ministries launched the 'Digital Payments Utsav' to promote Digital Payments across the nation?

- A. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- B. Ministry of Finance
- C. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- D. Ministry of Science and Technology
- E. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* **Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology and Communications, Ashwini Vaishnaw** launched the 'Digital Payments Utsav' in New Delhi on February 9, 2023.

* Aim: To promote Digital Payments across the nation

* This campaign particularly focuses on G-20 Digital Economy Working Group event cities - Lucknow, Hyderabad, Pune, and Bengaluru.

* It also witnesses the flagging off of the Digital Payment Sandesh Yatra.

9. The first G20 Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group Meeting is being organized in which of the following cities of India from February 9 to 11, 2023?

- A. Gandhinagar
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Mumbai
- D. Chennai
- E. Kolkata

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The first G20 Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group Meeting under India's presidency is being started in **Bengaluru** from February 9 to 11, 2023

* Hosted by: MoEFCC

* Chaired by: Leena Nandan (Secretary)

* Theme (all three priorities): LiFE is an "important and cross-cutting"

* Focus:

o Arresting land degradation, Accelerating ecosystem restoration, and Enriching biodiversity

o Promoting a sustainable and climate-resilient blue economy

o Encouraging resource efficiency and circular economy

10. In February 2023, the Ministry of Defence signed a contract with which of the following conglomerate companies to procure 41 sets of Modular Bridges at an estimated cost of ₹2,585 crore for the Corps of Engineers in the Indian Army?

- A. Tata Steel
- B. Shapoorji Pallonji Group
- C. Larsen & Toubro
- D. NTPC Limited
- E. Thermax

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with Larsen & Toubro (L&T) to procure 41 sets of Modular Bridges at an estimated cost of ₹2,585 crore for the Corps of Engineers, Indian Army.

* Designed and developed: DRDO

* It shall be produced by L&T as a DRDO-nominated production agency.

* Each set of bridges shall consist of seven carrier vehicles based on 8x8 heavy mobility vehicles and two launcher vehicles based on 10x10 heavy mobility vehicles.

11. In February 2023, the Minister of Road Transport and Highways of India, Nitin Gadkari launched a drone-based traffic management system that was prepared by the drone delivery company, Skye Air. What is the name of this drone-based traffic management system?

- A. Skye World
- B. Skye TMS
- C. Skye BVLOS
- D. Skye UTM
- E. Skye UAV

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* Skye Air launched a drone-based traffic management system **named 'Skye UTM'** in India.

* It was unveiled by the Minister of Road Transport and Highways of India, Nitin Gadkari.

* Skye UTM is a Cloud-based aerial traffic management system.

* It integrated unmanned air traffic with manned aviation airspace.

* The software will allow drone operators to plan routes, make flight plans and assess risks before running drone-based operations in the country.

* It has supported more than 300 successful BVLOS (Beyond Visual Line of Sight) drone flights till now.

12. In February 2023, the Jio-bp launched E20 petrol and claimed to be one of the first fuel retailers in India to make E20 blended petrol available. In this context, which of the following statements is incorrect?

- (a) E20 petrol consists 80% blend of fossil-based fuel and 20% of ethanol
- (b) The government had advanced the target of E20 fuel from 2030 to 2027.
- (c) It will help in reducing emissions of CO₂, hydrocarbons, etc.

- A. Only (a)
- B. Only (b)
- C. Only (c)
- D. Both (a) and (b)
- E. Both (b) and (c)

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* Jio-bp has launched E20 petrol and became one of India's first fuel retailers to make E20 blended petrol available.

* E20 petrol: 20% blend of ethanol and 80% of fossil-based fuel

* E20 blending in petrol is being introduced in the country by the government of India.

* Aim: To reduce the country's oil import cost, energy security, lower carbon emission, and better air quality, among others.

* **The government had advanced the target of E20 fuel from 2030 to 2025.**

* Jio-bp: The fuel and mobility JV between Reliance Industries Limited and bp

13. A novel titled 'Victory City', an epic tale of a 14th-century woman who defies a patriarchal world to rule a city, is written by _____.

- A. Padma Lakshmi
- B. Clarissa Luard
- C. J. K. Rowling
- D. Salman Rushdie
- E. Arundhati Roy

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* British author, **Salman Rushdie** has released his new novel "Victory City".

* This novel was published by Penguin Random House.

* It is an "epic tale" of a 14th-century woman who defies a patriarchal world to rule a city.

- * This novel purports to be a translation of a historical epic originally written in Sanskrit.
- * Rushdie won the Booker Prize in 1981 for his second novel, *Midnight's Children*.
- * His notable works: *Grimus* (1975); *Shame* (1983); *The Satanic Verses* (1988)

14. Name the basketball player who broke the 4-decade record held by the great Kareem Abdul Jabbar since 1984?

- A. Stephen Curry
- B. LeBron James
- C. Kobe Bryant
- D. Kevin Durant
- E. Anthony Davis

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- * LeBron James becomes the all-time leading scorer in the National Basketball Association (NBA).
- * He has surpassed a record held by the great Kareem Abdul Jabbar since 1984.
- * He pushed his career total to 38,388 points.
- * He has won four NBA titles and competed in 10 NBA finals.
- * He has a career average of 27.2 points, 7.5 rebounds, and 7.3 assists.
- * Abdul-Jabbar took 1,560 games to record his total, and James set his record in just over 1,400 appearances.

15. In February 2023, the government of India formed a 16-member committee under the chairmanship of _____ to draft the Digital Competition Act, after studying existing anti-competitive practices.

- A. Manoj Govil
- B. Sanjay Malhotra
- C. Saurabh Srivastava
- D. Suman Bery

E. Parameswaran Iyer

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The government has formed a 16-member committee to draft the Digital Competition Act within three months, after studying anti-competitive practices.

* The panel is chaired by Manoj Govil (secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs).

* The panel will study the existing provisions of the Competition Act 2002, and related regulations to deal with the challenges in the digital economy.

* CCI will provide secretarial and research assistance and logistic support to the panel.

16. In February 2023, which of the following states becomes the first-ever state to the country's first mobility-focused cluster, _____ Mobility Valley, to promote mobility startups, attract investments, and generate employment?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Gujarat
- D. Telangana
- E. Kerala

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The Telangana government launched India's first mobility-focused cluster, Telangana Mobility Valley (TMV) during the first edition of Mobility Next Hyderabad Summit 2023 held at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre, Telangana.

* Aim: To attract investments of around Rs 50,000 crore and generate more than 4 lakh jobs in the next five years in the state.

* The TMV also aimed to facilitate the companies across all segments of sustainable mobility (Electric 2/3/4-Wheelers, Advanced Cell Chemistry and Hydrogen fuel cells etc).

* It also promotes mobility startups in Telangana.

17. In February 2023, which of the following telecommunication companies launched a digital skills programme initiative in partnership with GSMA to train rural women in India?

- A. Bharti Airtel
- B. Vodafone Idea
- C. LYF
- D. Reliance Jio
- E. Tata Teleservices

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* Reliance Jio and GSMA launched a digital skills programme initiative to train rural women in India.

* Aim: To provide need-based training to rural women and individuals from marginalized/low-income groups to help them make meaningful use of digital access.

* According to the GSMA's 'Mobile Gender Gap Report 2022', women in India are 41% less likely than men to use mobile internet.

* While 330 million women in India still do not use mobile internet, compared to 248 million men.

18. Name the artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot, which was launched by Google to combine the world's knowledge with power and intelligence to draw information from the web to provide high-quality responses?

- A. ChatGPT
- B. Bard
- C. Cortana
- D. Alpha
- E. Lamda

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* Google launched its conversational artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot named 'Bard'.

- * It will be directly competing with Microsoft-backed firm OpenAI's ChatGPT.
- * It will combine the world's knowledge with the power, intelligence, and creativity of our large language models.
- * Bard is based on LaMDA, the firm's Language Model for the Dialogue Applications system.
- * It helps to draw information from the web to provide high-quality responses.
- * Google CEO: Sundar Pichai

19. Who among the following was honoured with the Hurun India's award 2022 for his remarkable achievements in the world of business? (February 2023)

- A. VP Nandakumar
- B. Adi Godrej
- C. Cyrus S. Poonawalla
- D. Kris Gopalakrishnan
- E. Sanjiv Goenka

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- * VP Nandakumar (MD & CEO, Manappuram Finance Ltd) has received the Hurun India's award 2022 for his remarkable achievements in the world of business.
- * He was honored with the Hurun Industry Achievement Award 2022 in Mumbai.
- * Adi Godrej (Chairman, Godrej Group), Cyrus S. Poonawalla (MD, Serum Institute of India Ltd), Kris Gopalakrishnan (co-founder, Infosys), and Sanjiv Goenka (RPG Group) were the earlier recipients of this award.

20. In February 2023, Aaron Finch announced his retirement from T20I, this brings an end to his international cricket career for which of the following countries?

- A. England
- B. New Zealand
- C. South Africa
- D. Australia
- E. Sri Lanka

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* Australia's T20 captain, Aaron Finch has announced his retirement from international cricket.

* Earlier, the opening batsman had announced retirement from the 50-over format in September 2022.

* He made his international cricket debut in a T20I against England in 2011.

* He made his ODI debut against Sri Lanka in 2013 and his Test debut against Pakistan in 2018.

* He retires as Australia's leading run-getter in the format, having scored 3120 runs at an average of 34.28.

21. According to the IEA report, published in February 2023, the proper adoption of India's Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) initiative could help to reduce global carbon dioxide emissions by more than 2 billion tonnes or \$440 billion in _____.

- A. 2025
- B. 2030
- C. 2035
- D. 2040
- E. 2045

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* According to a report by the International Energy Agency (IEA), the 'LiFE' (Lifestyle for Environment) initiative of India for the adoption of energy-efficient behavior can save the world \$440 billion in 2030.

* It help to reduce global carbon dioxide emissions by more than 2 billion tonnes in 2030.

* About 1/5th of the emission cut is required by 2030 to put the world on a pathway to net zero emissions.

* PM Modi introduced the LiFE initiative at COP26 in Glasgow in Nov 2021.

* Aim: To tackle the challenges of environmental degradation and climate change.

22. In February 2023, how much amount for Global Climate Resilience Fund has been announced by the former US secretary of state, Hillary Clinton for women to fight climate change?

- A. 100 million dollars
- B. 75 million dollars
- C. 10 million dollars
- D. 50 million dollars
- E. 35 million dollars

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* Former US secretary of state, Hillary Clinton announced a Global Climate Resilience Fund of 50 million dollars for women to fight climate change.

* This fund will also help to provide new livelihood resources and education.

* She addressed the salt pan workers near Kuda village in Gujarat's Surendranagar district.

* She also attended a programme in Ahmedabad to mark 50 years of SEWA (Self Employed Women's Association) as a trade union.

* SEWA was founded in 1972.

23. As per the news report, published in February 2023, which of the following Indian universities will receive a heritage tag from UNESCO to take the distinction of the world's first living heritage university?

- A. University of Calcutta
- B. Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya
- C. Dr. Hari Singh Gour University
- D. Visva-Bharati University
- E. Jamia Millia Islamia

Answer :- D

Solution :-

- * Visva-Bharati University will soon receive the 'heritage' tag from UNESCO to take the distinction of world's first living heritage university.
- * This university was founded by Rabindranath Tagore in 1921.
- * It is one of India's major Central Government funded autonomous universities.
- * The institution was given the status of a Central University in 1951 through a central Act.
- * The Vice-chancellor of the University is appointed by the President of India.

24. In March 2023, the US Air Force handed over the NISAR, an earth observation satellite to ISRO. In the context of NISAR, which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1) NISAR refers to NASA-ISRO Synthetic Acceleration Radar.
- 2) It is a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) observatory.
- 3) It will map the entire globe in 10 days.
- 4) It is expected to be launched in 2025 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Andhra Pradesh.

Choose the correct code:

- A. Only 1 and 4
- B. Only 2 and 3
- C. Only 1, 2, and 3
- D. Only 2
- E. Only 3 and 4

Answer :- D

Solution :-

- * The correct answer is 'Only 2'.

Other information:

- * The US Air Force has handed over an earth observation satellite, NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) on March 8, 2023.
- * This satellite was jointly developed by NASA and ISRO.

- * A US Air Force C-17 aircraft carrying the NISAR has landed in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- * It will be used by ISRO for a variety of purposes including agricultural mapping, and landslide-prone areas.
- * It is a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) observatory.
- * The satellite is expected to be launched in 2024 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Andhra Pradesh, into a near-polar orbit.
- * It will map the entire globe in 12 days.

25. Name the Indian Air Force officer, who became the first woman officer in the history of the Indian Air Force (IAF) to be selected as the frontline combat unit command in the western sector?

- A. Punita Arora
- B. Shaliza Dhama
- C. Padma Bandopadhyay
- D. Madhuri Kanitkar
- E. Sheila S. Mathai

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- * The correct answer is Shaliza Dhama.

Other Information:

- * Group Captain Shaliza Dhama, who hails from Ludhiana, has been selected by the Indian Air Force to take over a frontline combat unit's command in the western sector.
- * She becomes the first woman officer in the history of the IAF to be given the frontline combat unit command.
- * Currently, she is posted in the operations branch of a frontline command headquarters.
- * She also served as flight commander of a Chetak unit at the Hindon air base— both firsts for an IAF woman officer.

26. In March 2023, Anthony Albanese arrived in Ahmedabad, Gujarat and will hold discussions in the areas of cooperation under the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. Who is he?

- A. Prime Minister of Australia
- B. President of Estonia
- C. Foreign Minister of Australia
- D. Home Secretary of the United Kingdom
- E. President of South Africa

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Prime Minister of Australia'.

Other Information:

* Australian PM Anthony Albanese arrived in Ahmedabad, Gujarat on a state visit to India till March 11, 2023.

* During his four-day tour, he will also visit Mumbai and Delhi as well. He will be accorded a ceremonial welcome at the forecourt of Rashtrapati Bhawan on 10th March and call on President Droupadi Murmu.

* Australian PM and PM Modi will hold the Annual Summit to discuss areas of cooperation under the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, besides regional and global issues of mutual interest.

* Both the leaders will watch the first day of the fourth test match between the two countries at Narendra Modi stadium in Ahmedabad.

27. Consider the statements:

1. The state government will soon introduce its fourth women's policy for providing more opportunities to women.
2. The state government will introduce a rehabilitation scheme for those above 18 years old girls from the orphanage.
3. The state government will start a Hirkani Room (Kaksha) for breastfeeding mothers
4. The state govt has also proposed to provide equal and dignified positions to women in all sectors.

According to the above written statements, which of the following state governments will soon launch such initiatives for the betterment of women in the state? (March 2023)

- A. Gujarat
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Punjab
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. Bihar

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Maharashtra.

Other information:

* Maharashtra Deputy CM, Devendra Fadnis has informed the Legislative Council that the state government will introduce the fourth women's policy.

* Aim: To give more opportunities to women by considering the issues of women from all groups

* On the occasion of International Women's Day (March 8), Deputy Speaker, Neelam Gorhe tabled a proposal to provide equal and dignified positions to women in all sectors.

* **State Government initiative:**

o To introduce a rehabilitation scheme for those above 18 years old girls from the orphanage.

o The state govt will start a Hirkani Room (Kaksha) for breastfeeding mothers at each police station in the state.

♣ Residential and Commercial properties will be promoted to open such rooms and 250sq. feet of such a room will not be counted in FSI.

28. Which of the following UTs government launched a unique plantation drive under the theme "Ped Lagao Beti Ke Naam" on International Women's Day 2023 to involve women and girls in afforestation, environmental conservation and creating awareness?

- A. Ladakh
- B. Chandigarh
- C. New Delhi
- D. Jammu & Kashmir
- E. Puducherry

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Jammu & Kashmir.

Other Information:

* Jammu and Kashmir's government has celebrated International Women's Day 2023 (March 8) by organizing a plantation programme under the theme "Ped Lagao Beti Ke Naam".

* The initiative involved women and girls in afforestation, environmental conservation, and creating awareness.

* Over one thousand saplings of various species were planted along the National Highway Ring Road NH-44, at Chak Avtara Panchayat of Bishnah Tehsil of Jammu district.

* Women planted saplings in the name of their daughters and pledged to protect them and carry forward this initiative in other villages also.

29. What is the theme of the 3rd International Conference which was hosted by the Election Commission of India (ECI) in virtual format on March 9, 2023?

- A. Inclusive Elections and Elections Integrity
- B. Democracy Cohorts on Election Uprightness
- C. Role, Framework, and Capacity of Election Management Bodies
- D. Use of Technology and Elections Integrity
- E. Democracy Cohort on Election Integrity

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The other information is Inclusive Elections and Elections Integrity.

Other Information:

* The Election Commission of India (ECI) hosted the 3rd International Conference in virtual format on 09 March 2023.

* Theme: Inclusive Elections and Elections Integrity

* ECI is leading the Cohort on Elections Integrity which was established as a follow-up to the 'Summit for Democracy' held virtually in December 2021.

* Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioners Anup Chandra Pandey and Arun Goel addressed the Conference.

* The first international conference of the Cohort was organized on 31 Oct – 01 Nov 2022 at New Delhi on the topic 'Role, Framework and Capacity of Election Management Bodies'.

* The 2nd Conference on the theme 'Use of Technology and Elections Integrity' was hosted by ECI in New Delhi on 23-24 January 2023.

30. In March 2023, Satish Kaushik passed away, at 66, was a veteran _____.

- A. Cinematographer
- B. Musician
- C. Actor
- D. Dancer
- E. Painter

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Actor.

Other Information:

* Bollywood actor-director Satish Kaushik passed away at the age of 66 in Delhi due to cardiac arrest.

* Kaushik was an alumnus of the National School of Drama (NSD) and Film and Television Institute of India (FTII).

* He was known for his roles in Mr India, Tere Naam, Roop Ki Rani Choron Ka Raja, Deewana Mastana, Brick Lane, Saajan Chale Sasural among others.

* Kaushik is fondly remembered for penning the dialogues for the 1983 cult classic "Jaane Bhi Do Yaaron".

31. Who among the following has been nominated as the president of the World Bank by US President Joe Biden?

- A. Shantanu Narayen
- B. Laxman Narasimhan
- C. Nikkie Arora
- D. Vasant Narasimhan
- E. Ajay Banga

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Ajay Banga.

Other Information:

* US President Joe Biden has nominated former Mastercard CEO Ajay Banga as the president of the World Bank.

* He would replace David Malpass, who will step down from his role this June before completing his tenure in April 2024.

* He was nominated for his expertise in handling global challenges, including climate change.

* Presently, he is serving as the vice chairman at private equity firm General Atlantic.

* Notably, he is the first Indian-born nominee for this role.

Static Points:

World Bank:

* Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States

* Founded: July 1944

* Members: 189

32. Name the Indian personality, who has been selected as the External Auditor of the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva? (February 2023)

- A. Amitabh Kant
- B. Rajiv Mehrishi
- C. Girish Chandra Murmu
- D. Shashi Kant Sharma
- E. Vinod Rai

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Girish Chandra Murmu.

Other information:

* Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) Girish Chandra Murmu has been selected as the External Auditor of the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva.

* He has been selected for a four-year term from 2024 to 2027.

* CAG will take over from the incumbent External Auditor of ILO, the Supreme Audit Institution of the Philippines.

* CAG's appointment is a recognition of its standing among the international community and its professionalism, and its global audit experience.

Static Points (CAG):

* Reports to: President of India

* Term length: 6 yrs or up to 65 yrs of age; (whichever is earlier)

33. In February 2023, who among the following has been awarded the EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2022?

- A. Sajjan Jindal
- B. Kumar Mangalam Birla
- C. Vikram Kirloskar
- D. K P Singh
- E. Renuka Talwar

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Sajjan Jindal.

Other information:

* Chairman of JSW Group Sajjan Jindal was honored with the EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2022.

* He will now represent India at the EY World Entrepreneur of the Year Award (WEOY) at Monte Carlo in June 2023.

* Reason: For his exceptional entrepreneurial journey in scaling the global conglomerate with a presence in steel, cement, infrastructure, energy, and paints

* While K P Singh, Chairman Emeritus, DLF Group, was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

34. In February 2023, the Union Cabinet, under the chairmanship of PM Narendra Modi, approved the extension of the term of the 22nd Law Commission of India up to _____.

- A. 28th February 2024
- B. 31st August 2024
- C. 31st December 2024
- D. 31st March 2024
- E. 31st May 2024

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 31st August 2024.

Other information:

* The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi has approved the extension of the term of the 22nd Law Commission of India from 20th February 2023 to 31st August 2024.

* The 22nd law panel was constituted for three years on 21st February 2020.

* **Law Commission of India:**

o It is a non-statutory body and is constituted by the Government of India from time to time.

o It was originally constituted in 1955.

* Chairperson of 22nd Law commission: Justice (retired) Rituraj Awasthi

35. In February 2023, which of the Indian organizations signed an agreement with the UAE defense group EDGE to explore the areas of cooperation, including joint design and development of missile systems?

- A. DRDO
- B. HAL
- C. BEL
- D. BHEL
- E. BEML

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

Other information:

* UAE's leading defense group, EDGE signed a Memorandum of Understanding with India's aerospace firm Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) at the International Defence Exhibition and Conference (IDEX).

* Aim: To explore the areas of cooperation, including joint design and development of missile systems and Unmanned aerial vehicles (drones)

* Besides, both companies will also explore the utilization of HAL's small gas turbine engines on EDGE's guided weapons.

36. Which of the following states/UTs government approved a five-year project on Innovative Extension Approaches for Revitalising Agriculture for sustainable agriculture?

- A. Haryana
- B. Ladakh
- C. Kerala
- D. Jammu & Kashmir

E. Punjab

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Jammu & Kashmir.

Other information:

* The J&K govt has approved a five-year project on Innovative Extension Approaches for Revitalising Agriculture in J&K.

* Aim: To give a push to sustainable agriculture

* The project, worth 463 crore rupees, is also aimed to empower farmers and educated youth through technology-driven and inclusive agri-extension services.

* One of the critical outcomes would be the creation of 2,000 Kissan Khidmat Ghars, which will serve as One Stop Centre for farmer-oriented services.

Static Point:

* J& K LG: Manoj Sinha

37. Which of the following power-generating companies in India has topped the ranking of Independent Power Producers and Energy Traders Globally in the S&P Global Commodity Insights Top 250 Global Energy Company Rankings®-2022?

- A. National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)
- B. National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC)
- C. Rural Electrification Corporation (REC)
- D. North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO)
- E. Power Finance Corporation (PFC)

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC).

Other information:

* NTPC Limited has topped the ranking of Independent Power Producers and Energy Traders Globally in the S&P Global Commodity Insights Top 250 Global Energy Company Rankings®-2022.

* These rankings are based on four key metrics: Asset worth, Revenues, Profits, and Return on Investment (ROI).

* Presently, NTPC contributes 24% of the total electricity produced in India.

* By 2032, NTPC is targeting non-fossil fuel-based capacity to make up nearly 50% of the company's portfolio.

38. Who among the following has been elected as the first woman mayor of Delhi in 10 years?

- A. Tripta Wahi
- B. Swati Maliwal
- C. Rekha Gupta
- D. Shelly Oberoi
- E. Atishi Marlena

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Shelly Oberoi.

Other information:

* Aam Aadmi Party's Shelly Oberoi has defeated BJP candidate Rekha Gupta to become the new Delhi Mayor.

* She received 150 votes while Rekha Gupta got 116 seats.

* She also becomes Delhi's first woman mayor in 10 years.

* The election was held after the Supreme Court ruled out the possibility of nominated members participating in the voting process.

* In Delhi MCD polls, the AAP had bagged 134 seats, BJP got 104 seats, and Congress bagged nine seats.

Static Points (Delhi):

* Delhi CM: Arvind Kejriwal

* Delhi Lieutenant Governor: Vinai Kumar Saxena

39. In February 2023, the Tata Memorial Hospital (TMH) and Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland signed an MoU to engage in long-term cooperation in _____.

- A. Primary and Secondary Health coverage
- B. Palliative Care
- C. Cancer Care
- D. Medical Tourism
- E. Rehabilitation (including physiotherapy)

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Cancer Care.

Other information:

* Tata Memorial Hospital (TMH) and Waipapa Taumata Rau (University of Auckland) signed an MoU to engage in long-term cooperation in cancer care.

* TMH is the most renowned cancer care hospital and research center in India.

* Initial projects envisaged for the partnership include a digital platform:

- o For clinical trials to track study-related activities for patients, investigators, and regulators
- o To make outpatient clinics more efficient
- o To enhance prescription medicine safety

40. In February 2023, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) developed a new wheat variety to overcome the challenges like a rise in heat levels and changes in weather patterns. What is the name of this wheat variety?

- A. HD-3385
- B. HD-3217
- C. HD-3290
- D. HD-8821

E. HD-3997

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is HD-3385.

Other information:

* Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has developed a new wheat variety called HD-3385.

* It can overcome the challenges arising due to changes in weather patterns and rising heat levels.

* It is amenable to early sowing, escaping the impact of heat spikes, and can be harvested before March's end.

* Recently, the Centre announced to set up of a committee to monitor the situation arising from the increase in temperatures and its impact on the current wheat crop.

41. In February 2023, which of the following High Courts became the first high court in India to publish judgments in the regional language by using the SUVAS tool to translate the judgments?

- A. Madras High Court
- B. Allahabad High Court
- C. Odisha High Court
- D. Bombay High Court
- E. Kerala High Court

Answer :- E

Solution :-

The correct answer is Kerala High Court.

Other information:

* The Kerala High Court has become the first high court in the country to publish judgments in the regional language.

- * On February 21 (International Mother Language Day), Kerala published two of its recent judgments in Malayalam.
- * The judgments in Malayalam were uploaded on the court's website just below the English version.
- * The Kerala High Court made use of SUVAS (Supreme Court Vidhik Anuwad Software) tool to translate the judgments.
- * Two judgments passed by the division bench comprising Chief Justice S Manikumar and Justice Shaji P Chaly were uploaded on the website.

About SUVAS:

- * SUVAS can translate judicial documents from English to nine vernacular languages — Marathi, Hindi, Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Punjabi, Gujarati, Malayalam, and Bengali

Static point:

- * CJ of Kerala HC: S. Manikumar

42. In February 2023, the Namami Gange Executive Committee approved how many projects worth of 1,200 crore rupees for Pollution abatement in Ganga Basin and Ghat Development?

- A. 10
- B. 15
- C. 9
- D. 7
- E. 15

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- * The correct answer is 9.

Other information:

- * The Namami Gange Executive Committee, headed by NMCG Director General G. Asok Kumar, has approved nine Projects, worth over 1,200 crore rupees for Pollution abatement in Ganga Basin and Ghat Development.
- * Out of these projects, seven pertain to the abatement of pollution in the Ganga Basin and two to ghat development.

* The decision was taken during the 47th meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG).

43. What is the theme of the Asia Economic Dialogue 2023, a flagship event of the External Affairs Ministry, which is being organized in Pune, Maharashtra from 23 -25 February 2023?

- A. Asia and Metaverse World
- B. Asia: Builder of the World
- C. Asia and the Emerging World Order
- D. Asia: United by Trade and Environment
- E. Asia leads the World by 2023!!

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Asia and the Emerging World Order.

Other information:

* An annual flagship event of the External Affairs Ministry on Geoeconomics, Asia Economic Dialogue is being started in Pune, Maharashtra from 23 -25 February 2023.

* This event is being co-hosted in collaboration with Pune International Centre.

* Theme 2023: Asia and the Emerging World Order

* The Dialogue also discusses themes such as Global Growth Prospects, How the Global South Will Shape the G20 Agenda and the Metaverse.

44. In which of the following men's individual shooting events, India's shooter, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar won the gold medal at the ISSF World Cup in Cairo, Egypt?

- A. 50m rifle 3 positions
- B. 10m air pistol
- C. 25m air rifle
- D. 50m air pistol
- E. 10m air rifle 3 positions

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 50m rifle 3 positions.

Other information:

* Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar has secured the gold medal in the men's individual 50m rifle 3 positions competition at the ISSF World Cup in Cairo, Egypt.

* In the event, he defeated Alexander Schmiral from Austria by 16-6.

* With this gold, India topped the medal tally with four gold and Hungary at second.

o 10m air rifle mixed team: Rudrankksh Balasaheb Patil and R Narmada Nithin

o 10m air pistol mixed team: Varun Tomar and Rhythm Sangwan

o Men's 10m air rifle: Rudrankksh Patil

45. Who among the following has forewarded the book title, "Modi: Shaping a Global Order in Flux", launched by the BJP national president, JP Nadda?

- A. S. Jaishankar
- B. Sujan Chinoy
- C. Vijay Chauthaiwala
- D. Uttam Kumar Sinha
- E. Amit Shah

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is S. Jaishankar.

Other information:

* BJP national president, JP Nadda has launched a book "Modi: Shaping a Global Order in Flux" in Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.

* The book is forewarded by S. Jaishankar (Union External Affairs Minister) and edited by Sujan Chinoy, Vijay Chauthaiwala, and Uttam Kumar Sinha.

* Over 23 chapters, the book features write-ups by the likes of Amitabh Kant (former CEO of NITI Aayog), Chauthaiwale, Chinoy, Anurag Saxena, Amish Tripathi, and D.B. Venkatesh Varma (former diplomat).

46. Which of the following INS was awarded an 'on the spot' Unit Citation for deep sea diving and undertaking salvage operations under the most challenging circumstances?

- A. INS Astradharani
- B. INS Nireekshak
- C. INS Andamans
- D. INS Valsura
- E. INS Dhruv

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is INS Nireekshak.

Other information:

* In a first for the Indian Navy, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral R Harikumar awarded an 'on the spot' Unit Citation to INS Nireekshak in Kochi.

* Reason: For deep sea diving and undertaking salvage operations under the most challenging circumstances

* He also awarded commendations to the crew involved in the salvage operation.

* **INS Nireekshak:**

o It is a Dive Support and Submarine Rescue Vessel of the Indian Navy.

o It was built in 1985 by Mazgaon Shipbuilders.

47. In February 2023, who among the following has been selected for the Sansad Ratna Lifetime Achievement Award 2023?

- A. T K Rangarajan
- B. Bidyut Baran Mahato
- C. Dr Sukanta Majumdar
- D. Kuldeep Rai Sharma
- E. Dr Heena Vijayakumar Gavit

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct answer is T K Rangarajan

Other Information:

* A veteran CPI-M leader, T K Rangarajan has been honored with the Sansad Ratna Lifetime Achievement Award 2023.

* Thirteen MPs were nominated for the Sansad Ratna Awards 2023.

* The 13th edition of the award ceremony will be held on March 25, 2023, in New Delhi.

*** Other Nominations:**

*** Nominated from Lok Sabha:**

- o Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury (INC, West Bengal)
- o Gopal Chinayya Shetty (BJP, Maharashtra)
- o Sudhir Gupta (BJP, Madhya Pradesh)
- o Dr. Amol Ramsing Kolhe (NCP, Maharashtra)
- o Bidyut Baran Mahato (BJP, Jharkhand)
- o Dr. Sukanta Majumdar (BJP, West Bengal)
- o Kuldeep Rai Sharma (INC, Andaman Nicobar Islands)
- o Dr Heena Vijayakumar Gavit (BJP, Maharashtra)

*** Nominated from Rajya Sabha:**

- o Smt Fauzia Tahseen Ahmed Khan (NCP, Maharashtra)
- o Dr. John Brittas (CPI-M, Kerala)
- o Dr. Manoj Kumar Jha (RJD, Bihar)
- o Vishambhar Prasad Nishad (Samajwadi Party, UP)
- o Smt Chhaya Verma (INC, Chhattisgarh)

*** Two Parliamentary Committees of Lok Sabha nominated for Sansad Ratna Award 2023**

- o Rajya Sabha's Standing Committee on Tourism, Transport, and Culture, chaired by Vijay Sai Reddy
- o Lok Sabha's Parliamentary Committee on Finance, chaired by Jayant Sinha

Sansad Ratna Awards:

* It was instituted in 2010 and inspired by the teachings of former President APJ Abdul Kalam.

* It recognizes and felicitates the top-performing MPs based on their work in the apex legislative body.

48. In which of the following shooting event, India's Rudranksh Patil has won the first gold medal for India at the ISSF World Cup in Cairo, Egypt?

- A. 10m air rifle
- B. 10m air pistol
- C. 50m air rifle
- D. 25 m air pistol
- E. 50m air pistol

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is a 10m air rifle.

Other information:

* Indian shooter, Rudranksh Patil clinched his first World Cup individual gold in the men's 10m air rifle event at the ISSF World Cup in Cairo, Egypt.

* He defeated Maximilian Ulbrich of Germany, who was settled for silver.

* While Miran Maricic of Croatia won the bronze medal.

* In women's 10m air rifle, Tilottama Sen (14) won the second bronze for India.

* Seonaid McIntosh (Great Britain) won gold and Nina Christen (Switzerland) settled for silver.

Static Points:

* Egypt President: Abdel Fattah El-Sisi

* Egypt Currency: Egyptian Pound

49. For which year, a well-known classical singer, Pt Prem Kumar Mallick has been selected for the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards for his great contribution in the field of Hindustani Vocal music? (February 2023)

- A. 2023
- B. 2019
- C. 2020
- D. 2022
- E. 2021

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 2019.

Other information:

* Noted classical singer, Pt Prem Kumar Mallick has been selected for the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards for 2019.

* Reason: Contributions in the field of music (Hindustani Vocal).

* He is a professor in the department of music and performing arts at Allahabad University.

* He will receive this award along with other artists from across the country for the award for years 2019, 2020, and 2021.

* President Droupadi Murmu will present the award on February 23.

50. In February 2023, which of the following Navratna PSU signed MoUs with the Aeronautical Development Agency for the AMCA program and Cisco for long-term strategic cooperation in the areas of networking, and collaboration?

- A. Coal India
- B. BHEL
- C. IOCL
- D. BEL
- E. BPCL

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is BEL.

Other information:

* Navratna PSU, Bharat Electronics (BEL) has signed an MoU with Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), DRDO and Cisco.

* BEL & ADA agreement: For the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) programme

* BEL & Cisco: For long-term strategic cooperation in the areas of networking, collaboration, and security among other associated services

* Aim: To leverage the complementary strengths and capabilities

* These MoUs were signed during the Aero India 2023 in Bengaluru.

Static Points:

* Bharat Electronics Headquarters: Bengaluru

51. The three-day-long 18th UIC World Security Congress is being jointly organized by the International Union of Railways (UIC) and the Railway Protection Force (RPF) in which of the following Indian cities?

- A. Udaipur
- B. Pune
- C. Kolkata
- D. Raipur
- E. Jaipur

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Jaipur.

Other information:

* The 18th UIC World Security Congress has been started commenced in Jaipur, India on 21st February 2023.

* The 3-day Conference is being jointly organized by the International Union of Railways (UIC), Paris and the Railway Protection Force (RPF).

* Theme 2023: Railway Security Strategy: Responses and Vision for Future

* The World Security Congress is a globally recognized security platform.

* The UIC (Union International Des Chemins) or International Union of Railways established in 1922 is headquartered in Paris.

52. Which of the following organizations has bagged the title rights for the Women's Premier League (WPL) 2023?

- A. Reliance
- B. Vivo
- C. Byju's
- D. Tata Group
- E. Dream 11

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Tata Group.

Other information:

* BCCI secretary, Jay Shah has informed that the TATA Group has bagged the title rights for the Women's Premier League (WPL) 2023.

* The first match of WPL 2023 will begin between Gujarat Giants and Mumbai Indians on March 4 at the DY Patil Stadium.

* In its first season, the WPL will stage a total of 20 league matches and two Playoff games that will be played.

* Five teams: Delhi Capitals, Gujarat Giants, Mumbai Indians, Royal Challengers Bangalore & UP Warriorz

53. Name the photographer who won the prestigious National Geographic 'Pictures of The Year' award with his photograph titled "Dance of the Eagles"? (February 2023)

- A. Cindy Sherman
- B. Don McCullin
- C. Karthik Subramaniam
- D. Robert Frank
- E. Vicente Manssur

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Karthik Subramaniam.

Other information:

* An Indian-origin, Karthik Subramaniam has won the prestigious National Geographic 'Pictures of The Year' award with his photograph titled "Dance of the Eagles".

* The award-winning photograph captured a bald eagle intimidating its peers to claim a prime log while salmon hunting in the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve in Alaska.

* He titled the photograph "Dance of the Eagles" as a homage to a fictional dragon war in George R.R. Martin's novel 'A Dance with Dragons'.

54. Which of the following Indian institutions signed an MoU with the Indian Air Force (IAF) to develop indigenous technologies and equipment through Research and Development in areas of mutual interest?

- A. IIT Kanpur
- B. IIT Madras
- C. IIT Roorkee
- D. IIT Varanasi
- E. IIT Delhi

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is IIT Roorkee.

Other information:

* Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IIT Roorkee) has signed an MoU with the Indian Air Force (IAF) to promote the development of indigenous technologies.

- * They also aim to develop equipment through Research and Development in areas of mutual interest.
- * The MoU was signed at Bengaluru during Aero India 2023.
- * The IIT Roorkee will provide its expertise and cooperation in research for feasibility studies and prototype development.

55. What is the theme of the Power Pavilion, ELECRAMA 2023, which was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Power, RK Singh, at the India Expo Mart, Greater Noida?

- A. Accelerating towards Clean & Sustainable Energy
- B. Renewable Energy Products & Solutions
- C. Re-imagining the Future: Metamorphosis of the Power Sector in India
- D. Interface with power utilities: Trading entities and independent power producers
- E. Manufacturing Capability and the future of Electricity

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Re-imagining the Future: Metamorphosis of the Power Sector in India'.

Other information:

- * The Union Minister of Power, RK Singh has officially inaugurated the Power Pavilion, ELECRAMA 2023 at the India Expo Mart, Greater Noida.
- * The event was attended by Vivek Kumar Dewangan (Chairman & Managing Director, REC Limited) and other officials from REC.
- * Theme 2023: Re-imagining the Future: Metamorphosis of the Power Sector in India.
- * Vision: To showcase innovation in the power sector such as Smart Meters, Smart Feeder Management Systems, Methanol production etc.

56. The India-Uzbekistan biennial training Exercise DUSTLIK 2023 is being organized in which of the following cities of India from 20th February to 5th March 2023?

- A. Jaipur
- B. Pune
- C. Umroi

D. Pithoragarh
E. Udaipur

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.

Other information:

* The fourth edition of the biennial training Exercise DUSTLIK (2023), between the Indian Army and Uzbekistan Army is being conducted in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand from 20th February to 5th March 2023.

* Aim: To enhance the military capability to undertake multi-domain operations in a Sub Conventional scenario

* The 14th Battalion, the GARHWAL RIFLES, part of Western Command in this bilateral exercise represented the Indian contingent.

* While troops of the North Western Military District of Uzbekistan Army represented the Uzbekistan Army.

57. Who among the following was honored with the Best Leading Actor award at the 76th British Academy Film Awards (BAFTA) Awards 2023?

- A. Bill Nighy
- B. Austin Butler
- C. Brendan Fraser
- D. Daryl McCormack
- E. Colin Farrell

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Austin Butler.

Other Information:

* Austin Butler won the 76th British Academy Film Awards (BAFTA) Awards 2023 in the Best Leading Actor category for Elvis.

- * Cate Blanchett won the Best Leading Actress Award for her performance in TÁR.
- * A German anti-war drama, 'All Quiet on the Western Front' won a maximum of seven awards including Best Film and Director.
- * This movie is a screen adaptation of the 1928 novel by Erich Maria Remarque.
- * 'The Banshees of Inisherin' and 'Elvis' both movies won four BAFTA awards.

58. Cate Blanchett won the Best Leading Actress Award at the 76th British Academy Film Awards (BAFTA) Awards 2023 for her role in _____.

- A. TÁR
- B. The Whale
- C. Elvis
- D. All Quiet on the Western Front
- E. The Banshees of Inisherin

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- * The correct answer is TÁR.

Other information:

- * Austin Butler won the 76th British Academy Film Awards (BAFTA) Awards 2023 in the Best Leading Actor category for Elvis.
- * Cate Blanchett won the Best Leading Actress Award for her performance in TÁR.
- * A German anti-war drama, 'All Quiet on the Western Front' won a maximum of seven awards including Best Film and Director.
- * This movie is a screen adaptation of the 1928 novel by Erich Maria Remarque.
- * 'The Banshees of Inisherin' and 'Elvis' both movies won four BAFTA awards.

59. As per the information provided by the Union MoS, Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh, North India's first nuclear power plant will be set up in _____.

- A. Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
- B. Ambala, Punjab

- C. Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- D. Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh
- E. Gorakhpur, Haryana

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Gorakhpur, Haryana.

Other information:

* Union MoS, Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh announced that North India's first nuclear power plant would be set up in Gorakhpur in Fatehabad district, Haryana.

* The plant will be built on 560 hectares of land.

* Aim: To generate 2800 MW

* The first phase will be completed by 2025, and the second by 2028.

* As the second phase completes the plant will be fully operational to generate 2800 MW.

* The project will be built at an estimated cost of Rs 20,594 crores.

60. The Union Home Minister, Amit Shah launched the 'mPassport Police App' to expedite the police verification process for passport issuance. It will reduce the verification time from 15 days to _____.

- A. 7 Days
- B. 5 Days
- C. 3 Days
- D. 10 Days
- E. 9 Days

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 5 days.

Other information:

- * The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has launched the 'mPassport Police App' to streamline and expedite the police verification process for passport issuance.
- * The App was launched by Union Home Minister Amit Shah during the 76th Raising Day Parade of Delhi Police.
- * The mPassport Police App will cut the verification time period to 5 days.
- * He also dedicated 350 mobile Tablets to personnel of the Delhi Police Special Branch, on the occasion of the force's Raising Day.

61. Which of the following states/UTs government approved the Sensor-based Smart Agriculture project to integrate agriculture with technology?

- A. Jammu & Kashmir
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Ladakh
- D. Karnataka
- E. Bihar

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- * The correct answer is Jammu & Kashmir.

Other information:

- * Jammu and Kashmir's government has approved Rs 30.40 crore for the Sensor-based Smart Agriculture project.
- * It aims to integrate agriculture with technology driven by Artificial Insemination and IoT to automate practices, enhance resource use efficiency, and improve profitability.
- * The project would enable the use of Hi-tech poly houses to cultivate cash crops around the year.
- * In J&K, over 70% of the economy is based on agriculture.

62. Who among the following will be honoured with the Jnanappana Puraskaram 2023 for his contribution to the field of literature?

- A. O. N. V. Kurup
- B. Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri
- C. V Madhusoodanan Nair
- D. Kamala Das
- E. Ayyappa Paniker

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is V Madhusoodanan Nair.

Other information:

* A noted writer, V Madhusoodanan Nair has been selected for Jnanappana Puraskaram 2023 for his contribution to the field of literature.

* The award consists of a Rs 50,001 cash prize, 10-gram gold locket with an image of Sree Guruvayoorappan, a citation, and a memento.

* This award was instituted by Guruvayur Devaswom in memory of 'Poonthanam Namboothiri', the ardent devotee of Guruvayoorappan, who wrote Jnanappana.

* The award will be presented on February 24, 2023.

63. In February 2023, who among the following has succeeded Susan Wojcicki, to become the new CEO of YouTube?

- A. Sundar Pichai
- B. Eric Schmidt
- C. Steve Wozniak
- D. Neal Mohan
- E. Ramon Laguarta

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Neal Mohan.

*** Other Information:**

o Indian-American, Neal Mohan has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of YouTube.

- o He will replace the current head, Susan Wojcicki, who will step down after 25 years.
- o He joined Google in 2008, and later he was appointed chief product officer at YouTube in 2015.
- o Prior to Google, he worked as a Senior Analyst at Accenture and later joined Microsoft.
- o He is an MBA from Stanford University's Graduate School of Business.

*** Static Points:**

- o YouTube HQ: California, United States
- o YouTube Founded: 2005

64. The 4th edition of a joint military exercise named EX DHARMA GUARDIAN 2023 is being held in which of the following provinces of Japan from 17th February - 2nd March 2023?

- A. Tokyo
- B. Hyōgo
- C. Aichi
- D. Shiga
- E. Himeji

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Shiga.

*** Other information:**

- o The 4th edition of a joint military exercise, "EX DHARMA GUARDIAN" between India and Japan is being started at Camp Imazu in Shiga province of Japan from 17th February - 2nd March 2023.
- o This exercise covers platoon-level joint training on operations in jungle and semi-urban or urban terrain.
- o Indian Army's Garhwal Rifles Regiment troops and Japan's Infantry Regiment troops participated in the exercise.
- o Aim: To enhance inter-operability in planning and execution

*** Static Point:**

o Exercise Dharma Guardian-2022: Belgaum (Karnataka)

65. In February 2023, which of the following Indian institute signed an MoU with the Pratiksha Trust to commit over 450 crore rupees over the next 10 years for research, innovation, and translation in deep science?

- A. IIT Madras
- B. IIT Bombay
- C. IISc Bangalore
- D. IIT Kharagpur
- E. IIT Varanasi

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is IISc Bangalore.

*** Other information:**

o The Pratiksha Trust has signed an MoU with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and its Centre for Brain Research (CBR) for research, innovation and translation in deep science.

o Aim: To support the fundamental and translational research on neurodegenerative diseases of the elderly population.

o For this research, Pratiksha Trust commit over 450 crore rupees over the next 10 years.

o Pratiksha Trust: It was established by Kris Gopalakrishnan and Sudha Gopalakrishnan.

o Brain Research Centre: It was dedicated to the deep intellectual pursuit of reducing neurodegenerative disorders such as Alzheimer, Parkinson, and Vascular Dementia.

66. In February 2023, the national level hackathon named KAVACH-2023 was launched in New Delhi. In this context, which of the following statements is/are correct?

(A) It aims to identify innovative ideas for addressing the cybersecurity challenges of the 21st century

(B) It was organized by the AICTE and the Bureau of Police Research and Development.

(C) It aims to identify the Shift in ransomware.

- A. Only A
- B. A, B, and C are correct
- C. Only B
- D. Only B and C are correct
- E. Only C

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'It aims to identify innovative ideas for addressing the cybersecurity challenges of the 21st century'.

*** Other information:**

o A national level hackathon, KAVACH-2023 was launched in New Delhi to identify innovative ideas and technological solutions for addressing the cybersecurity and cybercrime challenges of the 21st century.

o A 36-hour long event participated by youth from educational institutions and registered start-ups.

o It will advance the blockage of cyber security crimes with robust system monitoring and safety provisions.

o This Hackathon was jointly conducted by AICTE, the Bureau of Police Research and Development, and the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre.

*** Static Point:**

o Chairman, AICTE: Dr. T G Sitharam

67. In February 2023, which of the following state government launched the sixth phase of Sujalam-Sufalam Jal Abhiyan to raise the groundwater level and maximize the use of rainwater?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Punjab
- C. Goa
- D. Gujarat
- E. Madhya Pradesh

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Gujarat.

*** Other Information:**

- o The sixth phase of Sujalam-Sufalam Jal Abhiyan has been started in Gujarat on 17th February 2023.
- o The state-wide campaign was launched by the Gujarat CM, Bhupendra Patel at Khoraj in Gandhinagar.
- o Aim: To raise the groundwater level and maximize the use of rainwater.
- o This phase will be held for 104 days and continue till 31st May 2023.
- o Developmental works like the deepening of lakes, delisting works of check dams and reservoirs, and cleaning of canals will be carried out.

*** Static Points:**

- o Gujarat Capital: Gandhinagar
- o Gujarat Governor: Acharya Devvrat

68. Which of the following Indian Institutions has signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Central Water Commission (CWC) for the development of the International Centre of Excellence for Dams (ICED)?

- A. IIT Roorkee
- B. IIM Nagpur
- C. IISc Bangalore
- D. Indian School of Business Hyderabad
- E. IIT Delhi

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is IIT Roorkee.

* **Other information:**

o The Central Water Commission (CWC) signed a Memorandum of Agreement with IIT Roorkee for the development of the International Centre of Excellence for Dams (ICED).

o The Centre will be developed under the externally funded Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) Phase II and Phase III.

o It will remain valid for ten years or till the duration of the DRIP Phase-II and Phase-II Scheme, whichever is earlier, from the date of signing.

o The Centre will presently start with a focus on two key areas:

(a) Reservoir Sedimentation

(b) Seismic Hazard Mapping and Analysis in the initial years

69. Which of the following Indian Institutions developed an energy-efficient compressed air-based pipeline system for transporting coal and minerals, offering round-the-clock monitoring?

- A. IIT Bombay
- B. IIT Guwahati
- C. IIT Kanpur
- D. IIT Hyderabad
- E. IIT Bhubaneswar

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is IIT Kanpur.

* **Other Information:**

o The IIT Kanpur has developed an energy-efficient compressed air-based pipeline system.

o Reason: For transporting coal and minerals, offering round-the-clock monitoring with considerable savings in time and costs

o The cargo-based hyperloop system was developed by Professor, Bishakh Bhattacharya, and research scientists, Kanhaiya Lal Chaurasia and Yashasvi Sinha.

o It will address challenges such as material loss, uncertainty in delivery time, and air pollution.

70. Name the AI/ML-based chatbot which was launched by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) to help people get an answer to their queries related to the Aadhaar card?

- A. UIDAI Humsafar
- B. Aadhaar Mitra
- C. UIDAI Dost
- D. Aadhaar Saathi
- E. Aadhaar Rakshak

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Aadhaar Mitra.

* **Other information:**

o The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has launched a chatbot named Aadhaar Mitra to help people get an answer to their queries related to the Aadhaar card.

o The Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning (AI/ML)-based chatbot can answer queries related to Aadhaar enrolment number, PVC Card order status, and complaint status.

o It is available in both English and Hindi languages.

o It also shows videos to help the users understand its features and how to use them.

* **Static Point:**

o UIDAI CEO: Dr. Saurabh Garg

71. In February 2023, a tripartite MoU was signed between the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, NIPER Hyderabad, and _____ to deal with the problem of doping in sports in India.

- A. CDSCO
- B. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C. FSSAI
- D. FCI
- E. Indian Council of Medical Research

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is FSSAI.

* **Other information:**

o The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), and National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education & Research, Hyderabad (NIPER Hyderabad) signed a tripartite MoU to create nutritional supplement testing capacity in India.

o This will provide information & build awareness about the risks associated with the use of nutritional supplements.

o It also increases the research opportunities in the clean sport & anti-doping domain and provides options for safe and dope-free nutritional supplements for sportspersons.

* **Static Points:**

o Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports: Anurag Thakur

72. The climate emergency campaign named Don't Choose Extinction has won the Gold and Silver award in two different categories at the 2nd Annual Anthem Awards. This campaign was launched by which of the following organizations?

- A. UNEP
- B. UNPF
- C. UNESCO
- D. FAO
- E. UNDP

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is UNDP.

* **Other information:**

o A campaign 'Don't Choose Extinction', launched by the UN Development Programme (UNDP) has won Gold and Silver in two different categories at the 2nd Annual Anthem Awards.

o The campaign aims to raise awareness about the climate emergency.

o This campaign won Gold in Sustainability, Environment & Climate – Non-Profit Campaign Category, while Silver in Sustainability, Environment & Climate – Global Awareness Campaign Category.

o Anthem Winners were selected from 2,000 submissions from over 43 countries around the world.

* **Static Point:**

o UNDP Headquarters: New York, US

73. According to the 12th edition of the TomTom index, which of the following Indian cities ranked second slowest place to drive through in the world in 2022 with about half an hour of travel time by road to cover 10 km?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Kochi
- C. Lucknow
- D. Bangalore
- E. Kolkata

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Bangalore.

* **Other information:**

o According to the latest report, released by TomTom, Bengaluru's traffic has made it the second slowest place to drive through in the world in 2022 with about half an hour of travel time by road to cover 10 km.

o While London ranks first with an average of 36 minutes and 20 seconds to travel 10 km in 2022.

- o Dublin (Ireland), Sapporo (Japan's town), and Milan (Italy) rank third, fourth, and fifth respectively.
- o The 12th edition of its annual TomTom Traffic Index, details traffic trends across 389 cities in 56 countries, throughout 2022.

74. Which of the following banks was awarded the 'Prathista Puraskar' under the 'Digidhan Awards 2021-22' by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Meity)?

- A. ICICI Bank
- B. Canara Bank
- C. Karnataka Bank
- D. J& K Bank
- E. UCO Bank

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Karnataka Bank.

* **Other information:**

- o The Karnataka Bank was honored with the 'Prathista Puraskar' under the 'Digidhan Awards 2021-22' by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Meity).
- o Reason: To achieve the target with the highest percentage in BHIM-UPI transactions in the private sector bank category.
- o DigiDhan award is a recognition for the top-performing banks in the digital payments space.

* **Static Points:**

- o MD & CEO of Karnataka Bank: Mahabaleshwara MS
- o Karnataka Bank HQ: Mangaluru

75. In February 2023, who among the following will be honored with the Most Promising Actor Award at the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival (DPIFF) Award 2023 on February 20 in Mumbai?

- A. Naveen Kumar Gowda
- B. Sudeep Sanjeev
- C. Upendra Rao
- D. Shiva Rajkumar
- E. Rishab Shetty

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Rishab Shetty.

* **Other information:**

o Kantara movie actor & director, Rishab Shetty will be honored with the Most Promising Actor Award at the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival (DPIFF) Award 2023 on February 20 in Mumbai.

o He was awarded for his stellar performance in the Kannada film, Kantara.

o Rishab Shetty is an Indian actor and filmmaker primarily working in Kannada cinema.

* **Static Points:**

o DPIFF was founded in 2012 and established in 2016.

o DPIFF CEO: Abhishek Mishra

o Father of Indian Cinema: Dhundiraj Govind Phalke (lovingly known as Dadasaheb Phalke)

76. In February 2023, the union cabinet approved the Centrally Sponsored Scheme named as 'Vibrant Villages Programme' for the FY 2022-23 to _____ with the fund allocation of Rs. 4800 Crore.

- A. 2024-25
- B. 2026-27
- C. 2025-26
- D. 2023-24
- E. 2027-28

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 2025-26.

*** Other information:**

o The Union Cabinet, headed by PM Narendra Modi, has approved the Centrally Sponsored Scheme “Vibrant Villages Programme” for the Financial Years 2022-23 to 2025-26 with a financial allocation of Rs. 4800 Crore.

o The scheme will provide funds for the development of essential infrastructure and the creation of livelihood opportunities.

o In the first phase, 663 Villages will be taken up in the program.

o Aim: To improve the quality of life of people living in identified border villages.

o Vibrant Village Action Plans will be created by the district administration with the help of Gram Panchayats.

77. In February 2023, the Union Cabinet under the chairmanship of PM Modi approved the signed MoU between India and Chile in _____ field and Allied sectors.

- A. Climate
- B. Agriculture
- C. Trade
- D. News Broadcasting
- E. Exchange of Employment

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Agriculture.

Other information:

* The Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Modi, has approved the signing MoU between India and Chile for cooperation in the field of Agriculture and Allied sectors.

*** Main areas of cooperation:**

o Agricultural policies for the development of modern agriculture

o Organic agriculture to facilitate the bilateral trade of organic products

- o Promote innovation in the agricultural sector among Indian Institutes and Chilean institutes
- o Under the MoU, both countries will constitute a Chile-India Agricultural Working Group.
- o This group will be responsible for the supervision, review, and assessment of the implementation of this MoU.
- o The meetings of the Agricultural Working Group will be held once a year alternatively in Chile and India.

*** Static Point:**

- o Chile Capital: Santiago
- o Chile Currency: Peso

78. In February 2023, the union cabinet meeting headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the signed MoU between India and South Africa for cooperation in the _____.

- A. 5G Network
- B. Disability Sector
- C. Currency SWAP
- D. Solar and Wind Energy
- E. Education and public schools

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Disability Sector.

*** Other Information:**

- o The Union Cabinet has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and South Africa for cooperation in the Disability Sector.
- o The decision was taken in the Cabinet meeting headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- o Aim: To encourage cooperation between the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities of India and South Africa

o This MoU will strengthen the bilateral ties between India and South Africa.

*** Static Points:**

- o South Africa President: Cyril Ramaphosa
- o South Africa Capitals: Cape Town, Pretoria, Bloemfontein
- o South Africa Currency: Rand

79. In February 2023, PM Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation with the Prime Minister of Spain to strengthen the growing relationship between both countries in digital infrastructure, climate action, clean energy transition, and sustainable development sectors. Who is the Prime Minister of Spain?

- A. Isabel Díaz Ayuso
- B. Irene Montero
- C. Mariano Rajoy
- D. Pedro Sánchez
- E. Pablo Iglesias Turrión

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Pedro Sánchez.

*** Other information:**

o Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Spanish counterpart, Pedro Sánchez had a telephone conversation to discuss ways to further strengthen the growing relationship between both countries.

o Both leaders discussed a number of bilateral and international issues of mutual interest.

o They also agreed to collaborate on issues such as digital infrastructure, climate action, clean energy transition, and sustainable development.

*** Static Point:**

o Spain Capital: Madrid

80. In February 2023, the union cabinet approved the construction of the Shinku La Tunnel in Ladakh for better connectivity. In this context, the tunnel will be completed by _____.

- A. December 2024
- B. January 2025
- C. December 2025
- D. July 2026
- E. September 2024

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is December 2025.

*** Other information:**

- o The I&B Minister, Anurag Singh Thakur has informed that the Union Cabinet has approved the construction of the Shinku La Tunnel in Ladakh.
- o Reason: To provide all-weather connectivity in Ladakh region
- o The construction work of this 4.1-kilometer tunnel will be completed by December 2025.
- o The total expenditure on this project will be 1,681 crore rupees.
- o The tunnel will lead to the development of the region and boost the tourism, Health, and education sectors.

*** Static point:**

- o Ladakh Governor: B. D. Mishra

81. In February 2023, which startups delivered SWARM drones to Indian Army that made the Indian Army the first major armed force in the world to operationalize these high-density SWARM drones?

- A. Aarav Unmanned Systems
- B. Aotom Technology
- C. Dhaksha Unmanned Systems
- D. DroneAacharya Aerial
- E. NewSpace Research

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is NewSpace Research.

* **Other information:**

o Bengaluru-based start-up, NewSpace Research has delivered SWARM drones to Indian Army.

o These drone systems will make the Army the first major armed force in the world to operationalize with these high-density SWARM drones.

o The swarm of 100 drones is capable of hitting targets at least 50 km away into enemy territory.

o It is a part of the Aatmanirbhar effort to indigenize critical and disruptive military technologies.

o These systems were ordered under emergency procurement.

82. In February 2023, who among the following will be honored with the prestigious UNESCO's International Mother Language Award 2023 by Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina on February 21?

- A. Niranjan Pujari
- B. Usha Devi
- C. Dr. Mahendra Kumar Mishra
- D. Jagannath Saraka
- E. Veer Shankar Shah

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Dr. Mahendra Kumar Mishra.

* **Other information:**

o An eminent linguist, Dr. Mahendra Kumar Mishra will be honored with UNESCO's International Mother Language Award 2023.

o Reason: For the promotion of the mother language in India

o Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina will present this award to Dr. Mahendra Kumar Mishra at the International Mother Language Institute, Dhaka.

o He is the first Indian to receive this prestigious award for the promotion of a language.

o He is also the recipient of Odisha Sahitya Akademi.

*** Static Points:**

o International Mother Language Day: February 21

o The idea to celebrate this Day was the initiative of Bangladesh.

83. Which of the following Indian Women's cricket players has become the most expensive women's player at the Women's Premier League (WPL) auction?

- A. Ashleigh Gardner
- B. Smriti Mandhana
- C. Ellyse Perry
- D. Deepti Sharma
- E. Harmanpreet Kaur

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Smriti Mandhana.

*** Other Information:**

o Indian Women's cricket player, Smriti Mandhana became the most expensive women's pick in the Women's Premier League (WPL) auction.

o She has been bought by the Royal Challengers Bangalore for 3.40 Cr.

o A total of 87 players were bought by the five franchises for a sum total of Rs. 59.50 Cr.

o The second costliest Indian player is all-rounder Deepti Sharma who was bought by UP Warriors for Rs 2.6 crore.

o Indian skipper, Harmanpreet Kaur was bought by Mumbai Indians.

*** Static Points:**

o The first WPL 2023 Schedule will be held at Brabourne Stadium and DY Patil Stadium in Mumbai.

o WPL teams: Mumbai Indians, Delhi Capitals, Gujarat Giants, Royal Challengers Bangalore, and UP Warriorz

84. In February 2023, which of the following state governments launched a monthly stipend scheme for junior lawyers, in which Rs 3,000 will be provided to the state's junior lawyers?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Kerala
- D. Maharashtra
- E. Madhya Pradesh

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Kerala.

* **Other information:**

o Kerala CM, Pinarayi Vijayan has launched the monthly stipend scheme for junior lawyers in Kerala.

o Under this scheme, a monthly stipend of Rs. 3,000 will be provided to junior lawyers in the State.

o Eligibility for stipend:

o Lawyers below 30 years of age with less than three years of practice.

o Annual income less than Rs. 1 lakh.

o The scheme will be implemented by the Bar Council of the state.

o Junior lawyers are law graduates who work under attorneys or legal associates.

* **Static Points (Kerala):**

o Capital: Thiruvananthapuram

o Governor: Arif Mohammad Khan

85. Who among the following will become the first woman astronaut from Saudi Arabia to go on a space mission? (February 2023)

- A. Amelie Schoenenwald
- B. Nicola Winter
- C. Sara García Alonso
- D. Rayyana Barnawi
- E. Anthea Comellin

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Rayyana Barnawi.

* **Other information:**

o A Saudi Arabian woman, Rayyana Barnawi will become the first woman astronaut from Saudi Arabia to go on a space mission.

o She will join fellow Saudi astronaut, Ali Al-Qarni on a 10-day mission to the International Space Station (ISS).

o Barnawi and Al-Qarni will fly to the ISS aboard a SpaceX Dragon spacecraft as part of a mission by Axiom Space.

o The Ax-2 will be launched by a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Launch Complex 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

* **Static Points (Saudi Arabia):**

o Capital: Riyadh

o Currency: Saudi Riyal

86. How much budgetary outlay has been allocated by the government of India for the Namami Gange Mission-II till 2026?

- A. Rs.21,500 crore
- B. Rs.23,500 crore
- C. Rs.20,500 crore
- D. Rs.22,500 crore

E. Rs.26,500 crore

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Rs.22,500 crore.

* **Other information:**

o The government has approved Namami Gange Mission-II with a budgetary outlay of Rs.22,500 crore till 2026.

o It also includes the projects for existing liabilities of Rs.11,225 crore and new projects/interventions of ₹11,275 crore.

o The Government has released a total of Rs.14,084.72 crore to the NMCG, from 2014-15 till 31st January 2023.

o Out of which, NMCG has released Rs.13,607.18 crore to State Governments to implement Ganga-related projects.

87. Who among the following will replace the incumbent President Mohammad Abdul Hamid to be elected as the 22nd president of Bangladesh?

- A. Mohammad Shahabuddin Chappu
- B. A H M Mustafa Kamal
- C. Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun
- D. Asaduzzaman Khan
- E. Zahid Maleque

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Mohammad Shahabuddin Chappu.

* **Other information:**

o A former judge and freedom fighter, Mohammad Shahabuddin Chappu(74) has been elected as the 22nd President of Bangladesh.

o He was nominated for the post by the ruling Awami League.

- o No other party or individual filed a nomination for the post.
- o He will replace President Mohammad Abdul Hamid, whose tenure will be ended on April 23, 2023.
- o Abdul Hamid served as President for two consecutive terms of five years.
- o The Bangladesh constitution does not allow any person to hold the President's post beyond two terms.

*** Static Points (Bangladesh):**

- o Capital: Dhaka
- o Currency: Bangladeshi Taka
- o Prime minister: Sheikh Hasina

88. In February 2023, IIT Indore students Niyati Totala and Neel Kalpeshkumar Parikh were awarded the prestigious Global Best M-GOV Awards 2023 Golden award at the World Government Summit in Dubai, UAE. They were awarded for _____.

- A. Khyati App
- B. No waste App
- C. Blockbill App
- D. Don't Waste App
- E. Farmit App

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Blockbill App.

*** Other information:**

o The creators of the 'Blockbill' app, Niyati Totala and Neel Kalpeshkumar Parikh (IIT Indore Students) were awarded the prestigious Global Best M-GOV Award 2023 at the World Government Summit in Dubai, UAE.

o Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi has presented the award.

o Blockbill:

♣ It is a blockchain-based receipt generation app.

♣ It generates digital receipts for all of its users' transactions.

o **Other awardees:**

♣ The Silver Award to the 'Don't Waste' team from Uzbekistan.

♣ The Bronze Award to the 'Farmit' team from Serbia.

o **Global Best M-Gov Award:**

♣ A recognition of the efforts of students from public and private universities worldwide.

♣ Aim: To foster the critical role that universities and youth play in finding innovative solutions to local and global challenges

89. In February 2023, under the chairmanship of _____, the Ministry of Shipping formed a committee to draft revised Guidelines for the operationalization of the Ro-Ro and Ro-Pax ferry service.

- A. Chairman, Deendayal Port Authority
- B. Minister of State, for Ports, Shipping, and Waterways
- C. Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways
- D. Chairman, National Shipping Board
- E. Chairman, Jawaharlal Nehru Port

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Chairman, Deendayal Port Authority.

* **Other information:**

o The Ministry of Shipping has formed a committee to draft revised Guidelines for the operationalization of Roll-on-Roll off (Ro-Ro) and Roll-on-Passenger (Ro-Pax) ferry service.

o Headed by: Chairman of the Deendayal Port Authority

o Aim: To promote coastal shipping through the PPP route

o Other purposes:

- o It would also draft the Model Concession Agreement for Ro-Ro or Ro-Pax Terminal Operator.
- o Model License Agreement for the Operation of the ferry services in the country.

*** Static Points:**

- o Chairman of Deendayal Port Authority: S. K. Mehta
- o Minister of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways: Sarbananda Sonowal

90. In February 2023, Coal minister, Pralhad Joshi informed in Rajya Sabha, that 462 cases have been reported on the 'Khanan Prahari' and CMSMS Apps till January 2023. In this regard, what is the full form of CMSMS?

- A. Coal Mine System for Management Surveillance
- B. Coalfield Management System and Mine System
- C. Coal Mine Surveillance and Management System
- D. Curb Mine Supporting and Management System
- E. Coal Mining Supporting and Management Surveillance

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Coal Mine Surveillance and Management System.

*** Other information:**

- o The government has launched a 'Khanan Prahari' mobile application and 'Coal Mine Surveillance and Management System (CMSMS)' a web app.
- o Aim: To report the unauthorized coal mining activities
- o CMSMS has been developed to curb illegal mining and take transparent action as an e-Governance initiative of the government on the use of Space Technology.
- o Minister of Coal, Pralhad Joshi informed in Rajya Sabha, that 462 cases have been reported on the Apps till January 2023.

91. Who among the following has been elected as the President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) for the 2023-24 tenure, effective from February 12, 2023?

- A. Durgesh Kabra
- B. Raj Chawala
- C. Mayur Aggarwal
- D. Aniket Sunil Talati
- E. Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Aniket Sunil Talati.

* **Other information:**

- o Aniket Sunil Talati has been elected as the new President of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) for the 2023-24 tenure, with effect from February 12, 2023.
- o While Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal has been elected as Vice President of the institute.
- o Prior to this role, Aniket Sunil Talati worked as the Director of ICAI ARF, Indian Institute of Insolvency Professionals of India (IIPI), and Extensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL) India.
- o Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal has been a chartered accountant for the last 24 years.
- o He is also a Company Secretary and DISA from ICAI.

* **Static Points:**

- o ICAI HQ: New Delhi

92. In February 2023, who among the following has been appointed as the Chief justice J&K and Ladakh High Court?

- A. Justice Sonia G Gokani
- B. Justice Sandeep Mehta
- C. Justice Jaswant Singh
- D. Justice N Kotiswar Singh
- E. Justice Ashwani Kumar Mishra

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Justice N Kotiswar Singh.

* **Other information:**

o The Ministry of Law and Justice has cleared the appointment of four chief justices of high courts including - Justice Sonia G Gokani, Justice Sandeep Mehta, Justice Jaswant Singh, and Justice N Kotiswar Singh.

o Justice Gokani has been appointed as the acting chief justice of the Gujarat High Court.

o Chief justice J&K and Ladakh HC: Justice N Kotiswar Singh

o Chief justice of the Gauhati HC: Justice Sandeep Mehta

o Chief justice of Tripura HC: Justice Jaswant Singh

93. Name the Indian institution, that has been ranked 39th globally in the Financial Times (FT) Global MBA Ranking 2023? (February 2023)

- A. Indian School of Business
- B. Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode
- C. Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad
- D. Indian Institute of Management Bangalore
- E. Indian Institute of Management Lucknow

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is the Indian School of Business.

* **Other Information:**

o According to the Financial Times (FT) Global MBA Ranking 2023, the Indian School of Business (ISB) Post Graduate Programme (PGP) ranked the best in India.

o It is the only Indian B-school in the top 50 worldwide and has been ranked 39th globally and sixth in Asia.

o ISB is also ranked best in India in the research category.

o While IIM Bangalore has been ranked at 52nd position in the rankings.

o Columbia Business School in the United States topped the global chart, followed by Insead France and IESE Business School in Spain.

94.The first "frozen-lake marathon" of India will be organized at _____ on February 20, 2023.

- A. Nubra Valley
- B. Tso Moriri, Ladakh
- C. Chang La
- D. Dal Lake
- E. Pangong Tso, Ladakh

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Pangong Tso, Ladakh.

* **Other information:**

o India's first "frozen-lake marathon" will be organized at the Pangong Tso, Ladakh on February 20, 2023.

o The Indian army and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) have been roped in to implement a "proper action plan" for the event.

o The 21-kilometer marathon will be started from Lukung and ended at Maan village.

o The event will be participated by 75 selected athletes from India and abroad.

o The marathon is being called the "Last Run" to highlight the issue of climate change

* **Static Points (Ladakh):**

o Lieutenant Governor: B. D. Mishra

95.Tennis player, Wu Yibing has defeated John Isner to secure the ATP Tour title at the Dallas Open 2023. He is associated with which of the following country?

- A. Japan
- B. South Korea
- C. Indonesia
- D. China

E. Switzerland

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is China.

* **Other Information:**

o Wu Yibing (23) has become the first Chinese man to win an ATP Tour title at the Dallas Open 2023.

o He defeated John Isner (United States) by 6-7 (4/7), 7-6 (7/3), and 7-6 (14/12).

o He also becomes the second man from China to break into the top 100 of the ATP rankings.

o While the duo of Jamie Murray (United Kingdom) and Michael Venus (New Zealand) won the doubles title at the same event.

o **Dallas Open:** Men's ATP indoor hard-court tennis tournament, organized in Dallas, Texas

96. What is the theme of the 14th edition of the Aero India show which was inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi in Bengaluru on 13th February 2023?

- A. Conceive, Indigenize, Collaborate
- B. In Stride with the Future
- C. The runway to a billion opportunities
- D. 'Aatmanirbharta' in Defence to Next Level
- E. Path to Pride

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is The Runway to a Billion Opportunities.

* **Other information:**

o The 14th edition of the Aero India show was inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi in Bengaluru (Karnataka) on 13th February 2023.

- o 2023 Theme: The Runway to a Billion Opportunities
- o Purpose: To showcase indigenous defense equipment, technologies, and fighter aircraft
- o It also aimed to promote indigenous production and export of air platforms to attract foreign investment.
- o The event is participated by 98 foreign countries and MoUs worth Rs. 75,000 crore are expected to be signed.

*** Static Points:**

- o Defense Minister: Rajnath Singh

97. In February 2023, which state government launched the 'Family ID - One Family One Identity' portal to identify families as a unit for implementing the 'one job per family' proposal?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Gujarat
- E. Uttarakhand

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Uttar Pradesh.

*** Other information:**

- o The Uttar Pradesh government has finally launched the portal for the Family ID - 'One Family One Identity'.
- o Aim: To identify families as a unit for implementing the 'one job per family' proposal.
- o A unique identity will be issued to each family under the One Family One Identity scheme.
- o It will establish a live comprehensive database of family units of the state.
- o This database will be helpful in better management of beneficiary schemes and transparent operation.

*** Static Points:**

o **About Uttar Pradesh:**

- ♣ Founded: 24 January 1950
- ♣ Capital: Lucknow
- ♣ Chief Minister: Yogi Adityanath
- ♣ Governor: Anandiben Patel

98. In February 2023, which state police will be conferred the President's Colour Award for their outstanding service to the nation?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Haryana
- E. Madhya Pradesh

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Haryana.

*** Other information:**

- o Union Home Minister Amit Shah will present the President's Colour Award to Haryana Police on February 14 for their outstanding service to the nation.
- o The state police will be bestowed with the prestigious President's Colour Award during a ceremonial function at the Haryana Police Academy, Madhuban in Karnal.
- o The "President's Colour" is bestowed on any armed forces or a police unit, in recognition of exceptional service rendered to the Nation, both in peace and in war.

*** Static Points:**

*** Haryana:**

- o Capital: Chandigarh
- o Chief minister: Manohar Lal Khattar

o Governor: Bandaru Dattatreya

99.Which of the following team won its fifth Club World Cup title in 2023, held in the Abdellah stadium, Rabat, Morocco?

- A. Real Madrid
- B. Al-Hilal
- C. Al Feiha
- D. Al-Wehda
- E. Flamengo

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Real Madrid.

* **Other information:**

- o Real Madrid won the Club World Cup 2023 for a record-extending fifth time in the final held in the Abdellah stadium, Rabat, Morocco.
- o Real Madrid has defeated Saudi Arabia's Al-Hilal by 5-3.
- o Vinícius Júnior (Brazilian) scored twice and assisted Karim Benzema to lead Real Madrid.
- o Real Madrid last won the tournament in 2014, 2016, 2017, and 2018.
- o Madrid also won three Intercontinental Cups in 1960, 1998, and 2002.

100.In January 2023, who was nominated by the president of USA, Joe Biden for the appointment to the grade of Air Force brigadier general?

- A. Kayla Barron
- B. Matthias Maurer
- C. Anil Menon
- D. Jonny Kim
- E. Raja J. Chari

Answer :- E

Solution :-

- * US President Joe Biden has nominated Indian-American astronaut Raja J. Chari for the appointment to the grade of Air Force brigadier general.
- * His appointment will have to be confirmed by the Senate, which approves all senior civilian and military appointments
- * Currently, he is working as the Crew-3 commander and astronaut at Johnson Space Center, NASA
- * He also served as an Expedition 66 flight engineer aboard the station
- * NASA: National Aeronautics and Space Administration

101. Which of the following countries will host the 15th edition of BRICS summit in late August 2023?

- A. Brazil
- B. Russia
- C. India
- D. China
- E. South Africa

Answer :- E

Solution :-

- * The 15th BRICS summit will be held in Durban, South Africa in August 2023.
- * It was announced by the Russian Foreign Minister, Sergei Lavrov in a joint conference with Foreign Minister of the State of Eritrea Osman Saleh in Massawa, Eritrea.
- * The fifth annual BRICS summit was held in Durban, South Africa in 2013.
- * BRICS: Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.
- * BRIC was founded in 2006 and later, in 2010, South Africa was included and it became BRICS.

102. In January 2023, the third edition of INTERPOL Young Global Police Leaders Programme (YGPLP) was organized in which of the following cities of India between 25th January and 2nd February 2023?

- A. Mumbai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Bangalore
- D. Kolkata
- E. Jaipur

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The 3rd INTERPOL Young Global Police Leaders Programme (YGPLP) is being organized from 25 January to 2 February 2023 in New Delhi, India.

* It was virtually addressed by INTERPOL Secretary General, Jurgen Stock.

* The event was organised by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

* As many as 59 participants from 44 countries are taking part in the programme.

* CBI Director: Subodh Kumar Jaiswal

* INTERPOL Headquarters: Lyon, France

103. In January 2023, who laid the foundation stone for a National Forensic Sciences University at the premises of the University of Agricultural Sciences?

- A. Narendra Singh Tomar
- B. Shobha Karandlaje
- C. Droupadi Murmu
- D. Narendra Modi
- E. Amit Shah

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* HM Amit Shah has laid the foundation stone for a National Forensic Sciences University at the premises of the University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad in Karnataka.

* Aim: It will help to create expert manpower for the country to combat crime and result in the prosecution of criminals.

* He was also part of a road show in Dharwad and addressed a public rally in Belagavi district.

* He had a darshan of God Shambulingeshwara and visit Sri Basavanna Devara mutt in Dharwad.

104.As per the news article, published in January 2023, Asia's second and India's first cable suspension bridge "Bajrang Setu" is being constructed in which of the following states of India?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Bihar
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. Madhya Pradesh

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* Asia's second and country's first cable suspension bridge "Bajrang Setu" is being constructed at Rishikesh, Uttarakhand, and will be completed by July 2023.

* This bridge is coming up next to the famous 90-year-old Laxman Jhula.

* Laxman Jhula was closed in 2022 when it was found that it wasn't safe for pedestrians anymore.

* However, it will not be removed and will be preserved as a heritage.

* The construction of the new bridge would cost Rs 67 crores.

105.In January 2023, Indian government signed an MoU with the South African government to introduce _____ African Cheetahs annually over the next eight to ten year.

- A. 10
- B. 8
- C. 12
- D. 15

E. 9

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* India and South Africa signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to introduce 12 African Cheetahs annually over the next eight to ten year.

* An initial batch of 12 cheetahs will be flown from South Africa to India in February 2023.

* The cats will join eight Cheetah brought to India from Namibia in 2022.

* Aim: To reintroduce cheetah to a former range state is being carried out following the local extinction of this iconic species due to overhunting and loss of habitat

MARCH 2023

1. In March 2023, which of the following sprinters won the double gold in the 100m and 200m race at the AFI Indian Grand Prix 2 in Kerala?

- A. Hima Das
- B. Aishwarya Kailash
- C. Jyothika Sri
- D. Archana Suseendran
- E. Gayathri Sivakumar

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Archana Suseendran.

Other Information:

* Tamil Nadu's Archana Suseendran has clinched two gold medals in 100m and 200m at the AFI Indian Grand Prix 2, held in Kerala on March 27, 2023.

* In the Women's 100m final, she defeated Assam sprinter Hima Das and completed her 100m race in 11.52 seconds.

* While she completed the 200m race in 23.21 seconds.

- * In the Men's 100m race category Sanjeet from Haryana clinched the gold.
- * The AFI Indian Grands Prix 3 and 4 will be held in Bengaluru on April 10 and 15.

2.What is the theme of the second G20 Infrastructure Working Group (IWG) meeting, organized in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh from March 28-29, 2023?

- A. Economic Cities of Tomorrow
- B. Financing Cities of Tomorrow- Inclusive, Resilient, and Sustainable
- C. One Earth, One Family, One Future
- D. Growth and Sustainability
- E. Green Economy, Green Growth

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Financing Cities of Tomorrow: Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable.

Other information:

* The second G20 Infrastructure Working Group (IWG) meeting is being organized in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh from March 28-29, 2023.

* It is being conducted under the theme of Financing Cities of Tomorrow: Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable.

* The conference is attended by 63 representatives of G-20 countries and other invited organizations, ADB and World Bank.

* The first G-20 IWG summit was held in Pune (Maharashtra) under the presidency of India.

3.In March 2023, the Sacred Hopi site was awarded the Water and Heritage Shield 2023 by the International Committee On Monuments and Sites International Science Committee. This site is located in _____.

- A. Nevada
- B. California
- C. Arizona
- D. Florida

E. Pennsylvania

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Arizona.

Other Information:

* A site located in Arizona (United States) and sacred to the Hopi Native American Nation has been awarded a 'Water and Heritage Shield' by the International Committee On Monuments and Sites International Science Committee.

* The Shield was awarded to the Black Mesa Trust (BMT), a Hopi grassroots organization.

* Purpose of Shield: To aware public of the significance of water and indigenous sacred sites all over the world and the right to cultural and historical memory

4. Consider the following statements:

1. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) released a report titled 'Falling Long-Term Growth Prospects: Trends, Expectations, and Policies' on March 27, 2023.

2. Report highlighted that the speed limit of the global economy will be crushed to a three-decade low by 2030.

3. As per the report, the 'sound' investments aligned with climate goals could push up annual potential growth by up to 20 basis points.

Which of the statements above is/are correct?

A. Both 2 and 3

B. Only 1

C. Both 1 and 2

D. Only 2

E. All statements are correct

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Only 2'.

Other information:

* According to the World Bank's report titled 'Falling Long-Term Growth Prospects: Trends, Expectations, and Policies', the global economy's 'speed limit' is on track to crash to a three-decade low by 2030.

* The 'speed limit' refers to the maximum long-term growth rate without sparking inflation concerns.

* At 2.2%, the global average potential GDP growth rate would be sharply lower than the 3.5% recorded in the first decade of the century.

* The report also highlighted that the "sound" investments aligned with climate goals could push up annual potential growth by up to 30 basis points.

* One basis point is one-hundredth of a percentage point.

5. In March 2023, the first G20 Trade and Investment Working Group (TIWG) Meeting under the G20 Presidency of India was organized in _____ from March 28–30, 2023.

- A. Pune
- B. Mumbai
- C. Vishakhapatnam
- D. Kochi
- E. New Delhi

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Mumbai.

Other Information:

* The first G20 Trade and Investment Working Group (TIWG) Meeting under India's G20 Presidency is being organized in Mumbai (Maharashtra) from March 28–30, 2023.

* The event was attended by 100 delegates from G20 member countries, invitee countries, regional groupings, and international organizations.

* On the first day, an International Conference will be held on 'Trade Finance'.

* On the second day, the focus will be on making trade work for growth and prosperity.

6. In March 2023, the government constituted a Committee to monitor the stock of Tur held by entities such as importers, millers, stockists, and traders in close coordination with the state governments under the chairmanship of _____.

- A. Nidhi Khare
- B. Piyush Goyal
- C. Satyender Kumar
- D. Nitin Chugh
- E. K D Singh

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Nidhi Khare.

Other information:

* The Government has constituted a Committee to monitor the stock of Tur held by entities such as importers, millers, stockists, and traders in close coordination with the state governments.

* The decision has come against the backdrop of reports of market players not releasing stocks despite the regular arrival of imports in good quantities.

* The Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary Nidhi Khare.

7. Which of the following Women's cricket teams won the inaugural Women's Premier League final, held at the Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai from 4-26 March 2023?

- A. Delhi Capitals
- B. Gujarat Giants
- C. Mumbai Indians
- D. Royal Challengers Bangalore
- E. UP Warriorz

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Mumbai Indians.

Other information:

* Mumbai Indians have won the inaugural Women's Premier League final, held at the Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai from 4-26 March 2023.

* They defeated Delhi Capitals by 7 wickets.

* Mumbai Indians captain: Harmanpreet Kaur

* **Other highlights:**

o Most valuable player of the tournament: Hayley Matthews

o Orange cap: Meg Lanning

o Purple Cap: Hayley Matthews

o Emerging Player of the season: Yastika Bhatia

o Fairplay award: Mumbai Indians and Delhi Capitals

o Catch of the season: Harmanpreet Kaur

8. Who among the following women cricketers won the Purple Cap at the Women's Premier League 2023, held in Mumbai from 4-26 March 2023?

- A. Meg Lanning
- B. Harmanpreet Kaur
- C. Yastika Bhatia
- D. Sneha Rana
- E. Hayley Matthews

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Hayley Matthews.

Other information:

* Mumbai Indians have won the inaugural Women's Premier League final, held at the Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai from 4-26 March 2023.

* They defeated Delhi Capitals by 7 wickets.

* Mumbai Indians captain: Harmanpreet Kaur

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o Emerging Player of the season: Yastika Bhatia

o Fairplay award: Mumbai Indians and Delhi Capitals

o Catch of the season: Harmanpreet Kaur

9. In March 2023, ISRO successfully launched the LVM 3-M3 satellite with 36 satellites of One Web from the second launch pad of the Satish Dhawan Space Centre Sriharikota. One Web belongs to which of the following countries?

- A. France
- B. United Kingdom
- C. United States of America
- D. Italy
- E. Russia

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is the United Kingdom.

Other information:

* Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched India's Launch Vehicle Mark (LVM) 3 -M3 satellite with 36 satellites of the One Web India-2 mission from the second launch pad of the Satish Dhawan Space Centre Sriharikota.

* With this launch, OneWeb (UK based) will have 616 of its satellites in orbit.

* The 43m-tall launch vehicle has successfully completed the three stages in the prescribed time limit including the involvement of the ignition of the cryogenic engine.

10.Name the NGO, which was awarded the Children's Champion Award 2023 in the health and nutrition category for its work towards special and autistic children?

- A. Goonj
- B. Pratham
- C. HelpAge
- D. Child Rights and You
- E. Students' Welfare Mission

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Students' Welfare Mission.

Other information:

* An NGO from Assam's Pathsala, Students' Welfare Mission, which has been working for special and autistic children, was conferred with the Children's Champion Award 2023.

* The Mission popularly known as Tapoban has been awarded in the health and nutrition category.

* The founder president of the Mission, Kumud Kalita, received the award that carries Rs 75,000, a certificate and a plaque.

* This award was instituted by the Delhi Commission for the Protection of Child Rights.

11.In which category, Indian Women's Boxer, Lovlina Borgohain has won her first gold medal at the Women's World Championships 2023?

- A. 50 Kg
- B. 45 Kg
- C. 85 Kg
- D. 75 Kg
- E. 60 Kg

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 75 Kg.

Other Information:

* Indian Women Boxer, Nikhat Zareen and Lovlina Borgohain have managed to win a gold medal at the Women's World Championships 2023.

* Nikhat Zareen won gold in the 50kg light flyweight division after defeating two-time Asian champion Nguyen Thi Tam of Vietnam by 5-0

* Lovlina Borgohain has secured her first gold at the competition after settling for bronze in the 2018 and 2019 editions.

* She defeated Australia's Caitlin Parker in the 75kg middle-weight category.

12. In March 2023, which of the following institutions organized the first Urban Climate Film Festival under U20 engagement events from 24-26 March 2023?

- A. ASEAN-India Eminent Persons Group
- B. National Institute of Urban Affairs
- C. National Capital Region Planning Board
- D. Delhi Urban Art Commission
- E. All India Center for Urban and Rural Development

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is the National Institute of Urban Affairs.

Other information:

* The first Urban Climate Film Festival under U20 engagement events was organized by the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) from 24-26 March 2023.

* A curated selection of 11 films from nine countries was showcased in the festival to create wider awareness of the impact of climate change on life in cities.

* The festival was organized with support from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, the French Development Agency, and the European Union.

13. In March 2023, the Union Minister for Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav launched the Aravalli Green Wall Project, an initiative to green the _____ buffer area around the Aravalli Hill Range in Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Delhi.

- A. 10 Km
- B. 15 Km
- C. 20 Km
- D. 5 km
- E. 25 Km

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is '5 km'.

Other information:

* Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav launched the Aravalli Green Wall Project, a major initiative to green the 5 km buffer area around the Aravalli Hill Range in four states (Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Delhi).

* He also unveiled the National Action Plan to Combat Desertification and Land Degradation Through Forestry Interventions and a FAQ on Agro-forestry published by the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education.

14. In March 2023, tennis player, Carlos Alcaraz won his maiden 2023 Indian Wells title. With this achievement, what is the current ranking of Carlos Alcaraz?

- A. 2
- B. 1
- C. 3
- D. 5
- E. 4

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct option is 'B'.

Other Information:

* Spanish tennis player, Carlos Alcaraz (19) has won his maiden 2023 Indian Wells title after defeating Russian Daniil Medvedev 6-3, 6-2 in the final.

* With this feat, he has also dethroned Novak Djokovic to reclaim World No.1 spot.

* He also became the youngest world number one ever after his triumph and claimed his third Masters 1000 title.

* He joined Rafael Nadal as the only player to win at least three as a teenager.

* Nadal won six before turning 20.

15.

Consider the following statements regarding World Happiness Report 2023. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. This annual report was published on March 21 on World Happiness Day.
2. The 2023 report was published by UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network.
3. In this report, India ranked 126th position out of 136 countries.
4. While, Afghanistan ranked last in this report.
5. For the sixth time, Finland has topped the report.

Choose the correct code:

- A. 1, 2, 3, and 4 are correct
- B. 1, 2, and 4 are correct
- C. 2, 4, and 5 are correct
- D. Except 1, all of the above statements are correct
- E. Only 5

Answer :- D

Solution :-

Reason:

Statement 1 is Wrong:

* Reason: This annual report was published on March 20 on World Happiness Day.

Other Information:

- According to the World Happiness Report 2023, published by the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network, India ranked 126th based on the various parameters of happiness.
- India's neighboring countries such as Nepal, China, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka have a higher ranking than India.
- Finland tops the ranking for the sixth consecutive year with a score of 7.8 followed by Denmark and Iceland.
- Out of the 137 countries, Afghanistan has ranked last.

16. In March 2023, during the bilateral talks between PM Modi and Japanese PM Fumio Kishida, India and Japan signed agreements. Consider the statement, which of the following is the correct statement?

1. Both countries signed a renewal of the MoC in the Japanese language.
2. They also signed an exchange of notes on a JICA loan for 500 billion Yen on Mumbai-Ahmedabad high-speed railway project.
3. During the meeting, the Japanese PM invited PM Modi to G7 Hiroshima Summit.
4. They also signed MoC in science and technology support.

Choose the correct code:

- A. Only 1
- B. 1, 2, and 3 are correct
- C. Both 1 and 4
- D. Except 3, all of the statements are correct.
- E. Both 1 and 3

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct option is 'E'.

Reason:

Statement 2 is wrong:

* Reason: Both countries signed an exchange of notes on a JICA loan for 300 billion Yen on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad high-speed railway project.

Statement 4 is wrong:

* Reason: No such agreement was signed during the bilateral talks between Indian PM and the Japanese PM in March 2023.

Other information:

* India and Japan signed two documents on the sidelines of the bilateral talks between PM Modi and Japanese PM Fumio Kishida.

*** Agreements:**

- o Renewal of Memorandum of Cooperation in the Japanese language
- o Exchange of notes on JICA loan for 300 billion Yen on Mumbai-Ahmedabad high-speed railway project.
- * During the meeting, Kishida formally invited PM Modi to G7 Hiroshima Summit.
- * PM Modi also urged the Japanese PM to declare 2024 as the year of Youth Exchanges between the two countries.
- * Foreign Secretary: Vinay Mohan Kwatra

17. In March 2023, which of the following cricketers was honoured with the 2022 Christopher Martin-Jenkins Spirit of Cricket Award?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Aasif Sheikh
- C. Kushal Bhurtel
- D. Rohit Paudel
- E. Sandeep Lamichhane

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Aasif Sheikh.

Other Information:

* Nepalese batsman Aasif Sheikh was declared the winner of the 2022 Christopher Martin-Jenkins Spirit of Cricket Award.

* Reason: For his sporting conduct shown in a Men's T20I between Nepal and Ireland in Feb 2022.

* The Award is presented every year by the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), UK in conjunction with the BBC.

* This award was created in 2013 by MCC and the BBC in memory of former MCC President and BBC Test Match Special commentator Christopher Martin-Jenkins (CMJ).

18. In March 2023, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya virtually addressed the Global Conference on Digital Health – Taking Universal Health Coverage to the Last Citizen. This conference was jointly organized by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and _____.

- A. WHO – South-East Asia Region
- B. WHO – Eastern Mediterranean Region
- C. WHO – Western Pacific Region
- D. WHO – AMRO
- E. WHO – AFRO

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is WHO – South-East Asia Region.

Other information:

* Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has virtually addressed the Global Conference on Digital Health – Taking Universal Health Coverage to the Last Citizen.

* This conference is a co-branded event under India's G20 Presidency organized by WHO – South-East Asia Region in collaboration with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

* The Indian government aims to launch a global initiative on digital health as an institutional framework.

19. Who among the following honoured with the title 'Governor of the Year' for 2023 by Central Banking?

- A. Pavel Kallaur
- B. Kareem Michael
- C. Pierre Wunsch
- D. Evariste Sebastian Bonou
- E. Shaktikanta Das

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Shaktikanta Das.

Other information:

* The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor, Shaktikanta Das was awarded the title 'Governor of the Year' for 2023 by Central Banking.

* Reason: For his leadership during difficult periods, such as the failure of a significant non-banking company, COVID-19 pandemic, and the inflationary effects caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine

* He is the second Indian central bank governor, who has received this award.

* Raghuram Rajan was awarded in 2015.

* The National Bank of Ukraine was also awarded the Central Bank of the Year award.

* Central Banking is an international economic research journal.

20. In March 2023, which of the following countries approved the appointment of Eric Garcetti as the next ambassador to India?

- A. Canada
- B. The USA
- C. France
- D. Germany
- E. Switzerland

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is the USA.

Other information:

- * The United States of America (USA) Senate approved the appointment of Eric Garcetti as the next US Ambassador to India.
- * His appointment will now fill in the key diplomatic position that had been vacant for more than two years.
- * His nomination was confirmed via a 52-42 vote, which was pending before the US Congress since July 2021.
- * Kenneth Juster was the last occupant of the ambassadorial residence of the US in New Delhi, who stepped down in January 2021.

21. For which of the following books, Tamil writer Sivasankari was selected for the Saraswati Samman for the year 2022?

- A. Survya Vamsam
- B. En Iniya Iyanthira
- C. Udayar
- D. One Part Woman
- E. Yavana Rani

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- * The correct answer is Survya Vamsam.

Other information:

- * Tamil writer Sivasankari has been selected for Saraswati Samman for the year 2022 for her book Survya Vamsam.
- * This is a book of memoirs in Tamil language and was published in 2019.

* **Saraswati Samman:**

- o It was instituted by the K.K. Birla Foundation in 1991.
- o It is recognized as the most prestigious and the highest literary award in the country.
- o It carries an award money of 15 lakh rupees, a Citation and a Plaque.

22. In March 2023, which of the following space agencies has unveiled a new generation of spacesuit for humanity's return trip to the Moon for its Artemis III mission?

- A. Italian Space Agency (ASI)
- B. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- C. China National Space Administration (CNSA)
- D. European Union Agency for the Space Programme (EUSPA)
- E. Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Other information:

* National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) unveiled a new generation of spacesuit for humanity's return trip to the Moon.

* This spacesuit comes with specialist features to support astronauts as they conduct scientific experiments on the lunar surface.

* The prototype is said to be a better fit for female space travelers.

* NASA hopes to have the updated suit ready for the Artemis III mission to the Moon in 2025.

* A well-fitting suit is crucial to prevent excessive fatigue and at worst, physical harm.

* The existing spacesuits worn by US space travelers have not been fully redesigned since 1981.

23. Who among the following has been appointed as the chairman of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)? (March 2023)

- A. D P Joshi
- B. Prof. (Dr.). Manoj Anand
- C. Deepak Mohanty
- D. Supratim Bandyopadhyay
- E. Arashdeep Singh

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Deepak Mohanty.

Other Information:

* Deepak Mohanty has been appointed as the chairman of Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).

* He replaced Supratim Bandyopadhyay, whose term ended in January 2023.

* Before this, Mohanty was a former executive director of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

* He was appointed PFRDA member (Economic) in August 2020 for a period of three years or till attaining the age of 62 years.

* PFRDA was formed in 2003 to promote and develop the pension industry.

24. In March 2023, the US has recognized which of the following lines as the international boundary and acknowledged Arunachal Pradesh as an integral part of India?

- A. Durand Line
- B. McMahon Line
- C. Line of Actual Control
- D. Radcliffe Line
- E. Line of Control

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is McMahon Line.

Other Information:

* The US has formally recognized the McMahon Line as the international boundary between India's Arunachal Pradesh and China.

* The US has also rejected Beijing's claim that the northeastern state falls under Chinese territory.

* A bipartisan resolution acknowledged Arunachal Pradesh as an integral part of India.

* The resolution, titled 'Reaffirming the state of Arunachal Pradesh as Indian territory and condemning the People's Republic of China's provocations in South Asia'.

25. In a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha, the Union Minister of State (I/C) Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh has informed that the government has allocated a budget of _____ for Gaganyaan mission.

- A. Rs. 8,230 Crore
- B. Rs. 5,121 Crore
- C. Rs. 9,023 Crore
- D. Rs. 11,939 Crore
- E. Rs. 1,408 Crore

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Rs. 9,023 Crore.

Other Information:

* The government has allocated a budget of Rs. 9023 Crore towards achieving the objectives of Gaganyaan mission.

* The scope of Gaganyaan programme is to demonstrate human spaceflight capability to Low Earth Orbit and safe return

* ISRO is also developing indigenous technologies for Human rated launch vehicle, Habitable Crew Module, Life Support System, Crew Escape System, Ground Station Network, Crew Training and Recovery.

* Government has created the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe), as the single window agency.

* Aim: To promote, enable, authorize, and supervise the non-Government entities in Space Sector in India

* It was informed by the Union Minister of State (I/C) Science & Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh in Lok Sabha.

26. In March 2023, which of the following countries is being hosted the third edition of the Sea Dragon exercises from March 15-30, 2023?

- A. USA
- B. Indian
- C. Japan
- D. South Korea
- E. Canada

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is USA.

Other Information:

* The third edition of the Sea Dragon exercises is being started in the USA from March 15-30, 2023.

* It is a coordinated multilateral anti-submarine warfare (ASW) exercise for long-range maritime reconnaissance aircraft.

* In this exercise, Indian Navy participated with its P8I aircraft, which arrived at Guam, USA on 14 March 2023.

* Apart from India, US Navy with P8A, Japan with P1, Canada with CP 140, and South Korea with P3C participated.

27. In which of the following Indian cities, did Minister of Agriculture Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurate the 5-day cultural program "AgriUnifest" to integrate Indian agriculture by connecting various Indian cultures?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Varanasi
- D. Mumbai
- E. Kochi

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Bengaluru.

Other Information:

* Union Minister of Agriculture Narendra Singh Tomar has inaugurated 5-day cultural program "AgriUnifest" in Bengaluru.

* This program was organized by Bangalore Agricultural University in collaboration with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

* It was participated by students from 60 State Agricultural Universities/Deemed Universities/Central Universities have participated.

* Aim: To integrate Indian agriculture by connecting various Indian cultures.

28. Which of the following statements is/are correct about Research, Education, and Training Outreach (REACHOUT) scheme?

1. It is being implemented by the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
2. It is an Umbrella scheme of six sub-schemes.
3. One of the sub-scheme, DESK, was initiated in 2018 to create a large pool of trained and dedicated multidisciplinary Science systems in the country.

Choose the correct code:

- A. Only 1
- B. Both 1 and 2
- C. Only 3
- D. 1, 2 and 3
- E. Both 2 and 3

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct option is 'Both 1 and 2'.

Other information:

* MoS (I/C) Earth Sciences Dr Jitendra Singh has informed in Lok Sabha that REACHOUT is being implemented by the Ministry of Earth Sciences for capacity building.

* REACHOUT refers to Research, Education and Training Outreach.

- * It is an umbrella scheme of the following six sub-schemes:
- * Research and Development in Earth System Science (RDESS)
- * Outreach and awareness
- * Knowledge Resources Center Network (KRCNet).
- * BIMSTEC Centre for Weather and Climate (BCWC)
- * International Training Centre for Operational Oceanography (ITCOcean)
- * Program for development of skilled workforce in Earth system sciences (DESK):
DESK was initiated in 2018 to create a large pool of trained and dedicated multidisciplinary earth system and climate research workforce in the country.

29. In March 2023, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Parshottam Rupala released the 'Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2022'. In this context, which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1) The total milk production during 2021-22 is 221.06 million tonnes in the country.
- 2) The total wool production in the country during 2021-22 declined by 10.30% as compared to the previous year.
- 3) In terms of meat-producing states, Maharashtra tops the list followed by Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, and Andhra Pradesh.

Choose the correct code:

- A. Both 2 and 3
- B. 1, 2, and 3 are correct
- C. Both 1 and 3
- D. Only 3
- E. None is correct

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- * The correct answer is 1, 2, and 3 are correct.

Other information:

* Union Minister Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Parshottam Rupala unveiled the department's annual publication, the 'Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2022'.

* **Highlights:**

* Total milk production in the country during 2021-22 is 221.06 million tonnes.

* The total meat production in the country is 9.29 million tonnes for the year 2021-22 with an annual growth rate of 5.62%.

* The total wool production in the country during 2021-22 is 33.13 thousand tonnes which has decline by 10.30% as compared to previous year.

* **Top 5 Producing States:**

o **Milk:** Rajasthan (15.05%), UP (14.93%), MP (8.06%), Gujarat (7.56%) and Andhra Pradesh (6.97%).

o **Egg:** Andhra Pradesh (20.41%), TN (16.08%), Telangana (12.86%), WB (8.84%) and Karnataka (6.38%)

o **Meat:** Maharashtra (12.25%), Uttar Pradesh (12.14%), West Bengal (11.63%), Andhra Pradesh (11.04%), and Telangana (10.82%)

o **Wool:** Rajasthan (45.91%), Jammu and Kashmir (23.19%), Gujarat (6.12%), Maharashtra (4.78%) and Himachal Pradesh (4.33%)

30. In March 2023, an English translation of the Tamil book Pukkuli, 'Pyre' was selected for the International Booker prize longlist for 2023. This novel was translated by _____.

- A. Aniruddhan Vasudevan
- B. Perumal Murugan
- C. Sharanya Sunderamoorthy
- D. Venkatachalam Rangaswamy
- E. Karthik Rajasekaran

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Aniruddhan Vasudevan.

Other information:

* Tamil writer Perumal Murugan's novel 'Pyre' has been selected for the International Booker prize longlist for 2023.

* This book is a translation of his original Tamil book 'Pukkuli' which tells the story of an inter-caste couple who elope, setting in motion a story of terrifying foreboding.

* Aniruddhan Vasudevan translated this novel into the English language in 2016.

* Each year a novel or short story collection written in any language that is translated into English and published in the UK or Ireland gets a prize worth £50,000, which is split equally between the author and translator.

31. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted the PTO Shaft on LCA Tejas in Bengaluru. In this context, what is the full form of PTO?

- A. Power Take-off
- B. Primary Task-off
- C. Point Target-off
- D. Planning Terminal-off
- E. Paramilitary Tactical-off

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Power Take-off.

Other information:

* DRDO has successfully conducted a flight test of the Power Take Off (PTO) Shaft on Light Combat Aircraft (LCA Tejas) Limited Series Production (LSP)-3 aircraft in Bengaluru.

* The PTO shaft is indigenously designed and developed by the Combat Vehicles Research & Development Establishment (CVRDE), Chennai.

* The PTO shaft is a critical component in the aircraft.

* It supports the requirements of future fighter aircraft and their variants and offers competitive costs.

* It was designed with a unique innovative patented 'Frequency Spanning Technique'.

32. In March 2023, AIM NITI Aayog launched a comprehensive self-monitoring framework to strengthen the ecosystem of Atal Tinkering Labs. In this context, what is the name of this framework?

- A. ATL FRIEND
- B. ALT Mitra
- C. ATL SHakhi
- D. ALT Shiksha
- E. ATL Sarthi

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is ATL Sarthi.

Other information:

* Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) - NITI Aayog launched ATL Sarthi.

* It is a comprehensive self-monitoring framework to strengthen the ecosystem of Atal Tinkering Labs.

* Atal Innovation Mission has established Atal Tinkering Laboratories (ATL) in schools to foster curiosity, creativity, and imagination in young minds.

* ATL Sarthi is a charioteer and will enable the Atal Tinkering Labs to be efficient and effective.

* Mission Director AIM, NITI Aayog: Dr. Chintan Vaishnav

33. Which two personalities have been roped in as the brand ambassadors of the IBA Women's World Championships 2023?

- A. Lovlina Borgohain and Mary Kom
- B. Nikhat Zareen and Priyanka Chopra
- C. Mary Kom and Farhan Akhtar
- D. Mary Kom and Priyanka Chopra
- E. Laishram Sarita Devi and Salman Khan

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Mary Kom and Farhan Akhtar.

Other information:

* The Boxing Federation of India (BFI) appointed legendary boxer MC Mary Kom and actor Farhan Akhtar as the brand ambassadors of the IBA Women's World Championships 2023.

* BFI also unveiled the title sponsor, Mahindra Automotive for the event.

* The championship is scheduled from March 15 to 26 at the Indira Gandhi Sports Complex in New Delhi.

* India is hosting the World Championships for the third time.

* President, Boxing Federation of India: Ajay Singh

34. The 13th edition of Exercise Bold Kurukshetra, a bilateral armour exercise between India and _____ was concluded on March 13, 2023, at Jodhpur Military Station.

- A. The USA
- B. Singapore
- C. Nepal
- D. Sri Lanka
- E. France

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Singapore.

Other information:

* The 13th edition of a bilateral armour exercise, EX-Bold Kurukshetra, between India and Singapore was concluded on March 13, 2023, at Jodhpur Military Station, India.

* The ten-day-long joint training that commenced on March 5, fostered a common understanding of mechanized warfare in emerging threats and evolving technologies.

* It involved soldiers from the 42nd Battalion, Singapore Armoured Regiment and Armoured Brigade of the Indian Army.

35. Which of the following organizations launched the 'Learning Science via Standards' series for students to help them understand the practical applications in manufacturing, functioning, and testing of quality characteristics of different products?

- A. Bureau of Indian Standards
- B. Automotive Research Association of India
- C. Research Design and Standards Organisation
- D. Telecommunications Standards Development Society of India
- E. Telecom Engineering Centre

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is the Bureau of Indian Standards.

Other information:

* The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has launched the 'Learning Science via Standards' series for students.

* Focus: Aimed to use scientific concepts, principles, and laws to help students understand their practical applications in manufacturing, functioning, and testing of quality characteristics of different products

* This series is in a continuum with an earlier BIS initiative under which 'Standards Clubs' are being established in educational institutions.

36. Which of the following AI research companies has unveiled a multimodal large language model, GPT-4, that has better problem-solving capabilities than ChatGPT?

- A. OpenAI
- B. freeCode
- C. Microsoft
- D. Google
- E. Code.org

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is OpenAI.

Other Information:

- * The artificial intelligence research company, OpenAI has unveiled its new and more advanced model called GPT-4.
- * The latest version is more creative and accurate in its response.
- * It has better problem-solving capabilities than ChatGPT (developed by OpenAI).
- * GPT-4 is a large multimodal model, which cannot outperform humans in real-world scenarios but can exhibit “human-level performance on various professional and academic benchmarks.
- * It is a most advanced system which produces safer and more useful responses.

37. In March 2023, which of the following group of navies participated in the third edition multi-lateral maritime exercise La Pérouse 2023 that was organized in the Indian Ocean Region from 13-14 March 2023?

- A. India, South Africa, French, China, and the United States
- B. Indonesia, Australia, French, the United Kingdom, and the United States
- C. India, Canada, French, Oman, and Egypt
- D. French, Japan, India, Australia, and the United States
- E. India, Japan, Australia, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka

Answer :- D

Solution :-

- * The correct answer is French, Japan, India, Australia, and the United States.

Other Information:

- * The third edition multi-lateral maritime exercise La Pérouse 2023 started between the navies of India, Australia, French, Japan, and the United States in the Indian Ocean Region from 13-14 March 2023.
- * It is a biennial exercise, conducted by the French Navy.
- * Aim: To enhance maritime domain awareness and optimize maritime coordination amongst the participating navies in the Indo-Pacific Region
- * India's INS Sahyadri and fleet tanker INS Jyoti participated in this exercise.

38. Union Minister of Railway Ashwini Vaishnaw informed that Asia's first female locomotive pilot operated the Vande Bharat Express on March 13, 2023. Who is she?

- A. Nirupama Rao
- B. Surekha Yadav
- C. Meera Shankar
- D. Kanchan Chaudhary
- E. Smita Sabharwal

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Surekha Yadav.

Other Information:

* Asia's first female locomotive pilot, Surekha Yadav is now operating the Vande Bharat Express.

* She operated Vande Bharat Express from Solapur to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminal (CSMT) in Maharashtra.

* She hails from Stara, Maharashtra, and become the country's first female train driver in 1988.

* She had won many awards at the state and national levels so far for her achievements.

* Union Minister of Railway: Ashwini Vaishnaw

39. In March 2023, which of the following countries signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with India to promote research networking and strengthen cooperation between research institutions from both countries?

- A. The US
- B. France
- C. Japan
- D. Sweden
- E. The UK

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Sweden.

Other Information:

* India and Sweden signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) to strengthen cooperation and promote research networking between research institutions from both countries.

* Aim: To promote mobility funding opportunities in both countries

* It facilitates academic cooperation through mobility activities as well as through seminars, workshops, and conferences.

* This partnership will take forward joint Science and Technology efforts particularly in smart cities, AI, and many more.

40. Minister of State for Jal Shakti, Bishweswar Tudu informed that the Ministry of Jal Shakti had constituted a Committee to identify Water Heritage Structure (WHS). In this context, which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

1. The committee received 421 nominations, out of which 75 water heritage structures (WHS) were identified.
2. Presently, Jal Ministry received 400 crore rupees for the maintenance of these sites.
3. Gujarat has 5 WHS, while Andhra Pradesh has 4 WHS.

Choose the correct code:

- A. Only 1
- B. Both 2 and 3
- C. 1, 2, and 3
- D. Only 3
- E. Only 2

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Only 2.

Other information:

* The Ministry of Jal Shakti had constituted a Committee to identify 75 Water Heritage Structure (WHS) in reference to 75 years of India's Independence.

* A total of 421 nominations were received and out of which, Committee has recommended 75 water heritage structures.

* It includes 5 WHS from Gujarat and 4 WHS from Andhra Pradesh.

* At present, there is no central fund allocated/disbursed for the maintenance of these sites.

* Jal-Itihas, a sub-portal under the India-WRIS portal, showcasing the 75 WHS.

* Note: There is no provision under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 to declare a site as a "Water Heritage Site" under ASI.

41. According to the SIPRI report, released in March 2023, which of the following statements is incorrect?

- A. Russia is the largest arms supplier to India between 2013-15 and 2018-23.
- B. India's arms imports decreased by 11% between 2013-17 and 2018-22
- C. France emerged as the second-largest arms supplier to India followed by the US.
- D. Saudi Arabia is the world's second-largest arms importer from 2018 to 2022.
- E. The United States of America is among the top 10 arms exporters in the world.

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The incorrect statement is 'Russia is the largest arms supplier to India between 2013-15 and 2018-23'.

Other information:

* According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) report, despite an 11% drop in arms import between 2013-17 and 2018-22, India remained the world's largest arms importer from 2018 to 2022 followed by Saudi Arabia.

* Russia was India's largest arms supplier in the periods between 2013-17 and 2018-22.

* But Russia's share of arms imports to India fell from 64 to 45%.

* While France emerged as the second-largest arms supplier to India followed by the US.

* The top 10 arms exporters, in turn, are the US (40%), Russia (16%), France (11%), China (5.2%), Germany (4.2%), Italy (3.8%), UK (3.2%), Spain (2.6%), South Korea (2.4%) and Israel (2.3%). China, incidentally, accounts for 77% of the arms supplies to Pakistan.

42. In March 2023, which of the following state government signed an MoU with the Sweden-India Business Council (SIBC) for providing cooperation in waste to energy, sustainable infrastructure & transportation, defense manufacturing, and investment?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Gujarat
- D. Kerala
- E. Odisha

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Maharashtra.

Other Information:

* Sweden India Business Council (SIBC) has signed an MoU with the Maharashtra government for cooperation in waste to energy, sustainable infrastructure & transportation, defense manufacturing, and investment.

* The MoU was signed between SIBC and Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) in the presence of Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

* Both have also agreed to work together to explore and facilitate funding opportunities.

43. India's RRR movie song 'Naatu Naatu' was awarded the Best Original song award at the _____ Academy Awards. (March 2023)

- A. 94th
- B. 92nd
- C. 93rd
- D. 95th
- E. 96th

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 95th.

Other information:

* RRR's Naatu Naatu has created history by winning the prestigious 95th Academy Awards 2023 in the Best Original song category.

* The music of Naatu Naatu was given by M. M. Keeravani and Lyrics by Chandrabosedouble-dagger.

* While India's The Elephant Whisperers (directed by Kartiki Gonsalves) won the award for Best Documentary Short Subject.

* Best Actress: Michelle Yeoh (Everything Everywhere All at Once)

* Best Actor: Brendan Fraser (The Whale)

* Best Director: Daniel Kwan, Daniel Scheinert (Everything Everywhere All at Once)

* Best Supporting Actress: Jamie Lee Curtis (Everything Everywhere All at Once)

* Best Supporting Actor: Ke Huy Quan (Everything Everywhere All at Once)

* Best Animated Feature Film: "Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio" - Guillermo del Toro, Mark Gustafson, Gary Ungar and Alex Bulkley

* Best Cinematography: All Quiet on the Western Front - James Friend

* Costume Design: Black Panther: Wakanda Forever - Ruth Carter

* Original screenplay: Everything Everywhere All at Once

* Animated Short: The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse

* Live action short: An Irish Goodbye

* Best Animated Feature: Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio

* Best Documentary Feature: Navalny

* Best International Feature: All Quiet on the Western Front (Germany)

* Best Production Design: All Quiet on the Western Front

* Best Visual Effects: Avatar: The Way of Water

44.

Which of the following has won the 95th Academy Awards in Best Documentary Short Subject?

- A. All Quiet on the Western Front
- B. Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio
- C. The Way of Water
- D. War Horse
- E. The Elephant Whisperers

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is The Elephant Whisperers.

Other information:

* RRR's Naatu Naatu has created history by winning the prestigious 95th Academy Awards 2023 in the Best Original song category.

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- * Costume Design: Black Panther: Wakanda Forever - Ruth Carter
- * Original screenplay: Everything Everywhere All at Once
- * Animated Short: The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse
- * Live action short: An Irish Goodbye
- * Best Animated Feature: Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio
- * Best Documentary Feature: Navalny
- * Best International Feature: All Quiet on the Western Front (Germany)
- * Best Production Design: All Quiet on the Western Front
- * Best Visual Effects: Avatar: The Way of Water

45. Who among the following has won the Best Male Actor award at the 95th Academy Awards for his role in 'The Whale'?

- A. Philip Berk
- B. Arnold Vosloo
- C. Brendan Fraser
- D. Darren Aronofsky
- E. Austin Butler

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- * The correct answer is Brendan Fraser.

Other information:

* RRR's Naatu Naatu has created history by winning the prestigious 95th Academy Awards 2023 in the Best Original song category.

* The music of Naatu Naatu was given by M. M. Keeravani and Lyrics by Chandrabosedouble-dagger.

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- * Best Supporting Actor: Ke Huy Quan (Everything Everywhere All at Once)
- * Best Animated Feature Film: "Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio" - Guillermo del Toro, Mark Gustafson, Gary Ungar and Alex Bulkley
- * Best Cinematography: All Quiet on the Western Front - James Friend
- * Costume Design: Black Panther: Wakanda Forever - Ruth Carter
- * Original screenplay: Everything Everywhere All at Once
- * Animated Short: The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse
- * Live action short: An Irish Goodbye
- * Best Animated Feature: Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio
- * Best Documentary Feature: Navalny
- * Best International Feature: All Quiet on the Western Front (Germany)
- * Best Production Design: All Quiet on the Western Front
- * Best Visual Effects: Avatar: The Way of Water

46. Michelle Yeoh was awarded the Best Female Actor award at the 95th Academy Awards for her performance in _____.

- A. The Way of Water
- B. An Irish Goodbye
- C. The Whale
- D. Everything Everywhere All at Once
- E. Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio

Answer :- D

Solution :-

- * The correct answer is Everything Everywhere All at Once.

Other information:

- * RRR's Naatu Naatu has created history by winning the prestigious 95th Academy Awards 2023 in the Best Original song category.
- * The music of Naatu Naatu was given by M. M. Keeravani and Lyrics by Chandrabosedouble-dagger.
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- * Best Documentary Feature: Navalny
- * Best International Feature: All Quiet on the Western Front (Germany)
- * Best Production Design: All Quiet on the Western Front
- * Best Visual Effects: Avatar: The Way of Water

47. What is the theme of the first Supreme Audit Institution 20 (SAI20) Senior Officers Meeting is being organized from 13th -15th March 2023 in Guwahati?

- A. Deepening the Security Engagement
- B. Shaping Future Governments
- C. Blue Economy' and 'Responsible Artificial Intelligence
- D. One Earth · One Family · One Future
- E. Connecting People, Building the Future

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Blue Economy' and 'Responsible Artificial Intelligence.

Other information:

* As part of the G20 summit, the first Supreme Audit Institution 20 (SAI20) Senior Officers Meeting is being organized in Guwahati on March 13 and will continue till March 15, 2023.

* Theme 2023: Blue Economy' and 'Responsible Artificial Intelligence

* Aim: To bring together an ecosystem wherein SAls are active partners in governance, promoting transparency and accountability.

* SAI20 meeting was chaired by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), Girish Chandra Murmu.

* It will be attended by senior representatives of equivalent institutions of G20 countries.

48. In March 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway in Karnataka to the nation. This expressway is _____ km long.

- A. 118
- B. 250
- C. 100
- D. 50
- E. 168

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 118.

Other Information:

- * PM Modi has dedicated the 10-lane and 118-km-long, Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway in Karnataka to the nation.
- * It was constructed at a cost of over 8400 crore rupees.
- * It will reduce the travel time between Bengaluru and Mysuru from three hours to about 75 minutes and boost connectivity and socio-economic growth in Karnataka.
- * He also laid the foundation stone for the Mysuru-Kushalnagar highway.
- * He also inaugurated the World's longest railway platform at Hubballi station.

49. With the reference to the March 2023 news, which of the following Railways Zone achieved 100% electrification of its broad gauge network of 3,825 kilometers in February 2023?

- A. Northern Railway
- B. North Central Railway
- C. North Eastern Railway
- D. Central Railway
- E. Konkan Railway

Answer :- D

Solution :-

- * The correct answer is Central Railway.

Other information:

- * The Central Railway has achieved 100% electrification of its broad gauge network of 3,825 kilometers.
- * The CSMT-headquartered zonal railway informed that the 52-kilometer Ausa Road-Latur Road stretch in the Solapur division was the last non-electrified section and its electrification was completed in March 2023.
- * This move helps in reducing carbon footprints of 5.204 lakh tonnes every year as well as savings of 1670 crore rupees.
- * It will reduce fuel bills and help earn carbon credit.

50. In March 2023, which of the following Indian Cities launched a new initiative called 'beggar-free city' to not allow begging in public places? (March 2023)

- A. New Delhi
- B. Nagpur
- C. Raipur
- D. Mumbai
- E. Bengaluru

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Nagpur.

Other Information:

* A new initiative called 'beggar-free city' has been started in Nagpur, Maharashtra.

* Commissioner of Police of Nagpur City, Amitesh Kumar informed that notification of 144 CrPC has been issued in this regard.

* Notices have been served to people.

* The Nagpur police will strictly enforce this and begging will not be allowed in public places.

* This is the joint venture of Nagpur City police and Nagpur Municipal Corporation's (NMC) social welfare department.

51. In March 2023, which of the following countries signed a pact on increasing private-sector cooperation in the area of semiconductors to facilitate business opportunities and develop an ecosystem with a view to reducing their dependency on China and Taiwan?

- A. United Kingdom
- B. United States of America
- C. Mexico
- D. Italy
- E. Australia

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is the United States of America.

Other Information:

* India and the US inked an initial pact on increasing private-sector cooperation in the area of semiconductors.

* The two countries would facilitate business opportunities and develop an ecosystem with a view to reducing their dependency on China and Taiwan.

* Both sides have agreed to set up a semiconductor sub-committee, led by the Department of Commerce for the US side and MeitY and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for the Indian side.

52. In March 2023, which Indian ministry won the Golden and Silver Star at The International 'Golden City Gate Awards 2023'?

- A. Ministry of Health
- B. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- C. Ministry of Agriculture
- D. Ministry of Tourism
- E. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is the Ministry of Tourism.

Other Information:

* The Ministry of Tourism of India has bagged a Golden & Silver Star at The International 'Golden City Gate Tourism Awards 2023' at ITB, Berlin 2023.

* Category: TV/Cinema Commercials International and Country International

* Arvind Singh, Secretary (Tourism) received awards on 8th March 2023 at ITB, Berlin.

* The Golden City Gate Tourism Multi-media Awards are given annually in various categories related to the Tourism and Hospitality sectors.

Static Point:

* Minister of Tourism: G. Kishan Reddy

53. Who among the following has been named as the head of Citi Commercial Bank (CCB) business in India? (March 2023)

- A. Ashu Khullar
- B. Bhanu Vohra
- C. Rajat Madhok
- D. Tushar Vikram
- E. Ajit Sharma

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Bhanu Vohra.

Other Information:

* Citi group has named Bhanu Vohra as the head of Citi Commercial Bank (CCB) business in India.

* He has replaced Tushar Vikram, who is now the global head of healthcare for CCB.

* He will report to Ashu Khullar (Citi India CEO) and Rajat Madhok (head of Citi Commercial Bank Asia Pacific).

* The Citi Commercial Bank business addresses the banking and financial services requirements of emerging large corporates and mid-market enterprises.

54. In March 2023, the first edition of the WINS Awards 2023 was launched. In this context, which of the following statements is correct?

1. In WINS awards, WINS refers to Women Icons Leading Swachhata.
2. This award was launched by the Ministry of Women & Child Development
3. The invited applications will be considered under the 10 thematic areas.

Choose the correct code:

- A. Only 1
- B. Both 1 and 3
- C. Both 2 and 3
- D. 1, 2, and 3

E. Only 2

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Both 1 and 3'

Other Information:

* The Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri has launched the 'Women Icons Leading Swachhata' (WINS) Awards 2023.

* The WINS Awards 2023 aims to recognize celebrate and disseminate inspiring and exemplary initiatives in urban sanitation and waste management by women-led organizations and individual women.

* The applications are open from 8th March to 5th April 2023.

* Applications for the Awards are open to SHG, Micro-enterprises, NGOs, Startups, and Individual Women Leaders/Swachhata champions.

* Applications will be considered under the thematic areas of:

1. Management of Community/Public Toilets
2. Septic Tanks Cleaning Services
3. Treatment Facilities (Used Water/Septage)
4. Municipal Water collection and /or Transportation
5. Operation of Material Recovery Facilities
6. Waste to Wealth products
7. Treatment Facilities (Solid Waste Management)
8. IEC, Training, Capacity Building
9. Technology and Intervention
10. Others

55. In March 2023, which of the following Space Agencies will work with NASA to launch Multi-Angle Imager for Aerosols (MAIA) mission to investigate the health impacts of air pollution in the world's most populated cities?

- A. ISRO
- B. ASI
- C. CSA
- D. JAXA
- E. CNSA

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is ASI.

Other Information:

* NASA has partnered with the Italian Space Agency ASI (Agenzia Spaziale Italiana) to build and launch MAIA (Multi-Angle Imager for Aerosols) missions.

* Aim: To investigate the health impacts of air pollution in the world's most populated cities.

* MAIA is the first mission of the agency whose primary goal is to benefit societal health.

* It is set to launch before the end of 2024.

* It will consist of the PLATiNO-2 satellite (provided by ASI), and a science instrument (built at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory).

* Epidemiologists and public health researchers will be directly working on the development of a satellite mission.

56. Which of the following football team won Santosh Trophy National Football Championship title 2023 after defeating Meghalaya in the final at the King Fahd International Stadium, Saudi Arabia?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Railways
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Karnataka
- E. Service

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Karnataka.

Other Information:

* Karnataka won its 5th Santosh Trophy National Football Championship title after defeating Meghalaya by 3-2 in the final at the King Fahd International Stadium in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

* Karnataka last won the title 54 years ago.

* Earlier, Services won third place beating Punjab 2-0 in the play-off match held before the final.

* Most successful team: West Bengal (32 titles)

* Santosh Trophy was founded in 1941 and organized by the All India Football Federation (AIFF).

57. In March 2023, the United Nations signed the first 'High Seas Treaty' to protect the ocean bodies of the world that lie outside the national boundaries. In this context, this treaty brings _____ of the world's oceans into the protected domain.

- A. 20%
- B. 10%
- C. 40%
- D. 50%
- E. 30%

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 30%.

Other information:

* The United Nations (UN) has inked the first 'High Seas Treaty' in a bid to protect the ocean bodies of the world that lie outside the national boundaries and form almost two-thirds of the world's oceans.

* The treaty is an outcome of a decade of talks on this environmental concern.

* The last international agreement on ocean protection was signed 40 years ago in 1982 - the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea.

* This treaty now brings 30% of the world's oceans into the protected domain, puts more money into marine conservation, and sets new rules for mining at sea.

58. In March 2023, which of the following Indian Navy Ships has onboarded the first edition of the 2023 Naval Commanders' Conference in the Arabian Sea off Goa?

- A. INS Talwar
- B. INS Satpura
- C. INS Tarkash
- D. INS Vikrant
- E. INS Vagir

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is INS Vikrant.

Other Information:

* The first edition of the 2023 Naval Commanders' Conference has been started on March 6, 2023.

* The first phase of the conference is held onboard India's first indigenous aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant, in the Arabian Sea off Goa.

* Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will address the Naval Commanders onboard INS Vikrant.

* This conference serves as a platform for Naval Commanders to discuss important security issues at the military-strategic level and interact with senior government functionaries.

59. India ranks _____ in the Electoral Democracy Index and _____ in the Liberal Democracy Index (LDI) of the V-dem Democracy report 2023 .

- A. 105th, 97th
- B. 96th, 100th
- C. 57th, 120th
- D. 108th, 97th

E. 97th, 108th

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 108th, 97th.

Other information:

* According to the V-dem Democracy report 2023, India ranks 108th in the Electoral Democracy Index.

* India's ranking dipped from the 100th position in 2022 to 108th this year in the report's Electoral Democracy Index (EDI) while 97th in the Liberal Democracy Index (LDI).

* Denmark ranked first with the highest comprehensive score of 0.89 in the LDI, followed by Sweden, Norway, Switzerland, and Estonia.

* Pakistan slipped two steps lower at 106th in the LDI and 110th in the EDI.

* The Liberal Democracy Index captures both liberal and electoral aspects of democracy based on 71 indicators such as free and fair elections, political and civil rights, and more.

60. According to the National Statistical Office (NSO) report released in March 2023, the per capita income of India has shown a growth of _____ since 2014-15 .

- A. Twofold
- B. Threefold
- C. Fourfold
- D. Fivefold
- E. Sixfold

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Twofold.

Other Information:

* According to National Statistical Office (NSO), the estimated annual per capita (net national income) at current prices for 2022-23 is Rs 1,72,000, showing a growth of around 99% from Rs 86,647 in 2014-15.

* However, after adjusting for inflation (constant prices), the per capita income has risen by approximately 35% from Rs 72,805 in 2014-15 to Rs 98,118 in 2022-23.

* The average growth of India's per-capita income in real terms from 2014 to 2019 was 5.6 percent per annum.

* Conclusion: India's per capita income doubled since 2014-15, but uneven income distribution remains a challenge.

61. What is the theme of the Catch the Rain 2023 campaign, launched by President Droupadi Murmu, to turn the conservation of water into a mass campaign in the run-up to the monsoon season?

- A. Jal hi Jeevan
- B. Source Sustainability for Drinking Water
- C. Swachh Sujal Shakti
- D. Catch the Rain - Where it Falls When it Falls
- E. Jal se Hoga Jeevan

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Source Sustainability for Drinking Water.

Other Information:

* President Droupadi Murmu has launched the 'Catch the Rain-2023' as part of efforts to turn the conservation of water into a mass campaign in the run-up to the monsoon season.

* The theme of the 2023 campaign was 'Source Sustainability for Drinking Water'.

* The president also conferred 18 awards under Swachh Bharat Mission – Grameen, Jal Jeevan Mission, and National Water Mission.

* She has released a compendium of case stories titled 'Swachh Sujal Shakti Ki Abhivyakti'.

62. In March 2023, SWAMIH Investment Fund completed 20,557 homes worth ₹12,000 crore since its inception in 2019. In this context, which of the following statements is/are correct?

- 1) In SWAMIH Investment Fund, SWAMIH refers to Special Window for Affordable and Mid-Income Housing.
 - 2) It is managed by the State Bank Group's SBICAP Ventures Limited.
 - 3) It aims to complete stressed and brownfield properties registered under Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA).
- A. Only 1
B. Only 3
C. Both 1 and 3
D. Only 2
E. All of the above statements

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* All of the above statements are correct.

Other Information:

* The Special Window for Affordable and Mid-Income Housing (SWAMIH) Investment Fund has completed 20,557 homes worth ₹12,000 crore since its inception in 2019.

*** About SWAMIH Investment Fund:**

- o It was launched in November 2019.
- o Aim: To complete stressed and brownfield properties registered under Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA).
- o SWAMIH investment fund is a government-funded initiative and it is managed by the State Bank Group's SBICAP Ventures Limited.
- o The project identifies established developers with a poor track record of stalled projects, NPA accounts, customer complaints even projects with litigation issues along with first-time developers as lenders.

63. In March 2023, the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) prohibited the sale of hallmarked gold jewellery without the _____ alphanumeric hallmark unique identification number (HUID) after March 31, 2023 .

- A. Three-digit
- B. Five-digit
- C. Six-digit
- D. Seven-digit
- E. Four-digit

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Six-digit.

Other Information:

* The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has prohibited sale of hallmarked gold jewellery or gold artefacts without the six-digit alphanumeric hallmark unique identification number (HUID) after March 31, 2023.

* Aim: To protect consumers and enhance their confidence in the purchase of hallmarked gold jewellery.

* It would ensure traceability and assure quality in gold jewellery.

* The six-digit HUID number was introduced on July 1, 2021.

APRIL 2023

1. Who among the following has been appointed by the Adani Group as the Executive Chairman of the Haifa Port Company?

- A. Arun Kumar
- B. Yarin Argon
- C. Ron Malka
- D. Yifat Alon
- E. Michal Frank

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Ron Malka.

Other information:

* Adani Group has appointed the former envoy of Israel to India, Ron Malka as the Executive Chairman of the Haifa Port Company.

* He served as the ambassador of Israel to India from 2018-2021.

* It is the second-largest port in Israel in terms of shipping containers.

* The Adani Group officially took over this port in January 2023.

* Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone and Israel's Gadot Group won the tender in July 2022 to privatize the Port of Haifa for USD 1.18 billion.

2. Who among the following has been appointed as the new vice chief of naval staff, effective from April 2, 2023?

- A. Sanjay Jasjit Singh
- B. SN Ghormade
- C. R. Hari Kumar
- D. S. M. Nanda
- E. Sourendra Nath Kohli

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Sanjay Jasjit Singh.

Other information:

* Vice Admiral, Sanjay Jasjit Singh assumed the charge of the vice chief of naval staff on April 2, 2023.

* He succeeded Vice Admiral SN Ghormade who retired after over 39 years of service.

* He is a graduate of the National Defence Academy, Pune, and was commissioned in 1986 in the executive branch of the Indian Navy.

* In his career, he has served on most classes of ships of the Indian Navy and has held a range of command, training, and staff appointments.

3. Which of the following countries has become the 31st member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)?

- A. Sweden
- B. Turkey
- C. Finland
- D. The Netherlands
- E. Denmark

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Finland.

Other information:

* The Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Jens Stoltenberg has informed that Finland has become the 31st member of the alliance.

* Turkey's approval has allowed the extension of NATO.

* Finland shares a long border (over 1,300 kilometers) with Russia, and its decision to join NATO was prompted by security concerns following Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022.

* However, Turkey and Hungary have declined Sweden's application to join NATO.

Static Points:

* In 1949, there were 12 founding members of the Alliance: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom and the United States.

* Article 10 of the North Atlantic Treaty sets out how countries can join the Alliance.

4. Salim Durani, who passed away at 88, was associated with which of the following sports?

- A. Tennis
- B. Shot-Put
- C. Wrestling
- D. Cricket

E. Boxing

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Cricket.

Other information:

* Former India all-rounder Salim Durani passed away at the age of 88 in Jamnagar, Gujarat.

* He played 29 Tests for India from 1960 to 1973, scoring 1,202 runs at an average of 25.04, with one century (104 against West Indies in 1962) and seven fifties.

* He was a left-arm spinner and claimed 75 wickets at 35.42 apiece.

* In first-class cricket, he played for Saurashtra, Gujarat, and Rajasthan.

* He was born in Kabul (Afghanistan) in 1934 and was raised in Jamnagar.

5. In April 2023, Anjali Sharma conquered Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa, is associated with which of the following Indian states?

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Sikkim
- D. Arunachal Pradesh
- E. Tripura

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Himachal Pradesh.

Other information:

* Anjali Sharma of Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh has conquered Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa, wearing Luanchari.

* She is working to promote Gaddi culture on the peaks of the mountains.

- * Lunachari is a traditional dress of Himachal Pradesh.
- * Mount Kilimanjaro (5,895 meters) is the tallest mountain in Africa and the world's largest free-standing mountain.
- * It has three main volcanic peaks namely Kibo, Mawenzi, and Shira.

6. In April 2023, which of the following countries invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a guest at the annual Bastille Day parade, which will be held in July 2023?

- A. Finland
- B. Argentina
- C. France
- D. Angola
- E. Fiji

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- * The correct answer is France.

Other information:

- * France has invited PM Narendra Modi to visit Paris as a guest at the annual Bastille Day parade, which will be held in July 2023.
- * The PM and French President Emmanuel Macron are expected to discuss several major agreements including those on the Indo-Pacific region, nuclear power, and defense, as the two countries mark the 25th year of their strategic partnership.
- * Earlier, Manmohan Singh was invited as the Bastille Day parade guest in 2009.

7. In April 2023, the state government, under its flagship scheme named KALIA, released Rs 877 crore to 43 lakh farmers through direct benefit transfer (DBT) mode. In this context, this scheme is a flagship scheme of which of the following state?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Telangana
- C. Odisha
- D. Kerala
- E. Tamil Nadu

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Odisha.

Other information:

* The Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik has released Rs 877 crore to 43 lakh farmers through direct benefit transfer (DBT) mode on the occasion of Utkal Divas.

* The state government has extended another round of funds to Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA) for undertaking the Kharif operation.

* About KALIA scheme:

o It was launched in December 2018.

o Aim: To reduce poverty and accelerate agricultural prosperity.

8. In April 2023, along with NASA, Canadian Space Agency (CSA) selected four crew members for Artemis II mission 2024. In this context, which of the following is not a crew member for this mission?

- A. Victor Glover
- B. Sunita Williams
- C. Reid Wiseman
- D. Christina Koch
- E. Jeremy Hansen

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Sunita Williams.

Other information:

* The American Space Agency, NASA has selected the first woman astronaut, Christina Koch for its Artemis II mission.

* Other crew members: Victor Glover (First Black Astronaut) and Reid Wiseman of NASA, and Jeremy Hansen of the Canadian Space Agency (CSA).

* It will involve a fly-by of the moon and a 10-day journey back to Earth.

* It is part of NASA's Artemis program, which aims to land the first woman and the next man on the moon by 2024.

9. In April 2023, which of the following countries has launched a 'Golden Licence' initiative to incentivize investments and job creation?

- A. Oman
- B. UAE
- C. Bahrain
- D. Turkey
- E. South Korea

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Bahrain'.

Other information:

* Bahrain's government has launched a new initiative called 'Golden Licence' to incentivize investments and the creation of jobs.

* This initiative was introduced by Bahrain's Cabinet, chaired by Bahrain's Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

* It is designed to provide streamlined services and benefits to local and foreign businesses with large-scale investment projects in Bahrain.

* Companies with significant strategic projects and investments exceeding US\$50 million or those creating more than 500 jobs in Bahrain will be eligible for the Licence.

* Benefits: Prioritized land allocation for investments, infrastructure services, utilities, and streamlined access to government services like business licensing and building permit approval, as well as support from Tamkeen and Bahrain Development Bank

10. In April 2023, Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck arrived in India for a two-day visit to hold discussions on various matters. He is the king of which country?

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Bhutan
- C. Indonesia
- D. Zambia

E. The Netherlands

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Bhutan'.

Other Information:

* Bhutan king Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck arrived in India for a two-day visit and was received by EAM S Jaishankar in New Delhi.

* Both countries will discuss on hydro-power cooperation, economic and trade partnership, space cooperation, scholarships, youth-centric and STEM-based initiatives, and the establishment of digital infrastructure matters.

* The defense and security ties between the two countries have seen significant growth in the last few years.

11. Who among the following has won the Men's and Women's singles titles, respectively, at the 2023 Spain Masters?

- A. Kenta Nishimoto and Gregoria Mariska Tunjung
- B. He Jiting and PV Sindhu
- C. Zhou Haodong and Carolina Marín
- D. Mathias Christiansen and Busanan Ongbamrungphan
- E. S Kidambi and Nozomi Okuhara

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Kenta Nishimoto and Gregoria Mariska Tunjung'.

Other Information:

* Gregoria Mariska Tunjung from Indonesia has clinched the Women's title in the 2023 Spain Masters, held in Madrid, Spain from 28 March-2 April 2023.

* She defeated Indian Badminton player, PV Sindhu.

* While Japanese badminton player, Kenta Nishimoto won the men's title.

*** Other winners:**

- o Men's doubles: He Jiting and Zhou Haodong (China)
- o Women's doubles: Liu Shengshu and Tan Ning (China)
- o Mixed doubles: Mathias Christiansen and Alexandra Bøje (Denmark)

12. In April 2023, who among the following F1 driver won the Australian Grand Prix 2023 held at Melbourne Grand Prix Circuit?

- A. L. Hamilton
- B. F. Alonso
- C. L. Stroll
- D. M. Verstappen
- E. S. Pérez

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'M. Verstappen'.

Other information:

* Red Bull's driver, Max Verstappen, won his first Australian Grand Prix, held at Melbourne Grand Prix Circuit, Australia.

* While Seven-time world champion, L. Hamilton (Mercedes driver) finished second followed by F. Alonso (Aston Martin) and L. Stroll (Aston Martin).

* The Australian Grand Prix is a motor race held annually in Australia since 1928.

* The next F1 Azerbaijan GP will be held in Baku City Circuit, Azerbaijan on April 30, 2023.

13. In April 2023, who among the following has taken charge as the 40th president of the FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO)?

- A. Jayanti Dalmia
- B. Joyshree Das Verma
- C. Sudha Shivkumar
- D. Poonam Mahajan

E. Pooja Chauhan

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Sudha Shivkumar'.

Other information:

* Chennai-based Sudha Shivkumar has assumed the charge as the 40th president of FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) at the 39th annual session.

* FLO is the oldest women-led and women-centric business chamber in Southeast Asia.

* She is a lawyer and investment banker by profession and presently serving as a director at auto ancillaries.

* She was the Chairperson of the FLO Chennai Chapter in 2016-17.

* FLO is the women's wing of the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

14. In April 2023, Indian Air Force (IAF) and US Air Force (USAF) jointly conducted an exercise 'Cope India' at Kalaikunda airbase in West Bengal. In this context, which of the following countries joined this exercise as an "observer"?

- A. South Korea
- B. Japan
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Canada
- E. Australia

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Japan.

Other Information:

* The Indian Air Force (IAF) and the US Air Force (USAF) started the joint exercise 'Cope India' at Kalaikunda airbase in West Bengal from April 10 to 21, 2023.

* This exercise will enhance operational capability and interoperability between the two air forces.

* While Japan, significantly, will also join as an “observer” in the exercise and witness “air combat and mobility elements” operating from multiple air bases like Kalaikunda, Panagarh, Agra, and Hindon.

15. According to a report, published by IEEFA and MK Research and Analytics, India would become the world’s second-largest solar photovoltaic manufacturer by _____.

- A. 2025
- B. 2027
- C. 2028
- D. 2026
- E. 2029

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 2026.

Other information:

* According to the new joint report from the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) and JMK Research and Analytics, India could become the world’s second-largest solar photovoltaic manufacturer by 2026, after China.

* India’s cumulative module manufacturing nameplate capacity more than doubled from 18GW in March 2022 to 38GW in March 2023.

* In terms of upcoming PV manufacturing installations, Gujarat would be the leading state in India.

16. In April 2023, a bilateral air exercise named Cope India-23, was organized between India and _____ on April 10, 2023, at the Air Force Stations Arjan Singh (Panagarh), Kalaikunda, and Agra?

- A. Japan
- B. South Korea
- C. France
- D. The USA

E. Germany

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'The USA'.

Other information:

* A bilateral air exercise between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the United States Air Force (USAF) named Cope India 23 is being started on April 10, 2023.

* It is being held at Air Force Stations Arjan Singh (Panagarh), Kalaikunda, and Agra.

* Aim: To enhance mutual understanding between the two Air Forces and share their best practices

* This exercise was started in 2004 as a fighter training exercise held at Air Station Gwalior, India.

17. Consider the statements:

1. In April 2023, Union Minister of Power, RK Singh released the State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) report 2021-22

2. This report has classified Indian states into three categories i.e. Achiever, Contender, and Aspirant.

3. Achiever category is topped by the four Indian states i.e. Assam, Haryana, Maharashtra, and Punjab

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Both 1 and 2
- C. Only 2
- D. Both 1 and 3
- E. Only 3

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is 'Both 1 and 3'.

Statement 2 is incorrect:

* Reason: States have been classified into four categories: Front runner, Achiever, Contender, and Aspirant.

Other information:

* According to the State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) report 2021-22, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan, and Telangana are the front-runners in the SEEI 2021-22.

* This report was released by Power Minister R. K. Singh in New Delhi.

* Achiever category (score between 50-60): Assam, Haryana, Maharashtra, and Punjab

* Based on their efforts and achievements, states have been classified into four categories: Front runner, Achiever, Contender, and Aspirant.

* This report consists of 50 indicators spanning 7 sectors – buildings, industry, municipal services, transport, agriculture, DISCOMs, and cross-sector.

18. Which of the following pairs is/are incorrect?

1. Trinamool Congress (TMC) - National Party
2. Lok Janshakti Party - State Party of Nagaland
3. Aam Aadmi Party - National Party and State Party in the NCT of Delhi
4. Tipra Motha Party - State party in Tripura

Choose the code:

- A. Only 1
- B. Both 1 and 3
- C. Only 2
- D. Only 4
- E. 2, 3 and 4

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct option is 'Only 1'.

Other information:

* The Election Commission of India (ECI) has granted the national party status to Arvind Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP).

* AAP was recognized as a state party in the NCT of Delhi.

* While ECI has withdrawn the national party status of the Trinamool Congress (TMC) and Communist Party of India (CPI).

* Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) has received recognition as a state party in Nagaland.

* Tipra Motha Party got recognition as a state party in Tripura.

19. Naresh Gupta, who passed away, served as a Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) in which of the following Indian states between 1998 and 2000, and 2005 and 2010?

- A. Punjab
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Kerala
- D. Tamil Nadu
- E. Madhya Pradesh

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Tamil Nadu'.

Other Information:

* A former IAS officer and Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Naresh Gupta passed away at 72 after a prolonged illness.

* He was the CEO during the DMK regime between 1998 and 2000. Subsequently, late chief minister J Jayalalithaa appointed him as home secretary.

* He served as the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Tamil Nadu between 1998 and 2000, and between 2005 and 2010.

20. In April 2023, which of the following Indian institutions has signed an MoU with the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) to build a robust touchless biometric capture system for easier usage by people anytime, anywhere?

- A. IIT Madras
- B. IIT Delhi
- C. NIT, Trichy
- D. IIT Kanpur
- E. IIT Bombay

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'IIT Bombay'.

Other information:

* Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has joined hands with the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (IIT-Bombay) to develop a robust touchless biometric capture system.

* They will carry out joint research to build a mobile capture system for fingerprints along with a liveness model integrated with the capture system.

* The touchless biometric capture system will allow fingerprint authentication from home alike face authentication.

21. During the visit to Kampala the capital city of Uganda, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar launched the 'Tulsi Ghat Restoration Project' of _____.

- A. Madurai
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Varanasi
- D. Mysore
- E. Pattadakal

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Varanasi'.

Other information:

* During External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's visit to Kampala (Uganda), he has launched the 'Tulsi Ghat Restoration Project' of Varanasi.

* He has appreciated the initiatives of Overseas Friends of BJP-Uganda's initiative to contribute to further beautifying the oldest living city in the world.

* He has also discussed cooperation in trade and investment, infrastructure, energy, defense, health, digital and agricultural domains.

* Uganda was endorsed to chair the Non-Aligned Movement on behalf of Africa for the period from 2022 to 2025.

22. In April 2023, which of the following countries has fined Google \$32 million for blocking its rival from releasing video games?

- A. Japan
- B. South Korea
- C. India
- D. Malaysia
- E. Singapore

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'South Korea'.

Other information:

* The Anti-trust regulator of South Korea has fined Alphabet Inc.'s Google 42.1 billion won (\$32 million) for blocking its rival from releasing video games.

* Korea's Fair Trade Commission informed that Google is using its clout in the mobile app market to squeeze out a rival.

* The Korean regulator has ordered Google LLC, Google Korea, and Google Asia Pacific to cease offering support to mobile game companies in exchange for promises of exclusivity.

23. In April 2023, Union Minister of Law, Justice, and Parliamentary Affairs, Kiren Rijju has launched the first edition of _____ version of the Constitution of India at the University of Jammu.

- A. Sindhi
- B. Malayalam
- C. Kannada
- D. Maithili
- E. Dogri

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Dogri'.

Other information:

* Union Minister of Law, Justice, and Parliamentary Affairs, Kiren Rijju has released the first edition of the Dogri version of the Constitution of India at the University of Jammu.

* During the event, he informed that the government is digitizing about 65,000 words of the legal glossary to frame a core vocabulary for the understanding of all citizens.

* **About Dogri Language:**

- o It is one of the 22 official languages of India.
- o It is widely spoken in the Jammu region of J&K, India.

24. In April 2023, which of the following cricket players has become the quickest batter to reach the 6000-run mark in the Indian Premier League (IPL)?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Marcus Stoinis
- C. Shikhar Dhawan
- D. David Warner
- E. Rinku Singh

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'David Warner'.

Other information:

* Delhi Capitals skipper, David Warner became the quickest batter to reach the 6000-run mark in the Indian Premier League (IPL) during a match against Rajasthan Royals at the Barsapara Stadium in Guwahati.

* He is the third batter to enter the elite club after Royal Challengers Bangalore's Virat Kohli and skipper of Punjab Kings, Shikhar Dhawan.

* He took 165 innings to reach the mark of 6000 runs, while Kohli had taken 188 and Dhawan 199 to achieve the same.

25. On April 12, 2023, PM Narendra Modi flagged off the first Vande Bharat Express train of Rajasthan, which operates between Ajmer and _____.

- A. Lucknow
- B. Delhi Cantt
- C. Varanasi
- D. Hisar
- E. Ahmedabad

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Delhi Cantt'.

Other Information:

* PM Narendra Modi has flagged off Rajasthan's first Vande Bharat Express train on April 12, 2023.

* It is the world's first semi-high-speed passenger train on high-rise overhead electric (OHE) territory.

* It will make its inaugural journey between Jaipur and Delhi Cantt railway stations.

* It will operate between Ajmer and Delhi Cantt, with stops at Jaipur, Alwar, and Gurgaon.

* It will complete the Ajmer-Delhi Cantt journey in 5 hours and 15 minutes, while the Shatabdi Express takes 6 hours and 15 minutes to complete the same.

26. In April 2023, which of the following countries has organized a three-day International Conference on Defence Finance and Economics for sharing their insights on Defence Finance and Economics for evolving security challenges?

- A. The UK
- B. France
- C. India
- D. Australia
- E. Kenya

Answer :- C

Solution :- .

* The correct answer is 'India'.

Other information:

* Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated a three-day International Conference on Defence Finance and Economics in New Delhi on April 12, 2023.

* Through this platform, policymakers, academicians and government officials can share their insights and experiences on Defence Finance and Economics for evolving security challenges.

* Delegates from the USA, UK, Japan, Australia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Kenya will participate in the conference.

27. In which of the following women's categories Indian wrestler Nisha Dahiya has secured the silver medal at the Asian wrestling championships 2023, held in Astana, Kazakhstan?

- A. 45 Kg
- B. 68 Kg
- C. 76 Kg
- D. 75 Kg
- E. 80 Kg

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 68 kg.

Other information:

- * India wrestler, Nisha Dahiya has secured the silver medal in the women's 68kg category at the Asian wrestling championships 2023, held in Astana, Kazakhstan.
- * She reached the final but fell to Japan's Ami Ishii 10-0 and finished as a runner-up.
- * She had defeated China's Feng Zhou 7-6 in the semi-finals.
- * Another Indian wrestler, Priya Malik clinched a bronze in 76 kg category after defeating Japan's Mizuki Nagashima.

28. What is the name of the campaign, which was started by the messaging app, WhatsApp to highlight the importance of several safety-centric features like 'Block and Report,' 'Two-Step Verification,' and 'Privacy and group settings?'

- A. We Create Awareness
- B. Stay Safe with WhatsApp
- C. Let's Make Aware Ourselves
- D. We, WhatsApp and Safety
- E. Aware Ourselves with WhatsApp

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- * The correct answer is 'Stay Safe with WhatsApp'.

Other information:

- * WhatsApp has launched a new campaign named 'Stay Safe with WhatsApp' to highlight the several safety features that are pre-built on the messaging app.
- * It will run for three months with a focus on several safety-centric features like 'Block and Report,' 'Two-Step Verification,' and 'Privacy and group settings.'
- * The campaign highlights why it is important to add two-step verification to WhatsApp, which requires a 6-digit pin and an OTP to authenticate a user.

29. In April 2023, Keshub Mahindra, who passed away at 99, was a former chairman of which of the following companies?

- A. Goenka Group
- B. TATA Group
- C. Raymond
- D. Mahindra & Mahindra Group
- E. Maruti Suzuki

Answer :- D

Solution :- .

* The correct answer is 'Mahindra & Mahindra Group'.

Other Information:

* The former chairman of the Mahindra & Mahindra Group of companies, Keshub Mahindra passed away at 99 in Mumbai.

* He served as chairman of the conglomerate from 1963 to 2012.

* He joined the Board of the company in 1948 and was elected chairman in 1963.

* He was awarded Chevalier de l'Ordre National de la Legion d'honneur by the French Government in 1987.

* He re-entered the Forbes list of India's Richest Billionaires for 2023 with a net worth of \$1.2 billion.

30. Which of the following countries will launch its first commercial-grade satellite with a domestically built rocket as part of its space development program in May 2023?

- A. South Korea
- B. Japan
- C. Oman
- D. Israel
- E. Italy

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'South Korea'.

Other information:

- * South Korea is planning to conduct its first launch of a commercial-grade satellite aboard a domestically built rocket as part of its space development program.
- * It will blast off from the space launch center on a southern island in May 2023.
- * It will carry one main satellite 'Next Generation Small Satellite 2' and seven other smaller cube-shaped satellites.
- * The main satellite will verify imaging radar technology and observe cosmic radiation in near-Earth orbit.

31. Who among the following has been appointed as the Chief Justice of Tripura High Court? (April 2023)

- A. T. Amarnath Goud
- B. Ashutosh Pandey
- C. Aparesh Kumar Singh
- D. Hrishikesh Chakrabarti
- E. Prakash Kumar

Answer :- C

Solution :- .

- * The correct answer is Aparesh Kumar Singh.

Other information:

- * The Ministry of Law and Justice has notified the elevation of Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh as Chief Justice of Tripura High Court.
- * He was appointed as an Additional Judge of the High Court of Jharkhand on 24th January 2012 and confirmed as a permanent Judge on 16th January 2014.
- * He has also served as the Acting Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court from the 20th of December, 2022 to the 19th of February, 2023.

32. In April 2023, who among the following was honored with the Central University of Kerala's first Honorary Doctorate Degree at Sabarmati Hall, Periya Campus?

- A. PV Sindhu
- B. Saina Nehwal
- C. Sania Mirza

- D. PT Usha
- E. Karnam Malleswari

Answer :- D

Solution :- .

* The correct answer is 'PT Usha'.

Other information:

* Retired Indian track and field athlete, PT Usha has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree by the Central University of Kerala at Sabarmati Hall, Periya Campus.

* She was conferred by Vice Chancellor Prof. H. Venkateshwarlu.

* She has won 33 medals including 19 gold in the Asian Games and Asian Championship.

* She was the first Indian athlete to win medals in four consecutive Asian Games and also won six medals including five gold in the Jakarta Asian Athletic Meet in 1985.

33. In which categories did Indian wrestler Aman Sehrawat win India's first gold medal at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2023 in Astana, Kazakhstan?

- A. 57 kg freestyle
- B. 60 kg Greco-Roman
- C. 74 kg freestyle
- D. 65 kg Greco-Roman
- E. 92 kg freestyle

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is '57 kg freestyle'.

Other information:

* Indian wrestler, Aman Sehrawat won India's first gold medal in men's 57 kg freestyle category at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2023, held in Astana, Kazakhstan.

* He defeated Kyrgyzstan's Almaz Smanbekov 9-4.

* Among the other Indian wrestlers, Deepak (79kg) won bronze while Deepak Nehra (97kg) lost his bronze medal match.

* The Greco-Roman wrestlers won four medals while the women's wrestlers bagged seven.

34. In April 2023, a multinational international Exercise Orion-23 is being organized in which of the following countries from 17 April to 5 May 2023?

- A. Germany
- B. France
- C. The USA
- D. Spain
- E. India

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'France'.

Other Information:

* An Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent is participating in the multinational international Exercise Orion, organized at Mont-de-Marsan in France from 17 April to 5 May 2023.

* The IAF Contingent is joining the exercise with four Rafale, two C-17, two Il-78 aircraft, and 165 air warriors.

* It would be the first overseas exercise for the IAF's Rafale aircraft.

* Other participants: France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Spain, and the United States of America.

35. In April 2023, the government of India signed an MoU with the UN World Food Programme (WFP) for sending 10,000 metric tonnes of _____ to the people of Afghanistan.

- A. Rice
- B. Sorghum
- C. Millets
- D. Wheat

E. Barley

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Wheat.

Other information:

* The Indian government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the World Food Programme (WFP) for sending 10,000 metric tonnes of wheat to the people of Afghanistan.

* The MoU was signed between the Ministry of External Affairs and the United Nations WFP.

* This MoU marks the fifth tranche, to be shipped through the Chabahar Port in Iran, of humanitarian food assistance that India committed in 2020.

* In 2022, India has contributed 40,000 metric tons of wheat.

36. Consider the statements

1. The Tamil Nadu government has set up a 7-member committee to recommend measures for the effective administration of the homes functioning as per the Juvenile Justice.
2. This committee was set up under the chairmanship of retired Madras High Court judge K. Chandru.
3. The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 was introduced by Maneka Gandhi.

Which of the statements above is correct?

- A. Only 2
- B. Only 1
- C. Both 2 and 3
- D. 1, 2 and 3
- E. Only 3

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Both 2 and 3'.

Statement 1 is incorrect:

* Reason: The Tamil Nadu government has set up a one-man committee to recommend measures for the effective administration of the homes functioning as per the Juvenile Justice.

Other information:

* The Tamil Nadu government has formed a one-man committee to recommend measures for the effective administration of the homes functioning as per the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act of 2015.

* Headed by: Retired Madras High Court judge K. Chandru

* The committee will look into various aspects including infrastructure, health, and medical facilities, and the qualification of staff.

* The committee will also provide recommendations to the government for improvement.

* The period of the committee will be for four months and extendable up to six months.

* The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 was introduced by Maneka Gandhi.

37. Name two Indians, that were listed in the 100 Most Influential People of 2023, published by TIME Magazine in April 2023?

- A. Deepika Padukone and Priyanka Chopra
- B. Isha Ambani and Priyanka Chopra
- C. S.S. Rajamouli and Shahrukh Khan
- D. Priyanka Chopra and Alia Bhatt
- E. Shahrukh Khan and Mukesh Ambani

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'S.S. Rajamouli and Shahrukh Khan.'

Other information:

* TIME Magazine has published a list of the 100 Most Influential People of 2023, which includes Jennifer Coolidge (Actor), Doja Cat (Recording Artist), Bob Iger (CEO of The Walt Disney Company), Salman Rushdie (Writer), and Michael B. Jordan (Actor).

* There is no particular order to the rankings.

* Six categories: Artists, Icons, Pioneers, Leaders, Titans, and Innovators

* Indian Actor Shahrukh Khan and Indian Director S.S. Rajamouli were listed in Icon and Pioneer categories, respectively.

38. According to the CMIE, India's employment rate has improved to _____ in March 2023 from 36.6% in December 2022.

- A. 36.9%
- B. 37.1%
- C. 37.3%
- D. 37.2%
- E. 38.2%

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is '36.9%'.

Other information:

* According to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), India's labor market has witnessed an improvement with over 15 million people entering the workforce in the last three quarters.

* The country's employment rate increased to 36.9% in March 2023 from 36.6% in December 2022.

* The labor participation rate (LPR) declined from 40.5% in December to 39.8% in March 2023.

* While the unemployment rate saw a small decrease from 8.3% to 7.8% during this period.

39. Who among the following has assumed the charge as the Controller of Personnel Services Indian Navy on April 17, 2023?

- A. Atul Anand
- B. Arti Sarin
- C. M. A . Hampiholi
- D. Krishna Swaminathan
- E. Sanjay Jasjit Singh

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Krishna Swaminathan'.

Other information:

* Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan assumed charge as Controller of Personnel Services on April 17, 2023.

* He was commissioned into the Indian Navy on July 1, 1987, and is a specialist in Communication and Electronic Warfare.

* Earlier, he served as the Chief of Staff of the Western Naval Command, Flag Officer Defence Advisory Group, and Flag Officer Sea Training.

* He was the second Commanding Officer of the aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya.

40. In April 2023, who among the following has been appointed as New York's first Black chief judge by the New York Senate?

- A. Caitlin Halligan
- B. Rowan Wilson
- C. Antonio Delgado
- D. Shirley Troutman
- E. Eric Adams

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Rowan Wilson'.

Other information:

* The New York Senate has confirmed Judge Rowan Wilson (62) as the new chief judge of the Court of Appeals, the state's highest court.

* He is also New York's first Black chief judge.

* He was appointed by the 57th governor of New York, Kathy Hochul.

* Since 2017, he has been an associate judge of the Court of Appeals, New York's highest court.

* He studied at Harvard College, and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1984.

41. Consider the following statements:

1. In the 48th meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), chaired by Director General, G Asok Kumar, approved Eight projects worth ₹638 crore.

2. The projects were related to cleaning River Hindon, 7 ghat development in UP, ghat development in Haridwar, and sewage system in Bihar and Madhya Pradesh.

3. NMCG was registered as a society under the Societies Registration Act 1860.

Which of the statements above is/are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Both 1 and 3
- D. 1, 2, and 3
- E. Only 3

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is '1, 2, and 3'.

Other information:

* Eight projects worth ₹638 crore (approx) were approved in the 48th meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG).

* Chaired by: Director General, G Asok Kumar

- * In an initiative to clean River Hindon, four projects worth Rs 407.39 crore were approved for pollution abatement in the Shamli district.
- * As part of preparations for the Mahakumbh in Prayagraj in 2025, one project for the development of seven ghats was approved.
- * Sewerage management project in Bihar and Madhya Pradesh was approved.
- * The project for ghat development was approved for Haridwar in Uttarakhand.
- * National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) was registered as a society on 12th August, 2011 under the Societies Registration Act 1860.

42. In April 2023, an international trade organization, WTO ruled that India violated the global trading rules in a dispute against _____.

- A. EU, Bhutan, and Japan
- B. EU, Japan, and Taiwan
- C. Vietnam, South Korea, and Bangladesh
- D. EU, USA, and Japan
- E. EU, Australia, and Italy

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- * The correct answer is 'EU, Japan, and Taiwan'.

Other information:

- * A World Trade Organisation (WTO) panel has ruled that India has violated global trading rules in a dispute against the European Union, Japan, and Taiwan.
- * The case pertains to import duties for a wide range of products.
- * In 2019, the EU, Japan, and Taiwan challenged the import duties on certain IT products.
- * The EU had challenged India's introduction of import duties between 7.5% and 20% for products such as mobile phones, mobile phone components, and accessories.
- * The EU deemed these duties a direct breach of WTO rules and argued that India was obliged under the WTO commitments to apply a zero-duty rate to such products.
- * Japan and Taiwan filed similar complaints that same year.

43. Consider the following statements: (April 2023)

1. 'Sangathan Se Samridhi' campaign was launched by the Union Minister of Rural Development, Giriraj Singh.
2. Under this campaign, the government aims to bring all eligible rural women into the fold of SHGs.
3. The government also targeting to bring nine crore women under the purview of SHGs.

Which of the statements above is/are incorrect?

- A. Only 1
- B. Both 2 and 3
- C. 1, 2 and 3
- D. Only 3
- E. Both 1 and 2

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Only 3'.

Statement 3 is incorrect:

* Reason: The government is targeting to bring 10 crore women under the purview of SHGs (existing nine crores).

Other information:

* Union Minister of Rural Development, Giriraj Singh has launched the 'Sangathan Se Samridhi' campaign to empower marginalized rural households by bringing all eligible rural women into the fold of Self Help Groups (SHGs).

* The government is targeting to bring 10 crore women under the purview of SHGs (existing nine crores).

* The government has also set a target that every woman associated with SHGs should be able to earn one lakh rupees per annum.

* He also urged women to produce millet.

44. In April 2023, representative to the United Nations, Ruchira Kamboj handed over a cheque of _____ (in USD dollars) to the UN Women - United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.

- A. USD 100,000
- B. USD 150,000
- C. USD 300,000
- D. USD 500,000
- E. USD 450,000

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'USD 500,000'.

Other information:

* Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, Ruchira Kamboj has handed over the cheque of USD 500,000 (Rs 4.09 crore) to the UN Women - United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.

* The cheque was received by Sima Sami Bahous, Secretary General and Executive Director of UN Women.

* The Indian government is committed to the goals of gender equality, the empowerment of women, and gender mainstreaming.

45. In April 2023, which of the following state government received the national award for the best implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)?

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Chhattisgarh
- C. Karnataka
- D. Punjab
- E. Odisha

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Karnataka'.

Other Information:

- * Karnataka has bagged the national award for the best implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in the country.
- * The state has recorded a 47.74% increase in the enrolment of farmers under the scheme, between the Kharif season 2021 and 2022.
- * While the area covered under the scheme increased by 41.80%.
- * The common service centers have also seen an enrolment of 4.66 lakh non-loanee farmers over the last six years.
- * Insurance claims of Rs 298.57 crore were settled under the add-on coverage.

46. Who among the following has been selected by the Malcolm & Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust for the Malcolm Adiseshiah Award 2023?

- A. Utsa Patnaik
- B. Shankar Acharya
- C. Bina Agarwal
- D. S. Rao Aiyagari
- E. Yoginder K Alagh

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- * The correct answer is 'Utsa Patnaik'.

Other Information:

- * A renowned economist of national and international repute, Utsa Patnaik has been selected for the Malcolm Adiseshiah Award 2023.
- * The award consists of a citation and a cash prize of Rs. 2 lakh.
- * It is granted for outstanding contributions to Development Studies.
- * The award is given every year by the Malcolm & Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust.
- * It is annually given to an outstanding social scientist selected from nominations received by a specially constituted national jury.

47. In April 2023, which of the following state becomes the first Indian state to adopt a water budget in a bid to come up with a solution to water scarcity in certain regions of the state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Karnataka
- C. Kerala
- D. Andhra Pradesh
- E. Telangana

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Kerala'.

Other information:

* Kerala has become the first state to adopt a water budget in a bid to come up with a solution to water scarcity in certain regions.

* The first phase of the project would cover 94-gram panchayats and 15-block panchayats.

* Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan released Public Water Budget.

* He has also launched the third phase of the Ini Njan Ozhukatte (Let me flow now) project, for the rehabilitation of irrigation networks in the Western Ghats.

* The idea of a water budget was first mooted by the state in 2019.

48. In April 2023, which of the following state forest officials conducted the first-ever census of Mangrove Pitta Bird?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Odisha
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Bihar
- E. Tamil Nadu

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Odisha'.

Other information:

* The first-ever census of Mangrove Pitta Bird was conducted by the Odisha forest officials in the Bhitarkanika wildlife sanctuary, Odisha.

* In the first census, Odisha forest officials have sighted 179 mangrove pitta birds.

* The habitats of these beautiful birds are confined to mangrove forest areas in Odisha's Bhitarkanika and Sundarban in West Bengal.

* Mangrove pitta is a colorful bird that has a black head with a brown crown.

* It is found in mangrove forests where it feeds on crustaceans, mollusks and insects.

49. In April 2023, Kelvin Kiptum, who won the TCS London Marathon with a record time of 2:01:25, belongs to which of the following countries?

- A. The USA
- B. Denmark
- C. Switzerland
- D. Ethiopian
- E. Kenya

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Kenya'.

Other information:

* Kelvin Kiptum of Kenya has won the London Marathon and recorded the second-fastest time in history over the distance.

* He set the course record with a time of 2 hours, 1 minute, and 25 seconds.

* He just missed out on Eliud Kipchoge's world record by 16 seconds.

* In the women's race, Ethiopian-born Dutch athlete, Sifan Hassan won her marathon debut in 2:18:34.

* Switzerland's Marcel Hug won the elite men's wheelchair race with a time of 1:23:44.

* Australia's Madison de Rozario clinched the women's wheelchair race in 1:38:51.

50. On 24th April 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone and inaugurated projects worth more than 17,000 crores in which of the following states?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Madhya Pradesh
- E. Meghalaya

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Madhya Pradesh'.

Other information:

* PM Modi has laid the foundation stone and inaugurated projects worth more than 17,000 crores in Madhya Pradesh.

* He has also inaugurated the integrated e-Gram Swaraj and GeM portal for public procurement at the Panchayat level.

* Objective: To enable Panchayats to market their goods and services through GeM

* With the handing over of around 35 lakh Swamitva Property Cards, about 1 crore 25 lakh property cards have been distributed under this scheme in the country.

51. Consider the following statements:

1. The first census of water bodies across the nation was conducted by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
2. Top five states in terms of the number of water bodies are West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and Assam
3. These 5 states constituted around 63% of the total water bodies in the country.

Which of the statements above is/are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Only 3
- D. All of the above
- E. None of these

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'All of the above'.

Other Information:

* The Ministry of Jal Shakti has conducted the first-ever census of water bodies across the nation.

* Aim: To provide a comprehensive inventory of India's water resources, including natural and man-made water bodies like ponds and lakes.

* In the census, over 24.24 lakh water bodies have been enumerated in the country out of which more than 23 lakh water bodies are in rural areas and nearly 69,000 are in urban areas.

* Top five States (number of water bodies): West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and Assam

* These 5 states constituted around 63% of the total water bodies in the country.

52. In April 2023, Union Minister of Ports, Sarbananda Sonowal has inaugurated National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts, IIT - Discovery Campus in which of the following cities?

- A. Kochi
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Chennai
- D. Kolkata
- E. Pune

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Chennai'.

Other information:

- * Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal has inaugurated National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts, IIT - Discovery Campus at Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- * Under the Sagarmala Programme, the centre has been established in IIT Chennai at a cost of 77 Crore rupees.
- * The institute acts as a technological arm of the Ministry and develops cutting-edge technologies and application products to provide solutions to various challenges faced by the Ports and Shipping Sector.
- * It also empowers Make in India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiatives of the country.

53. In April 2023, which of the following organizations joined hands with the Unique Identification Authority of India for setting up an aggregator platform for eKYC?

- A. TPSSL
- B. Bill Desk
- C. NPCI
- D. IHMCL
- E. ICICI

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- * The correct answer is 'NPCI'.

Other information:

- * The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) and the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) are setting up an aggregator platform for eKYC (electronic know-your-customer).
- * The process of Aadhaar-based eKYC is used for paperless verification of a customer's credentials to get a mobile connection or open a bank account.
- * The process can be completed using biometrics or through the use of OTP.
- * It is being used by financial services players, mobile operators, and government agencies.

54. Consider the statements:

1. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) has successfully completed the Bihar portion of the Barauni Guwahati pipeline (BGPL).
2. This pipeline was set up under the Pradhanmantri Urja Ganga project.
3. This project is also known as Jagdishpur – Haldia & Bokaro – Dhamra Pipeline Project (JHBDPL) project.

Which of the statements above is/are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Only 3
- D. 1, 2, and 3
- E. None of these

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct codes are '1, 2, and 3'.

Other information:

* The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) has successfully completed the Bihar portion of the Barauni Guwahati pipeline (BGPL) under the ambitious Pradhanmantri Urja Ganga project

* The completion of the pipeline will connect six districts in Bihar to the National Gas Grid.

* Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga Project is also known as Jagdishpur – Haldia & Bokaro – Dhamra Pipeline Project (JHBDPL) project.

* It was launched in 2016, cater to the energy requirements of five states namely UP, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, and WB.

55. In April 2023, which of the following Steel industry companies signed an MoU with Telecommunications Consultants India (TCIL) to explore the potential of the application of 5G/ IT/ telecom and other wireless communication technologies?

- A. TATA Steel
- B. Vedanta

- C. JSW Steel
- D. SAIL- Bokaro Steel Plant
- E. Jindal Steel and Power

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'SAIL- Bokaro Steel Plant'.

Other information:

* SAIL-Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) has signed a Memorandum of understanding with Telecommunications Consultants India (TCIL) to explore the potential of the application of 5G/ IT/ telecom and other wireless communication technologies in SAIL-Bokaro Steel Plant.

* This project would include SAIL's Mines and Collieries, Central Coal Supply Organization, and the SAIL refractory unit in Jharkhand.

* SAIL CEO: Soma Mondal

MAY 2023

1. Consider the following statements regarding the National Manufacturing Innovation Survey (NMIS) 2021-22 and identify the correct statements.

1. This survey was conducted by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade and UNIDO.
2. In state categories, Karnataka topped the survey, followed by Tamil Nadu and Kerala.
3. In the hilly areas category, Uttarakhand topped the ranking, while Ladakh topped in the UT category.

Choose the correct code:

- A. 1, 2 and 3
- B. Only 3
- C. Only 2
- D. None of these
- E. Both 1 and 3

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'None of these'.

Statement 1 is incorrect

* Reason: This survey was conducted by the Department of Science and Technology and UNIDO.

Statement 2 is incorrect

* Reason: In state categories, Karnataka topped the survey, followed by Telangana and Tamil Nadu.

Statement 3 is incorrect

* Reason: In the hilly areas category, Uttarakhand topped the ranking, while Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu topped in the UT category.

Other Information:

* According to a National Manufacturing Innovation Survey (NMIS) 2021-22, conducted by the Department of Science and Technology and the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), Karnataka has topped the ranking of the most innovative state in manufacturing, followed by Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, and Haryana.

* The survey also highlighted that Karnataka has the highest number of companies in manufacturing that carry out innovations.

* Bottom: Northeastern states (excluding Assam), followed by Bihar.

* Uttarakhand has the highest score among the hill states.

* Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu has the highest score among the UTs.

* The Indian government first conducted the National Innovation Survey in 2011.

2. In May 2023, which of the following countries has hosted the Machines Can See 2023' Summit?

- A. UAE
- B. France
- C. USA

- D. Canada
- E. India

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'UAE'.

Other information:

* The UAE government has launched the 'Machines Can See 2023' Summit, taking place at the Museum of the Future in Dubai.

* It is one of the international conferences in Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the whole region.

* It is organized in partnership between Artificial Intelligence, Digital Economy, Remote Work Applications Office and the 'Machines Can See' company.

* Aim: To bring together experts from around the world to discuss the future of AI and its potential

3. In May 2023, USFDA has approved the world's first RSV vaccine for older adults. In the context of RSV, R stands for _____.

- A. Rabies
- B. Relapsing
- C. Rubella
- D. Respiratory
- E. Rocky Mountain

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Respiratory'.

Other information:

* The United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) has approved the world's first Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccine for older adults.

* However, this vaccine still needs approval from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, before its launch in Public.

* The vaccine was approved for people aged 60 and older.

* Respiratory Syncytial Virus is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms.

* It can be serious, especially for infants and older adults.

4. Which of the following countries will launch its own heat index in 2024 to quantify the impact of heat on its population?

- A. UAE
- B. Egypt
- C. Oman
- D. India
- E. China

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'India'.

Other Information:

* India will launch its own heat index in 2024 to quantify the impact of heat on its population and generate impact-based heatwave alerts for specific locations.

* India Meteorological Department (IMD) started issuing an experimental heat index for different parts of the country.

* It includes various parameters like wind, temperature, humidity, duration of exposure, etc.

*** Impact of Heat waves:**

* It has an immense impact on human health, causing cramps, exhaustion, stress, and heat stroke.

* The elderly, children, and people with heart and respiratory problems, kidney diseases, and psychiatric disorders are particularly affected.

5. What is the target set by the Ministry of Agriculture for the production of food grains for the year 2023-24? (May 2023)

- A. 350 million tonnes
- B. 332 million tonnes
- C. 323 million tonnes
- D. 312 million tonnes
- E. 331 million tonnes

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is '332 million tonnes'.

Other information:

* Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated National Conference on Agriculture for Kharif Campaign 2023-24.

* During the conference, he announced that the Ministry of Agriculture has set a target of a record 3,320 lakh tonnes (332 million tonnes) production of foodgrains for the year 2023-24.

* In 2022-23, 3,235 lakh tonnes were produced.

* The target for the production of pulses has been fixed at 292.5 lakh and oilseeds production will be increased from 400 lakh tonnes to 440 lakh tonnes in 2023-24.

* The target for millet production for 2023-24 has been set at 170 lakh tonnes from 159.1 lakh tonnes in 2022-23.

* During the event, he has also inaugurates the Krishi MApper, an integrated app for Geospatial Data in Agriculture.

6. According to the committee's report, India should ban the use of diesel-powered four-wheelers in cities with over 10 lakh population by 2027. This committee is headed by _____.

- A. Rameswar Teli
- B. Dhruvasish K. Deka
- C. Tarun Kapoor
- D. Rasaal Dwivedi
- E. Chandra Mohan Sharma

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Tarun Kapoor'.

Other information:

* According to a report commissioned by the oil ministry, India should ban the use of diesel-powered four-wheelers in cities with over 10 lakh population by 2027 and switch to electric and gas-fuelled vehicles.

* The report of the committee headed by former Oil Secretary Tarun Kapoor.

* The panel has also suggested phasing out motorcycles, scooters, and three-wheelers with internal combustion engines by 2035.

* These steps will help India achieve the goal of cutting its emissions to net zero by 2070.

7.The 42nd Summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) held in which country?

- A. India
- B. Indonesia
- C. Malaysia
- D. Singapore
- E. Thailand

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Indonesia'.

Other information:

* The 42nd Summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) started in Indonesia on May 8, 2023.

* 2023 theme: ASEAN Affairs: Epicenter of Growth

* Aim: To demonstrate the bloc's hopes and efforts to become the center and driving force behind global development

* ASEAN is an organization formed by the governments of Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Singapore in 1967.

* ASEAN promotes economic growth, peace, and cultural development in the Southeast Asian region.

8. In May 2023, which state's Urban Development Department launched the "School Health Program"?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Bihar
- C. Gujarat
- D. Jharkhand
- E. Rajasthan

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Uttar Pradesh'.

Other information:

* The Uttar Pradesh's Urban Development Department and Lucknow Smart City launched a "School Health Program"

* This program has been started by Lucknow Smart City in three schools in Lucknow.

* A digital health report card for the overall physical and mental well-being of 1765 municipal school students is also being prepared under the project.

* The benefit of health insurance worth Rs 25,000 is also being given to these children.

* The program is likely to be implemented in the state's other 9 smart cities.

9. In May 2023, the trailer of the first-ever movie in the Tagin language was launched. This is a regional language of which state?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Meghalaya
- C. Odisha
- D. Sikkim

E. West Bengal

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Arunachal Pradesh'.

Other information:

* Union minister Kiren Rijiju has launched the trailer of the "first ever" movie in the Tagin language of his home state Arunachal Pradesh.

* The film "Love in 90s" will be tax-free and will ask the state government to promote it through other means as well.

* The film looks at displaying the culture of the Tagin community before the whole country and the world.

* Tagin or Ghasi Miri tribe is an indigenous community in the Tawang and West Kameng districts, Arunachal Pradesh.

10. In May 2023, an American novelist, Barbara Kingsolver was awarded the Pulitzer Prize 2023 in the fiction category for her _____.

- A. Demon Copperhead
- B. Trust
- C. English
- D. Stay True
- E. His Name Is George Floyd

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Demon Copperhead'.

Other Information:

* Barbara Kingsolver (American Novelist) and Hernan Diaz (Argentina Writer) were awarded the Pulitzer Prize 2023 in the fiction category.

* Barbara Kingsolver was awarded for her novel 'Demon Copperhead' and Hernan Diaz won for his novel 'Trust'.

* Other categories:

o Drama: English, by Sanaz Toossi

o Biography: G-Man: J. Edgar Hoover and the Making of the American Century, by Beverly Gage (Viking)

o Memoir or Autobiography: Stay True, by Hua Hsu (Doubleday)

11. In May 2023, along with the Ministry of Railways, which of the following ministry signed an MoU with the Japan International Cooperation Agency for 'Station Area Development along Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail'?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- C. Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
- D. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- E. Ministry of Labour and Employment

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs'.

Other information:

* The Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs and the Ministry of Railways jointly signed an MoU with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for 'Station Area Development along Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail' (Project-SMART).

* Project-SMART envisages developing surrounding areas of Mumbai - Ahmedabad High-Speed Railway (MAHSR) Stations.

* This also aimed to enhance accessibility and convenience of commuters & other stakeholders and to promote economic activities in the vicinity of station areas.

12. Consider the following statements:

1) On May 9, 2023, PMJJBY, PMSBY, and APY completed their 9 years of providing social security cover.

2) Under the PMJJBY, a premium is Rs. 436/- per annum, with a Life cover of Rs. 2 Lakh in case of death.

3) PMSBY provides an accidental death cum disability cover of Rs. 2 lakh for death or disability.

4)a APY is administered by Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).

Which of the statement above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2
- B. 2 and 4
- C. 1, 2 and 3
- D. 2 and 3
- E. 2, 3, and 4

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is '2, 3, and 4'.

Other information:

* Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMSBY), and Atal Pension Yojana (APY) have completed their 8 years of providing social security cover on May 9.

* PMJJBY: One-year life insurance scheme renewable from year to year offering coverage for death due to any reason.

* PMSBY is a one-year accidental insurance scheme renewable from year to year offering coverage for death or disability due to an accident.

* APY is a universal social security system.

About Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY):

* Age group: 18-50 years

* People who join the scheme before completing 50 can continue to have the risk of life cover up to the age of 55 upon payment of the regular premium.

* Benefits: Life cover of Rs. 2 Lakh in case of death due to any reason against a premium of Rs. 436/- per annum.

About Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY):

* Age group: 18-70 years

* Benefits: Accidental death cum disability cover of Rs.2 lakh (Rs.1 lakh in case of partial disability) for death or disability due to an accident against a premium of Rs.20/- per annum.

About Atal Pension Yojana (APY):

* APY is administered by Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) under the overall administrative and institutional architecture of the National Pension System (NPS).

* Age: 18 to 40 years

* Benefits: Subscribers would receive the guaranteed minimum monthly pension of Rs. 1000 or Rs. 2000 or Rs. 3000 or Rs. 4000 or Rs. 5000 after the age of 60 years (based on Contribution)

13. Which of the following state cricket associations launched a Talent Scout Program for women to unearth new talents?

- A. Tamil Nadu Cricket Association
- B. Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association
- C. Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association
- D. Cricket Association of Bengal
- E. Gujarat Cricket Association

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Tamil Nadu Cricket Association'.

Other information:

* The Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) has launched a Talent Scout Program for women to unearth new talents.

* The Talent Scout Wing which will comprise former men and women first-class cricketers and coaches, will help in identifying the talent across the state

* The TNCA has formed four groups of four members each who will cover all 37 districts in Tamil Nadu.

* Any player who is above 13 years of age can attend the trials.

* The selected players will be pooled in with the rest of the cricketers who are featuring in the Freyer Cup.

14. Who will succeed A M Naik, to become the new Chairman and Managing Director of Larsen & Toubro, effective from October 1, 2023?

- A. S N Subrahmanyam
- B. R. Shankar Raman
- C. M. V. Satish
- D. Subramanian Sarma
- E. S. V. Desai

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'S N Subrahmanyam'.

Other information:

* Larsen & Toubro board has appointed S N Subrahmanyam as Chairman and Managing Director, with effect from October 1, 2023.

* He will succeed A M Naik, who steps down as Non-Executive Chairman of the L&T Group at the end of his tenure on 30 September 2023

* Currently, S N Subrahmanyam is serving as the CEO and MD of Larsen & Toubro (L&T).

* He has also worked as Deputy MD & President leading L&T's infrastructure business to its position as the country's largest construction organization.

15. Which of the following space agency collaborated with the Technology corporation, IBM to unveil a new geospatial foundation model to convert a new geospatial foundation model?

- A. ISRO
- B. NASA
- C. JAXA
- D. CNSA

E. ESA

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'NASA'.

Other information:

* International Business Machines (IBM) has collaborated with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to launch a new geospatial foundation model.

* It is designed to convert c of floods, fires, and other landscape changes to reveal the planet's past and hint at its future.

* It is expected to be available for preview in the second half of 2023.

* This model would be part of IBM's watsonx.ai, a next-gen enterprise studio.

16. In May 2023, Union Minister of Ports, Sarbananda Sonowal launched the Green Port Guidelines 2023 . These guidelines have been named _____.

- A. Green Maritime India Vision-2030
- B. Harit Nautarni
- C. Green Waterways
- D. Harit Sagar
- E. Harit Sagarmala

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Harit Sagar'.

Other information:

* Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal has launched 'Harit Sagar' the Green Port Guidelines 2023.

* Aim: To promote environment-friendly practices across all our Ports

* It provides a comprehensive action plan for achieving targeted outcomes in terms of quantified reduction in carbon emission over defined timelines and achieving Sustainable Developmental Goals (SDG).

* It also aims to minimize waste through Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose and Recycle to attain zero waste discharge from port operations.

The major ports were conferred awards for their all-time best performance (2022-23).

* Best Absolute Performance: Deendayal Port, Kandla

* Achieving major milestone in Turn Around Time: Jawaharlal Nehru Port

* Shield on Ship Berth Day Output: Paradip Port

* Shield in turn-around-time (non-container port): Cochin Port

* Best incremental performance: Paradip Port

* Best Ship Berth Day Output: Mormugao Port

* Best Pre-Berthing Detention time: Kamarajar Port

* Best Port: Paradip Port

17. In May 2023, which of the following ports was conferred the best port award for the year 2022-23?

- A. Deendayal Port
- B. Jawaharlal Nehru Port
- C. Paradip Port
- D. Kamarajar Port
- E. Mormugao Port

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Paradip Port'.

Other information:

* Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal has launched 'Harit Sagar' the Green Port Guidelines 2023.

- * Aim: To promote environment-friendly practices across all our Ports
- * It provides a comprehensive action plan for achieving targeted outcomes in terms of quantified reduction in carbon emission over defined timelines and achieving Sustainable Developmental Goals (SDG).
- * It also aims to minimize waste through Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose and Recycle to attain zero waste discharge from port operations.

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- * Best incremental performance: Paradip Port
- * Best Ship Berth Day Output: Mormugao Port
- * Best Pre-Berthing Detention time: Kamarajar Port

18. Which edition of the India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol, Indo-Thai CORPAT was held in the Andaman Sea from 3-10 May 2023?

- A. 34th
- B. 36th
- C. 35th
- D. 37th
- E. 32nd

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- * The correct answer is '35th'.

Other information:

* The 35th edition of India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT) between the Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy was concluded on May 10, 2023.

* It was conducted in the Andaman Sea

* Aim: To reinforce maritime linkages between the two countries and ensure the safety and security of the international trade route in the Indian Ocean

* INS Kesari, an indigenously built LST (L), and HTMS Saiburi, a Chao Phraya Class Frigate participated in the exercise.

19. In May 2023, which of the following states has become the first state in India to implement the 'right to walk'?

- A. Haryana
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Gujarat
- D. Rajasthan
- E. Punjab

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Punjab'.

Other information:

* Punjab government has become the first state in India to implement the 'right to walk' by making it mandatory for all road-owning agencies to provide footpaths and cycle tracks in all future expansion of roads and construction of new ones.

* Reason: Every month more than 10 pedestrians and bicycle riders are killed in road accidents due to encroachment on pedestrian footpaths

* Road-owning agencies include NHAI, the public works department, local bodies, and urban development departments.

20. Which of the following organizations has signed an MoU with the CAIT and Tripta Technologies to launch the Bharat eMart portal?

- A. Blue Dart Express
- B. DHL

- C. USPS
- D. Gati Ltd
- E. India Post

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'India Post'.

Other information:

* India Post, Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT), and Tripta Technologies signed an MoU for the Bharat eMart portal.

* This portal will provide the facility of pick-up of consignments from the premises of traders and ensure delivery at the doorsteps of the consignees across the country.

* It is expected to benefit eight crore traders associated with CAIT.

* In the recent past, India Post has entered into similar agreements with GeM, Regional Centers of Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED).

* India Post is also trying to onboard itself on the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) platform, developed by the Ministry of Commerce as a logistics service provider.

21. Consider the following statements:

1. The WHO, UNICEF, and PMNCH have jointly published a report titled 'Born Too Soon: Decade of Action on Pre-term Birth'.
2. As per this report, an estimated 13.4 million babies were born pre-term in 2020, 45% of them being born in just five countries including India, Pakistan, and Nigeria.
3. Malawi with 14.5% had the highest estimated pre-term birth rate in 2020.

Which of the statements above is/are true?

- A. Only 1 and 2
- B. Only 2 and 3
- C. Only 3 and 1
- D. Only 1

E. 1, 2, and 3

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct code is 'Only 1 and 2'.

Other information:

* According to a report, released by the United Nations, an estimated 13.4 million babies were born pre-term in 2020, with 45% of them being born in just five countries, including India, Pakistan, Nigeria, China, and Ethiopia.

* Report title: Born Too Soon: Decade of Action on Pre-term Birth

* This report is jointly produced by the WHO, UNICEF, and Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (PMNCH).

* The global pre-term birth rate increased to 9.9% in 2020, compared to 9.8% in 2010.

* In 2020, Bangladesh had the highest estimated pre-term birth rate (16.2%), followed by Malawi (14.5%) and Pakistan (14.4%).

22. Who among the following has taken oath as the chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) on May 16, 2023?

- A. Vinay Mittal
- B. Pradeep Kumar Joshi
- C. Rajni Razdan
- D. Manoj Soni
- E. Alka Sirohi

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Manoj Soni'.

Other information:

* Manoj Soni has taken oath as the chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) on May 16, 2023.

* He administered the oath of office and secrecy as chairman of UPSC by Smita Nagaraj, a senior member of the Commission.

* He joined the Commission as a member on June 28, 2017, and has been performing the duties of the UPSC chairman since April 5, 2022.

* Prior to this role, he served as Vice-Chancellor at Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University (Gujarat), and Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda.

23. Praneeth Vuppala, who becomes the 82nd Grandmaster of India, is associated with which of the following Indian states?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Kerala
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Telangana
- E. Odisha

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Telangana'.

Other information:

* Praneeth Vuppala (16) from Telangana has become the 82nd Grandmaster of India during the Baku Open tournament.

* He achieved the required 2,500 FIDE rating points.

* He had already achieved three GM norms earlier and needed to cross 2,500 rating points.

* He got the required points after defeating GM Hans Niemann of the USA in the penultimate round of the Baku Open.

* Praneeth is now the sixth Grandmaster from the State of Telangana.

* Praneeth earned his first GM norm in March 2022 and achieved the International Master title.

* Four months later in July 2022, he earned his second GM norm at Biel MTO.

24. Who among the following has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI)?

- A. Ravneet Kaur
- B. Ashok Kumar Gupta
- C. Sangeeta Verma
- D. Sanjay Sood
- E. Pawan Kumar

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Ravneet Kaur'.

Other information:

* The government of India has appointed a 1988 Punjab cadre IAS officer, Ravneet Kaur as the Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) for a period of five years.

* She has replaced CCI Member Sangeeta Verma, who has been serving as an acting Chairperson since October 2022.

* There has been no full-time Chairperson for the competition regulator since Ashok Kumar Gupta was demitted from office in October 2022.

* The Chairperson will get a consolidated salary of Rs 4,50,000 per month without house and car.

25. Name the sherpa, who has become the second person in the World to climb Mount Everest 26 times?

- A. Pasang Dawa Sherpa
- B. Kami Rita Sherpa
- C. Apa Sherpa
- D. Lhakpa Sherpa
- E. Pasang Lhamu Sherpa

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Pasang Dawa Sherpa'.

Other information:

- * Pasang Dawa Sherpa, who is also known as Pa Dawa, scaled Mount Everest on May 14, 2023, and become the world's second person to scale Everest 26 times.
- * Kami Rita Sherpa was the first person who climbed Mount Everest 26 times.
- * He reached the summit along with a Hungarian climber.
- * Pa Dawa had climbed the peak 25 times before, including twice in 2022.
- * Since making his first successful of climb of the peak in 1998, Dawa has made the trip almost every year.

26. In May 2023, which of the following organizations received approval from the EU's regulators for the acquisition of gaming firm Activision Blizzard for \$69 billion?

- A. IBM
- B. Google
- C. Microsoft
- D. Meta
- E. Open AI

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- * The correct answer is 'Microsoft'.

Other information:

- * European Union regulators have approved Microsoft's proposed acquisition of gaming firm Activision Blizzard for \$69 billion.
- * This approval is subject to remedies offered by Microsoft to address antitrust concerns, particularly in the field of cloud gaming.
- * The European Commission (EC) has stated that Microsoft has addressed competition concerns while offering 10-year free licensing deals and fair market access for European consumers and cloud game streaming services.

27. Who has been taken charge as the Deputy Chief of the Air Staff?

- A. Ashutosh Dixit
- B. Amar Preet Singh
- C. Arjan Joshi
- D. Pratap Chandra Thakur
- E. Subroto Das

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Ashutosh Dixit'.

Other information:

* Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit took over as the Deputy Chief of the Air Staff.

* He is a qualified flying instructor as well as an experimental test pilot, with over 3,300 hours of flying experience on fighter, trainer, and transport aircraft.

* He participated in the operations 'Safed Sagar' and 'Rakshak'.

* He is an alumnus of NDA and was commissioned in the fighter stream on 06 December 1986.

* He is a graduate of the Staff Course (Bangladesh), and National Defence College (New Delhi).

28. In May 2023, India and which country launched a 50 start-ups exchange program to expand business relations, sharing experience, and knowledge?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Japan
- C. South Korea
- D. Canada
- E. Bangladesh

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Bangladesh'.

Other information:

* Under the 50 start-ups exchange program between India and Bangladesh, the first group of 10 start-up companies returned to Dhaka after completing a successful five-day visit to India from 8-12 May 2023.

* Under this program, 50 Startups from Bangladesh and 50 Startups from India will exchange visits to each other's countries.

* Reason: For exploring partnerships, expanding business relations, sharing experience and knowledge, and expanding youth and entrepreneurial cooperation.

29. In May 2023, which of the following union ministers has launched the mobile application named Meri LiFE?

- A. Dharmendra Pradhan
- B. Giriraj Singh
- C. Ashwini Vaishnaw
- D. Bhupender Yadav
- E. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Bhupender Yadav'.

Other information:

* Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav has launched a mobile application named Meri LiFE (My life) in New Delhi.

* This app is inspired by the concept of LiFE, envisioned by PM Modi at COP 26.

* This app will showcase the power of citizens, especially young people in saving the environment.

* Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) was launched by the Prime Minister in October 2022 at Kevadia, Gujarat.

* Focus: Behaviour changes in individuals through simple easy-to-do actions

30. Which edition of the Cannes Film Festival was started in France on May 16, 2023?

- A. 76th
- B. 75th
- C. 78th
- D. 77th
- E. 74th

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is '76th'.

Other information:

- * The 76th Cannes Film Festival has been started in France on May 16, 2023.
- * The festival has officially kicked off with the world premiere of the Johnny Depp starring film Jeanne Du Barry.
- * MoS for I&B, Dr. L Murugan lead an Indian delegation at the 12-day event, accompanied by filmmaker Guneet Monga (The Elephant Whisperers) and others.
- * The Indian Pavilion has been conceptualized and designed by the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad with the theme - 'Showcasing India's Creative Economy'.

31. Which of the following countries will host the annual ASEAN Tourism Forum in January 2024?

- A. Laos
- B. Indonesia
- C. Cambodia
- D. Philippines
- E. Malaysia

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Laos'.

Other information:

- * The annual ASEAN Tourism Forum will be hosted by Laos in January 2024.

- * The theme of the forum will be "Quality and Responsible Tourism -- Sustaining ASEAN Future".
- * The forum will include a tourism exhibition and serves to spur tourism and further service improvement in associated businesses.
- * Previously, Laos hosted the ASEAN Tourism Forum in 2004 and 2013.
- * The Lao government is working to promote the country's potential as a nature-based tourism destination.
- * Laos Capital: Vientiane; Currency: Laotian Kip

32. In May 2023, which of the following ministries has set up C-PACE to simplify the striking off of companies from the register?

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare
- C. Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- D. Ministry of Coal
- E. Ministry of Mines

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- * The correct answer is 'Ministry of Corporate Affairs'.

Other information:

- * The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has set up the Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit (C-PACE).
- * Reason: To centralize the process of striking off companies from the MCA Register
- * The C-PACE will reduce the burden on the registry and provide stakeholders with hassle-free filing, timely and process-bound striking off of their company's names from the register.
- * The C-PACE institution is established under sub-section (1) of section 396.
- * It will be operational through the Registrar of Companies (RoC) for the purpose of processing and disposal of applications.

33. Who headed the five-member expert committee, formed by IRDAI on matters related to mental health and insurance?

- A. M. Vishnu Vardhana Rao
- B. Prof. K. Ramachandran
- C. Pratima Murthy
- D. Dr. K. Manohar
- E. A.D.Taskar

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Pratima Murthy'.

Other information:

* Insurance Regulator, IRDAI has constituted a five-member expert committee to advise it on matters related to mental health and insurance.

* The committee is headed by Pratima Murthy, Director, NIMHANS, Bangalore.

* The panel will advise on coverages offered/to be offered under insurance products, for mental illnesses.

* The panel will also provide expert advice/inputs on terminology, concept and the like on matters relating to mental illnesses from the medical domain perspective.

34. Who among the following was honored with the honorary Palme D'Or for lifetime achievement at the 76th Cannes Film Festival 2023?

- A. Mark Hamill
- B. Harrison Ford
- C. Helen Mirren
- D. Ke Huy Quan
- E. Amitabh Bachchan

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Harrison Ford'.

Other information:

* American actor, Harrison Ford was honored with the prestigious Palme D'Or award for lifetime achievement at the 76th Cannes Film Festival 2023.

* He received the award before his film 'Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny' premiere.

* 76th annual Cannes Film Festival:

* It is an annual film festival, held in Cannes France from 16 to 27 May 2023.

* The festival opened with Jeanne du Barry (directed by Maiwenn).

* The festival will close with Elemental directed by Peter Sohn.

35. In May 2023, PM Narendra Modi embarked on a six-day tour to Japan, Papua New Guinea, and _____.

- A. Mozambique
- B. Australia
- C. Zimbabwe
- D. Mauritius
- E. South Korea

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Australia'.

Other information:

* PM Narendra Modi embarked on tour to Japan, Papua New Guinea, and Australia on May 19, 2023.

* At first, he will attend G7 Summit in Japan at an invitation of Japanese PM Fumio Kishida.

* G7 Summit preferences: Nuclear disarmament, economic resilience and security, regional issues, climate and energy, food and health and development

* Then he will visit Papua New Guinea, where he will jointly host the third Summit of the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation with his Papua New Guinea counterpart James Marape.

* Later, he will visit Sydney in Australia on 22nd May.

36. Along with KV Viswanathan, who has been sworn in as the judge of the Supreme Court, by CJI DY Chandrachud? (May 2023)

- A. Prashant Kumar Mishra
- B. Ajay Rastogi
- C. V Ramasubramanian
- D. Sanjay Kishan Kaul
- E. Krishna Murari

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Prashant Kumar Mishra'.

Other information:

* CJI DY Chandrachud has administered the oath of office to Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra and senior advocate Kalpathy Venkataraman Viswanathan as judges of the Supreme Court.

* Current sanctioned strength: 34

* Justice KM Joseph, Justice Ajay Rastogi and Justice V Ramasubramanian will demit office in June 2023.

* Currently, Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra is serving the Chief Justice of the Andhra Pradesh High Court.

* Kalpathy Venkataraman is a senior advocate and a former Additional Solicitor General.

* He is only the 10th Supreme Court judge to be appointed directly from the bar.

37. Name the Operation, launched by India to provide humanitarian assistance for people in Myanmar, affected by the Cyclone Mocha.

- A. Operation Dosti
- B. Operation Sathi
- C. Operation Narmada
- D. Operation Karuna
- E. Operation Ganga

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Operation Karuna'.

Other information:

* India launched 'Operation Karuna' to provide humanitarian assistance for people in Myanmar, which is affected by Cyclone Mocha.

* Three Indian Naval Ships (Shivalik, Kamorta, and Savitri) carrying relief material has already reached Yangon, Myanmar.

* The ships are carrying emergency food items, tents, essential medicines, water pumps, portable generators, clothes, sanitary and hygiene items.

* EAM Dr. Jaishankar informed that India continues to be the first responder in the region.

38. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is planning to launch an Integrative Health Policy in collaboration with which of the following ministries?

- A. Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers
- B. Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- C. Ministry of Ayush
- D. Ministry of Consumer Affairs
- E. Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Ministry of Ayush'.

Other information:

* Union cabinet minister of Ayush Sarbananda Sonowal has inaugurated the National Ayush Mission Conclave in presence of Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya (Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare).

* During an event, the Minister of Health informed that the Government will launch an 'Integrative Health Policy' for the health and wellness of public at large.

* It would be a joint initiative of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Ayush.

* Two ICT initiatives of the Ministry of Ayush i.e. E-Learning Management System (eLMS) and AHMIS (upgraded EHR system) were launched.

39. In May 2023, who will be honored with the Global Health Leaders Lifetime Achievement award at the 76th World Health Assembly in Geneva on May 21, 2023?

- A. Anna Qabale Duba and Francis Michael Fernando
- B. Jasmine Mohammed Sharaf and ASHA workers
- C. Jean-Jacques Muyembe-Tamfum and Peter Piot
- D. ASHA workers and Dida Jirma Bulle
- E. Julia Dorothy Downing and Manju Dhandapani

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Jean-Jacques Muyembe-Tamfum and Peter Piot'.

Other information:

* WHO DG, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus will present two-lifetime achievement awards to Jean-Jacques Muyembe-Tamfum and Peter Piot at the 76th World Health Assembly held in Geneva on May 21.

* Reason: Contribution towards advancing global health

* Professor Muyembe-Tamfum from Congo is being recognized for his innovation and contributions to the management and treatment of diseases such as Ebola virus disease.

* Professor Piot from Belgium is being recognized for his leadership in the response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

40. In May 2023, which of the following state government has approved a new scheme named 'Mukhyamantri Sikho Kamao Yojana' for unemployed youths?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Odisha
- C. Bihar
- D. Jharkhand
- E. Madhya Pradesh

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Madhya Pradesh'.

Other information:

* Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan has informed that the state cabinet has approved a new scheme named 'Mukhyamantri Sikho Kamao Yojana' (Learn and Earn scheme) for unemployed youths in the state.

* Youth who have passed class 12th, ITI, Graduation, and post-graduation are eligible for this scheme.

* A stipend amount will also be given to them for learning skills.

* Youths, who have passed Class 12, would be given a stipend of Rs 8000 and an ITI pass would be given Rs 8,500.

* Youth having a diploma would be given Rs 9,000.

* The youths will be taught about 700 different types of works of various sectors.

41. Which of the following state government has launched a 5G technology training program for the youth?

- A. Punjab
- B. Haryana
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Tamil Nadu
- E. Kerala

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Uttar Pradesh'.

Other information:

* The Uttar Pradesh government will launch a 5G technology training program under the Skill Development Mission for the youth.

* Aim: To make the youth skilled in new and future employable technologies

* The state government believes that in the future, youths trained in 5G technology will be needed on a large scale in the telecom sector.

* The 5G technology will transform the entire telecom ecosystem of hardware, software, and services.

* According to the proposed target, 1,000 candidates, or more have to be trained and given jobs under this program in eight months.

42. Which of the following brand has become would become the new kit sponsor of the Indian national cricket team?

- A. Nike
- B. Adidas
- C. Reebok
- D. Puma
- E. Cult

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Adidas'.

Other information:

* The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has informed that German sportswear giant Adidas would become the new kit sponsor of the Indian national cricket team.

* In 2020, the BCCI signed a three-year deal with the Mobile Premier League's sports merchandise brand MPL Sports to replace American sportswear manufacturer Nike.

* Clothing brand Killer Jeans became an interim sponsor after that deal ended prematurely and their contract will expire on May 31, 2023.

43. In May 2023, which of the following INS returned to Mumbai after undergoing a major refit at Naval Dockyard in Russia?

- A. INS Sindhukesari
- B. INS Sindhuvijay
- C. INS Sindhuratna
- D. INS Sindhuraj

E. INS Sindhukirti

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'INS Sindhuratna'.

Other information:

* A Sindhughosh class submarine, INS Sindhuratna has been returned to Mumbai (India) after undergoing a major refit at Naval Dockyard in Russia, after sailing for 97 days.

* The ship returned passage through the Norwegian Sea, English Channel, and the Mediterranean Sea.

* It had gone for an upgrade in Severodvinsk after a major accident in February 2014.

* INS Sindhuratna is a Russian Type 877EKM diesel-electric submarine.

* It is popularly called a NATO-defined Kilo-class sub.

44. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Tripura Tourism?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. MS Dhoni
- C. Virender Sehwag
- D. Sourav Ganguly
- E. Sachin Tendulkar

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Sourav Ganguly'.

Other information:

* Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha has appointed former BCCI president Sourav Ganguly as the brand ambassador of Tripura tourism.

* This appointment would help to attract more visitors to Tripura and boost the tourism industry.

* Tripura is a state in Northeast India, bordered by Assam and Mizoram to the east and by Bangladesh to the north, south, and west.

* Tripura is divided into 8 districts and 23 sub-divisions.

* Capital of Tripura: Agartala

45. In May 2023, which of the following books won the 2023 International Booker Prize?

- A. Still Born
- B. Standing Heavy
- C. Time Shelter
- D. The Gospel According to the New World
- E. Whale

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Time Shelter'.

Other information:

* Georgi Gospodinov (Bulgarian writer) and Angela Rodel (translator) bagged the 2023 International Booker Prize for their book 'Time Shelter'.

* It is the first book originally written in Bulgarian to be nominated for the award.

* The prize has recognized fiction translated into English and published in the United Kingdom or Ireland in the year leading up to the award.

* Prize money: 50,000 pounds (about \$62,000) shared equally between the author and translator

46.

Name the writer of the novel titled, 'Time Shelter', who has won the 2023 International Booker Prize?

- A. Georgi Gospodinov
- B. Angela Rodel
- C. Guadalupe Nettel

D. Frank Wynne
E. Rosalind Harvey

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Georgi Gospodinov'.

Other information:

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* Prize money: 50,000 pounds (about \$62,000) shared equally between the author and translator

47. In May 2023, who among the following has been appointed as a part-time chairman of the Paytm Payments Bank for one year, effective from May 23, 2023?

- A. Kunal Shah
- B. Kunal Bahl
- C. Nikhil Kamath
- D. Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- E. Sachin Bansal

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Vijay Shekhar Sharma'.

Other information:

* The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given its approval to Paytm Payments Bank for the re-appointment of Paytm CEO, Vijay Shekhar Sharma as part-time chairman for a year, effective from May 23, 2023.

* At present, One97 Communications owns a 49% stake in Paytm Payments Bank and Vijay Shekhar Sharma holds the remaining stakes in the entity.

* Vijay Shekhar Sharma is the promoter of Paytm Payments Bank.

* Paytm Payments Bank: It was founded in 2017 and is headquartered in Noida.

48. Which of the following statements is/are incorrect with respect to the FAME-II scheme? (May 2023)

1. The government would reduce the subsidy for electric two-wheelers to ₹10,000 per kWh.
2. The cap on incentives for electric two-wheelers would be 15% of the ex-factory price of vehicles.
3. This scheme was originally launched in 2015
4. Phase II of this scheme was extended to March 31, 2024

Choose the correct code:

- A. 1 and 2
- B. 2 and 3
- C. 3 and 4
- D. 1 and 4
- E. None of these

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'None of these'.

Other information:

* The Heavy Industries Ministry notified that the government would reduce the subsidy provided under the FAME-II scheme applicable to electric two-wheelers registered on or after June 1, 2023.

* The subsidy for electric two-wheelers would be reduced to ₹10,000 per kilowatt hour (kWh).

* The cap on incentives for electric two-wheelers will be 15% of the ex-factory price of vehicles from 40% (present).

*** FAME India Scheme:**

- o It is a part of the National Electric Mobility Mission Plan.
- o Phase I: 2015 - 2019
- o The government has approved Phase II with an outlay of Rs. 10,000 Crore for a period of 3 years, which was further extended for a period of two years up to March 31, 2024.

49. During PM Modi's three-nation tour, which of the following countries has signed MoUs in the field of migration and mobility partnership and on the Green Hydrogen task force?

- A. Fiji
- B. Japan
- C. Australia
- D. New Zealand
- E. Papua New Guinea

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Australia'.

Other information:

* During the final leg of PM Modi's three-nation tour (Japan, Papua New Guinea, and Australia), he was accorded a Ceremonial Guard of Honour at the Admiralty House in Sydney, Australia.

* During his visit, India and Australia signed agreements in the field of migration and mobility partnership and on the Green Hydrogen task force.

* The MoUs were exchanged after a bilateral meeting between PM Narendra Modi and his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese.

50. Along with Renée Fleming, who has been appointed as the Goodwill Ambassadors for Arts and Health by the World Health Organization (WHO)?

- A. Nadine Sierra
- B. Benjamin Bernheim

- C. Marco Armiliato
- D. Matthew Polenzani
- E. Pretty Yende

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Pretty Yende'.

Other information:

* The World Health Organization (WHO) has appointed Renée Fleming and Pretty Yende as the Goodwill Ambassadors for Arts and Health.

* Renée Fleming is one of the most celebrated singers and Pretty Yende is an extraordinary soprano known for her dazzling performances.

* They would join other distinguished WHO Goodwill Ambassadors such as Alisson, Natalia Becker, Didier Drogba, Michael Bloomberg, Cynthia Germanotta, Gordon Brown, and James Chau, among others.

51. Which of the following athletes has won the title in the men's long jump event at the International Jumping Meeting 2023, held in Greece?

- A. Jeswin Aldrin
- B. Murali Sreeshankar
- C. Jalen Rucker
- D. Avinash Sable
- E. Eldhose Paul

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Murali Sreeshankar'.

Other information:

* India's long jumper, Murali Sreeshankar (Kerala) has successfully defended his title in the men's long jump event at the 13th International Jumping Meeting 2023 in Kallithea, Greece.

* He registered his season-best jump of 8.18m to beat his compatriot.

- * This was Murali Sreeshankar's third competition of the year and also the third gold medal.
- * While Jeswin Aldrin (Tamil Nadu) has claimed silver with an effort of 7.85m.
- * Jalen Rucker of Australia won bronze for a 7.80m effort in the 12-man field.

52.The third Khelo India University Games 2022 was held in which of the following Indian states?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Haryana
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. Himachal Pradesh

Answer :- D

Solution :-

- * The correct answer is 'Uttar Pradesh'.

Other information:

- * PM Modi will inaugurate the third Khelo India University Games 2022 via video conferencing on May 25, 2023.
- * The event will be attended by Union Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur and UP CM Yogi Adityanath.
- * The events related to the university games have already started on May 23 in the Gautam Budh Nagar district.
- * Event locations: Varanasi, Gorakhpur, Lucknow, and Gautam Buddha Nagar
- * Mascot: Jitu, which represents Swamp Deer (Barasingha) - the state animal of UP

53.In May 2023, the Ministry of Civil Aviation launched the UDAN 5.1. In this context, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. The RCS-UDAN 5.1 is specifically designed for helicopter routes.

2. Under this scheme, the airfare caps have been reduced by 35% to make flying more affordable for passengers.

3. The UDAN scheme was initiated in 2016 but PM Narendra Modi launched the first flight under UDAN on April 27, 2017.

Choose the correct code:

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. Both 1 and 3
- D. Only 3
- E. Both 1 and 2

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct code is 'Both 1 and 3'.

Other information:

* The Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched the 5.1 version of the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) to further enhance connectivity to remote areas of the country and achieve last-mile connectivity through helicopters.

* For the first time under RCS-UDAN, this round is designed specifically for helicopter routes.

* Under the new scheme, airfare caps have been reduced by as much as 25% to make flying in helicopters more affordable for passengers.

* The ministry has also increased Viability Gap Funding (VGF) caps for the operators of both single and twin-engine helicopters.

* The UDAN scheme was initiated in 2016 but PM Narendra Modi launched the first flight under UDAN on April 27, 2017.

54. Which of the following is the only Indian company to feature in BCG's Top 50 innovative companies 2023 list?

- A. Reliance Industries
- B. Adani Group
- C. Mahindra and Mahindra

- D. Tata Group
- E. Aditya Birla Group

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Tata Group'.

Other information:

* Tata Group is the only Indian company to feature in the Top 50 innovative companies 2023 list, released by Boston Consulting Group (BCG).

* Tata Group ranked 20 among the Top 50 innovative companies.

* Top 10: Apple, Tesla, Amazon, Alphabet, Microsoft, Moderna, Samsung, Huawei, BYD, and Siemens

* BCG's list parameters: Superior performance, higher resilience to shocks and disruptions, and the ability to exploit innovation faster for value-creating growth, among other things

55. In May 2023, Molbio Diagnostics joined hands with _____ to design, develop and commercialize point-of-care diagnostic devices, 'SickleCert'.

- A. Empire Biotechnologies
- B. ShanMukha Innovations
- C. Cooljamm
- D. Venture Incubation Program
- E. LeverEdge

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'ShanMukha Innovations'.

Other information:

* Molbio Diagnostics and ShanMukha Innovations have collaborated to design, develop and commercialize point-of-care diagnostic devices, SickleCert.

* Aim: To diagnose hemoglobin-related diseases.

- * ShanMukha Innovations is an IISc spin-off that specializes in creating mobile diagnostic solutions.
- * SickleCert is a first-of-its-kind indigenous point-of-care confirmatory test in the country for quantitative detection and differentiation of sickle cell disease/trait.
- * The platform will also be able to soon test for Anemia and Thalassemia.

56. Which of the following Indian institutions launched 15 Centres of Excellence (CoE), under the 'Institute of Eminence' (IoE) Scheme?

- A. IIT Kanpur
- B. IIT Bombay
- C. IIT Varanasi
- D. IIT Madras
- E. IIT Delhi

Answer :- D

Solution :-

- * The correct answer is 'IIT Madras'.

Other information:

- * Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) has launched 15 Centres of Excellence (CoE) as part of the 'Institute of Eminence' (IoE) Scheme on 24th May 2023.
- * Aim: To develop next-generation technologies and create a significant impact
- * The IoE Scheme was launched by the Government of India to empower Higher Educational Institutions to become world-class teaching and research institutions.
- * IIT Madras, one of the pre-eminent institutions in India, was chosen in 2019.
- * It has established several research initiatives in diverse fields with funds from IoE grants.

57. In May 2023, which of the following state government signed an MoU with Infosys and Nasscom to enhance the skills and employability of students in Higher Education Institutions?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Odisha
- C. Kerala
- D. Telangana
- E. Karnataka

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Odisha'.

Other information:

* The Odisha Govt's Higher Education Department has signed an MoU with Infosys and Nasscom to enhance the skills and employability of students in Higher Education Institutions.

* Aim: To provide learning and employment opportunities for students

* It also aims to promote equal access to education for passionate individuals, equipping them for the future.

* Infosys has set a goal to enable digital skills on a large scale and empower more than 10 million people across India through its program, Infosys Springboard.

58. Justice S Vaidyanathan, who has been named as the acting Chief Justice of which of the following high courts? (May 2023)

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Bombay
- C. Delhi
- D. Madras
- E. Odisha

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct answer is 'Madras'.

Other information:

* The President of India has named Justice S Vaidyanathan, the seniormost judge of the Madras high court, as the acting Chief Justice of the Madras high court, with effect from 25.05.2023.

* He has succeeded the present acting Chief Justice of the Madras high court, Justice T Raja, who retired.

* He served as an editor of Labour Law Books published by the Madras Book Agency.

* He was elevated as an additional high court judge on October 25, 2013, and became a permanent judge on April 14, 2015.

59. In the context of the 'State and Trends of Carbon Pricing' report, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. This report was published by the World Bank.
2. As per this report, the revenues from carbon taxes and Emissions Trading Systems (ETS) have reached a record high, about \$95 billion.
3. The report suggested that the prices are moderate to drive the changes needed to meet the Paris climate accord target.

Choose the correct code:

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. 1 and 3
- D. 1 and 2
- E. 1, 2, and 3

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is '1 and 2'.

Other information:

* According to the World Bank's annual "State and Trends of Carbon Pricing" report, revenues from carbon taxes and Emissions Trading Systems (ETS) have reached a record high, about \$95 billion.

* This is despite the challenging context for governments facing high inflation, fiscal pressures, and energy crises.

* As per the report, the prices are still too low to drive the changes needed to meet Paris climate accord target.

* Several countries are using a price on carbon emissions to help meet their climate goals in the form of a tax, Emissions Trading System (ETS), or cap-and-trade system.

* There are currently 73 global carbon pricing instruments in operation covering around 23% of global greenhouse gas emissions.

* As of April 1, 2023 less than 5% of global greenhouse gas emissions are covered by a direct carbon price at or above the range recommended by 2030.

60. In May 2023, 'Tiger Shark 40', is a joint naval drill exercise, between Bangladesh and _____.

- A. India
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. US
- D. Japan
- E. China

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'US'.

Other information:

* The Joint Bangladesh-US Naval drill Exercise 'Tiger Shark 40' has started at BNS Nirvik in Chattogram.

* Aim: To increase the strategic capabilities of both countries and to acquire mutual technical and procedural knowledge

* It is being undertaken to improve the existing good relations between the armed forces of the two countries.

* Special Forces of Bangladesh Army and Navy and US Special Forces participated in this training exercise held under the management of Commodore Swords Command.

61. In May 2023, ISRO launched a NVS-01 satellite, using GSLV rocket from the second launch pad in Sriharikota. This is a _____ satellite.

- A. Remote Sensing Satellite
- B. Weather Satellite
- C. Navigational Satellite
- D. Geostationary orbit Satellite
- E. LEO Satellite

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Navigational Satellite'.

Other information:

* ISRO has successfully launched a second generation navigation satellite, NVS-01, by using a GSLV rocket with a cryogenic upper stage.

* NVS-01 would augment the India's regional navigation system, providing accurate and real-time navigation.

* The GSLV-F12/NVS-01 mission was launched from the second launch pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR, Sriharikota.

* The signals will be more secure, civilian frequency band has been introduced.

* This was one of the five of such satellites.

62. In May 2023, who among the following has won the BWF World Tour title 2023, held at the Malaysia Masters Super 500 badminton tournament?

- A. H.S. Prannoy
- B. Weng Hong Yang
- C. Kang Min-hyuk
- D. Seo Seung-jae
- E. Kenta Nishimoto

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'H.S. Prannoy'.

Other information:

* India's world No.9 shuttler, H.S. Prannoy has clinched his maiden BWF World Tour title 2023, held at the Malaysia Masters Super 500 badminton tournament.

* In finals, he beating Weng Hong Yang of China 21-19, 13-21, 21-18.

* He had previously clinched the title at the 2017 US Open, which was a part of the BWF Grand Prix.

* Women's singles: Akane Yamaguchi

* Men's Double: Kang Min-hyuk and Seo Seung-jae

* Women's doubles: Baek Ha-na and Lee So-hee

* Mixed doubles: Dechapol Puavaranukroh and Sapsiree Taerattanachai

63.

Who among the following has re-elected as the president of Turkiye?

- A. Devlet Bahçeli
- B. Kemal Kilicdaroglu
- C. Muharrem İnce
- D. Mansur Yavaş
- E. Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Recep Tayyip Erdogan'.

Other information:

* President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has won the presidential election of In Turkiye, extending his rule to a third decade.

* He defeated opposition leader Kemal Kilicdaroglu in runoff vote.

* Out of 99.43% of the votes, Erdogan got 52.14% of the votes and Kilicdaroglu received 47.86%.

* The vote seals Erdogan's place in history as he extends his 20-year rule for a further five years.

* Türkiye capital: Ankara and Currency: Turkish lira

64.

In May 2023, which country decided to allow India's Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited to develop a second hydropower project, Arun-IV in the country?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Nepal
- C. Bhutan
- D. Bangladesh
- E. Myanmar

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Nepal'.

Other information:

* Nepal has decided to allow India's Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) Limited to develop a second hydropower project in the country.

* Presently, SJVN is developing a 900-MW Arun -III hydroelectric project, a run-of-river located on the Arun River in Eastern Nepal.

* The draft project development agreement was approved by Nepal PM Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda and is to be signed with India's state-owned SJVN to develop the 669 MW Lower Arun Hydropower project in eastern Nepal.

65. Norodom Sihamoni, who arrived in New Delhi on a three-day visit to India, is a king of _____.

- A. Bhutan
- B. Thailand
- C. Bahrain
- D. Eswatini
- E. Cambodia

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Cambodia'.

Other information:

* King of Cambodia, Norodom Sihamoni has arrived in New Delhi on a three-day visit to India.

* The King will have bilateral meetings with President Droupadi Murmu and PM Modi.

* He will also pay floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at Raj Ghat.

* The visit marks the culmination of the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Cambodia.

* This visit by the King of Cambodia is taking place after almost six decades, with the last being that of the current King's father in 1963.

66. Which of the following Indian ministers has attended the swearing ceremony of the Nigerian President Bola Tinubu? (May 2023)

- A. Nirmala Sitharaman
- B. Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- C. Dharmendra Pradhan
- D. Rajnath Singh
- E. Piyush Goyal

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Rajnath Singh'.

Other information:

* Bola Tinubu, from Nigeria's ruling All Progressives Congress party, has been sworn in as the new President of Nigeria.

* In February 2023, he defeated former Vice President Atiku Abubakar, candidate of Peoples Democratic Party.

* The swearing ceremony was attended by the Indian defense minister, Rajnath Singh, who is on a three-day visit to Nigeria.

- * Agenda of visit: To strengthen the India-Nigeria bilateral relations
- * This is the first-ever visit of an Indian Defence Minister to Nigeria.

67. In May 2023, PM Modi flagged off Assam's first Vande Bharat Express train, which connects Guwahati to _____.

- A. New Jalpaiguri
- B. Siliguri
- C. Haldibari
- D. Sundarbans National Park
- E. Howrah Bridge

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- * The correct answer is 'New Jalpaiguri'.

Other information:

* Prime Minister Narendra Modi has flagged off Assam's first Vande Bharat Express train through video conferencing on May 29, 2023.

* This new service will cover the distance of 411 km between Guwahati and New Jalpaiguri in 5 hours and 30 minutes.

* The train will stop at Kamakhya, New Bongaigaon, Kokrajhar, New Alipurduar, and New Coochbehar and culminate at NJP.

* This will be the third Vande Bharat for West Bengal, after the Howrah-NJP Vande Bharat Express and the Howrah-Puri Vande Bharat Express.

68. Which of the following cricket team won the IPL title in 2023?

- A. Sunrisers Hyderabad
- B. Royal Challengers Bangalore
- C. Chennai Super Kings
- D. Mumbai Indians
- E. Kolkata Knight Riders

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- The correct answer is 'Chennai Super Kings'.

Other information:

- Chennai Super Kings (CSK) has defeated defending champions Gujarat Titans by 5 wickets to win its 5th IPL title.
- The final match of IPL 2023 was held at Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, Gujarat on May 29, 2023.

IPL 2023 awards:

- Orange Cap (Highest Run-Scorer): Shubman Gill (GT) 890 runs
- Purple Cap (Leading Wicket-taker): Mohammed Shami (GT) 28 wickets
- Most Valuable Player: Shubman Gill
- Emerging Players: Yashasvi Jaiswal
- Fairplay Award: Gujarat Titans
- Super Striker: Glenn Maxwell
- Most Fours: Shubman Gill
- Catch Of the Season: Rashid Khan
- Pitch and Ground - Eden Gardens, Wankhede Stadium

69. Which of the following players was awarded the Orange Cap and Purple Cap titled in the IPL 2023, respectively?

- A. Mohammed Shami and Shubman Gill
- B. Shubman Gill and Mohammed Shami
- C. Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shubman Gill
- D. Glenn Maxwell and Mohammed Shami
- E. Rashid Khan and Shubman Gill

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- The correct answer is 'Shubman Gill and Mohammed Shami'.

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70. In May 2023, who among the following was awarded the 57th Jnanpith Award?

- A. Nilmani Phookan Jr
- B. Damodar Mauzo
- C. Ravindra Kelekar
- D. G. Sankara Kurup
- E. Amitav Ghosh

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- The correct answer is 'Damodar Mauzo'.

Other information:

- Governor of Goa, P S Sreedharan Pillai has presented the 57th Jnanpith Award, the country's highest literary honor, to Goan writer Damodar Mauzo.
- 25 books have been published in Konkani and one in English.
- Many of his books have also been translated into different languages.
- In 1983, he has conferred the Sahitya Akademi Award for his novel 'Karmelin'.
- He is the second Goan to receive the Jnanpith Award, after Ravindra Kelekar, who received the award in 2008.

71. In May 2023, who among the following has been sworn in as the new Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC)?

- A. Praveen Kumar Srivastava
- B. Gaurav Kumar Sharma
- C. Bimaljit Kaur
- D. Sanjeev Kumar
- E. Suresh N Patel

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- The correct answer is 'Praveen Kumar Srivastava'.

Other information:

- President of India Droupadi Murmu has administered the oath of office to senior administrator Praveen Kumar Srivastava as the next Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC).
- The oath ceremony was attended by PM Narendra Modi and VP Jagdeep Dhankhar.
- PK Srivastava was already working in the capacity of acting CVC, after the completion of the tenure of incumbent CVC Suresh N Patel in December 2022.
- He is a 1988-batch IAS officer from Assam-Meghalaya Cadre.

72. In May 2023, which of the following International organizations has re-elected CAG Girish Chandra as the External Auditor for a four-year term from 2024 to 2027?

- A. International Monetary Fund
- B. World Health Organization
- C.

Food and Agriculture Organization

- D. United Nations Industrial Development Organization
- E. World Intellectual Property Organization

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- The correct answer is 'World Health Organization'.

Other information:

- The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, Girish Chandra Murmu has been re-elected as the External Auditor of the World Health Organisation (WHO) for a four-year term (2024-2027).
- The CAG is already holding this position in the WHO for a four-year term (2019-2023).
- In the election held at the 76th World Health Assembly in Geneva, the CAG was re-elected with a majority of 114 out of 156 votes.
- Earlier, the CAG was selected for the post of External Auditor of the ILO.

73. The Roads and Transport Authority of which city has targeted to achieve zero-emissions public transportation by 2050? (May 2023)

- A. Abu Dhabi
- B. Singapore
- C. New York
- D. Dubai
- E. Doha

Answer :- D

Solution :-

- The correct answer is 'Dubai'.

Other information:

- The Roads and Transport Authority of Dubai has set a target to achieve zero-emissions public transportation by 2050.
- Aim: To contribute to climate change mitigation and minimize its carbon footprint across three critical areas (public transportation, buildings and facilities, and waste management)
- This move aligns with the UAE preparations for COP28 and the UAE Net Zero by 2050 Strategic Initiative.
- The strategy outlines ten key initiatives, each assigned to various agencies and sectors.

74. Which of the following state hockey team won the 13th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2023?

- A. Manipur
- B. Odisha
- C. Haryana
- D. Madhya Pradesh
- E. Uttar Pradesh

Answer :- E

Solution :-

- The correct answer is 'Uttar Pradesh'.

Other information:

- Uttar Pradesh Hockey defeated the Hockey Association of Odisha to win the 13th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2023, held at the iconic Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium, Odisha.
- Meanwhile, Hockey Haryana beat Hockey Madhya Pradesh to finish third in the competition.
- Ujjwal Pal converted three penalty corners, while Rahul Yadav, Ketan Kushwaha, Rahul Rajhbar, and Ajeet Yadav (Team Captain) each scored a goal to secure their victory.

75. Which of the following countries has won the title of the NSC-CAVA Women's Volleyball Challenge Cup 2023?

- A. Nepal
- B. Uzbekistan
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Kyrgyzstan
- E. India

Answer :- E

Solution :-

- The correct answer is 'India'.

Other information:

- India has won the title of the NSC-CAVA Women's Volleyball Challenge Cup 2023 held in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- India won the title by defeating Kazakhstan in the final at the National Sports Council's Covered Hall in Tripureshwor, Kathmandu.
- The event was organized by the Nepal Volleyball Association and is supported by the NSC, eight nations participated in it.
- In the competition, Kazakhstan became the runner-up, followed by Nepal, Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka, and Kyrgyzstan.

76. In May 2023, which of the following state government launched an 'Artificial Intelligence for Youth' initiative to create an ecosystem fostering research, innovation, and application across sectors?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Telangana
- C. Odisha
- D. Kerala
- E. Uttar Pradesh

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- The correct answer is 'Odisha'.

Other information:

- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik has launched the 'Odisha for Artificial Intelligence' and 'Artificial Intelligence for Youth' initiatives.
- Odisha for AI is a free 4-hour course on AI by Intel on its app/site.
- In the first phase, the initiative will be implemented in Bhubaneswar, Puri, and Cuttack.
- While AI for youth is for students (below 18) of 2000 ST schools of phase 1 and Odisha Adarsh Vidyalayas.
- Aim: To create an ecosystem fostering research, innovation, and application across sectors

77. Which of the following drama was awarded the Palme d'Or, the highest prize at the 2023 Cannes Film Festival?

- A. Perfect Days
- B. Anatomy of a Fall
- C. About Dry Grasses
- D. The Zone Of Interest
- E. Inside the Yellow Cocoon Shell

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- The correct answer is 'Anatomy of a Fall'.

Other information:

● The crime drama 'Anatomy of a Fall' (directed by Justine Triet) was conferred with the Palme d'Or, the highest prize at the 2023 Cannes Film Festival.

- She is the third woman director to win Cannes' top honor.

● **Other awardees:**

- o Honorary Palme d'Or: Michael Douglas
- o Best Actress: Merve Dizdar (for About Dry Grasses)
- o Best Actor: Kōji Yakusho (For Perfect Days)

- o Best Director: Tran Anh Hung (For The Pot-Au-Feu)
- o Grand Prix: The Zone Of Interest (Directed Jonathan Glazer)
- o Jury Prize: Fallen Leaves (directed by Aki Kaurismaki)
- o Camera d'Or: Inside the Yellow Cocoon Shell (directed by Thien An Pham)
- o Short Film Palme d'Or: 27 (directed by Flóra Anna Buda)
- o Queer Palm: Monster

78. Five books were published under the 'Nayi Pahal' scheme, is associated with which of the following Indian states?

- A. Odisha
- B. Goa
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Rajasthan
- E. Maharashtra

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- The correct answer is 'Goa'.

Other information:

- Five books published under the Raj Bhavan's scheme for new writers titled 'Nayi Pahal' were released by Governor PS Sreedharan Pillai in a function at Raj Bhavan.
- The five books released were authored by Sanjay Ramesh Salelkar (Konkani), Pallavi Polekar (Marathi), Manohar Adpaikar (Marathi), and Pachu Menon (two books in English).
- The five titles are the first of 100 odd books that the Raj Bhavan plans on publishing in 22 different languages through its innovative scheme.

79. In May 2023, which of the following civic transport bodies was awarded the FICCI's Smart Mobility award?

- A. HRTC
- B. MSRTC
- C. BEST
- D. DTC
- E. UPSRTC

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'BEST'.

Other information:

* The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has conferred the award in the 'Smart Mobility' category to the Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking (BEST).

* Reason: Pioneering efforts in adopting green and sustainable practices

* The BEST has been working on its transformation for 2 years, such as 10,000 Electric Buses, Digital Tickets on NCMC and BEST Chalo App, First And Last Mile Services, Mobility-As-A-Service (MaaS)

80.

In May 2023, which of the following personalities was named the 'Smile Ambassador' under Maharashtra's 'Swachh Mukh Abhiyan' to create awareness about oral health?

A.

M S Dhoni

B.

Sachin Tendulkar

C.

Virat Kohli

D.

P V Sindhu

E.

Manushi Chillar

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Sachin Tendulkar'.

Other information:

* The Maharashtra government has named cricket legend, Sachin Tendulkar as 'Smile Ambassador' under the state medical education & drug department's 'Swachh Mukh Abhiyan to spread awareness about oral health and hygiene across the state.

* Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde and Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis signed an MoU with Sachin Tendulkar.

* Deputy CM has informed that he has offered his association free of cost, and for the entire duration, the government wishes to run the program.

81.Which of the following CPSU was honored with the "GreenTech Safety Award 2023" under Safety Excellence Category at the 21st Annual Greentech awards function in New Delhi?

- A. BPCL
- B. RINL
- C. HPCL
- D. BEML
- E. COAL INDIA

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'RINL'.

Other information:

* RINL has conferred the prestigious "GreenTech Safety Award 2023" under Safety Excellence Category at the 21st Annual Greentech awards function.

* Reason: For its outstanding contribution to improving workplace safety in 2022-23

* The 21st Annual Greentech Awards was organized by the Greentech Foundation to recognize the organizations that are taking responsibility for defining a commercial future by adding value through excellence in fire, safety, and security management

82. Which of the following state government has launched a new scheme, Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Yojana, under which 6,000 rupees would be paid to farmers annually?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Maharashtra
- E. Tamil Nadu

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Maharashtra'.

Other information:

* The Maharashtra government has approved a new financial scheme named Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Yojana, under which more than one crore farmers in the state will be paid 6,000 rupees annually.

* The scheme was approved at a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde.

* The amount is in addition to the 6,000 rupees being paid to farmers by the Centre under the PM Kisan Yojana.

* Maharashtra Cabinet also approved the implementation of 'Gender Inclusive Tourism Policy called 'Aai' to empower women in the tourism sector.

* Similarly, approval was also given to start women's bike-taxi services at some tourist spots in the State.

83. Shenzhou-16 spacecraft, which was in the news recently, is successfully launched by which country?

- A. Iran
- B. Iraq
- C. Saudi Arabia
- D. China
- E. Oman

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'China'.

Other information:

* China successfully launched the Shenzhou-16 spacecraft crewed by three astronauts on May 30, 2023.

* The Long March 2F rocket carrying the spaceship took off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in the Gobi Desert.

* It is heading to China's space station and will relieve the crew of Shenzhou-15.

* The crew will conduct scientific experiments and maintenance on space station equipment.

* It is the fifth crewed mission China to its space station since it first sent astronauts in 2021.

84. In May 2023, which of the following state governments launched a 'Mo Ghara' scheme?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Odisha
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Bihar
- E. Jharkhand

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Odisha'.

Other information:

* The Odisha government has launched a 'Mo Ghara' (My House) scheme to provide credit-linked financial assistance to beneficiaries who face a fund crunch to complete or upgrade their houses.

* The scheme will cover all such families who were left out in the existing housing schemes.

* Under the Scheme, a beneficiary can avail housing loan up to Rs 3 Lakh which can be repaid in 10 years excluding a one-year moratorium period in easy installments.

* They can opt for one of the four slabs of the loan amount -- Rs 1 Lakh, Rs 1.5 Lakh, Rs 2 Lakh, and Rs 3 Lakh.

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1.Name the player who has won the gold medal in the men's shot put at the Under 20 Asian Athletics Championships, organized in South Korea.

- A. Sharuk Khan
- B. Shivam Lohakare
- C. Siddharth Choudhary
- D. Shakeel Abbasi
- E. Tajinderpal Singh Toor

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Siddharth Choudhary'.

Other information:

* India's Siddharth Choudhary has clinched the gold medal in the men's shot put with a personal best throw of 19.52 metres at the Under 20 Asian Athletics Championships in Yecheon, South Korea.

* Three other players Sharuk Khan (3000-metre steeplechase), Shivam Lohakare (Javelin), and Susmita (Long Jump) have also clinched the silver medals in their respective events.

* While Shakeel (800 metres) and the mixed relay team won the bronze medal.

2. In June 2023, which of the following state government has launched the Chief Minister's Learn and Earn scheme?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Punjab
- E. Gujarat

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Madhya Pradesh'.

Other information:

* MP government has launched Chief Minister's Learn and Earn scheme to teach employable skills to the youth.

*** Feature:**

- o The youth will also be given an allowance of Rs 8,000 to 10,000.
- o 703 work areas have been identified for training.
- o At least one lakh youth would be trained under this scheme.
- o The registration of establishments providing training to youth will start on June 7.
- o The registration of youth willing to learn work will start on 15th June
- o The youth will start working from 1st August.

3. Consider the following statements:

1. The Ministry of Power and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy would be launched National Mission titled MAHIR.

2. MAHIR stands for Mission on Advanced and High-Impact Research.

3. The six-year tenure mission will be funded by the Ministry of Power, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, and CPSEs under the two Ministries.

Which of the statements above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2
- B. 2 and 3
- C. 1 and 3
- D. 1, 2, and 3
- E. None of these

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is '1 and 2'.

Other information:

* The Ministry of Power and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy joined hands to launch a National Mission titled “Mission on Advanced and High-Impact Research (MAHIR)”.

* Aim: To quickly identify emerging technologies in the power sector and develop them indigenously, at scale, for deployment within and outside India

* Funded by: Ministry of Power, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, and CPSEs under the two Ministries

* Tenure: Initial period of five years from 2023-24 to 2027-28

4. According to the Google, Temasek and Bain & Company report, India’s internet economy is expected to grow sixfold to \$1 trillion by which year?

- A. 2035
- B. 2027
- C. 2026
- D. 2032
- E. 2030

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is '2030'.

Other information:

* According to a report titled 'The e-Conomy of a Billion Connected Indians' published by Google, Temasek and Bain & Company, India's internet economy is expected to grow sixfold to \$1 trillion by 2030 from \$175 billion in 2022,

* The contribution of the Internet economy to India's technology sector would expand, from 48% to 62% in 2030.

* While its share in India's GDP will increase from 4-5% to nearly 12-13%.

* The report emphasizes that the growth will be spearheaded by the B2C e-commerce segment, followed by B2B, and SaaS providers.

5. In June 2023, Ramanathapuram district DFO, Jagdish Bakan would be awarded UNESCO's 2023 Michel Batisse Award for which of the following Biosphere Reserve Management?

- A. Sundarbans Biosphere Reserve
- B. Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve
- C. Pachmarhi Biosphere Reserve
- D. Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve
- E. Nokrek Biosphere Reserve

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve'.

Other information:

* District Forest Officer (DFO) of Ramanathapuram district, Jagdish Bakan has won the 2023 Michel Batisse Award for Biosphere Reserve Management from UNESCO.

* He has been chosen for the award for his work in the Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve.

* The 2017 batch officer of the IFS is currently the director of the Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve.

* The USD 12,000 award is given in memory of Dr. Michel Batisse for outstanding achievement in the management of biosphere reserves.

* He will receive the award from Unesco in Paris on June 14, 2023.

6. Which of the following state government has launched a Nand Baba Milk Mission scheme?

- A. Bihar
- B. Gujarat
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Rajasthan
- E. Madhya Pradesh

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Uttar Pradesh'.

Other information:

* Uttar Pradesh has launched the Nand Baba Milk Mission scheme at a cost of Rs 1,000 crore.

* Aim: To provide milk producers the facility of selling their milk at a reasonable price in villages through dairy cooperative societies

* Under this mission, it is proposed to form a Dairy farmer producer organization (Dairy FPO) in order to facilitate the sale of milk in producers' villages itself.

* In the financial year 2023-24, there is a plan to set up five Dairy FPOs in as many districts of the state as a pilot project, in which women will also play a major role.

* UP is a leading state in the field of milk development and milk production.

7. Which of the following countries has given the name Biparjoy to the cyclone that would be intensified into a very severe storm? (June 2023)

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Bangladesh
- C. India
- D. Maldives
- E. Indonesia

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Bangladesh'.

Other information:

* The India Meteorological Department (IMD) informed that Cyclone 'Biparjoy' would be intensified into a very severe storm as it moved nearly northwards with a speed of 2 kmph in the last 6 hours.

* Scientists suggested that the cyclonic storms in the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea have been intensifying rapidly and retaining their intensity for a longer duration due to climate change.

* The name Biparjoy was given to the cyclone by Bangladesh, which means "Disaster" in Bengali.

8.Name the New Generation Ballistic Missile, that was successfully flight-tested by DRDO from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island on June 7, 2023?

- A. Agni-I
- B. Agni-II
- C. Agni Prime
- D. Agni-III
- E. Prithvi-II

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Agni Prime'.

Other information:

* Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully flight-tested New Generation Ballistic Missile 'Agni Prime' was successfully from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha on June 07, 2023.

* Aim: To validate the accuracy and reliability of the system

* During the flight test, all objectives were successfully demonstrated.

* This was the first pre-induction night launch conducted by the users after three successful developmental trials of the missile.

* The Agni-Prime would replace the Agni-I (700-km) missiles in the arsenal of SFC, which also has the Prithvi-II (350-km), Agni-II (2,000-km), Agni-III (3,000-km) and Agni-4 (4,000-km) ballistic missiles.

9. Name the author, who was awarded the 2023 Royal Society of Literature Christopher Bland Prize?

- A. Susie Alegre
- B. Paterson Joseph
- C. Jo Browning Wroe
- D. Bonnie Garmus
- E. Pink Palace

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Paterson Joseph'.

Other information:

* Author Paterson Joseph was conferred with the 2023 Royal Society of Literature Christopher Bland Prize for his debut novel 'The Secret Diaries of Charles Ignatius Sancho'.

* This book is a historical fiction novel that tells the story of Charles Ignatius Sancho, who was the first Black man to vote in England

*** RSL Christopher Bland Prize:**

o It is an annual award that is awarded to a debut writer for their work of fiction or non-fiction.

o Cash Prize: £10,000

10. In June 2023, which of the following state government has launched an integrated Water Resources Action Plan-2023-25?

- A. Punjab
- B. Haryana

- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Madhya Pradesh
- E. Uttarakhand

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Haryana'.

Other information:

* Haryana CM Manohar Lal has launched an integrated Water Resources Action Plan-2023-25 under Amrit Jal Kranti at Chandigarh.

* A two-day water conservation seminar was organized in Panchkula on 26-27th April, 2023, in which many departments of Haryana, including experts from India and abroad doing research on water conservation participated.

* CM Manohar Lal has taken several initiatives like Mera Pani-Meri Virasat Yojana, towards water conservation which have drawn significant results.

11. In June 2023, India and which of the following countries has agreed to set a target for bilateral trade to one billion euros by the end of the decade?

- A. France
- B. Britain
- C. Serbia
- D. Germany
- E. Italy

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Serbia'.

Other information:

* President Droupadi Murmu and her Serbian counterpart Aleksandar Vucic have agreed to set a target for bilateral trade from the present 320 million euros to one billion euros by the end of the decade.

* Indian President is on a three-day State visit to Serbia from the 7th to the 9th of June.

* President of Serbia, Aleksandar Vucic also promised simplification of the issue of Visa to Indians and also hoped that direct flights between the two countries will begin soon.

* It will promote tourism and business

12. The first India-France-UAE Maritime Partnership Exercise 2023 was began in _____ on June 7, 2023.

- A. Bay of Bengal
- B. Indian Ocean
- C. Gulf of Oman
- D. Arabian Sea
- E. Gulf of Aden

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Gulf of Oman'.

Other information:

* The Ministry of Defence informed that first India-France-UAE Maritime Partnership Exercise has started in the Gulf of Oman on June 7, 2023.

* The exercise involves the Indian Navy frigate INS Tarkash, the French Navy ship Surcouf along with Rafale fighter jets, and UAE Navy maritime patrol aircraft.

* The two-day exercise will involve a wide range of naval operations, including surface warfare, helicopter cross-deck landing operations, advanced air defense exercises, and boarding operations.

13. Which of the following organizations has a four-week residential workshop program for 40 underprivileged rural girls, Girl Empowerment Mission (GEM)-2023?

- A. NHPC
- B. NTPC
- C. ONGC
- D. BHEL

E. HPCL

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'NTPC'.

Other information:

* NTPC Kanti has launched the Girl Empowerment Mission (GEM)-2023, a four-week residential workshop program for 40 underprivileged rural girls.

* This is the first time NTPC Kanti is organizing the GEM program.

* The participants will receive academic training and development skill sets such as soft skills, life skill training, sports, meditation, yoga, self-defence, computer application, communication skills, and other extra-curricular activities.

14. In June 2023, which of the following organizations has joined hands with the ISRO for Gaganyaan Mission?

- A. Tata Elxsi
- B. Physical Research Laboratory
- C. Pixxel
- D. Bellatrix Aerospace
- E. TeamIndus

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Tata Elxsi'.

Other information:

* Tata Elxsi has partnered with the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) for the upcoming Gaganyaan Mission.

* It has designed and developed the crew module recovery models (CMRM) for the recovery team training of the space mission.

* ISRO's Gaganyaan project envisions a demonstration of human spaceflight capability by launching the crew into a 400-kilometer orbit for a three-day mission and safely bringing them to Earth by landing in Indian sea waters.

15. The Special Olympics World Summer Games 2023 to be held in which of the following cities from 17 June to 25 June 2023?

- A. Berlin
- B. Munich
- C. Hamburg
- D. Frankfurt
- E. Bavaria

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Berlin'.

Other information:

* Union Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur send off the Indian contingent of 198 special athletes to the Special Olympics World Summer Games 2023 to be held in Berlin.

* The Government spent 450 crore rupees in the current Olympic cycle on training, equipment, and facilities so far.

* It will provide more assistance if needed to ensure India makes a new record in the Paris Olympics 2024.

* India has given the best-ever performance at the last Olympics with improvements in facilities.

16. In June 2023, Novak Djokovic won his _____ grand slam men's singles title at the 2023 French Open title.

- A. 22nd
- B. 23rd
- C. 24th
- D. 25th
- E. 26th

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is '23rd'.

Other information:

* Serbian Tennis player, Novak Djokovic has defeated Casper Ruud in the men's singles final to win the 2023 French Open title in Paris, France.

* He has also created history by becoming the first man to reach the coveted 23 grand slam title mark.

*** Other Winners:**

o Women's singles: Iga Świątek (Poland)

o Men's doubles: Ivan Dodig (Croatia) and Austin Krajicek (US)

o Mixed doubles: Miyu Kato (Japan) and Tim Pütz (Germany)

o Women's doubles: Hsieh Su-wei (Chinese Taipei) / Wang Xinyu (China)

17. Who among the following has been appointed as the new CEO of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)?

- A. Rashmi Chowdhary
- B. Shyam Jagannathan
- C. Amit Agrawal
- D. Subodh Kumar Singh
- E. Sanjeev Kumar Chadha

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Amit Agrawal'.

Other information:

* Senior IAS officer, Amit Agrawal has been appointed as the new CEO of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).

* While Subodh Kumar Singh has been appointed as director general of the National Testing Agency.

* Both Agrawal (1993 batch) and Singh (1997 batch) are Indian Administrative Service officers of the Chhattisgarh cadre.

* Rashmi Chowdhary, additional secretary in the Department of Personnel and Training, has been appointed as secretary in the Central Information Commission.

18. In June 2023, which country won the FIH Pro League 2022-23 held in Eindhoven, the Netherlands?

- A. New Zealand
- B. Australia
- C. China
- D. India
- E. Argentina

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'India'.

Other Information:

* India defeated Argentina 2-1 in its final FIH Pro League 2022-23 match in Eindhoven, the Netherlands.

* Akashdeep Singh and Sukhjeet Singh scored goals for India while Lucas Toscani netted the only goal for Argentina.

* India consolidated their position atop the FIH Pro League standings with 30 points from 16 matches.

* Argentina is fifth with 13 points from 14 matches.

* The Indian men's hockey team finished in fourth place in their debut FIH Pro League campaign back in 2020-21.

19. Who among the following has been appointed as the new director general of the Border Security Force (BSF)?

- A. Aditya Negi
- B. Harpreet Singh
- C. Nitin Agarwal
- D. Sujoy Lal Thaosen
- E. Hemraj Bairwa

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Nitin Agarwal'.

Other information:

* Nitin Agarwal, an IPS officer of the 1989 Kerala cadre, has been appointed as the new director general of the Border Security Force (BSF).

* This appointment comes after a vacancy of over five months in the position.

* Presently, he is serving as the Additional DG of operations at the headquarters of the CRPF in Delhi.

* The additional charge of the BSF has been held by Sujoy Lal Thaosen, the Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).

20. In June 2023, which of the following IITs developed smart biodegradable microgels?

- A. IIT Mandi
- B. IIT Delhi
- C. IIT Bhubaneswar
- D. IIT Patna
- E. IIT Bombay

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'IIT Mandi'.

Other information:

* Researchers at the IIT Mandi have developed smart biodegradable microgels.

* Aim: To make agricultural practices more sustainable and minimize the adverse impact caused by the use of insecticides and agrochemicals

* The research has been published in the "Carbohydrate Polymers" journal.

* Modern agriculture relies heavily on the application of various agrochemicals such as insecticides, herbicides, and fertilizers on crops to meet the demand for food for the growing population.

21.

Who among the following has been appointed as the new Power Secretary of India? (June 2023)

- A. Alok Kumar
- B. Pankaj Agrawal
- C. Rajat Mishra
- D. Chanchal Kumar
- E. Subhas Chandra Lal Das

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Pankaj Agrawal'.

Other information:

* The government of India has appointed Pankaj Agrawal as the new Power Secretary.

* He would replace present Secretary Alok Kumar, who will retire on June 30.

* While Rajat Mishra will be the new Fertiliser Secretary, and Chanchal Kumar to join the Civil Aviation Ministry as Secretary.

* Sudhansh Pant will move from the Ports, Shipping and Waterways Ministry to Health Ministry.

* Subhas Chandra Lal Das will move to the Ministry of MSME as Secretary.

22. In June 2023, which of the following Training Institution was awarded accreditation as 'Athi Uttam' by the National Accreditation Board of Education and Training?

- A. National Institute of Geo-Informatics Science and Technology
- B. Geological Survey of India Training Institute
- C. CSIR – National Geophysical Research Institute
- D. Survey of India
- E. GEO Institute of Technologies

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Geological Survey of India Training Institute'.

Other information:

* The Geological Survey of India Training Institute has been awarded accreditation as 'Athi Uttam' by the National Accreditation Board of Education and Training (NABET).

* The assessment was made on the basis of the inspection of all standard operating procedures and methodologies.

* The team of the Capacity Building Commission (CBC), NABET, and Quality Control of India conducted the on-site assessment.

* GSITI was established in 1976 and its headquarters located in Hyderabad.

23. In June 2023, which of the following organizations received approval from the central board of trustees to change its membership status with ISSA to affiliate member?

- A. CMPFO
- B. ESIC
- C. IRCTC
- D. EPFO
- E. NSDL

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'EPFO'.

Other information:

* EPFO will gain access to professional guidelines, expert knowledge, services, and support from the International Social Security Association (ISSA).

* The move comes after the central board of trustees of EPFO gave its approval to change its membership status with ISSA from associate member to affiliate member now.

* The organization became an associate member in 1962.

* Other than EPFO, the Coal Mines Provident Fund Organisation is the only ISSA affiliate member from India.

24. In June 2023, Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education commenced Vigyan - Vidushi 2023, an initiative to address the gender balance in the discipline of _____ at the doctorate level.

- A. Chemistry
- B. Zoology
- C. Physics
- D. Biology
- E. Botany

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Physics'.

Other information:

* Vigyan -Vidushi – 2023 has been commenced at the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE), in Mumbai.

* It is an initiative to address the gender balance in the discipline of Physics at the doctorate level.

* 40 women students from forty different institutes all over India have attended this program which gave them exposure to advanced physics courses.

* This program is an initiative of Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), through its HBCSE.

25. According to the Global Slavery Index 2023, which of the following countries has the lowest prevalence of modern slavery?

- A. Switzerland
- B. Norway
- C. Germany
- D. Turkey
- E. India

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Switzerland'.

Other information:

* The Global Slavery Index 2023 provides national estimates of modern slavery for 160 countries.

* Produced by: ILO, Walk Free, and International Organisation for Migration

* Walk Free has reported that 49.6 million people are living in modern slavery, out of which, India is home to 11 million.

* Countries with the highest prevalence: North Korea, Eritrea, Mauritania, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey

* Countries with the lowest prevalence: Switzerland, Norway, and Germany

26. The two day conference of Science-20 under G-20 is being organised in which of the following states?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Odisha
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. West Bengal

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Madhya Pradesh'.

Other information:

* The two-day conference of Science-20 under G-20 is being organized from 16th-17th June 2023 at the Taj Hotel in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

* The theme of the conference is "Connecting Science to Society and Culture".

* The conference will be chaired by Professor Ashutosh Sharma, President of the Indian National Science Academy (INSA).

* The conference will be attended by representatives of G-20 countries, invited states and international organisations.

27. Who among the following has succeeded Barry O'Farrell to be appointed as new Australia's High Commissioner to India?

- A. Philip Green
- B. Penny Wong
- C. Hilary McGeachy
- D. Jeremy Meeks
- E. Dominic Chappell

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Philip Green'.

Other information:

* Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong has appointed Philip Green as Australia's next High Commissioner to India.

* He would succeed incumbent Barry O'Farrell, who served as Australian high commissioner to India since 2020.

* Presently, he is serving as the Australia's ambassador to Germany.

* Previously, he has also served as Australia's High Commissioner to Singapore, South Africa and Kenya.

* Hilary McGeachy has been appointed as Australia's first Consul-General in Bengaluru.

28. In June 2023, which of the following state will be conferred with 4th National Water Awards in Best State category?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Gujarat
- E. Maharashtra

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Madhya Pradesh'.

Other information:

* The VP Jagdeep Dhankhar will confer the 4th National Water Awards on June 17, 2023 in New Delhi.

* The Department Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation has announced a total of 41 winners.

* The Best State award will be conferred to Madhya Pradesh, while the Best District will be conferred on Ganjam District, Odisha.

* Best Village Panchayat: Jagannadhapuram Village Panchayat, Telangana

* Best Urban Local Body: Chandigarh Municipal Corporation

* Best Media: Advance Water Digest Private Limited Gurugram, Haryana

* Best School: Jamiyatpura Primary School, Gujarat

* Best Institution for Campus usage: Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Reasi, Jammu and Kashmir

* Best Industry: Barauni Thermal Power Station, Begusarai, Bihar

* Best NGO: Arpan Seva Sansthan, Udaipur, Rajasthan

* Best Water User Association: Sanjeevani Piyat Sahkari Mandli Ltd, Narmada, Gujarat

* Best Industry for CSR Activities: HCL Technologies Ltd., Noida, Uttar Pradesh

29. In June 2023, which of the following Indian institutions has developed a mobile air pollution monitoring framework?

- A. IISc Bangalore
- B. IIT Madras
- C. IIT Bombay
- D. IIT Delhi
- E. IIT Varanasi

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'IIT Madras'.

Other information:

* IIT Madras researchers have recently developed a low-cost mobile air pollution monitoring framework.

* The pollution sensors mounted on public vehicles can dynamically monitor the air quality of an extended area at high spatial and temporal resolution.

* Traditionally, ambient air quality is measured in monitoring stations and reported by the Air Quality Index (AQI).

* Since these stations are at fixed locations, they only measure the air quality of a small geographic area.

30. In June 2023, which of the following armed force has organized an outreach programme to Ladakh named 'Julley Ladakh'?

- A. Indian Army
- B. Indian Navy
- C. Indian Air Force
- D. Border Security Force
- E. Central Industrial Security Force

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Indian Navy'.

Other Information:

* Indian Navy has conducted “Julley Ladakh” (Hello Ladakh), an outreach programme to Ladakh.

* Aim: To create awareness about the service in the pristine state and to engage with youth and civil society there

* Under this initiative, a 5000km Motorcycle Expedition was flagged off by VAdm Sanjay Jasjit Singh, Vice Chief of Naval Staff, from the National War Memorial.

* Previously, the Navy had made similar effort in the North East that was hugely successful.

31. In June 2023, Ministry of Defence signed a contract of Rs 500 crore with which of the following organizations for the procurement of 1,035 numbers of 5/7.5 Ton Radio Relay Communication equipment containers?

- A. Bharti Airtel Limited
- B. ICOMM Tele Limited
- C. Axiata Spice Communications
- D. Thamizhaga Cable TV Communication Pvt Ltd
- E. Fastway Transmissions Pvt Ltd

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'ICOMM Tele Limited'.

Other information:

* Ministry of Defence (MoD) has inked a contract with ICOMM Tele Limited, Hyderabad for the procurement of 1,035 numbers of 5/7.5 Ton Radio Relay Communication equipment containers.

* The value of the contract under Buy (Indian) Category is nearly Rs 500 crore.

* The delivery of the containers is scheduled to commence from the current Financial Year 2023-24.

* Aim: To boost the indigenous manufacturing of defence equipment and incentivize the private sector

32. Jane Marriott has become the first female British envoy to which of the following country? (June 2023)

- A. Oman
- B. Egypt
- C. Pakistan
- D. India
- E. Sri Lanka

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Pakistan'.

Other information:

* The United Kingdom government has appointed its senior diplomat Jane Marriott as the next British High Commissioner to Pakistan.

* She would be replacing Dr Christian Turner, who left Pakistan in January after serving as the envoy since December 2019.

* She also became the first female British envoy to Islamabad.

* Prior to this role, she was the high commissioner to Kenya since September 2019.

* She has also completed two diplomatic postings to Iraq and one to Afghanistan.

33. Which of the following government organizations has released the National Time Release Study 2023 report?

- A. Securities and Exchange Board of India
- B.

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs

- C. Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry
- D. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
- E. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs'.

Other information:

* Chairman of CBIC, Vivek Johri has released the National Time Release Study 2023 report.

* Time Release Study is a performance measurement tool.

* Aim: To present quantitative measure of the cargo release time

* Import Release Time: Arithmetic mean of the period between 'arrival of Goods' and the Customs'granting of 'Out of Charge'

* Export Release Time: Arithmetic mean of the time between cargo's arrival at the port and its physical departure from the port/Customs station

34.The Ministry of Defence has approved the deal for acquiring the Predator, MQ-9 Reaper, drones form which of the following countries?

- A. France
- B. Russia
- C. Japan
- D. South Korea
- E. The United States of America

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'The United States of America'.

Other information:

* The Defence Ministry has approved the deal for acquiring the Predator (MQ-9 Reaper) drones from America for which the final decision would be taken by the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS).

* The deal for the Predator drones was approved by the Defence Acquisition Council meeting.

* The DAC is the highest body in the Defence Ministry to take decisions on acquisitions.

* All high value acquisitions are given final approval by the CCS.

35. In June 2023, which of the following IT giant has joined hands with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to drive citizen awareness 'G20-Stay Safe Online' campaign?

- A. Microsoft
- B. Infosys
- C. IBM
- D. Google
- E. TCS

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Google'.

Other information:

* The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and Google have joined hands to drive citizen awareness 'G20-Stay Safe Online' campaign on online cyber safety in the country.

* Aim: To foster citizen awareness about online safety and security

* Google will raise awareness on the fundamentals of online safety through the 'Be Internet Awesome' programme.

* Both are working to enhance user awareness on cyber fraud and helping people identify common types of online scams.

36. According to the report, the growth in demand for oil in India will overtake that in China by 2027. This report was published by which organization?

- A. International Atomic Energy Agency
- B. International Renewable Energy Agency
- C. World Trade Organization
- D. International Energy Agency
- E. Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'International Energy Agency'.

Other information:

* According to a report by the International Energy Agency (IEA), the growth in demand for oil in India will overtake that in China by 2027.

* 'Oil 2023', the multilateral agency's outlook highlighted that China's demand will fall consistently from 2024 after a massive rise this year.

* The United States, China, and India are the world's three largest oil consumers in that order.

* IEA also raised its forecast for world oil growth demand to 2.4 million barrels per day in 2023.

37. Which of the following organizations has released the Gender Social Norms Index (GSNI) 2023?

- A. UNICEF
- B. UNIDO
- C. UNEP
- D. ITU
- E. UNDP

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'UNDP'.

Other information:

* The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) released the Gender Social Norms Index (GSNI) 2023, which covered 85% of the global population.

* The index has revealed that close to 9 out of 10 men and women hold fundamental biases against women.

* Nearly 90% of people still hold at least one bias against women.

* This index has tracked people's attitudes towards women in four dimensions i.e. political, educational, economic and physical integrity.

38. Who among the following has been selected for the prestigious German Peace Prize 2023?

- A. Amartya Sen
- B. Sebastiao Salgado
- C. Salman Rushdie
- D. Serhij Zhadan
- E. Tsitsi Dangarembga

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Salman Rushdie'.

Other information:

* British-American author, Salman Rushdie has been selected for the prestigious German Peace Prize 2023 for his literary work and his resolve and positive attitude in the face of constant danger.

* He would receive the award in Frankfurt on October 22, 2023.

* Cash prize: €25,000 (\$27,300)

* This prize was established in 1950 to recognize a personality committed to serving international understanding between nations and cultures through their work.

39. Who among the following has been appointed as the new head of the Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW)?

- A. Ravi Sinha
- B. Samant Goel
- C. Rameshwar Nath Kao
- D. Giridhar Aramane
- E. Muthuthevar Kannan

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Ravi Sinha'.

Other Information:

* Senior IPS officer, Ravi Sinha has been appointed as the new head of the Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) for a tenure of two years.

* He would succeed Samant Goel, who completes his four-year tenure on June 30, 2023.

* Ravi Sinha is a 1988-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the Chhattisgarh cadre.

* At present, he is serving as Special Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat.

* Earlier, Sinha served in Jammu and Kashmir, the northeast and foreign countries.

40. In June 2023, India would gift which of the following INS to Vietnam People's Navy?

- A. Khukri
- B. Kuthar
- C. Kirpan
- D. Khanjar
- E. Vagir

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Kirpan'.

Other information:

* India will gift Missile Corvette INS Kirpan to Vietnam as a friendly gesture and to expand military ties between the nations.

* INS Kirpan is a Khukri-class warship commissioned in 1991.

* The announcement was made during a meeting between Rajnath Singh (India's defence minister) and General Phan Van Gang (Vietnamese defence minister).

* The Vietnamese defence minister is on a visit to enhance the military ties, with maritime security and defence industrial cooperation.

41. Consider the following statements with respect to the treaty to protect marine life:

1. The UN has adopted the first-ever treaty to protect marine life on the High seas.
2. The treaty was approved by 189 nations out of 193 member nations.
3. This new treaty is under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, which came into force in 1993.
4. Under this treaty, a new body would be established to manage the conservation of ocean life.

Which of the statements above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2
- B. 2 and 3
- C. 1 and 3
- D. 1 and 4
- E. 2 and 4

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is '1 and 4'.

Other information:

* The United Nations has adopted the first-ever treaty to protect marine life on the high seas, approved by delegates from the 193 member nations.

* The treaty will create a new body to manage the conservation of ocean life and establish marine protected areas on the high seas.

* It also establishes ground rules for conducting environmental impact assessments for commercial activities in the oceans.

* The new treaty is under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, which came into force in 1994.

* The new treaty will be opened for signatures on September 20, 2023.

42. Rythu Bandhu scheme, often in the news, is a flagship scheme of which of the following state governments?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Kerala
- C. Karnataka
- D. Assam
- E. Telangana

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Telangana'.

Other information:

* Telangana CM K Chandrasekhar Rao would release the Kharif installment of financial assistance to farmers under the Rythu Bandhu scheme from June 26, 2023.

* He directed State's FM Harish Rao and K Ramakrishna Rao (Additional CS) to take steps to deposit the Rythu Bandhu funds to the farmers in their respective bank accounts.

* The Podu land farmers will also be considered for the Rythu Bandhu assistance.

* In Rabi season 2022-23, over 70 lakh farmers received Rythu Bandhu assistance

43.Name the Women Indian fencer who secured the bronze medal at Asian Fencing Championships 2023 held in China.

- A. C .A . Bhavani Devi
- B. Taniskha Khatri
- C. Khushboorani Laishram
- D. Joshna Christy
- E. Yashkheerat Kaur

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'C.A. Bhavani Devi'.

Other information:

* Olympian C.A. Bhavani Devi has secured the bronze medal at Asian Fencing Championships 2023 held in China.

* In the quarterfinal, she created history by defeating reigning World Champion Misaki Emura and secured India its first-ever medal at the event.

* She stunned the world number one 15-10 to enter the women's sabre semifinal.

* However, Bhavani lost to Uzbekistan's Zaynab Dayibekova in the semifinals by 15-14, securing a bronze medal.

44. A multinational peacekeeping Joint Exercise Ex Khaan Quest 2023 is being organized by which of the following countries?

- A. Indonesia
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Mongolia
- D. India
- E. Sri Lanka

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Mongolia'.

Other information:

* The Indian Army Contingent has participated in the multinational peacekeeping Joint Exercise Ex Khaan Quest 2023, organized in Mongolia.

* This exercise was participated by Military contingents and observers from over 20 countries.

* A contingent from the Garhwal Rifles represented the Indian Army.

* Aim: To enhance the interoperability of the participating nations, sharing experience, and training uniformed personnel for the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations

45. According to the study, Asia's Hindu Kush Himalaya Glaciers are likely to lose up to 75% of their volume by the end _____.

- A. 2050
- B. 2060
- C. 2070
- D. 2090

E. 2100

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is '2100'.

Other information:

* According to a new report, Glaciers in Asia's Hindu Kush Himalaya could lose up to 75% of their volume by the end of the century, 2100.

* Reason: Global warming, is causing dangerous flooding and water shortages for the 240 million people who live in the mountainous region.

* The international scientist team found that ice loss on the peaks of Everest and K2 is speeding up.

* In 2010, the glaciers shed as much as 65% of ice, which was faster than they had in the preceding decade.

46. Who among the following has been selected for the first-ever Prof. Kothapalli Jayashankar Award 2023?

- A. Amritlal Vegad
- B. Harish Meenashru
- C. Acharya N. Gopi
- D. Gulam Mohammed Sheikh
- E. Vinesh Antani

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Acharya N. Gopi'.

Other information:

* Acharya N. Gopi has been selected for the first-ever Prof. Kothapalli Jayashankar Award, instituted by Bharat Jagruthi.

* The award would be presented to Acharya Gopi at an event to be organized at Telangana Saraswatha Parishath in Abids on June 21.

* The award has been instituted for honoring the litterateurs every year.

* Acharya Gopi has penned 56 books including 26 compilations of poems, 7 compilations of essays, 5 translations, and 3 research books

47. In June 2023, which of the following state government has launched the 'Gruha Jyothi scheme' for providing free electricity up to 200 units a month?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Telangana
- D. Andhra Pradesh
- E. Karnataka

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Karnataka'.

Other information:

* Karnataka government has launched a free power scheme named 'Gruha Jyothi scheme' for providing free electricity up to 200 units a month.

* Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah had also stated that the scheme also extends to tenants living on rent if their electricity consumption matches the scheme's criteria.

* The beneficiaries will get a 'zero bill' starting August 1 if usage is within their entitlement.

* The Gruha Jyothi scheme is part of the Congress government's five poll promises.

48. In June 2023, which of the following countries signed an MoU with Intel to invest \$32.8 billion in a chip manufacturing site?

- A. Mexico
- B. Germany
- C. France
- D. United Kingdom
- E. Oman

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Germany'.

Other Information:

* Intel has signed an agreement with the German government for investing more than 30 billion euros (\$32.8 billion) in a chip manufacturing site in Magdeburg, Germany.

* An agreement was signed between German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and Intel CEO Pat Gelsinger.

* Intel has acquired the land for two semiconductor facilities in Magdeburg in eastern Germany in November 2022 and is expected to start production in four or five years.

49. Who among the following has been sworn in as the Prime Minister of Greece for a second term?

- A. Aléxis Tsípras
- B. Katerina Sakellariopoulou
- C. Kyriakos Mitsotakis
- D. Dora Bakoyannis
- E. Kostas Bakoyannis

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Kyriakos Mitsotakis'.

Other information:

* Kyriakos Mitsotakis has been sworn in as the PM of Greece for a second term, after winning the Prime Minister election.

* He took the oath of office in the presidential palace at a ceremony.

* In the election, he bagged 40.55% of the votes, more than twice the main opposition Syriza's 17.84%.

* He vowed to accelerate institutional and economic reforms.

* He became the PM for the first time in 2019 when his party defeated Syriza in an election.

50. In June 2023, how much amount of the investment has been approved by the Ministry of Finance to 16 states under the 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment 2023-24' scheme?

- A. Rs 70,726 crore
- B. Rs 30,486 crore
- C. Rs 60,882 crore
- D. Rs 56,415 crore
- E. Rs 80,237 crore

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Rs 56,415 crore'.

Other information:

* The Finance Ministry has approved an investment of worth Rs 56,415 in 16 states as part of the 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment 2023-24' scheme.

* Aim: To boost capital spending by states

* The Department of Expenditure has approved investment projects in several sectors including health, education, roads, and railways among others.

* It has also included the state share of two projects - Jal Jeevan Mission and Pradhan Mantri Gram sadak Yojana

51. In June 2023, which of the following Aerospace companies signed an MoU with the Ministry of Agriculture to develop various geospatial solutions?

- A. BAE Systems India Services Pvt Ltd
- B. BrahMos Aerospace Pvt Ltd
- C. Electronics Corporation of India Ltd
- D. Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd
- E. Pixxel Space India Pvt

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Pixxel Space India Pvt'.

Other information:

* Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has signed an MOU with Pixxel Space India Pvt. Limited to develop various geospatial solutions on a pro bono basis for the Indian Agriculture Ecosystem, with the help of Pixxel's hyperspectral dataset.

* This project focuses on leveraging sample hyperspectral data from Pixxel's pathfinder satellites to develop analytics models focused on the crop mapping, crop stage discrimination, crop health monitoring, and soil organic carbon assessments.

* This will enable the Government to develop use cases with hyperspectral data provided by PIXXEL.

52. In June 2023, which of the following ministries launched NOC Approvals for New Drugs & Inoculation System (NANDI)?

- A. Ministry of Agriculture
- B. Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying
- C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- D. Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- E. Ministry of Science & Technology

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying'.

Other information:

* Union Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying Minister Parshottam Rupala today launched NANDI (NOC Approvals for New Drugs & Inoculation System).

* This portal has been developed to pave the way to a resilient Animal Health Sector in India by streamlining and digitizing the regulatory approval process.

* Aim: To speed up the process to assess and examine the safety, efficacy, and essentiality of veterinary product proposals received in the Department

53. In June 2023, which of the following Indian airports launched a personalized digital travel buddy, 'BLR Pulse'?

- A. Sri Guru Ram Dass Jee International Airport
- B. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport
- C. Jaipur International Airport
- D. Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport
- E. Bangalore International Airport Limited

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Bangalore International Airport Limited'.

Other information:

* Bangalore International Airport Limited has created a personalised digital travel buddy named BLR Pulse to cater to the needs of flyers.

* It is an omnichannel platform, developed in collaboration with GrayMatter Software Services.

* It will allow passengers to navigate within the terminal buildings and provide essential information about the airport in real time.

* The interactive chatbot feature in the app will enable a self-sufficient mode of finding answers to various questions.

54. Who is the author of the book titled 'Non-Cooperation in India: Non-Violent Strategy and Protest'?

- A. Kesavan Veluthat
- B. David Hardiman
- C. Romila Thapar
- D. Ahmad Yadgar
- E. Tanika Sarkar

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'David Hardiman'.

Other information:

- * Historian David Hardiman has released his new book 'Non-Cooperation in India: Non-Violent Strategy and Protest'.
- * It is published by Westland Books.
- * The non-cooperation movement by the Indian National Congress (INC) was the first mass movement organized nationwide during India's struggle for freedom, which was organized and led by Gandhi Ji.
- * The book is comprising seven chapters and is a detailed account of India's first mass movement.

55. Which of the following countries will host the FIFA 2023 U-17 World Cup?

- A. Indonesia
- B. Colombia
- C. India
- D. Sri Lanka
- E. Denmark

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- * The correct answer is 'Indonesia'.

Other information:

- * The International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) has confirmed that the 2023 U-17 World Cup will be hosted by Indonesia.
- * Initially, the host of the youngest World Cup event was Peru.
- * This announcement was made after the FIFA Council meeting in Zurich, Switzerland.
- * FIFA also announced Colombia as the host of the 2024 U-20 Women's World Cup and Dominica as the host of the U-17 Women's World Cup.
- * FIFA President: Gianni Infantino

56. Name the exercise, that was carried out by the Indian Air Force in UB Hills and Central Air Command Area of Responsibility from June 16-23, 2023?

- A. Operation Conquer
- B. Ranvijay
- C. Desert Fire
- D. Eastern Pitch
- E. Blue Panther

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Ranvijay'.

Other information:

* The Indian Air Force (IAF) carried out Exercise Ranvijay in UB Hills and Central Air Command Area of Responsibility from June 16-23, 2023.

* The focus was on Integrated operations while optimally exploiting the electronic warfare capabilities of the Indian Air Force.

* The exercise was carried out from different air bases of the command headquartered in Prayagraj.

* Different IAF commands have been carrying out wargames and aerial drills to enhance jointness with the other two services

57. Who among the following has been selected for an Indian Medical Association (IMA) award to commemorate National Doctors' Day on July 1?

- A. Dr. Sajnya Saxena
- B. Dr. K. Venugopal
- C. Dr. Randeep Guleria
- D. Dr. G.K. Rath
- E. Dr. Naveet Wig

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Dr. K. Venugopal'.

Other information:

* A Chief Consultant in Respiratory Medicine at General Hospital, Alappuzha, Dr. K. Venugopal has been selected for an award instituted by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) to commemorate National Doctors' Day on July 1.

* He was selected under the category of community service.

* He will receive the award at a function to be held at IMA headquarters in New Delhi on July 1.

* Indian Medical Association was formed in 1928 & is Headquartered in New Delhi.

JULY 2023

1.The 'Akshar River Cruise', is in the news recently, was inaugurated on which of the following riverfronts?

- A. Narmada
- B. Ganga
- C. Yamuna
- D. Sabarmati
- E. Godavari

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Sabarmati'.

Other information:

* Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Amit Shah has virtually launched the 'Akshar River Cruise' on Sabarmati Riverfront.

* This cruise was developed by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) and Sabarmati Riverfront Development Corporation Limited.

* It is the first passenger catamaran built in the country under Make in India at a cost of Rs 15 crore with twin engines where 165 passengers can travel safely for one-and-a-half hours.

* Impact: It will boost Gujarat's tourism

2. Who among the following has won the Austrian Grand Prix 2023?

- A. Max Verstappen
- B. Charles Leclerc
- C. Sergio Pérez
- D. Lando Norris
- E. Fernando Alonso

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Max Verstappen'.

Other information:

* Red Bull's driver Max Verstappen has clinched the Austrian Grand Prix 2023, held at the Red Bull Ring, Spielberg in Austria.

* Ferrari driver, Charles Leclerc has ranked second, while Red Bull's Sergio Pérez placed third in the Austrian Grand Prix 2023.

*** Previous GP 2023 winners:**

* Canadian GP: M. Verstappen (Red Bull)

* Spanish GP: M. Verstappen (Red Bull)

* Monaco GP: M. Verstappen (Red Bull)

* Miami GP: M. Verstappen (Red Bull)

* Azerbaijan GP: S. Pérez (Red Bull)

* Australia GP: M. Verstappen (Red Bull)

3. Along with ICG, which of the armed force signed an MoU with the Indian Port Rail & Ropeway Corporation for the planning, development, construction, and commissioning of a gallery?

- A. Indian Army
- B. Indian Navy
- C. Indian Airforce

- D. BSF
- E. ITBP

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Indian Navy'.

Other information:

* Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and Indian Navy signed an MoU with Indian Port Rail & Ropeway Corporation Ltd for the planning, development, construction, and commissioning of a gallery on the theme “Evolution of Indian Navy & Indian Coast Guard”.

* The Government of India is building the National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at the historic Indus Valley civilization region of Lothal (Gujarat) under the aegis of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways.

4. India would have nine Nano Urea plants to be set up across the country by _____.

- A. 2024
- B. 2025
- C. 2026
- D. 2027
- E. 2028

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is '2025'.

Other information:

* Chemical and Fertilizer Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has said that the country is aiming to manufacture 44 crore bottles of Nano Urea annually by the year 2025.

* Dr. Mandaviya highlighted the merits of Nano Urea saying that the urea absorption rate by crops is 80% in the case of Nano Urea whereas the traditional urea absorption rate is only 30%.

- * Nano Urea is cost-effective and demonstrated an increase in crop yield.
- * America and several other countries have evinced interest in Nano Urea.

5. Dipika Pallikal Karthik, in the news recently, is associated with which of the following sports?

- A. Cricket
- B. Squash
- C. Tennis
- D. Badminton
- E. Volleyball

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- * The correct answer is 'Squash'.

Other information:

* India's squash players, Dipika Pallikal Karthik and Harinderpal Singh Sandhu, showcased their excellence by clinching the gold medal at the Asian Squash Mixed Doubles Championships in Huangzhou.

* India's campaign at the championship saw another shining moment as Anahat Singh and Abhay Singh partnered together to claim a bronze medal.

* They faced a tough semifinal battle against Malaysia's Ivan Yuen and Rachel Arnold.

6. Consider the following statements:

1) The 24th edition of the SCO Summit was hosted by the SCO Heads of States, PM Narendra Modi.

2) The theme of the 2023 summit is based on SECURE, which refers to Security, Economic development, Connectivity, Unity, Respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, and Environmental protection.

3) Three countries, Iran, Belarus, and Mongolia, have attended the summit as an observer state?

Which of the statements above is/are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2 and 3
- C. 1 and 3
- D. 1, 2, and 3
- E. Only 3

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Only 2 and 3'.

Other information:

* PM Narendra Modi hosted the 23rd edition of the SCO Summit virtually on July 4, 2023.

* Theme 2023: Towards a SECURE SCO

* SECURE stands for Security, Economic development, Connectivity, Unity, Respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, and Environmental protection.

* The summit was attended by SCO Members China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.

* Observer States: Iran, Belarus, and Mongolia

* Guest of the Chair: Turkmenistan

7. In July 2023, The National Anti-Doping Agency, India signed an MoU with which of the following Regional Anti-Doping Organizations to strengthen the anti-doping efforts in South Asia?

- A. WADA
- B. USADA
- C. SARADO
- D. SASCOC
- E. ADVDD

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'SARADO'.

Other information:

* National Anti-Doping Agency, India (NADA India) has signed an MoU with South Asia Regional Anti-Doping Organization (SARADO) to increase Regional Cooperation in anti-doping in sport.

* The MoU was signed between Ritu Sain (DG & CEO, NADA India) and Mohamed Mahid Shareef (DG, SARADO), in the presence of Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur.

* SARADO members include anti-doping organizations from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.

8. The G-20 Research and Innovation Initiative Gathering (RIIG) Summit and Research Ministers' Meeting held in which Indian city on July 4, 2023?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Pune
- C. Madurai
- D. Surat
- E. Mumbai

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Mumbai'.

Other information:

* The G-20 Research and Innovation Initiative Gathering (RIIG) Summit and Research Ministers' Meeting started in Mumbai on July 4, 2023.

* In 2023, a total of 5 RIIG meetings were hosted by India under the theme "Research and Innovation for Equitable Society".

* More than 100 foreign delegates including Research Ministers from 29 G-20 members, invited guest countries and international organizations to participate in the meeting.

9. 'eSARAS', a mobile app, launched recently, is associated with which of the following schemes?

- A. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
- B. Atal Pension Yojana
- C. Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission
- D. Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana
- E. Skill India

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission'.

Other information:

* Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) launched a mobile App named 'eSARAS', which will add to eCommerce initiatives for products made by the SHGs.

* Aim: To strengthen the marketing support for products made by women of SHGs

* The eSARAS fulfillment center will be managed by the Foundation for Development of Rural Value Chains (FDRVC - a Not for Profit Company constituted jointly by the Ministry of Rural Development and Tata Trust).

10.As per the Exports data for FY23, which of the following Indian states emerged as the top exporter of electronics in India?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. Gujarat

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Tamil Nadu'.

Other information:

* According to the Exports data, released by the government for FY23 shows that Tamil Nadu (\$5.37 billion) has emerged as the top exporter of electronics in India.

* As per the data, TN overtook UP and Karnataka to emerge as India's top electronics exporter in March 2023.

* Reason: The global giants Foxconn and Pegatron accelerated iPhone exports last year

* In FY23, UP placed second in electronics exports, exporting \$4.90 billion and Karnataka third with \$4.52 billion.

11.Name the organization, which is planning to launch its microblogging app 'Threads'?

- A. Meta
- B. Apple
- C. Google
- D. Infosys
- E. Cognizant

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Meta'.

Other information:

* Meta Platforms, the parent company of the social media platform Facebook, is planning to launch a microblogging app 'Threads', Instagram's text-based conversation app.

* It is expected to be released soon and will allow users to follow the accounts they follow on the photo-sharing platform and keep the same username.

* The launch comes after Twitter announced a slate of restrictions on the app, including the need to be verified in order to use TweetDeck.

12.Who among the following has been appointed as the new Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the State Bank of India (SBI)?

- A. Charanjit Surinder Singh Attra
- B. Kameshwar Kodavanti
- C. Sagar Mazumdar
- D. Suresh Manikoth

E. Lakshmi Srinivas

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Kameshwar Kodavanti'.

Other information:

* The State Bank of India board has appointed Kameshwar Kodavanti as the new Chief Financial Officer (CFO), effective from July 1, 2023.

* He has replaced Charanjit Surinder Singh Attra, who has resigned from his post.

* He has an extensive career in banking, with over 31 years of experience at SBI, starting from August 1, 1991.

* He brings expertise in banking, forex, finance, and accounting to his new position.

* Kodavanti holds the qualification of a Chartered Accountant.

13. According to the report, Unsafe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) were responsible for 395,000 deaths among children under the age of five in 2019. In this context, which of the following organizations has released this report?

- A. UNDP
- B. UNESCO
- C. UNICEF
- D. CRY
- E. WHO

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'WHO'.

Other information:

* As per the WHO report, Unsafe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) were responsible for 395,000 deaths among children under the age of five in 2019.

* Report title: Burden of Disease Attributable to unsafe drinking water, sanitation, and Hygiene: 2019 Update

* Out of these, 273,000 deaths are attributed to diarrhea, while 112,000 deaths are from acute respiratory infections.

* It also showed that half of the world's population still does not have adequate access to WASH.

14. Name the Spacecraft engineering company, which has launched the European space telescope Euclid to explore the 'dark universe'.

- A. Space X
- B. Boeing
- C. Northrop Grumman
- D. Lockheed Martin
- E. Safran

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Space X'.

Other information:

* SpaceX launched the European Space Agency's Euclid observatory toward its ultimate destination 1.5 million km away.

* This telescope has been named after the ancient Greek mathematician, Euclid.

* It will take a month to get there and another two months before it starts its ambitious six-year survey this autumn.

* Euclid will measure dark energy and dark matter with unprecedented precision.

* It is four meters tall and almost as wide.

15. Who among the following has been named the AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year for 2022-23?

- A. Sandesh Jhingan
- B. Chinglensana Singh

- C. Mohammad Yasir
- D. Lallianzuala Chhangte
- E. Akash Mishra

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Lallianzuala Chhangte'.

Other information:

* Indian football team midfielder Lallianzuala Chhangte has been named the AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year for 2022-23.

* He beat Nandhakumar Sekar and Naorem Mahesh Singh of East Bengal to win the award.

* While Manisha Kalyan won her second consecutive Women's Footballer of the Year award.

* AIFF Men's Emerging Footballer of the Year 2022-23: Akash Mishra

* AIFF Women's Emerging Footballer of the Year 2022-23: Shilji Shaji

* AIFF President: Kalyan Chaubey

16. In July 2023, B6GA, in the news, was launched by which of the following government department?

- A. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
- B. Department of Telecommunications
- C. Department of Fertilizers (FERT)
- D. Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare
- E. Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries (AH&D)

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Department of Telecommunications'.

Other information:

* The Department of Telecommunications has launched Bharat 6G Alliance (B6GA) to drive innovation and collaboration in next-generation wireless technology.

* Bharat 6G Alliance (B6GA) is a collaborative platform consisting of public and private companies, academia, research institutions, and standards development organizations.

* The website for Bharat6G Alliance has been also launched.

* Bharat 6G Alliance will forge coalitions and synergies with other 6G Global Alliances.

17. Which of the following countries has become the ninth member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)?

- A. Egypt
- B. Oman
- C. Iran
- D. Iraq
- E. Syria

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Iran'.

Other information:

* Iran has become the new permanent member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) at an India-hosted virtual summit of the grouping.

* With the addition of Iran as a new member, the total membership of the SCO reaches nine.

* The SCO was founded at a summit in Shanghai in 2001 by the presidents of Russia, China, the Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.

* India and Pakistan became permanent members of SCO in 2017.

* SCO headquarters: Beijing, China

18. PM Modi inaugurated the Sai Hira Global Convention Centre in which of the following Indian states?

- A. Telangana
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Andhra Pradesh
- E. Bihar

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Andhra Pradesh'.

Other information:

* PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Sai Hira Global Convention Centre in Puttaparthi in Satya Sai district in Andhra Pradesh via video conferencing.

* The inauguration witnessed the presence of prominent dignitaries and devotees from around the world.

* The Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust has constructed a new facility, the Sai Hira Global Convention Centre, at Prasanthi Nilayam, Puttaparthi.

* Prasanthi Nilayam is the main ashram of Sri Sathya Sai Baba.

* The Convention Centre was donated by philanthropist Ryuko Hira.

19. Qu-Dongyu, who has been re-elected as Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), is associated with which of the following countries?

- A. Thailand
- B. Vietnam
- C. China
- D. Japan
- E. South Korea

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'China'.

Other information:

- * China's QU Dongyu has been re-elected as Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) for a second term.
- * In the ballot of FAO member countries, Qu received a total of 168 out of 182 votes deposited.
- * His new term will run from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2027.
- * He was elected as FAO Director-General for the first time in 2019.
- * Under the leadership of QU, the World Food Forum (WFF) was created in 2021.

20. Who has been appointed as the Head of the National Cyber Coordination Centre? (July 2023)

- A. Trilochan Mohapatra
- B. MU Nair
- C. Dr. Rajesh Pant
- D. Sunil Kumar Gupta
- E. Rajesh Verma

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'MU Nair'.

* **Other information:**

* Lt Gen MU Nair has been appointed as the Head of the National Cyber Coordination Centre, after replacing Lt Gen (ret.) Dr. Rajesh Pant.

* Additionally, he has served as the additional director general, head of signal intelligence, chief of staff of a corps, and command.

* Previously, Lt Gen Nair served as Army Headquarters' chief signal officer.

* He is a distinguished National Defence Academy alumni.

* Nair has extensive knowledge of both domestic and international communication.

21. In July 2023, India defeated Kuwait to win the SAFF Championships trophy for the _____ time.

- A. 8th
- B. 9th
- C. 10th
- D. 7th
- E. 11th

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is '9th'.

Other information:

* India defeated Kuwait 5-4 in the penalty shoot-out to lift the SAFF Championships trophy 2023 held at Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

* India recorded its win for the ninth time in the SAFF Championships trophy.

* Goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh turned out as the hero for the Indian side, saving the final kick from the Kuwaiti captain.

* In the semi-final, India defeated Lebanon while Kuwait defeated Bangladesh 1-0 in the other last-four clash.

22. Who among the following has been appointed as the chairman of the Senior Men's Cricket Selection Committee? (July 2023)

- A. Shiv Sundar Das
- B. Subroto Banerjee
- C. Salil Ankola
- D. Ajit Agarkar
- E. Sridharan Sharath

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Ajit Agarkar'.

Other information:

* Former Indian cricketer, Ajit Agarkar has been appointed as chairman of the Senior Men's Cricket Selection Committee.

* The Selection Committee now consists of Ajit Agarkar (Chairman), Shiv Sundar Das, Subroto Banerjee, Salil Ankola, and Sridharan Sharath.

* Ajit Agarkar represented India in 26 Tests, 191 ODIs, and four T20Is, in addition to playing 110 first-class, 270 List A, and 62 T20 matches.

* He also held the record for being the fastest to reach 50 ODI wickets for nearly a decade.

23. Consider the following statements:

1) PM Modi inaugurated the International Conference on Green Hydrogen 2023 on July 5, 2023 .

2) This conference is being held in Mumbai.

3) It is organized by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, CSIR, and Office of Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India in collaboration with CII.

Which of the statements above is/are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. 1 and 2
- D. Only 3
- E. 1, 2, and 3

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Only 3'.

Other information:

* Union Power Minister R. K. Singh has inaugurated the International Conference on Green Hydrogen 2023, which is being organized in New Delhi from 5th to 7th July 2023.

* Aim: To discuss recent advances and emerging technologies in the entire green hydrogen value chain

* It is being organized by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, CSIR, and Office of Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India in collaboration with CII.

24. The seventh edition of the bilateral Japan-India Maritime Exercise, JIMEX 2023, is being organized in _____.

- A. Umroi
- B. Kochi
- C. Visakhapatnam
- D. Kavaratti
- E. Port Blair

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- The correct answer is 'Visakhapatnam'.

Other information:

- Indian Navy is being hosted the seventh edition of the bilateral Japan-India Maritime Exercise 2023, 'JIMEX 23' at Visakhapatnam from 5 to 10 July 2023.
- This edition marks the 11th anniversary of JIMEX, since its inception in 2012.
- Indian Navy participated with the INS Delhi (India's first indigenously built Guided Missile Destroyer) INS Kamorta (an indigenously designed and built Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette), fleet tanker INS Shakti, etc.

25. In July 2023, DGCA and _____ signed an MoU for cooperation in Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Innovative Air Mobility.

- A. NTSB
- B. ICAO
- C. IATA
- D. EASA
- E. FAA

Answer :- D

Solution :-

- The correct answer is 'EASA'.

Other information:

- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) India has signed an MoU with the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) for cooperation in Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Innovative Air Mobility.
- This MoU will focus on collaboration on unmanned aircraft and innovative air mobility between the two civil aviation authorities.
- It would include cooperation in the areas of development of certification standards and environmental standards and related requirements for the certification.

26. Which of the following countries has won the gold in the junior mixed-team compound event in the final of the World Archery Youth Championships 2023 in Limerick, Ireland?

- A. Ireland
- B. India
- C. Israel
- D. Mexico
- E. The USA

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- The correct answer is 'India'.

Other information:

- Indian pair Priyansh and Avneet Kaur won gold in the junior mixed-team compound event in the final of the World Archery Youth Championships in Limerick, Ireland.
- In the final, the Indian pair defeated Israel 146-144.
- While India's Manav Jadhav and Aishwarya Sharma also won a bronze medal after defeating Mexico in the cadet mixed compound event.
- The World Archery Youth Championships event is taking place at the University of Limerick, Ireland from July 3 to 9.

27. In July 2023, which of the following state government has doubled the insurance coverage under Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana from Rs. 5 lakhs to Rs. 10 lakhs, effective from July 11, 2023?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Gujarat
- D. Madhya Pradesh
- E. Odisha

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- The correct answer is 'Gujarat'.

Other information:

- The Gujarat government has doubled the insurance coverage under Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana from Rs. 5 lakhs to Rs. 10 lakhs, effective from July 11, 2023.
- The State Health Minister Rushikesh Patel informed that the decision will benefit nearly 1.78 crore Ayushman Bharat cardholders in the state.
- The beneficiaries will get free of cost medical treatment from over two thousand government hospitals and 795 private hospitals in the state under PMAY.

28. According to the 2023 Global Peace Index (GPI), what is the rank of India out of 163 countries?

- A. 130th
- B. 126th
- C. 131st
- D. 120th
- E. 140th

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- The correct answer is '126th'.

Other information:

- According to the 2023 Global Peace Index (GPI), released by the Institute for Economics and Peace, India has ranked 126 out of 163 countries.
- With an overall score of 2.31, India falls below the global average of 2.314.
- Iceland has remained the most peaceful country in the world since the study was first released in 2008.
- It measures the state of peace across three domains: Societal safety and security, Ongoing domestic and international conflict, and Militarisation

29.The 4th edition of the Space Economy Leaders Meeting, under India's G20 Presidency, is organized in which of the following Indian cities?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Kolkata
- C. Pune
- D. New Delhi
- E. Mumbai

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- The correct answer is 'Bengaluru'.

Other information:

- As part of India's G20 Presidency, the 4th edition of the Space Economy Leaders Meeting has started in Bengaluru on July 6.
- It will dwell upon the sharing of the space mission economy, the responsibilities of space agencies, and alliances in space missions.
- The goal will be to improve the space economy share in the global economy in a responsible and sustainable manner.
- Cultural Programmes representing India's culture and tradition are also organized for foreign dignitaries.

30.In July 2023, which of the following Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) has become the first to set up its campus outside India at Zanzibar (Tanzania)?

- A. IIT Delhi
- B. IIT Bombay
- C. IIT Roorkee
- D. IIT Madras
- E. IIT Varanasi

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'IIT Madras'.

Other information:

* Recently, the Ministry of External Affairs signed an MoU with the IIT Madras and the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training Zanzibar (Tanzania) to set up the first-ever IIT campus outside India.

* The agreement was signed in the presence of External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Zanzibar's President Hussein Ali Mwinyi.

* The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 recommends that high-performing Indian universities will be encouraged to set up campuses in other countries.

31.The 7th edition of exercise SALVEX was held between India and _____ at Kochi.

- A. France
- B. Russia
- C. Germany
- D. The US
- E. Bangladesh

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'The US'.

Other information:

* The Seventh edition of the Indian Navy and US Navy Salvage and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Exercise, SALVEX was conducted from 26 Jun – 06 Jul 23 at Kochi.

* The exercise saw participation from both the navies which included the ships – INS Nireekshak and USNS Salvor in addition to Specialist Diving and EOD teams.

* Aim: To enhance the skill sets of the Diving teams in a number of diverse disciplines such as mine detection and neutralization, wreck location, and salvage.

32. India's first Vedic-themed park was opened in which Indian city?

- A. Surat
- B. Noida
- C. New Delhi
- D. Jaipur
- E. Lucknow

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Noida'.

Other information:

* India's first Vedic-themed park has been opened to the public at Sector 78, Noida, inaugurated by Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath. This park is also known as Ved Van Park.

* It will also highlight excerpts from the four Vedic literature pieces -- Rig Veda, Atharva Veda, Yajur Veda, and Sama Veda -- via laser shows, wall paintings, and sculptures.

* The place is home to over 50,000 plants, such as banyan, kalpavriksha, and coconut, which have been mentioned in Vedic literature.

33. Which of the following state government has launched 'Mo Jungle Jami Yojana'?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Telangana
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Odisha
- E. West Bengal

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Odisha'.

Other information:

* Odisha government has launched the 'Mo Jungle Jami Yojana' to saturate recognition of rights pertaining to the Forest Rights Act (FRA) and speed up the post-rights recognition activities within the prescribed time frame.

* Under the scheme, designed by the ST & SC Development department, it has been decided to constitute forest rights cells at the tehsil and district level with human resources to ensure and assist in the effective implementation of FRA, 2006.

34. In July 2023, India's first Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States (Tele-MANAS) chatbot was launched _____.

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Bihar
- C. Odisha
- D. Rajasthan
- E. Jammu & Kashmir

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Jammu & Kashmir'.

Other information:

* India's first Tele-MANAS (Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States) chatbot was launched in Jammu & Kashmir on July 5, 2023.

* The service was launched by J&K LG Manoj Sinha.

* This chatbot will start an instant conversation with people in distress.

* Tele-MANAS is a two-tier system - Tier 1 comprises State Tele MANAS cells and Tier 2 comprises specialists at District Mental Health Programme /Medical College resources for physical consultation

35. In July 2023, which of the following organizations was honored with the prestigious Economic Times (ET) HR World Future Skills Awards 2023 in the 'Best use of AI/AR/VR in Learning and Upskilling' category?

- A. Adani Vilmar
- B. TCS
- C. Bristlecone India
- D. NTPC
- E. Bristlecone India

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'NTPC'.

Other information:

* NTPC has received the prestigious Economic Times (ET) HR World Future Skills Awards 2023 in two categories - Best use of AI/AR/VR in Learning and Upskilling and Best Advance in Creating an Extended Enterprise Learning Programme.

* The award was received by Director (HR), NTPC, Dillip Kumar Patel.

* NTPC has been adopting and institutionalizing progressive and best HR practices, which have been recognized by various prestigious fora at national and international levels.

36. Consider the following statements:

1) Maharashtra, followed by Tamil Nadu topped the third edition of the Export Preparedness Index 2022 report.

2) The report was prepared by the Ministry of Port in association with the NITI Aayog and Institute for Competitiveness.

3) It is evaluated on the basis of 4 pillars i.e. Policy, Business Ecosystem, Export Ecosystem, and Export Performance.

Which of the statements above is/are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. Both 1 and 3
- C. Only 3
- D. 1 and 2

E. None of these

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Only 3'.

Other information:

* NITI Aayog Vice Chairman, Suman Bery has released the third edition of the Export Preparedness Index 2022 report in New Delhi.

* Prepared by: NITI Aayog and Institute for Competitiveness

* Evaluate 4 pillars: Policy, Business Ecosystem, Export Ecosystem, and Export Performance

* Top Performers: (1) TN, (2) Maharashtra, (3) Karnataka, and (4) Gujarat

* The higher average of coastal states represents their better preparedness and higher contribution to national export.

37. In July 2023, who among the following launched the 'CRCS-Sahara Refund Portal'?

- A. Nirmala Sitharaman
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Madhabi Puri Buch
- D. Amit Shah
- E. Ajay Seth

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Amit Shah'.

Other information:

* Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has launched the 'CRCS-Sahara Refund Portal' in New Delhi.

* Aim: To strengthen the cooperative movement in the country and to protect the interests of the members of the cooperatives

* A Portal has been developed for the submission of legitimate claims by the genuine depositors of the Sahara Group of Cooperative Societies.

* Supreme Court had directed that 5000 crore rupees be transferred out of the 'Sahara-SEBI Refund Account' to the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies for disbursement against the legitimate dues of the genuine depositors of the Sahara Group of Cooperative Societies.

38. Oommen Chandy, who passed away, recently was a former Chief Minister of which Indian state?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Kerala
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Maharashtra
- E. Andhra Pradesh

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Kerala'.

Other information:

* Former Kerala CM Oommen Chandy passed away at the age of 79 in Bengaluru due to prolonged illness.

* He served as the Kerala chief minister twice from 2004-06 and 2011-16.

* The veteran leader began his stint as a legislator by winning the 1970 state assembly elections at the age of 27.

* He later went on to win 11 consecutive polls.

* He represented the Puthupally assembly constituency and was the longest-serving MLA in the state assembly.

39. In July 2023, which of the following organizations launched Oil 2023 medium-term market report, titled 'IEA Oil 2023 – Supply and demand dynamics to 2028'?

- A. International Atomic Energy Agency
- B. International Renewable Energy Agency

- C. Energy Information Administration
- D. International Energy Agency
- E. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'International Energy Agency'.

Other information:

* The International Energy Agency (IEA) has launched the Oil 2023 medium-term market report, titled 'IEA Oil 2023 – Supply and demand dynamics to 2028' in New Delhi.

* It was launched in collaboration with the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC).

* As per the report, biofuel production expands by nearly 600 kb/d from 2022 to 2028, with Brazil, Indonesia, and India combined accounting for 70% of this increase.

* India's focus is on decarbonization and it has already achieved 12% ethanol blending in Petrol and has targeted 20% blending by 2025.

40. In July 2023, the Minister of Ports, Sarbananda Sonowal launched the Curtain Raiser of Global Maritime India Summit 2023 in _____.

- A. Pune
- B. Mumbai
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Kolkata
- E. Visakhapatnam

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Mumbai'.

Other information:

* Minister of Ports, Sarbananda Sonowal has launched the Curtain Raiser of Global Maritime India Summit 2023 event on July 18, 2023, at St. Regis, Mumbai, Maharashtra.

* Objective: To create an international forum for key decision makers and industry leaders; to provide an opportunity platform for start-ups, researchers, and incubators

* The official brochure for the Maritime India Summit was also unveiled.

* The Global Summit event is scheduled on 17-19th October 2023 in which more than 30 countries are expected to participate.

41. Consider the following statements:

1. The National Multidimensional Poverty Index: A Progress of Review 2023' report was released by NITI Aayog.

2. As per the report, India witnessed 13.5 crore people moving out of multidimensional poverty between 2015-16 and 2019-21 .

3. Rural areas saw the fastest decline in poverty from 32.59% to 19.28%.

Which of the statements above is/are correct?

- A. Only 1
- B. 1 and 3
- C. 1 and 2
- D. 2 and 3
- E. 1, 2, and 3

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is '1, 2, and 3'.

Other information:

* NITI Aayog released the 'National Multidimensional Poverty Index: A Progress of Review 2023' in New Delhi.

* As per the report, India witnessed 13.5 crore people moving out of multidimensional poverty between 2015-16 and 2019-21 with the fastest reduction in UP, Bihar, MP, Odisha, and Rajasthan.

* Uttar Pradesh registered the highest decline in the number of poor with 3.43 crore, followed by Bihar and Madhya Pradesh.

* The National MPI measures deprivations across three equally weighted dimensions of health, education, and standard of living that are represented by 12 SDG-aligned indicators.

* Rural areas saw the fastest decline in poverty from 32.59% to 19.28%.

42. Who among the following would chair the Standing Committee on Statistics (SCoS), which has replaced Standing Committee on Economic Statistics (SCES)? (July 2023)

- A. Krishna K Ladha
- B. Ajay Khanna
- C. Parth J. Shah
- D. Pronab Sen
- E. Shubhashis Gangopadhyay

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Pronab Sen'.

Other information:

* The government has set up a new oversight mechanism for official data, replacing the Standing Committee on Economic Statistics (SCES) with a Standing Committee on Statistics (SCoS).

* The SCES was tasked with examining economic indicators pertaining to the industrial sector, the services sector, and the labor force statistics.

* The former Chairman of the National Statistical Commission, Pronab Sen has been named the new chair of the committee.

43. 'Northern Interaction-2023', a Joint Military Drills, would be held between China and _____.

- A. Russia
- B. Japan
- C. South Korea

- D. Bangladesh
- E. Sri Lanka

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 'Russia'.

Other information:

* A Joint Military Drills 'Northern Interaction-2023', between Chinese and Russian naval and air forces would be conducted in the central region of the Sea of Japan.

* It is organized by the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Northern Theater Command.

* Aim: To enhance the level of strategic cooperation between both militaries, as well as strengthen the ability to jointly safeguard regional peace

* China Capital: Beijing; Russia Capital: Moscow

44. In July 2023, Australia's state of Victoria has withdrawn from hosting the _____ Commonwealth Games (CWG).

- A. 2024
- B. 2026
- C. 2028
- D. 2030
- E. 2029

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is '2026'.

Other information:

* Australia's state of Victoria has withdrawn from hosting the 2026 Commonwealth Games (CWG).

* Reason: Due to a significant increase in projected costs, reaching around \$7 billion, exceeding their budgetary limits

* Victoria stepped in to bid for the 2026 Games when no other countries showed interest.

* The event rotates across different host cities within the Commonwealth. It was first held in 1930.

45. Gujarat's first Greenfield Airport was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in _____. (July 2023)

- A. Ahmedabad
- B. Surat
- C. Vadodara
- D. Rajkot
- E. Bhavnagar

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Rajkot.

Other Information:

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** would inaugurate **Gujarat's first greenfield airport**, situated in Hirasar village near Rajkot city in July 2023.
- **Aim:** To reduce the time and cost related to logistics for multiple industries in the region.
- The Rajkot International Airport has been included under **PM Gati Shakti Project**.
- During this event, he will dedicate packages 8 and 9 of the Saurashtra Narmada Avtaran Irrigation (SAUNI) Yojana.

46. In July 2023, which of the following railway stations received the UNESCO award for its successful restoration?

- A. Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus
- B. Bandra Terminus
- C. Byculla Railway station
- D. Churchgate Station
- E. Dadar Terminus

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Byculla Railway station

Other Information:

- The **Byculla Railway station**, a **heritage site** on the Central line of the **Mumbai Suburban Railway**, was **awarded by UNESCO** after its successful restoration to its original glory **in July 2023**.
- The project, launched in July 2019 by Shaina NC, Trustee of 'I Love Mumbai' and in memory of her father Nana Chudasama, **aimed to revive the station's original architectural splendor**.
- **Minister for Railways, Ashwini Vaishnav** congratulated Central Railway.

47. In July 2023, Global Chemicals and Petrochemicals Manufacturing Hubs in India was inaugurated by _____.

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Amit Shah
- C. Nirmala Sitharaman
- D. S. Jaishankar
- E. Rajnath Singh

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Nirmala Sitharaman

Other Information:

- The **Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers** organized the **3rd edition of the Summit** on “**Global Chemicals and Petrochemicals Manufacturing Hubs in India**” (GCPMH 2023) in New Delhi.
- **Minister of Finance Nirmala Sitaraman** will inaugurate the two days Summit on Chemicals and Petrochemicals Manufacturing Hubs 2023
- **Aim:** To develop possible strategies and address the challenges that will shape the Chemicals and Petrochemicals Industry in India and across the world.

48. Which company has become the single largest Public Sector Undertakings refinery in India for the year 2022-23?

- A. Indian Oil Corporation Limited
- B. Reliance Industries Limited
- C. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
- D. Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited
- E. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited

Answer :- D

Solution :-

- The correct option is Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited

Other Information:

- The Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL), a mini-Ratna CPSE PSU refinery based in coastal Karnataka **has become the single largest PSU refinery in the country for the year 2022-23.**
- It processed **17.14 million metric tonnes of crude oil during the past financial year.**
- It processes 10 per cent of the total crude oil refined by the PSU petroleum refineries in the country.
- MRPL can process more than 250 different types of crude from around the world.

49. In July 2023, who among the following has launched the virtual platform as part of the 'Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar' (MGMD) in New Delhi?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Amit Shah
- C. Ram Nath Kovind
- D. S. Jaishankar
- E. Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- The correct option is Amit Shah

Other Information:

- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** launches a virtual platform, part of the unique initiative of '**Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar**' (MGMD) under the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' at Qutub Minar in New Delhi
- MGMD, a pan-India project under the National Mission on Cultural Mapping in coordination with the **Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts** (IGNCA)
- The main objective of the project is to culturally map India's 6.5 lakh villages on a comprehensive virtual platform.

50. Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championship 2023 is going to be held at _____?

- A. Greater Noida
- B. Lucknow
- C. Agra
- D. Faridabad
- E. Gurugram

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct answer is Greater Noida

Other Information:

- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships 2023 in Greater Noida.
- The international event will see the participation of more than 30 Indian weightlifters, including many Khelo India Athletes who won 61 medals at Weightlifting Commonwealth Championships.
- More than 15 nations from the Asian region, 200 athletes are participating.
- It will conclude on the 5th of August.

51. Who among the following ministers inaugurated the Semicon India 2023 conclave at Mahatma Mandir in Gujarat?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Amit Shah
- C. Rajnath Singh
- D. Nirmala Sitharaman
- E. S. Jaishankar

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct answer is Narendra Modi

Other Information:

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Semicon India 2023 conclave at Mahatma Mandir in Gujarat.
- The three-day conclave is being organized by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to showcase India's semiconductor strategy and development in the field of Semiconductors.
- The theme of the Conference is 'Catalysing India's Semiconductor Ecosystem'.
- Representatives from major companies like Micron Technology, Applied Materials, Foxconn, and AMD have participated.

52. In July 2023, the 4th Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group meeting (ECSWG) held at _____?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Mumbai
- D. Kolkata
- E. Bengaluru

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct answer is Chennai.

Other Information:

- **4th Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group meeting (ECSWG)**, a three-day event held in **Chennai in July 2023**

- **Objective:** To reach a consensus on the Ministerial Outcome and the Presidency Documents, both of which are vital in shaping policies and actions towards addressing environmental and climate challenges.

- PM Narendra Modi showcased the importance of environmental protection.

- **Bhupendra Yadav is the Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**

53. What is the theme of the event where the foundation stone was laid for the "Divine Light House" of Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya? (July 2023)

- A. "The Year of Positive Change"
- B. "Empowering Communities"
- C. "Towards a Sustainable Future"
- D. "Promoting Cultural Harmony"
- E. "Digital Transformation and Innovation"

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct answer is "The Year of Positive Change"

Other Information:

- The President Droupadi Murmu laid the foundation stone for "Divine Light House" of Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya (PBKIVV) at Dasabatia
- Theme: "The Year of Positive Change"
- According to the president (PBKIVV) is paving the way for spirituality through meditation and a disciplined lifestyle.
- She appreciated Brahma Kumaris organization's efforts for making humanity aware and helping people move forward in a positive direction.

54. Which of the following cities has joined the World Cities Culture Forum (WCCF), in July 2023, and become the first Indian city to achieve the feat?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Delhi
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Kolkata
- E. Chennai

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct answer is Bengaluru.

Other Information:

- Bengaluru has joined the World Cities Culture Forum (WCCF), in July 2023, and becomes the first Indian city to achieve the feat.
- Aim: To curate, facilitate and catalyze activities that will enable the citizens and communities of Bangalore to engage better with their city
- WCCF is a global network of nearly 40 cities, which provides a way for policy makers in these cities to share research and intelligence, and explore the vital role of culture for their future prosperity.

55. In July 2023, which of the following tournament did Aditya Samant participate in to achieve his 83rd Grandmaster title?

- A. Chess World Cup
- B. Biel International Chess Festival
- C. Candidates Tournament
- D. Tata Steel Chess Tournament
- E. London Chess Classic

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct answer is Biel International Chess Festival

Other Information:

- Aditya Samant became India's 83rd Grandmaster after earning his third GM norm at the Master Tournament (MTO) in the Biel International Chess Festival 2023
- The Maharashtra player had earned his first norm to become a grandmaster at the Abu Dhabi Masters in August 2022
- To become a GM, a player has to secure three GM norms and cross the live rating of 2,500 Elo points and his live rating going into the ninth round game is 2525.4.

56. In July 2023, which of the following fields did Prem Prakash be honored with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award?

- A. Sports
- B. Politics
- C. Journalism
- D. Medicine
- E. Painting

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct answer is Journalism.

Other Information:

- Veteran journalist and Asian News International (ANI) founder Prem Prakash was honored with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding contributions to the field of journalism in New Delhi.
- ANI chairman Prem Prakash has dedicated over 70 years in the world of journalism.
- Throughout his illustrious career, he has established new dimensions to journalism from time to time and emerged as a great inspiration to society.

57. Who among the following has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Cambodia in 2023?

- A. Hun Manet
- B. Kim Jong-un
- C. Xi Jinping
- D. Vladimir Putin

E. Heng Samrin

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct answer is Hun Manet

Other Information:

- Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, one of the world's longest-serving leaders, resigned and handed power to his eldest son Hun Manet after almost four decades of hardline rule in 2023.
- His Cambodian People's Party (CPP) won a landslide victory in an election on Sunday with no meaningful opposition, taking 82 percent of the vote.
- Cambodia ranks 150th out of 180 in Transparency International's corruption perception index. In Asia, only Myanmar and North Korea rank lower.

58. In which of the following event did Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar win the Gold medal at the FISU World University Games 2023, held in China?

- A. 10-meter Air Pistol
- B. 50-meter Rifle Prone
- C. 25-meter Rapid Fire Pistol
- D. 50-meter Rifle Three Positions
- E. 10-meter Air Rifle

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 50-meter Rifle Three Positions

Other Information:

* At the FISU World University Games 2023 in China, shooter Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar won the gold medal for India.

* Competing in the men's 50-meter rifle three positions, he achieved the top podium with a total score of 461.7 points in the final. With this, India have now a gold, silver and bronze each in shooting.

* The Indian trio of Tomar, Sartaj Singh Tiwana and Surya Pratap Singh joined forces to secure Bronze in the men's 50 meter rifle 3 position team event.

59. In July 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched Urea Gold in which of the following Indian states?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Gujarat
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Rajasthan
- E. Punjab

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Rajasthan

Other Information:

* Prime Minister Narendra Modi would launch Urea Gold - a new variety of Urea that is coated with Sulphur in Rajasthan.

* The implementation of Sulphur Coated Urea will tackle sulphur deficiencies in the soil.

* This innovative fertilizer is more economical and efficient than neem-coated urea, improves nitrogen use efficiency in plants, reduces consumption of fertilizer.

* Neem-coated urea is a specialized form of urea fertilizer that has been coated with neem oil.

60. In July 2023, who among the following has been appointed as the Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)?

- A. Jim Skea
- B. Jane Smith
- C. John Williams
- D. Emily Johnson

E. Michael Brown

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Jim Skea.

Other Information:

* Professor Jim Skea, a UK national, has been appointed as the Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the globally authoritative UN body on climate change science.

* He is exceptionally well-qualified to serve in this prestigious role and also contributed to the work of the IPCC for nearly thirty years.

* He was Co-Chair of the IPCC's Working Group III on Climate Change Mitigation and co-led the IPCC's seminal Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C.

61. How many medals did Indian athletes win at the Sri Lanka Athletics National Championships 2023?

- A. 5 medals
- B. 10 medals
- C. 14 medals
- D. 18 medals
- E. 22 medals

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is 14

Other Information:

* At the Sri Lanka Athletics National Championships 2023, Indian athletes bagged 14 medals, comprising nine gold, four silver, and one bronze medal.

* Indian athletes clinched six medals at the Sugathadasa Stadium in Colombo.

* Amoj Jacob, Aishwarya Mishra, Muhammed Anas, and Himanshi Malik, in the 4x400 meter mixed relay team, earned the first gold medal of the day.

* Kishore Kumar Jena, the Indian javelin thrower who won the gold medal, received the Best Male Thrower trophy.

62. In July 2023, who among the following has appointed as a Deputy Chief Executive Officer of US finance agency?

- A. Satya Nadella
- B. Sundar Pichai
- C. Shantanu Narayen
- D. Arvind Krishna
- E. Nisha Biswal

Answer :- E

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Nisha Biswal

Other Information:

* Nisha Biswal, an Indian-American policy expert, has been designated as the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of a US finance agency.

* She has a career of over 30 years of experience in US foreign policy and international development programs, within the White House.

* She holds the position of Senior Vice President for International Strategy and Global Initiatives at the US Chamber of Commerce and oversees the US-India Business Council and US-Bangladesh Business Council.

63. What is the name of NASA's on-demand streaming platform launched in July 2023?

- A. NASA Vision
- B. NASA Universe
- C. NASA+
- D. SpaceStream
- E. StarWatch

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* The correct answer is NASA+.

Other Information:

* NASA is revamping its main websites to offer a seamless and enriching browsing experience to its viewers.

* Aims: To continuously enhance these websites, making them more informative, interactive, and user-friendly.

* NASA is even launching its on-demand streaming platform, NASA+.

* Objective: To feature brand-new series dedicated to exploring the wonders of the cosmos and will offer unparalleled access to the agency's captivating Emmy Award-winning live coverage.

64. According to the report, released by Minister of State for Environment, Ashwini Kumar, the largest population of tigers found in _____.

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. West Bengal
- D. Maharashtra
- E. Tamil Nadu

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Madhya Pradesh

Other Information:

* According to Minister of State for Environment, Ashwini Kumar, India's tiger population is estimated to be 3,925 with an annual growth rate of 6.1% per annum.

* India currently harbors almost 75 percent of the world's wild tiger population.

* The largest population of tigers is found to be in Madhya Pradesh followed by Karnataka, Uttarakhand.

* Analysis of data done by the Wildlife Institute of India, from both camera-trapped and non-camera-trapped tiger presence areas.

65. In July 2023, who among the following has recently been named as the new director of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)?

- A. Ganesan Kannabiran
- B. Ramesh Sharma
- C. Sneha Patel
- D. Rajesh Kumar
- E. Meena Gupta

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Ganesan Kannabiran

Other Information:

* The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has recently named Prof Ganesan Kannabiran as its new director.

* He comes with a experience of over 30 years in the education sector, during which he served as a senior professor of Information Systems at the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Tiruchirappalli.

* He has held various leadership positions, including the Dean of Research and Consultancy, and Director-in-Charge at NIT Trichy and NIT Puducherry.

66. In July 2023, who among the following has received the honor of the first 'Udyog Ratna' award, conferred by the Maharashtra government?

- A. Ratan Tata
- B. Mukesh Ambani
- C. Adi Godrej
- D. Azim Premjiss
- E. Anand Mahindra

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The correct answer is Ratan Tata.

Other Information:

* The Maharashtra government has decided to confer the first 'Udyog Ratna' award on veteran industrialist and chairman of Tata Sons, Ratan Tata

* The award is the state's highest honor given to eminent individuals, has led the Maharashtra government to introduce Udyog Ratna Award from this year onward.

* The first recipient of this award will be the renowned industrialist, Ratan Tata.

* The award is a recognition of his outstanding achievements in the industrial sector.

AUGUST 2023

1. In August 2023, who among the following is awarded the Lokmanya Tilak National Award in Pune?

- A. Ram Nath Kovind
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Uddhav Thackeray
- D. Malala Yousafzai
- E. Amit Shah

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Narendra Modi

Other Information:

- The Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2023 in Pune will be conferred to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in August 2023.
- The 41st recipient of this award will be the PM.
- Every year on 1st August, the death anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak, this award is bestowed upon individuals who have made remarkable and extraordinary contributions to the progress and development of the nation.
- To inaugurate the services of the completed second phase of the Pune Metro, the PM will flag off the metro rail.

2. In August 2023, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has signed MoU with _____ to establish the mechanism of technical and institutional cooperation in telecommunications.

- A. Ministry of Communications
- B. Department of Telecommunications
- C. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
- D. Centre for Development of Telematics
- E. National Telecom Commission

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is the Centre for Development of Telematics

Other Information:

- Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) and Centre for Development of Telematics have signed MoU.
- Aims: To establish the mechanism of technical and institutional cooperation in telecommunications.
- According to Secretary of the Department of Telecommunication T K Rajaraman, this partnership will open new horizons in policy research, regulatory studies, and knowledge dissemination of upcoming technologies in the telecom and broadcasting sectors.

3. What is the theme of the G20 EMPOWER Summit to be held in Gandhinagar in August 2023?

- A. Global Economic Recovery
- B. Climate Change and Sustainability
- C. Women-Led Development
- D. Digital Transformation in Emerging Economies
- E. Strengthening Global Healthcare Systems

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Women-Led Development.

Other Information:

- Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Zubin Irani will inaugurate the G20 EMPOWER Summit in Gandhinagar in August 2023.
- Theme- 'Women-Led Development
- Aims: To accelerate women's leadership and empowerment in the private sector across G20 countries.
- Objective: To ensure sustainable, inclusive, and equitable global economic growth.
- Highlights: G20 EMPOWER agenda including the G20 EMPOWER Tech Equity Digital Inclusion Platform and the Best Practices Playbook

4.Sangampreet Singh Bisla won the gold medal in the individual men's event for _____ at the World University Games 2023 in China?

- A. Badminton
- B. Cycling
- C. Handball
- D. Judo
- E. Archery

Answer :- E

Solution :-

The correct option is Archery

Other Information:

- Indian archers Sangampreet Singh Bisla and Avneet Kaur bagged gold medals each in the individual events in World University Games 2023 in China
- Indian archers defeated South Africa's de Klerk in a finale.
- India bagged a total of nine gold, three silver, and 5 bronze medals, securing fourth position.

- China with 17 gold, 5 silver, and 4 bronze medals, followed by Korea with 10 gold, 10 silver, and 5 bronze medals, and Japan with 10 gold, 6 silver, and 7 bronze medals.

5. In July 2023, India is set to host its inaugural World Coffee Conference, organized by the International Coffee Organization in _____?

- A. Gandhinagar
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Chennai
- E. Assam

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Bengaluru

Other Information:

- India is set to host its inaugural World Coffee Conference, organized by the International Coffee Organization (ICO), in Bengaluru, marking its fifth edition.
- ICO serves as the chief intergovernmental organization aimed at advancing coffee trade and encouraging collaboration among coffee-producing and consuming countries.
- K G Jagadeesha, CEO, and Secretary of Coffee Board of India, revealed that tennis player Rohan Bopanna would endorse the event as its brand ambassador.

6. Iga Swiatek secures her fourth Women's Tennis Association title of the year 2023 belongs to which of the following countries?

- A. Paris
- B. France
- C. Poland
- D. Madrid
- E. Brazil

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Poland

Other Information:

- Poland Player Iga Swiatek secured her fourth Women's Tennis Association title of the year 2023 by defeating Germany's Laura Siegemund in Warsaw
- He currently holds the position of world No. 1 in singles according to the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) rankings.
- She has earned the title of four-time major singles champion, conquering the French Open in 2020, 2022, and 2023 as well as the US Open in 2022.
- She became the first player from Poland to achieve a major singles title.

7. In July 2023, Stuart Broad, who recently announced his retirement from international cricket, belongs to _____.

- A. Australia
- B. West Indies
- C. Bangladesh
- D. England
- E. New Zealand

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is England

Other Information:

- England pacer Stuart Broad announced his retirement from international cricket.
- He sits fifth on the all-time list of wicket-takers and is one of only two fast bowlers to take over 600 wickets
- He has also played in 167 test matches, 121 one-day internationals, and 56 international T20 games.
- In Test cricket, he stands as the sole English player boasting two hat-tricks to his credit.
- Broad is only the second fast bowler and second bowler for England to reach the milestone

8. Who among the following won the men's singles title at the Japan Open 2023 badminton tournament in Tokyo?

- A. Viktor Axelsen
- B. Jonatan Christie
- C. An Se-young
- D. He Bing Jiao
- E. Lin Dan

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Viktor Axelsen

Other Information:

- Olympic badminton champion Denmark's Viktor Axelsen beat Indonesian Jonatan Christie to bag the men's singles title while Korean An Se-young outplayed He Bing Jiao of China to win the women's singles crown at the Japan Open 2023 in Tokyo.
- World number one Axelsen, who recently retained his European title in Poland, to win his third BWF title of the year.
- In the women's singles, world number two is Se Young from Korea.

9. In July 2023, which of the following organizations introduced the online platform called National Digital Nagarik Forum (NDNF)?

- A. Reserve Bank of India
- B. Confederation of All India Traders
- C. Securities and Exchange Board of India
- D. National Payments Corporation of India
- E. None of the Above

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Confederation of All India Traders

Other Information:

- Confederation of All India Traders introduced the creation of an online platform National Digital Nagarik Forum(NDNF).
- Aims: To advance the rights of traders and consumers and other sections of society and shape policy to boost the digital trade economy.
- NDNF will focus on five core themes. First, consumer protection and online safety with a core focus on efficient grievance redressal.
- Objectives: To conduct awareness camps, digital and physical dialogues and training

10. In July 2023, which of the following countries received the in-service missile corvette INS Kirpan as a gift from India to enhance their strategic partnership in the maritime domain?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Vietnam
- D. Myanmar
- E. Indonesia

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- The correct option is Vietnam.

Other Information:

- India has gifted its in-service missile corvette INS Kirpan to Vietnam to robust the strategic partnership between the two nations, especially in the maritime domain.
- The frontline warship was handed over to Vietnam, during an official visit of Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar.
- It is for the first time that India gifted a fully operational corvette to any friendly foreign country.
- INS Kirpan was an indigenously built Khukri-class missile corvette, commissioned in 1991.

11. Which of the following countries has unveiled the memorial named VC Yeshwant Ghadge Sundial Memorial to pay tribute to the Indian troops? (July 2023)

- A. Italy
- B. Russia
- C. France
- D. Japan
- E. Bhutan

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- The correct option is Italy.

Other Information:

- Italy has unveiled the memorial named VC Yeshwant Ghadge Sundial Memorial at Montone Italy.

- Reason: To pay tribute to the Indian troops who fought in the Italian Campaign during the Second World War (1939-1945) and also honour Naik Yeshwant Ghadge, Victoria Cross, who was killed in action fighting on the heights of Upper Tiber Valley

- The memorial is in the form of a live sundial.

- Motto: Omnes Sub Eodem Sole (Translates to 'We all live under the same sun')

12. In July 2023, which of the following countries has applied to join BRICS nations?

- A. Algeria
- B. Italy
- C. Mexico
- D. Canada
- E. Australia

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- The correct option is Algeria.

Other Information:

- Algerian President, Abdelmadjid Tebboune informed that the nation has applied to join the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) group.
- Algeria has also submitted a request to become a shareholder member of the BRICS Bank.
- The North African country is rich in oil and gas resources and seeking to diversify its economy.
- BRICS nations account for more than 40% of the world's population and about 26% of the global economy.

13. In July 2023, G20 Energy Transitions Ministers' Meeting held at _____.

- A. Kanpur
- B. Agra
- C. Goa
- D. Lucknow
- E. Pune

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- The correct option is Goa

Other Information:

- G20 Energy Transitions Ministers' Meeting held on in Goa.
- Union Minister of Power, R.K. Singh informed the G20 Energy Ministers have adopted the ambitious and forward-looking Outcome Document & Chair's Summary of the meeting and G20 High-Level Voluntary Principles on Hydrogen.
- Delegates also agreed on five principles and that free and open trade will be encouraged so that zero and low-carbon hydrogen is used more and more.

14. In July 2023, who among the following cricketers becomes the second pace bowler to achieve the milestone of taking 600 wickets in Test cricket?

- A. James Anderson
- B. Stuart Broad
- C. Jofra Archer

- D. Chris Woakes
- E. Ben Stokes

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- The correct option is Stuart Broad

Other Information:

- England cricketer, Stuart Broad has become the second pace bowler to take 600 wickets in Test cricket.
- He reached the mark by removing Australia's Travis Head on day one of the fourth Ashes Test at Old Trafford.
- England team-mate James Anderson is the only other quick bowler to achieve the feat.
- Broad is fifth on the all-time list and Anderson third, with spinners Muttiah Muralitharan, Shane Warne and Anil Kumble completing the top five.

15. The Rajasthan Assembly passed the Rajasthan Minimum Guaranteed Income Bill, 2023 to provide a minimum pension of _____. (July 2023)

- A. Rs 500 per month for all senior citizens in the state
- B. Rs 1,000 per month for unemployed youth
- C. Rs 1,000 per month for aged/disabled/single women, etc.
- D. Rs 2,000 per month for families living in rural areas
- E. Rs 3,000 per month for families living in urban areas

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- The correct option is Rs 1,000 per month for aged/disabled/single women, etc.

Other Information:

- The Rajasthan Assembly passed The Rajasthan Minimum Guaranteed Income Bill, 2023.
- Aim: To cover adult population of the state with a guarantee of wages or pension

- All families of the state, whether urban or rural, will be able to get an employment guarantee of 125 days every year and also get a minimum pension of Rs 1,000 per month in case of aged/disabled/single women, etc.
- The pension will also be automatically increased at the rate of 15% each year.

16. Who among the following leaders has inaugurated the 'GST Bhawan' at Agartala, Tripura?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Nirmala Sitharaman
- C. Biplab Kumar Deb
- D. Amit Shah
- E. Anurag Thakur

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- The correct option is Nirmala Sitharaman

Other Information:

- Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the 'GST Bhawan' at Agartala, Tripura.
- It is a project for CGST, CX and Customs Office, Agartala, Guwahati Zone under the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
- The project sits at Mantri Bari Road, Agartala, and has quick and easy access to all the taxpayers.
- The inauguration of project in Amrit Kaal during the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav showcases the strength of New India.

17. Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, won the Korea Open final 2023, which is related to _____.

- A. Badminton
- B. Shooting
- C. Table Tennis
- D. Boxing

E. Wrestling

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- The correct option is Badminton.

Other Information:

- India's Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty defeat Indonesian top seeds Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Rian Ardianto in the men's doubles Korea Open final 2023 Badminton tournament.
- They have won all the four finals they played. They won the Swiss Open Super-300 tournament on March 26, became Asian champions on April 30, and claimed their first Super-1000 title at the Indonesia Open on June 18 and Korean Open on July 23, South Korea.

18. Who among the following has been appointed as the chairman-elect of the Board of Directors of the International Myeloma Foundation (IMF)?

- A. Brian G.M. Durie
- B. S. Vincent Rajkumar
- C. Renowned scientist, R. Suresh Kumar
- D. John H.L. Durie
- E. Brian Vincent Rajkumar

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- The correct option is S. Vincent Rajkumar

Other Information:

- Renowned scientist, S. Vincent Rajkumar has been appointed as chairman-elect of the Board of Directors of the International Myeloma Foundation (IMF).
- He takes over from the current chairman, Brian G.M. Durie, who is not seeking re-election to the post.
- Dr. Rajkumar has also served as principal investigator of several clinical trials for the treatment of myeloma.

- He was awarded the Jan Waldenstrom Lifetime Achievement Award (2021).

19. In August 2023, who among the following won the 'Best Actor' at the Durban International Film Festival 2023?

- A. Manoj Bajpayee
- B. Nawazuddin Siddiqui
- C. Rajkumar Rao
- D. Ayushman Khurana
- E. Anupam Kher

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- The correct option is Manoj Bajpayee

Other Information:

- Manoj Bajpayee headliner Joram has won two awards at the Durban International Film Festival 2023.
- Manoj bagged the 'Best Actor' trophy, the film's cinematographer PiyushPuty won the award for 'Best Cinematography'.
- The film is a psychological thriller about a hunted displaced man who is on the run to protect his daughter directed by Devashish Makhija.
- The film also deals with issues such as social inequalities, injustice with the tribal communities and deforestation.

20. In August 2023, which of the following universities is opening a first-of-its-kind museum on its campus to introduce the evolution of agricultural practices in Bengaluru?

- A. University of Bengaluru
- B. University of Agricultural Sciences
- C. Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand University
- D. Anna University
- E. None of the above

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- The correct option is University of Agricultural Sciences

Other Information:

- The University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) will be opening a first-of-its-kind museum on its campus in Bengaluru.
- Minister of Agriculture N. Cheluvaryaswamy would inaugurate the museum.
- Aim: To introduce the evolution of agricultural practices into the lives of students and the general public increasingly cut-off from the experience by the "urban buzz".
- The museum will serve as a one-stop solution where they can get information about agriculture.

21. In which of the following states, the government of India has launched a digital crop survey on a pilot basis from Kharif season (August 2023)?

- A. Punjab
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Madhya Pradesh
- E. Uttarakhand

Answer :- D

Solution :-

- The correct option is Madhya Pradesh

Other Information:

- The Government has launched a digital crop survey in 12 states on a pilot basis from Kharif season of this year for better sowing data collection
- Aims: To create a single and verified source of truth about the crop sown data which is useful for accurate crop area estimation and development of farmers' solutions
- The 12 selected states are Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Odisha, Assam and Telangana

22. Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved the Water Tourism and Adventure Sports Policy 2023, which will be valid for _____ (year).

- A. 5 years
- B. 10 years
- C. 15 years
- D. 20 years
- E. 25 years

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is 10 years.

Other Information:

- The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved the Uttar Pradesh Water Tourism and Adventure Sports Policy 2023.
- Aims: To make the state a water tourism and adventure sports destination.
- According to Tourism Minister Jaiveer Singh, this policy will be valid for 10 years from the date notified by the state government
- The policy will be applicable to all inland land-based, air-based and all adventure activities to be carried out on various water bodies and land parcels in the state.

23. In August 2023, who among the following has launched the scheme “Vivad se Vishwas 2 in the Union Budget 2023-24?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Amit Shah
- C. Nirmala Sitharaman
- D. Rajnath Singh
- E. S. Jaishankar

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- The correct option is Nirmala Sitharaman.

Other Information:

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has launched the scheme, “Vivad se Vishwas 2 in the Union Budget 2023-24
- Aims: To resolve the govt's contractual disputes with private parties, clear the backlog of litigation, and improve the ease of doing business
- Objective: To settle contractual disputes of government and government undertakings, wherein arbitral award is under challenge in a court, a voluntary settlement scheme with standardized terms will be introduced

24. In August 2023, which of the following organizations signed an MoU with the All-India Football Federation (AIFF) to promote football at the grassroots level?

- A. Subroto Mukherjee Sports Education Society (SMSES)
- B. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- C. Sports Authority of India (SAI)
- D. International Football Federation (FIFA)
- E. None of the above

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- The correct option is Subroto Mukherjee Sports Education Society

Other Information:

- Subroto Mukherjee Sports Education Society (SMSES) have signed MoU with the All India Football Federation (AIFF) for the first time ever.
- Aim: To promote football at the grassroots level
- SMSES would form a Subroto XI team under Junior Boys (Under-17) from this edition onwards.
- According to SMSES member Alok Sharma that the team will also participate in AIFF Youth Competition from the 2023-24 season.
- Workshop will be held by AIFF for coaches to update and educate them.

25. Which of the following organization has handed over the first Radio Frequency (RF) Seeker of Akash - the Next Generation Weapon System to Defence Research and Development Organization?

- A. Bharat Electronics Limited
- B. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- C. Bharat Dynamics Limited
- D. Indian Space Research Organisation
- E. None of the above

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Bharat Dynamics Limited.

Other Information:

- The Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL), has handed over the first Radio Frequency (RF) Seeker of Akash - the Next Generation Weapon System to Defence Research and Development Organization.
- Seeker is a critical and technology-intensive subsystem used in Surface-to-Air Missiles and Air-to-Air Missiles for target tracking in the terminal phase.
- RF Seeker has been designed by DRDO's Research Centre Imarat, and produced by BDL at its state-of-the-art Seeker Facility Centre

26. According to Minister of State for Atomic Energy Jitendra Singh, in terms of space capabilities, India ranks at which position among spacefaring countries?

- A. First
- B. Third
- C. Fifth
- D. Seventh
- E. Tenth

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is the Fifth

Other Information:

- According to Minister of State for Atomic Energy Jitendra Singh, India is the fifth among spacefaring countries in the world having end-to-end capabilities in space research and development.

- India has the capability to launch from its own land and operate programmes of earth observation, satellite communication, meteorology, space science and navigation, and ground infrastructure.
- After space sector reforms, the NewSpace industries are also emerging at a fast pace.

27. In July 2023, who among the following has been appointed as the non-executive chairman of Axis Bank for a three-year term by the Reserve Bank of India?

- A. Raghuram Rajan
- B. NS Vishwanathan
- C. Urjit Patel
- D. Sashidhar Jagdishan
- E. Sandeep Bakhshi

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is NS Vishwanathan

Other Information:

* Reserve Bank of India has granted approval for the appointment of NS Vishwanathan as the non-executive chairman of Axis Bank for a three-year term.

* With a career spanning nearly four decades at the central bank, Vishwanathan joined the Reserve Bank of India in 1981 and retired in March 2020 as the deputy governor.

* He showcased expertise in various areas, such as, banking, and non-banking regulation, demonstrating extensive knowledge in central banking.

28.

What is the record-breaking achievement of the Norwegian woman and her Nepali Sherpa guide, named Kristin Harila and Tenjen Sherpa?

- A. Climbing Mount Everest in the shortest time
- B. Climbing all Seven Summits in just 92 days
- C. Climbing the world's 3rd tallest mountains in one year
- D. Climbing all 14 peaks above 8,000 meters in just 92 days

E. Climbing all 14 peaks above 8,000 meters in just 100 days

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Climbing all 14 peaks above 8,000 meters in just 92 days.

Other Information:

* A Norwegian woman and her Nepali Sherpa guide named Kristin Harila and Tenjen Sherpa, respectively, climbed K2, the world's second tallest mountain, in Pakistan becoming the world's fastest climber to summit all 14 peaks above 8,000 meters (26,246 feet) in just 92 days.

* This was their 14th-highest peak in just over three months.

* Other climbers included Pakistan's Shahbaz Khan, the younger brother of renowned mountaineer Sirbaz Khan.

* Harila and Tenjen set the fastest climbing record by beating Nirmal Purja of Nepal.

29. In July 2023, which of the following disease has Bhutan recently announced successful elimination?

- A. Malaria
- B. Tuberculosis
- C. Rubella
- D. COVID-19
- E. Cholera

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Rubella

Other Information:

* Bhutan has announced the successful elimination of rubella.

* In the past 20 years, Bhutan's health workers have worked tirelessly and fought against rubella, also known as German Measles

* This infectious disease poses a threat to those infected and also causes severe complications for pregnant women, resulting in irreversible birth defects in newborns.

* Bhutan's efforts in vaccination promotion and creating awareness have resulted in commendable success.

30. In July 2023, In which of the following organizations launched the revamped website by Deepak Mohanty chairman of Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority

- A. Reserve Bank of India
- B. National Stock Exchange
- C. National Pension System Trust
- D. Securities and Exchange Board of India
- E. Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is National Pension System Trust

Other Information:

* Deepak Mohanty, Chairman, Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA) launched the revamped website of the National Pension System Trust.

* The new website features a sleek and intuitive design, optimized for both desktop and mobile devices.

* The key highlights of the website are:

1. Streamlined navigation and menu structure
2. Structured Information
3. Enhanced online services with new features
4. Enhanced user experience
5. Improved search functionality

31. In July 2023, the 10th meeting of the Sub Committee on Military Cooperation between India and _____ was held in New Delhi.

- A. Malaysia
- B. Bhutan
- C. Nepal
- D. France
- E. Bangladesh

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Malaysia.

Other Information:

* The 10th meeting of the Sub Committee on Military Cooperation between India and Malaysia was held in New Delhi in July 2023.

* The Indian Side was headed by, Ministry of Defence Amitabh Prasad, while the Malaysian side was headed by Assistant Chief of Staff, Khairul Anuar bin Abd Aziz

* The Indian side highlighted the potential of the Indian defense industry with capacity and capability to cooperate with the Malaysian Armed Forces in its shipbuilding and maintenance plans

32. In July 2023, which of the following organizations launched the 100 Microsites Project under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission?

- A. World Health Organization
- B. National Health Authority
- C. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- D. Indian Medical Association
- E. United Nations Children's Fund

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is National Health Authority

Other Information:

* The National Health Authority has launched 100 Microsites Project under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM).

* Aim: To establish a small ecosystem within a particular geographic area where there is complete ABDM adoption, and the entire patient journey is digitized.

* It will be a cluster of small and mid-sized health facilities that would be fully compliant with ABDM.

* It shall encompass all small and medium-scale clinics, nursing homes, and other healthcare facilities.

33. In July 2023, which of the following companies is teamed up with Mukesh Ambani-led Jio Financial Services to enter India's asset management sector?

- A. Tata Group
- B. ICICI Prudential
- C. BlackRock
- D. State Bank of India
- E. Axis Bank

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is BlackRock

Other Information:

* BlackRock, the world's largest asset manager, is teaming up with Mukesh Ambani-led Jio Financial Services (JFS) to enter India's asset management sector.

* This collaboration represents BlackRock's return to the domestic market, and it will serve as a strong foothold for JFS, which is a recently separated division of Reliance Industries.

* This marks BlackRock's second attempt at tapping into the rapidly expanding domestic asset management space.

34. In August 2023 who among the following chess players has become India's top chess player, surpassed Viswanathan Anand?

- A. Vishy Anand
- B. Gukesh D
- C. Pentala Harikrishna
- D. Koneru Humpy
- E. Vidit Gujrathi

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct answer is Gukesh D.

Other Information:

- India's 17-year-old Grandmaster Gukesh D has emerged as the country's top chess player, surpassing Viswanathan Anand in Aug 2023
- He qualified for the third round of FIDE World Cup 2023, secured victory against Azerbaijani Misratdin Iskandarov.
- He holds a live rating of 2755.9 in Classic chess, slightly edging out Anand, whose live rating stands at 2754.0.
- He now holds the 9th position in the live rankings, while the five-time World champion Anand has slipped to 10th place.

35.What is the name of the unified mobile application launched by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to create a user-friendly experience for highway users? (August 2023)

- A. RoadSeva
- B. HighwayMitra
- C. Rajmargyatra
- D. NHAI Connect
- E. HighwaysOne

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Rajmargyatra

Other Information:

- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has launched the 'Rajmargyatra,' a citizen-centric unified mobile application.
- Aim: To create a seamless, user-friendly experience for highway users.
- The user-centric app marks a substantial advancement in providing travellers with comprehensive information about Indian National Highways
- It provides real-time weather updates, timely broadcast notifications and details about nearby toll plazas, petrol stations and hospitals

36. In August 2023 which of the following naval exercises was announced by the Russian Defense Ministry in the Baltic Sea?

- A. Ocean Shield
- B. Zapad (West) Exercise
- C. Ladoga-2021
- D. Kavkaz-2020
- E. Vostok (East) Exercise

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Ocean Shield

Other Information:

- The Russian Defense Ministry announced the start of the Ocean Shield 2023 naval exercises in the Baltic Sea.
- The exercises are being conducted under the command of Navy Commander-in-Chief Admiral Nikolay Evmenov
- Objective: To assess the Russian Navy's readiness to defend the country's interests in a critical area, as well as the coordination of the various military forces.
- The drills involve 30 combat ships 30 aircraft of naval aviation and Russia's Aerospace Forces

37. In August 2023, which of the following institutions signed MoU Ministry of Railways to establish the India 5G testbed at the Indian Railway Institute of Signal Engineering and Telecommunications in Secunderabad?

- A. Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee
- B. Indian Institute of Technology Bombay
- C. Indian Institute of Technology Madras
- D. Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
- E. Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is the Indian Institute of Technology Madras

Other Information:

- The Ministry of Railways and the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) signed a MoU in Secunderabad in Aug 2023
- Objective: To establish the India 5G testbed at the Indian Railway Institute of Signal Engineering and Telecommunications (IRISET)
- Aim: To enhance its operational efficiency, passenger experience and overall safety.
- It would serve as a cutting-edge facility to conduct comprehensive trials of 5G-enabled applications tailored for Railway operations.

38. In August 2023, which of the following companies appointed Puneet Chandok as the Corporate Vice President for the India and South Asia region?

- A. Google
- B. Apple
- C. Microsoft
- D. Amazon
- E. Facebook

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Microsoft.

Other Information:

- Puneet Chandok was appointed as the Corporate Vice President of Microsoft India and South Asia by the company in Aug 2023.
- He will be responsible for the seamless integration of Microsoft's operations across South Asian countries, including Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.
- His focus will be on key industries, employing a customer-centric approach empowered by generative AI technology.
- He was a Partner at McKinsey in India and Asia.

39. In August 2023, the government granted Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba a _____(Months) extension in service approved by the Ministry of Personnel.

- A. 12Months
- B. 15 Months
- C. 8 Months
- D. 6 Months
- E. 10 Months

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is 12 Months.

Other Information:

- As per a Personnel Ministry order, the government granted Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba a one-year extension in service, extending beyond August 30, 2023.
- This marks his third extension in the same position.
- He is a 1982-batch IAS officer of the Jharkhand and former Union home secretary, in 2019
- He received a one-year extension in 2021, and subsequently, another extension in August of the preceding year.

40. Who among the following would be honored with the Diversity in Cinema Award at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne 2023?

- A. Kiara Adwani
- B. Deepika Padukone
- C. Mrunal Thakur
- D. Kangna Ranaut
- E. Allia Bhatt

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Mrunal Thakur

Other Information:

- Mrunal Thakur will be honored with the Diversity in Cinema Award at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne 2023.
- The recognition comes as she completes a year of having made her debut in South Indian Cinema with Telugu film Sita Ramam (2022)
- The award is a recognition of her versatile performances across films of different languages.
- The actor, who made her film with "Love Sonia", and then featured in movies such "Super 30", "Toofan", "Jersey".

41. In August 2023, which of the following countries received an advance payment of INR 450 million from India for a unique digital identity project?

- A. China
- B. United States
- C. Japan
- D. Sri Lanka
- E. Australia

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Sri Lanka.

Other Information:

- India has handed over INR 450 million in advance to Sri Lanka to fund its unique digital identity project in Aug 2023.
- It is the most crucial step in the island nation's digitalization program being implemented through the Indian grant assistance.
- Aims: To collect biographic and biometric information which will be stored in a centralized system to issue identification cards as per the standards set by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

42. Which of the following Indian states was honored with the Best Performing State award in cadaver organ donation for the year 2023?

- A. Kerala
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Karnataka
- E. Uttar Pradesh

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Tamil Nadu

Other Information:

- Tamil Nadu bagged the Best Performing State Award 2023 in cadaver organ donation.
- Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya presented the Best State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation award to Health Minister Ma Subramanian at the 13th Indian Organ Donation Day function held in New Delhi.
- Tamil Nadu leads all Indian states in organ donations with 1,705 people donating their organs and saving 6,247 human lives.

43.

In August 2023, FM Nirmala Sitharaman laid the foundation stone for an 'Iconic Site Museum' at the Adichanallur archeological museum, which is located in which of the following cities of Tamil Nadu?

- A. Coimbatore
- B.

Thoothukudi

- C. Madurai
- D. Tiruchirappalli
- E. Salem

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Thoothukudi

Other Information:

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman laid the foundation stone for an archeological museum at Adichanallur in Tamil Nadu in August 2023
- Objective: To focus on establishing the significance of the archaeological sites identified as part of the cultural landscape of the Thamirabarani valley, not limiting to the site of Adichanallur.
- Adichanallur was one of the five archaeological sites declared to be developed as 'Iconic Sites' in the Union Budget 2020-21.

44. In August 2023, which of the following satellites would host the additional 24 new Ku-band transponders that Tata Play plans to incorporate for its bandwidth expansion?

- A. Geosynchronous Satellite-18
- B. Geosynchronous Satellite-20
- C. Geosynchronous Satellite-22
- D. Geosynchronous Satellite-24
- E. Geosynchronous Satellite-19

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Geosynchronous Satellite - 24

Other Information:

- Direct-to-home (DTH) company Tata Play, formerly known as Tata Sky, plans to increase its bandwidth capacity by 50% by adding 24 new Ku-band transponders on the Geosynchronous Satellite-24 (GSAT) communication satellite.
- Aim: To offer more channels, services, and improve picture quality.
- The GSAT-24 satellite was launched by NewSpace India Ltd (NSIL) in June 2022 to specifically cater to Tata Play's DTH requirements.
- NSIL has been tasked with satellite missions on a demand-driven model.

45.

In August 2023, name the Indian Tennis Player, who won the doubles title, with her partner Anastasia Tikhonova, at the 2023 women's hardcourt tournament held in Spain.

A.

Ankita Raina

B.

Rutuja Bhosale

C.

Prarthana Thombare

D.

Riya Bhatia

E.

Jessy Rompies

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Prarthana Thombare

Other Information:

- Prarthana Thombare has bagged the doubles title at the women's tennis hardcourt 2023 event in Spain.
- Prarthana and Anastasia Tikhonova, defeat France's Estelle Cascino and Latvia's Diana in the final.
- It is the second title of the year and 26th overall for Prarthana
- Siddhant Banthia and Sai Karteek Reddy won their second title this season in ITF men's event 2023 in Kazakhstan.
- They defeated Estonia's Daniil and Karl Kiur to lift the trophy in the hard-court event.

46. In August 2023, who among the following has been appointed as the strategic advisor to all the financial services ventures spearheaded by Cyrus Poonawalla Group?

- A. Aditya Puri
- B. Sashidhar Jagdishan
- C. Paresh Sukthankar
- D. Keki Mistry
- E. Rahul Shukla

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Keki Mistry.

Other Information:

- Cyrus Poonawalla Group appointed Keki Mistry as the strategic advisor to all the financial services ventures spearheaded by Adar Poonawalla in Aug 2023.

- He has over 4 decades of experience and is one of the most respected professionals in the Indian Financial Services industry.
- He served as the chief executive officer and vice chairman of the company after it merged with HDFC Bank Ltd.
- He is also the Non-Executive Chairman of HDFC Ergo General Insurance Company Limited.

47. In August 2023, under which scheme does Prime Minister Narendra Modi commence the redevelopment of 13 railway stations in a State?

- A. Make in India Scheme
- B. Smart Cities Mission
- C. Amrit Bharat Station Scheme
- D. Clean Ganga Project
- E. Ayushman Bharat Yojana

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

Other Information:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched work on the redevelopment of 13 railway stations in the State under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in August 2023.
- Out of 508, 13 stations are listed in Karnataka.
- Aims: To transform and modernize 1,309 railway stations across the nation and enhance the overall passenger experience and make them world-class travel hubs.
- Gov is working to transform the railway stations across the country in line with its vision of 'Naya Bharat'.

48. In August 2023, which of the following satellite bus technology was transferred by ISRO to Alpha Design Technologies to enhance the private industry participation in India's space sector?

- A. IMS-1 Satellite
- B. NanoSatC-BR1

- C. NanoPower P31u
- D. Spacebus NEO
- E. None of the above

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is IMS-1 Satellite

Other Information:

- The Indian Space Research Organization announced the transfer of IMS-1 Satellite Bus technology to Alpha Design Technologies, a Bengaluru-based private company.
- The transfer was facilitated by ISRO's commercial arm NewSpace India Limited through an agreement
- The IMS-1 satellite bus was developed by the UR Rao Satellite Centre and is a small satellite platform designed to enable low-cost access to space.
- This weighs about 100 kilograms and can carry a 30-kg payload.

49. In August 2023, who among the following has been appointed as Tesla's Chief Financial Officer (CFO), replacing Kirkhorn?

- A. Ashok Elluswamy
- B. Manuj Khurana
- C. Vaibhav Taneja
- D. Deepak Ahuja
- E. Jay Vijayan

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- The correct option is Vaibhav Taneja.

Other Information:

- Tesla appointed Indian-origin Vaibhav Taneja as Chief Financial Officer of the company replacing Kirkhorn.

- He initially assumed the role of Corporate Controller in May 2018, and his commitment and competence led to his elevation to the position of CAO in March 2019.
- His portfolio encompassed the critical domains of financial reporting, tax compliance, and internal controls, underscoring his pivotal role in upholding Tesla's fiscal integrity.

50. Who among the following Indian players has bagged the gold medals in men's doubles in the Four Nations Para-Badminton International 2023 in the SL3-SL4 category?

- A. Pramod Bhagat and Sukant Kadam
- B. Manoj Sarkar and Tarun Dhillon
- C. Tarun Dhillon and Sukant Kadam
- D. Raj Kumar and Rakesh Pandey
- E. Rakesh Pandey and Sukant Kadam

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- The correct option is Pramod Bhagat and Sukant Kadam.

Other Information:

- In the Four Nations Para-Badminton International 2023 held in England, the top-ranked men's doubles duo of Pramod Bhagat and Sukant Kadam clinched a gold medal in the SL3-SL4 category.
- They achieved this victory by defeating Ranjan Bisoyee and Manoj Sarkar.
- Bhagat secured a silver medal in the singles SL3 category, and he also teamed up with Manisha Ramdass to claim a silver medal in the mixed doubles SL3-SU5 category.
- Kadam won a bronze in the singles SL4 category.

51. Name the lighter and more compact version of the Weapon Locating Radar (WLR-M), launched by Indian Army, to enhance the Army's battlefield surveillance capabilities. (August 2023)

- A. Swathi Radiant
- B. Himalayan Sentinel
- C. Swathi Mountains
- D. Swathi Hills
- E. None of the above

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- The correct option is Swathi Mountains.

Other Information:

- Indian Army inducted the lighter and more compact version of the developed Weapon Locating Radar (WLR-M) called "Swathi Mountains."
- Aim: To enhance the Army's battlefield surveillance capabilities, enabling it to effectively monitor and respond to threats in mountainous regions.
- Developed by Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) in Bengaluru, and designed for operations in mountainous and high-altitude areas, catering to the unique challenges posed by such terrains.

52. In August 2023, how many new districts have been approved for formation by the Rajasthan Cabinet?

- A. 12
- B. 15
- C. 19
- D. 21
- E. 25

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is 19.

Other Information:

- The Rajasthan Cabinet approved the proposal of a high-level committee to form 19 new districts and three new divisions in the State.

- Rajasthan will now have a total of 50 districts and 10 divisional headquarters.
- According to CM Ashok Gehlot formation of new districts will improve governance and bring relief to people who have to cover long distances to go to the district headquarters.
- The new districts are like, Jaipur has been divided into Jaipur and Jaipur Rural

53. Who among the following Indian badminton players bagged the silver medal at the Australian Open Badminton 2023 final?

- A. Kidambi Srikanth
- B. Parupalli Kashyap
- C. HS Prannoy
- D. Sameer Verma
- E. Lakshya Sen

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is HS Prannoy.

Other Information:

- The ninth-ranked Indian shuttler HS Prannoy won silver at the Australian Open Badminton 2023 final in Sydney
- He went down fighting against World No. 24 Weng Hong Yang of China.
- He also bagged the silver medal in Boys' singles at the 2010 Summer Youth Olympics.
- He followed it up with another silver, this time at the Bahrain International Challenge, in 2011.

54. In August 2023, President Droupadi Murmu launched Vindhyagiri the _____ ship in the Project 17A Frigate in Kolkata, named after a mountain range in Karnataka.

- A. Third
- B. Fourth
- C. Fifth

- D. Sixth
- E. None of the above

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Sixth.

Other Information:

- President Droupadi Murmu launched the Vindhyagiri, a Project 17A Frigate of the Indian Navy at Garden Reach Shipbuilders Engineers in Kolkata in August 2023.
- Named after a mountain range in Karnataka, Vindhyagiri is the sixth ship of the Project 17A frigates.
- About Vindhyagiri
- It is a technologically advanced Frigate that pays a befitting tribute to the distinguished service of its predecessor, the erstwhile INS Vindhyagiri, the Leander Class ASW Frigate.

55. In August 2023, which of the following organizations collaborated with the Ministry of Ayush to host the first-of-its-kind Global Summit on Traditional Medicine (GCTM) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat?

- A. Pfizer
- B. World Health Organization
- C. National Health Organisations
- D. Indian Association for Medical Informatics
- E. None of the above

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is World Health Organization

Other Information:

- The Ministry of Ayush and the World Health Organization would organize a first-of-its-kind global summit on Traditional Medicine (GCTM) from the 17th of August 2023 in Gandhi Nagar.
- The WHO GCTM is a knowledge center for traditional medicine.
- The summit will serve as a platform for experts and practitioners to delve into the latest scientific advancements and evidence-based knowledge in the sector, with the ultimate goal of ensuring health and well-being for all.

56. Which of the following prestigious Indian award does Manchanahalli Rangaswamy Satyanarayana Rao, receive for his contributions to science before his recent demise?

- A. Bharat Ratna
- B. Padma Shri
- C. Nobel Prize
- D. Sahitya Akademi Award
- E. None of the above

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Padma Shri.

Other Information:

- Manchanahalli Rangaswamy Satyanarayana Rao, popularly known as MRS Rao, an eminent Indian scientist and Padma Shri awardee, passes away.
- He was honored with the Padma Shri award in 2010 for his contributions to the field of science and engineering.
- He was well known for his discipline, scientific knowledge, patience, soft-spoken nature and mentorship of PhD students.
- He was the first scientist to initiate Chromatin Biology research in India.

57. In August 2023, who among the following has been honored with Harvard University's prestigious George Ledlie Prize 2023 for effectively utilizing extensive data to challenge misconceptions about the American Dream?

- A. Raj Chetty
- B. Rahul Bajaj
- C. Kapil Sibal
- D. Neil deGrasse Tyson
- E. Arjun Mehta

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Raj Chetty

Other Information:

- Indian-American economist Raj Chetty has been awarded Harvard University's coveted George Ledlie Prize 2023 for wielding big data to break myths about who achieves the American Dream
- The award is given every two years to a member of the Harvard community who has made the most valuable contribution to science or in any way for the benefit of mankind.
- He is also director of Opportunity Insights, a group of economists based at Harvard who studies inequality.

58. Which of the following Indian states claimed the top spot in the ranking for overall fiscal health in a report conducted by a foreign brokerage firm, based on the revised budget estimates of FY23? (August 2023)

- A. Chhattisgarh
- B. Telangana
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Tamil Nadu
- E. Kerala

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Maharashtra.

Other Information:

- Based on the FY23 revised budget estimates Maharashtra secured the top position as the best state in overall fiscal health in a report conducted by a foreign brokerage firm.
- Chhattisgarh, one of the poorest states in the country, is in 2nd position followed by Telangana, while the bottom 3 are Bengal, Punjab, and Kerala.
- The report, penned by Kaushik Das, chief economist at the Deutsche Bank, was conducted to survey the fiscal health of 17 major states across the country

59. In August 2023, which of the following Indian states launched the flagship scheme "Gramin Mitra" to provide doorstep delivery of government services across the state and promote digital empowerment in rural areas?

- A. Chattisgarh
- B. Goa
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Tamil Nadu
- E. Kerala

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Goa

Other Information:

- Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant launched the flagship scheme "Gramin Mitra" to provide doorstep delivery of government services across the state and promote digital empowerment in rural areas.
- Aims: To empower rural communities with access to information and opportunities that can transform their lives and drive socio-economic growth.
- The program will help us accelerate the delivery of e-governance services to rural areas across the state.

60. In August 2023, which of the following prominent broker in India got approval from the regulatory nod from Sebi to introduce a mutual fund product?

- A. ICICI Securities
- B. HDFC Securities
- C. Angel Broking
- D. Kotak Securities
- E. Zerodha

Answer :- E

Solution :-

The correct option is Zerodha.

Other Information:

- Nithin Kamath, CEO of India's leading broker Zerodha, has received final approval from the regulator Sebi to launch the mutual fund product in August 2023.
- The motivation to launch the mutual fund business was two-fold -- the shallow participation in Indian markets wherein lies the challenge and an opportunity and creating simple products for investors.
- Zerodha started its journey in 2010 as a 'Rs 20 per order broker' and gained popularity as a no-frills, low-cost player among traders.

61. In August 2023, what amount does the government approve for the production of urgently needed fleet support vessels (FSVs) for the Indian Navy?

- A. Rs 22,000 crore
- B. Rs 20,000 crore
- C. Rs 25,000 crore
- D. Rs 27,000 crore
- E. Rs 26,000 crore

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Rs 20,000 crore

Other Information:

- The government has cleared a Rs 20,000 crore deal to manufacture fleet support vessels (FSVs) which are urgently required by the Indian Navy in August 2023

- Vizag-based Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) will manufacture five of the 45,000-tonne warships, the largest ship of its class being built at the defense ministry-owned yard.
- The ships are needed to support warships on long-range patrol and can carry a variety of equipment, such as fuel, ammunition and food supplies.

62. In August 2023, who among the following Indian wrestlers secured a Gold medal at the 2023 U20 World Wrestling Championships in the women's 76kg freestyle category?

- A. Priya Malik
- B. Sakshi Malik
- C. Geeta Phogat
- D. Babita Kumari
- E. Pooja Dhanda

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Priya Malik

Other Information:

- Indian wrestler Priya Malik clinched a Gold medal at the 2023 U20 World Wrestling Championships (women's 76kg freestyle) in Jordan by defeating Laura Celine Kuehn of Germany.
- She became just the second woman wrestler from India to be crowned U20 world championship.
- Antim Panghal had been the first woman from India to win a junior world title in wrestling at last year's edition.
- She has now won both the U17 2021 and 2022 and U20 world titles.

63. In August 2023, which of the following Indian States launched India's first-ever night street racing circuit in India and South Asia that will be hosting a night race?

- A. Goa
- B. Gujarat
- C. Karnataka

- D. Tamil Nadu
- E. Kerala

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Tamil Nadu

Other Information:

- Tamil Nadu government partnered with Racing Promotions Private Limited to launch India's first-ever night street racing circuit in India and South Asia that will be hosting a night race
- RRPL is also the promoter of the Indian Racing League and F4 Indian Championship.
- As for the track, it is a 3.5km layout, located around the Island Grounds that resides in the heart of the city.
- Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Udhayanidhi Stalin has launched the circuit.

64. Which of the following Indian IT companies collaborated with the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi to launch a new Center of Excellence on Generative Artificial Intelligence to enhance our research & development capabilities in emerging regions?

- A. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- B. Infosys
- C. Wipro
- D. HCL Technologies
- E. Tech Mahindra

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Wipro.

Other Information:

- Indian IT services company Wipro introduces the launch of a new Center of Excellence on Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) in partnership with IIT Delhi.

- Aim: To foster accelerated innovation in some of the most exciting emerging areas of technology.
- Objective: To enhance our research & development capabilities in emerging regions, such as generative AI.
- Teams will jointly work on building innovative solutions using AI, ML, and other technologies.

65. In August 2023, Name India's first long-range revolver which is manufactured by Advanced Weapons and Equipment India.

- A. Nidar
- B. Prabal
- C. Anamika
- D. Nirbheek
- E. None of the above

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Prabal

Other Information:

- India's first long-range revolver 'Prabal' is to be launched in August 2023 manufactured by Advanced Weapons and Equipment India (AWEIL).
- About Prabal
- The Prabal revolver boasts a firing range of up to 50 metres, more than twice the reach of other revolvers.
- The Prabal revolver is light in weight and equipped with a side swing cylinder.
- It weighs 700 grams (without cartridges) in weight and its barrel length is 76 mm, while its overall length is 177.6 mm.

66. In August 2023, which of the following organizations launched the FloodWatch mobile app for real-time flood forecast situations across India?

- A. National Remote Sensing Centre
- B. Central Water Commission
- C. National Disaster Response Force
- D. Associated Programme on Flood Management
- E. None of the above

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Central Water Commission

Other Information:

- The Chairman of Central Water Commission Kushvinder Vohra launches FloodWatch mobile app for real-time flood forecast situations across the country in New Delhi
- Aim: To disseminate information related to the flood situation and forecasts for up to seven days on a real-time basis.
- It utilizes advanced technologies such as satellite data analysis and real-time monitoring to deliver accurate and timely flood forecasts and make it easy to stay informed and minimized risk.

67. Which of the following villages in Goa has become the first village to have a biodiversity atlas, detailing the floral and faunal biodiversity of the village?

- A. Aldona
- B. Benaulim
- C. Mayem
- D. Verem
- E. Saligao

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Mayem

Other Information:

- Mayem has become the first village in Goa to have a biodiversity atlas, a 250-page document with maps detailing the floral and faunal biodiversity of the village.

- The atlas was prepared based on the People's biodiversity register (PBR) prepared by the village Biodiversity management committee
- There are huge funds to be tapped for villages that have registered biodiversity atlases. For every lake, the government of India is ready to give Rs 10 crore to maintain it.

68.What is the name of the first small satellite rocket launched by Agnikul Cosmos with its private launchpad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota?

- A. Agnilet I
- B. Agnikul One
- C. Agnibaan SOrTeD
- D. CosmoLift A1
- E. NanoSat-1

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Agnibaan SOrTeD

Other Information:

- Chennai-based space tech startup Agnikul Cosmos has launched its first small satellite rocket, named Agnibaan SOrTeD, with its private launchpad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.
- The rocket is driven by Agnikul's patented Agnilet engine, which is a 3D-printed, single-piece, 6 kN semi-cryogenic engine.
- These flight events have been configured to validate key technologies integral to the success of the company's upcoming orbital flights.

69.In which of the following states Narendra Modi hails India's first 3D- printed post office?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Kerala
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Telangana
- E. Goa

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Bengaluru.

Other Information:

- India's first 3D-printed post office is coming up at Cambridge Layout in Bengaluru
- 3D printing is a process of making three-dimensional solid objects from a digital file.
- In this process an object is created by laying down successive layers of material until the object is created. Each of these layers can be seen as a thinly sliced cross-section of the object.
- 3D printing enables you to produce complex shapes using less material than traditional manufacturing methods.

70. Who among the following secured the first-ever gold medal in the junior men's 72kg category at the World Para Powerlifting Championships 2023 in Dubai?

- A. Honey Dabas
- B. Rahul Jograjiya
- C. Narinder
- D. Neeraj
- E. Vikas

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Honey Dabas

Other Information:

- Honey Dabas and Rahul Jograjiya clinched first-ever gold and silver respectively in the junior men's 72kg category at the World Para Powerlifting Championships 2023 in Dubai.
- Dabas lifted a best total of 135kg while Jograjiya had his best total lift of 132kg.
- Dabas has two gold medals from the Dubai 2022 Fazza World Cup.

- India's only medal at a World Championships has been claimed by Parmjeet Kumar (men's -49kg) at the Tbilisi 2021 World Championships.

71. In August 2023, which of the following organizations approved the first respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine for use in women during pregnancy to protect the baby?

- A. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- B. World Health Organizations (WHO)
- C. Health Care Organizations (HCO)
- D. Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
- E. None of the above

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Other Information:

- The United States of America's Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the first respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine for use in women during pregnancy to protect the baby.
- Aim: To prevent lower respiratory tract infection and severe disease in infants until they are six months old.
- This vaccine has been developed by Pfizer and the approval allows the vaccine to be given to women 32 to 36 weeks of pregnancy

72. In August 2023, Which of the following countries recently launched the Gaofen-12 04 satellite into space which will be used in land surveys, urban planning and road network design?

- A. Russia
- B. United States
- C. India
- D. China
- E. Japan

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is China

Other Information:

- China sent a new Earth observation satellite Gaofen-12 04 into space from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China.
- The satellite, Gaofen-12 04, was launched by a Long March-4C carrier rocket and has entered the planned orbit successfully.
- It will be used in a variety of fields, including land surveys, urban planning, road network design, crop yield estimation and disaster relief.
- The launch marks the 484th flight mission of the Long March series carrier rockets.

73. In August 2023, Who among the following would be the 'National Icon' for voter awareness and education for the Election commission of India?

- A. Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- B. Sachin Tendulkar
- C. Anshuman Khurana
- D. Rajkumar Rao
- E. Virat Kohli

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Sachin Tendulkar

Other Information:

- Bharat Ratna awardee Sachin Tendulkar would begin a new inning as the 'National Icon' for voter awareness and education for the election commission of India.
- MoU will be signed with Sachin for a period of three years in the presence of Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar in New Delhi
- Aim: To bridge the gap between citizens, especially youth and urban populations, and the electoral process thereby, trying to address the challenges of urban and youth apathy.

74. In August 2023, who among the following has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Thailand?

- A. Yingluck Shinawatra
- B. Abhisit Vejjajiva
- C. Prayut Chan-o-cha
- D. Srettha Thavisin
- E. None of the above

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Srettha Thavisin

Other Information:

- The Pheu Thai Party's Srettha Thavisin became Thailand's prime minister after clinching parliamentary support
- He co-founded Sansiri in 1988, which later became one of Thailand's largest real estate developers, leading Srettha to become a property tycoon.
- He was the former chief executive and president of Sansiri.
- Srettha will lead an alliance of 11 parties that includes two pro-military parties affiliated with outgoing Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha

75. In August 2023, which of the following countries became the first to successfully land on the South Pole of the lunar surface?

- A. United States
- B. China
- C. Russia
- D. India
- E. Japan

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is 'India.'

Other Information:

- India has created history as it became the first country to land (Vikram Lander) on the South Pole of the lunar surface on 23rd August 2023.
- The Lander Module comprising the lander (Vikram) and the rover (Pragyan), landed on the Moon.
- Aim: To study the composition of the lunar soil and probe for water and ice, while listening for small seismic tremors.
- India was the fourth nation to succeed at the task after the United States, the Soviet Union, and China.

76. In August 2023, who among the following Indian shooters won the gold medal in the Men's 25-meter standard pistol shooting event at the ISSF World Championship 2023 in Baku?

- A. Abhinav Bindra
- B. Gagan Narang
- C. Jitu Rai
- D. Amanpreet Singh
- E. Saurabh Chaudhary

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Amanpreet Singh

Other Information:

- Indian shooter Amanpreet Singh won the gold medal in the Men's 25-metre standard pistol shooting event at the ISSF World Championship 2023 in Baku.
- South Korea's Gunhyeok Lee had to settle for silver while France's Kevin Chapon secured a bronze
- In the Women's 25-meter Standard Pistol shooting event, Tiyana, Yashita Shokeen, and Kritika bagged bronze.
- The two medals on the day took India's tally in the Championship to nine - five gold and four bronze medals.

77. In August 2023, which of the following aircraft successfully fired the ASTRA indigenous Beyond Visual Range air-to-air missile to engage and destroy highly maneuvering supersonic aerial targets?

- A. Jaguar
- B. Rafale
- C. Tejas
- D. MiG-21 Bison
- E. Mirage 2000

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Tejas

Other Information:

- Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas has successfully fired the ASTRA indigenous Beyond Visual Range air-to-air missile off the coast of Goa.
- ASTRA, a state-of-the-art air-to-air missile to engage and destroy highly maneuvering supersonic aerial targets
- Aim: To enhance the combat prowess of Tejas and reduce the dependency on imported weapons.
- It is designed and developed by the Defence Research and Development Laboratory, Research Centre Imarat, and other laboratories of DRDO.

78. What is the theme of the 26th National Conference on e-Governance organized in Indore? (August 2023)

- A. India's Techade: Digital Governance in a Post Pandemic World
- B. Digital India: Success to Excellence
- C. Technology for Accelerating Development
- D. Developed India: Empowering Citizens
- E. Bringing Citizens, Industry and Government closer

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is "Developed India: Empowering Citizens"

Other Information:

- The 26th National Conference on e-Governance is being organized in Indore to deliberate on providing better facilities to the citizens.
- Theme: 'Developed India: Empowering Citizens'.
- Aim: To focus on 11 subjects including district level initiatives, emerging technologies for providing citizen-centric facilities and data governance.
- Organized by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances and Ministry of Electronics in collaboration with Gov of MP

79. In August 2023, which of the following cities, former President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated Kerala's first AI (Artificial intelligence) schools?

- A. Kochi
- B. Kozhikode
- C. Thiruvananthapuram
- D. Kannur
- E. Alappuzha

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Thiruvananthapuram

Other Information:

- Former President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated Kerala's first AI (Artificial intelligence) school at Santhigiri Vidyabhavan in Thiruvananthapuram.
- It is an innovative learning method that ensures international standards and quality learning opportunities for students with the help of artificial intelligence technology.
- It is designed and molded by one of the world's most advanced educational platforms iLearning Engines (ILE) USA in collaboration with Vedhik eSchool.

80. In August 2023, which of the following countries chaired the 15th BRICS Summit?

- A. Brazil
- B. South Africa
- C. Russia
- D. India
- E. China

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is South Africa

Other Information:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the 15th BRICS Summit held under South Africa's chairship, in Johannesburg.
- Aim: To discuss global economic recovery, partnership with Africa and the Global South, and review the progress made on the BRICS agenda so far.

During his address, the PM called for a strengthened BRICS that is:

- B - Breaking barriers
- R - Revitalising economies
- I - Inspiring Innovation
- C - Creating opportunities
- S - Shaping the future

81.

In August 2023, the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) approved the establishment of the 54th tiger reserve of India, which is located in _____.

- A. Karnataka
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Uttar Pradesh

E. Maharashtra

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Rajasthan.

Other Information:

- National Tiger Conservation Authority approved India's 54th tiger reserve in Rajasthan's Karauli and Dholpur districts
- This is Rajasthan's fifth tiger reserve after Ranthambore, Sariska, Mukundra Hills, and Ramgarh Vishdhari
- The number of tigers in India has increased from 2,967 in 2018 to 3,682 in 2022, an annual rise of 6%
- The number of tigers in Rajasthan has increased from 32 in 2006 to 88 in 2022
- Madhya Pradesh has the maximum number of tigers in the country (785)

82. In August 2023, after adding the 33 new Khelo India Centres (KIC) in Rajasthan, what is the existing number of Khelo India Centres across the nation?

- A. 50
- B. 49
- C. 55
- D. 53
- E. 51

Answer :- E

Solution :-

The correct option is 51.

Other Information:

- The Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated 33 Khelo India Centres (KIC) in the State of Rajasthan at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur.
- He also announced that a National Center of Excellence with a sports science center will be set up in Rajasthan along with an additional 18 KIC, thus taking the total number of KIC in the State to 51.
- The total number of KICs across India is 960, out of which 715 are operational KICs

83. What amount of outlay has been approved by the cabinet for the continuation of the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS)? (August 2023)

- A. Rs. 5000.75 crore
- B. Rs. 6800.25 crore
- C. Rs. 8139.50 crore
- D. Rs. 9500.10 crore
- E. Rs. 10000.00 crore

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Rs. 8139.50 crore

Other Information:

- The cabinet approved the continuation of the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) with an approved outlay of Rs. 8139.50 crore.
- Objective: To support infrastructure development in identified sectors including connectivity in the North Eastern States.
- For the period from 2022-23 to 2025-26, Cabinet approved two components: NESIDS-Road and NESIDS-Other Than Road Infrastructure (OTRI).
- The scheme is a central sector scheme with 100% central funding.

84. In August 2023, which of the following space agencies is collaborating with ISRO for an upcoming lunar mission i.e. LUPEX?

- A. NASA
- B. Ros cosmos

- C. CNSA
- D. JAXA
- E. None of the above

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is JAXA

Other Information:

- ISRO is preparing for one more lunar mission, in collaboration with the Japanese space agency, JAXA.
- This mission, called LUPEX, or Lunar Polar Exploration, is slated for 2024-25.
- Aim: To explore lunar polar region suitability for establishing a base on the Moon for sustainable activities; obtaining knowledge regarding the availability of lunar water-ice resources, and demonstrating lunar and planetary surface exploration technologies such as vehicular transport.

85. Name the countries that have been invited by South African President and BRICS Current Chair Cyril Ramaphosa to become full members of the BRICS bloc. (August 2023)

- A. Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE
- B. Japan, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE
- C. Mexico, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE
- D. Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Malaysia
- E. Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Singapore

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE

Other Information:

- South African President and BRICS Chair Cyril Ramaphosa has announced that the group has invited Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE to become full members of the bloc from January 1, 2024.

- Aim: To open the doors for numerous interested countries to align with a coalition committed to championing the interests of the "Global South".
- It can be an example of reforms in other global institutions that were established in the 20th century

86. Who among the following has won the Best Actor award at the 69th National Film Awards?

- A. Ram Charan
- B. JR NTR
- C. Allu Arjun
- D. Chiranjeevi
- E. Prabhas

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- The correct answer is 'Allu Arjun'.

Other information:

- Allu Arjun won the Best Actor award at the 69th National Film Awards for his movie 'Pushpa: The Rise' (Directed by: Sukumar).
- Alia Bhatt and Kriti Sanon won the Best Actress award for their phenomenal roles in Gangubai Kathiawadi and Mimi, respectively.
- Other awards:
 - Best Feature Film: Rocketry
 - Best Director: Nikhil Mahajan (for Godavari)
 - Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment: RRR
 - Nargis Dutt Award for Best Film on National Integration: The Kashmir Files

87. Which of the following actress has won the Best Actress award at the 69th National Film Awards 2023?

- A. Kirti Sanon and Alia Bhatt
- B. Deepika Padukone and Priyanaka Chopra
- C. Kirti Sanon and Priyanaka Chopra
- D. Priyanaka Chopra and Alia Bhatt
- E. Alia Bhatt and Kiara Advani

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- The correct answer is 'Kirti Sanon and Alia Bhatt'.

Other information:

- Allu Arjun won the Best Actor award at the 69th National Film Awards for his movie 'Pushpa: The Rise' (Directed by: Sukumar).
- Alia Bhatt and Kriti Sanon won the Best Actress award for their phenomenal roles in Gangubai Kathiawadi and Mimi, respectively.
- Other awards:
 - Best Feature Film: Rocketry
 - Best Director: Nikhil Mahajan (for Godavari)
 - Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment: RRR
 - Nargis Dutt Award for Best Film on National Integration: The Kashmir Files

88. Who among the following has won the Chess World Cup Final 2023 title?

- A. R Praggnanandhaa
- B. Magnus Carlsen
- C. Hikaru Nakamura
- D. Fabiano Caruana
- E. Levon Aronian

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- The correct answer is 'Magnus Carlsen'.

Other information:

- The Norwegian chess grandmaster, Magnus Carlsen, won the Chess World Cup Final 2023 title for the first time, after defeating India's chess grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa in a tie-breaker.
- R Praggnanandhaa (18) was the youngest World Cup finalist ever and the youngest World Cup winner.
- He managed to secure the Silver medal after defeating Hikaru Nakamura and Fabiano Caruana.
- He also became the second Indian after Viswanathan Anand to enter the Chess World Cup final.

89. What is the theme of the B20 Summit India 2023, which is being organized in New Delhi from August 25-27, 2023?

- A. SECURE: Security, Economic development, Connectivity, Unity, Respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, and Environmental protection
- B. R.A.I.S.E: Responsible, Accelerated, Innovative, Sustainable, Equitable Businesses
- C. One Earth, One Family, One Future
- D. Recover Together, Recover Stronger
- E. People, Planet, Prosperity

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- The correct answer is 'R.A.I.S.E: Responsible, Accelerated, Innovative, Sustainable, Equitable Businesses'.

Other information:

- The B20 Summit India 2023 has been started in New Delhi on August 25th, 2023.
- The three-day Summit will be attended by Union Ministers Nirmala Sitharaman, Dr. S Jaishankar, G20 India Sherpa Amitabh Kant, Trade Ministers of various countries, and several business leaders.
- PM Narendra Modi will attend the special session on the 27th of August as Chief Guest.
- Theme of B20 India: R.A.I.S.E: Responsible, Accelerated, Innovative, Sustainable, Equitable Businesses

90.Name the Women shooter, who secured the shooting spot for India in the Paris 2024 Olympics. (August 2023)

- A. Anjali Bhagwat
- B. Manu Bhaker
- C. Anuja Jung
- D. Rhythm Sangwan
- E. Rajeshwari Kumari

Answer :- E

Solution :-

- The correct answer is 'Rajeshwari Kumari'.

Other information:

- India's shooting player, Rajeshwari Kumari has secured a shooting spot for India in the Paris 2024 Olympics.
- She finished fifth in the women's trap final at the ISSF World Championship 2023 in Baku, Azerbaijan.
- The ISSF World Championship 2023 serves as a qualifying event for the Paris Olympics 2024.
- The best four finishers (one from each country) in each of the 12 Olympic individual shooting events receive a seat on their national teams, giving a total of 48 shooters.

91.Who among the following headed the nine-member committee of experts to overhaul the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)? (August 2023)

- A. S N Ghormade
- B. B R Krishna
- C. Prof Manindra Agarwal
- D. J D Patil
- E. Prof K VijayRaghavan

Answer :- E

Solution :-

- The correct answer is 'Prof K VijayRaghavan'.

Other information:

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has set up a nine-member committee of experts to overhaul the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO).
- The committee headed by Prof K VijayRaghavan to review and redefine the role of the department and submit a report within three months.
- Prof Vijay Raghavan is a former Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India and one of the key architects of the National Research Foundation (NRF).

92. According to the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, the Green Hydrogen has been defined as having a well-to-gate emission of not more than _____.

- A. 1 kg CO₂ equivalent/kg H₂
- B. 1.5 kg CO₂ equivalent/kg H₂
- C. 2 kg CO₂ equivalent/kg H₂
- D. 2.5 kg CO₂ equivalent/kg H₂
- E. 3 kg CO₂ equivalent/kg H₂

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- The correct answer is '2 kg CO₂ equivalent/kg H₂'.

Other information:

- The standard issued by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, outlined the emission thresholds that must be met in order for hydrogen produced to be classified as 'Green', i.e., from renewable sources.
- The scope of the definition encompasses both electrolysis-based and biomass-based hydrogen production methods.
- The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy has decided to define Green Hydrogen as having a well-to-gate emission of not more than 2 kg CO₂ equivalent/kg H₂.

93. In August 2023, the Indian Air Force contingent participated for the first time in a biennial multilateral tri-service exercise, Exercise BRIGHT STAR-23, which is being held at _____.

- A. Australia
- B. Indonesia
- C. Egypt
- D. France
- E. None of the above

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is 'Egypt'.

Other Information

- Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent participated for the first time in Exercise BRIGHT STAR-23, a biennial multilateral tri-service exercise
- It is being held at Cairo Air Base, Egypt, from August 27 to September 16, 2023
- Aim: To strengthen strategic partnerships and enhance joint operational capabilities.
- Objective: To practice planning and execution of joint operations
- The IAF contingent will consist of five MiG-29, two IL-78, two C-130 and two C-17 aircraft.

94. In August 2023, which of the following spacecraft, built by SpaceX, launched at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida carrying four astronauts to the International Space Station (ISS)?

- A. Orion spacecraft
- B. Soyuz spacecraft
- C. Dragon spacecraft
- D. Apollo spacecraft
- E. Starliner spacecraft

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is 'Dragon spacecraft'.

Other Information

- NASA and SpaceX's Dragon spacecraft has blasted off carrying four astronauts to the International Space Station (ISS).
- The Dragon spacecraft carried by a Falcon 9 rocket lifted off from Launch Complex 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.
- Four astronauts from four countries, including the US, Denmark, Japan, and Russia.
- The agency's SpaceX Crew-7 mission is the seventh commercial crew rotation mission for NASA.

95. Who among the following Indian javelin players won the gold medal in the men's javelin throw event at the World Athletics Championships 2023 held in Hungary?

- A. Neeraj Chopra
- B. Shivpal Singh
- C. Annu Rani
- D. Devendra Jhajharia
- E. Rajinder Singh Rahelu

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is 'Neeraj Chopra'.

Other Information

- Neeraj Chopra made history by winning the gold medal in the men's javelin throw (88.17 meters) event at the World Athletics Championships 2023 held in Budapest, Hungary.
- He became the first-ever Indian athlete to achieve this feat, marking a significant milestone for Indian athletics.
- Neeraj faced tough competition, notably from Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem, who secured the silver medal with a commendable throw of 87.82 meters.

96. Which of the following countries secured the title of FIFA Women's World Cup 2023?

- A. France
- B. Germany

- C. Spain
- D. England
- E. Brazil

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Spain

Other Information:

- Spain secured their first FIFA Women's World Cup title 2023 by defeating England at the Accor Stadium in Sydney
- Spain and Germany are now the only two nations to win both the men's and women's tournaments.
- The victory made La Roja the first team to hold the under-17, under-20 and senior world titles at the same time – and the fifth winner in nine editions of the Women's World Cup.
- Spanish captain Olga Carmona's first-half goal proved to be the difference maker

97. Who among the following won the gold medal in the U-17 category at the Asian Junior Squash Individual Championships 2023?

- A. Ena Kwong
- B. Anahat Singh
- C. Aisha Malik
- D. Mei Lin Chen
- E. Mia Yamamoto

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Anahat Singh

Other Information:

- India's Anahat Singh bagged the gold medal defeating Hong Kong's Ena Kwong in the U-17 category in the Asian Junior Squash Individual Championships 2023 held in China.
- She also has a bronze medal win, at Macau in the U-13 category in 2019.
- She won the U-11 title during the British Junior Open Squash and by winning the U-13 title in the Dutch Junior Open Squash 2019
- In 2021, she also reached the quarterfinals of the Indian Open held at Noida.

98. In August 2023, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), announced _____, as its latest brand ambassador.

- A. Rahul Dravid
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. Sachin Tendulkar
- D. Rohit Sharma
- E. None of the above

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Rahul Dravid

Other Information:

- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), the second-largest Indian oil marketing company (OMC), announced Rahul Dravid, cricket legend and the current Head Coach of the Indian cricket team, as its latest brand ambassador
- He will represent BPCL's Pure for Sure initiative and its range of MAK lubricants.
- BPCL operates three refineries in Bina, Kochi and Mumbai.
- It was ranked 309th on the 2020 Fortune list of the world's biggest Public sector undertakings in India

99. In August 2023, which of the following organizations is responsible for the construction of the 'Likaru-Mig La-Fukche' road in Ladakh?

- A. Border Roads Organization (BRO)
- B. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
- C. Rural Roads Development Agency (RRDA)
- D. Public Works Departments (PWD)
- E. None of the above

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Border Roads Organization (BRO)

Other Information

- The Border Roads Organization (BRO) has embarked on a groundbreaking project to construct the 'Likaru-Mig La-Fukche' road in Ladakh.
- Goal: To establish the world's highest motorable road, spanning an altitude of approximately 19,400 feet, surpassing the previous record held by Umling La Pass.
- The proposed road between Likaru-Migla-Fukche would provide an axis connecting Hanle to CDFD road at Fukche.

100. In August 2023, what percentage of reservations did the Gujarat government announce for Other Backward Classes in local bodies such as panchayats, municipalities, and civic corporations?

- A. 23 percent
- B. 23 percent
- C. 20 percent
- D. 25 percent
- E. 27 percent

Answer :- E

Solution :-

The correct option is 27 percent

Other Information:

- The Gujarat government announced a 27 percent reservation for Other Backward Classes in local bodies like panchayats, municipalities, and civic corporations.

- In the Panchayats Extension to Scheduled Areas notified areas, the reservation for OBCs will continue to be 10 percent to protect the interest of tribals.
- The existing quota for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes will remain unchanged and there has been no breach of the 50 percent reservation ceiling.

101. Who among the following has been appointed as the new chairman of the Finance Industry Development Council?

- A. Raghuram Rajan
- B. Shantanu Narayen
- C. Umesh Revankar
- D. Aditya Puri
- E. Arundhati Bhattacharya

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Umesh Revankar

Other Information:

- The Finance Industry Development Council has appointed Umesh Revankar as its new chairman.
- He currently holds the position of executive vice chairman for Shriram Finance and has decades of experience and expertise in the financial services industry.
- He has risen through the ranks, assuming responsibilities and leadership roles in business operations.
- He played a pivotal role in making Shriram Transport Finance company the largest commercial vehicle financier in India.

102. In August 2023, which of the following organizations developed the 'Nabhmitra' device for the safety of fishermen?

- A. Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre
- B. Defence Research and Development Organisation
- C. Satish Dhawan Space Centre
- D. Indian Space Research Organisation

E. None of the above

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Indian Space Research Organisation

Other Information:

- 'Nabhmitra', a device developed by ISRO-Space Applications Centre (Ahmedabad) for the safety of fishermen, was tested at Neendakara.
- Satellite-based communication system enables two-way messaging services from and to the sea.
- Weather and cyclone warnings will be communicated in the local language, the boats can also send distress messages to the authorities.
- In capsizing and fire, fishers can press a button on the device and get in touch with the control centre.

103. In August 2023, which of the following states launched the 'Gruha Lakshmi' women's financial aid scheme?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Odisha
- C. Kerala
- D. Karnataka
- E. Madhya Pradesh

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Karnataka

Other Information:

- The Karnataka government launched the 'Gruha Lakshmi' women's financial aid scheme in Mysuru.
- Under this scheme, about 1.1 crore women heads of family will get ₹2,000 each at a function in Mysuru.

- The government has earmarked ₹17,500 crore for 'Gruha Lakshmi' programme in the current financial year.

104. Which of the following elements has been confirmed by the Pragyan rover's Laser-Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy on the lunar surface near the south pole?

- A. Presence of Hydrogen
- B. Presence of Carbon
- C. Presence of sulphur
- D. Presence of helium
- E. Presence of nitrogen

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Presence of sulphur

Other Information:

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has announced that the Pragyan rover's Laser-Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy confirmed the presence of sulphur in the lunar surface near the south pole, through the first-ever in-situ measurements.
- The rover's spectroscopy also detected Aluminium, Calcium, Ferrous (Iron), Chromium, Titanium, Manganese, Silicon, and Oxygen as expected and the search for hydrogen is underway.

105. In August 2023, which of the following organizations developed the world's first 100 percent Ethanol-fueled car, launched by Nitin Gadkari?

- A. Ford Motors
- B. Honda Motor Co.
- C. Toyota Kirloskar Motor
- D. Hyundai Motor Company
- E. None of the above

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is 'Toyota Kirloskar Motor'.

Other Information:

- Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari launched the world's first 100 percent Ethanol-fueled car developed by Toyota Kirloskar Motor in New Delhi.
- Aim: To reduce carbon footprint, improve sustainable mobility, and decrease the country's dependency on traditional fuel sources.
- According to Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri with the implementation of 20 percent ethanol blending in petrol, the country will save 35 thousand crore rupees annually as import bill.

106. In August 2023, which of the following International organizations signed an MoU with the NITI Aayog to formalize a cooperative framework to fast-track India's pursuit to achieve its sustainable development goals (SDGs)?

- A. UNDP
- B. UNESCO
- C. FATF
- D. UNICEF
- E. WTO

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is UNDP

Other Information:

- NITI Aayog and the United Nations Development Programme signed an MoU to formalize a cooperative framework to fast-track India's pursuit to achieve its sustainable development goals (SDGs)
- Objective: To focus on the two organizations' cooperation in a range of areas, including SDG localization, and data-driven monitoring, among others.
- NITI Aayog is the nodal Institution for coordinating the adoption and monitoring of SDGs at the national and sub-national levels.

107. Who among the following has been appointed as the brand ambassador for IndianOil's Indane XTRATEJ LPG brand?

- A. Aarti Sequeira
- B. Anjum Anand
- C. Sanjeev Kapoor
- D. Surjan Singh Jolly
- E. None of the above

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Sanjeev Kapoor

Other Information:

* The IndianOil has appointed Chef Sanjeev Kapoor as the brand ambassador for its Indane XTRATEJ LPG brand.

* This announcement was made at the prestigious Indane XtraTej Hotelier Harmony Meet in Bengaluru.

* The event witnessed the unveiling of the new XTRATEJ TV commercial featuring Chef Sanjeev Kapoor, who commended IndianOil's commitment to culinary innovation and efficiency.

* Indian Oil Chairman: Shrikant Madhav Vaidya

108. Which of the following ministries is responsible for organizing the Global India AI 2023 event?

- A. Ministry of Science and Technology
- B. Ministry of Finance
- C. Ministry of Education
- D. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- E. None of the above

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Other Information:

* The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology will organize the first edition of the Global IndiaAI 2023 in October 2023.

* The leading AI players, researchers, startups, and investors in India and worldwide will participate in the event.

* Union MoS for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Electronics & IT, Rajeev Chandrasekhar chairs the conference's steering committee which is entrusted with the task of shaping the contours of the Global IndiaAI 2023.

109. Which of the following organizations is responsible for launching ILLUMA-T to the Space Station to enhance space communications capabilities?

- A. ESA (European Space Agency)
- B. ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation)
- C. CNSA (China National Space Administration)
- D. JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency)
- E. NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)

Answer :- E

Solution :-

The correct option is NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)

Other Information:

* NASA is launching a groundbreaking technology demonstration known as the Integrated LCRD Low Earth Orbit User Modem and Amplifier Terminal (ILLUMA-T) to the Space Station.

* ILLUMA-T is scheduled to launch on SpaceX's 29th Commercial Resupply mission.

* Aim: To enhance space communications capabilities

* The ILLUMA-T, along with the Laser Communications Relay Demonstration (LCRD) launched in December 2021, will complete NASA's first two-way, end-to-end laser relay system.

110. In August 2023, What temperature variation was observed between the moon's surface and a point around 8 cm below, as shown by the ChaSTE instrument's graph?

- A. -5 to 0 degrees Celsius
- B. 0 to 5 degrees Celsius
- C. -10 to -5 degrees Celsius
- D. -10 degrees Celsius
- E. -15 degrees Celsius

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is -10 degrees Celsius

Other Information:

* The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) released a graph of the temperature variation between the moon's surface and a point around 8 cm below.

* It was measured by an instrument named ChaSTE (Chandra's Surface Thermophysical Experiment).

* The graph shows that the temperature at 8 cm (80 mm) depth into the Moon's surface drops to -10 degrees Celsius and at 6 cm (60 mm) depth, the temperature is around 5-10 degrees Celsius.

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1. Who among the following has been sworn in as Gabon's interim President following the military junta's leadership? (August 2023)

- A. Sylvana Nzang
- B. Claude Sosthène
- C. Yves Mbadinga
- D. Brice Oligui Nguema
- E. None of the above

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Brice Oligui Nguema

Other Information:

- Brice Oligui Nguema, the leader of Gabon's military junta, has been sworn in as the nation's interim President.
- Gabon is the sixth Francophone country to fall under military rule in the last three years as former colonial power France struggles to maintain its influence on the continent.
- Gabon has been suspended from the African Union following the coup, which has been condemned by the United Nations and France.

2. In September 2023, which of the following Indian states World Health Organization (WHO) released the outcome document of the first WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit 2023?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Karnataka
- C. Odisha
- D. Madhya Pradesh
- E. Andhra Pradesh

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Gujarat.

Other Information:

- The World Health Organization (WHO) has released the outcome document of first WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit 2023 in the form of “Gujarat Declaration”.
- The declaration reaffirmed global commitments towards indigenous knowledge, biodiversity and traditional, complementary and integrative medicine.
- WHO underlined that the application of rigorous scientific methods is needed to better understand, assess and, where appropriate, apply more holistic, context-specific.

3. In September 2023, Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan launched a 3-year partnership of his Ministry with _____ to provide Digital and marketing skills to students, educators, and entrepreneurs.

- A. Meta
- B. Twitter
- C. Google
- D. Apple
- E. Microsoft

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Meta.

Other Information:

- Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan launched a 3-year partnership of his Ministry with Meta in New Delhi.
- Aim: To provide Digital and marketing skills to students, educators, and entrepreneurs
- According to Dharmendra Pradhan 'Education to Entrepreneurship' partnership is a game-changer that will take Digital skill to the grassroots.
- Objective: To build capacities of the talent pool, and seamlessly connect students, youth, with futuristic technologies

4. In September 2023, The International Cruise Terminal at _____ is poised to become a pivotal gateway for both domestic and international cruise tourism along India's eastern coast.

- A. Chennai Port
- B. Cochin Port
- C. Visakhapatnam Port
- D. Tuticorin Port
- E. Jawaharlal Nehru Port

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Visakhapatnam Port

Other Information:

- The International Cruise Terminal at Visakhapatnam Port is poised to become a pivotal gateway for both domestic and international cruise tourism along India's eastern coast.
- This world-class facility promises to offer a transformative experience to tourists while fostering economic growth and benefiting local communities.

About Cruise Terminal:

- A berth measuring 180 meters in length.
- Four mooring dolphins, two on each side, extend the total length to 300 meters.

5. In September 2023, which of the following Indian state's robotics company has introduced the first cutting-edge autonomous anti-drone system, utilizing artificial intelligence?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Odisha
- D. Madhya Pradesh
- E. Andhra Pradesh

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Hyderabad

Other Information:

- A Hyderabad-based robotics company has introduced the first cutting-edge autonomous anti-drone system, utilizing artificial intelligence.
- Aim: To offers protection for critical facilities such as nuclear sites and oil rigs and also extends its coverage to include entire cities, effectively countering various types of drones.
- Claimed to be the world's only anti-drone system capable of protecting against micro, mini, small, large and extra-large drones.

6. In September 2023, which of the following drones is India's first Multi-utility Agriculture small-category drone to receive the prestigious DGCA-approved type certificate?

- A. Agribot
- B. Multi-rotor drones
- C. AG-365S
- D. Garuda Aerospace
- E. None of the above

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is AG-365S

Other Information:

- AG-365S kisan drone is India's first Multi-utility Agriculture small Category Drone to receive the prestigious DGCA approved type certificate.
- AG-365S has highest endurance of 22 minutes, equipped with high end sensors for smooth operations and tested extensively for best quality.
- Marut Drones already boasts a Multipurpose Medium category agricultural drone and multiple RPTOs in partnership with prestigious institutions across India.

7. Which of the following Indian states adopted Artificial intelligence-enabled robotic technology to keep its beautiful tourist hotspot lake clean? (September 2023)

A.

Meghalaya

- B. Karnataka
- C. Assam
- D. West Bengal
- E. Gujarat

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Meghalaya

Other Information:

- Meghalaya has adopted Artificial Intelligence enabled robotic technology to keep its beautiful tourist hotspot Umiam lake clean.
- It is able to collect huge quantities of garbage in a reasonable time from Umiam Lake, which was formed when a dam was built over the Umiam River as part of a hydel power project.
- The AI-enabled robotic boat was recently deployed in collaboration with Smart Village Movement and Hong Kong-based technology firm Clearbot

8. Who among the following has been appointed as a chairperson of Nasscom? (September 2023)

- A. Rajesh Nambiar
- B. Zein Abdalla
- C. Vinita Bali
- D. Eric Branderiz
- E. Archana

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Rajesh Nambiar

Other Information:

- Nasscom has announced the appointment of Rajesh Nambiar, who was a chairman and managing director of Cognizant India, as its chairperson.
- He succeeded Anant Maheshwari, former president of Microsoft India.
- Chairperson Rajesh Nambiar along with President Debjani Ghosh, will continue to work with the Nasscom Executive Council, industry, and the government in strengthening India's position as a global technology hub while navigating the current volatile macro environment.

9. In September 2023, which of the following states launched the Mukhya Mantri Sporting Abilities, Rebuilding Aspirations and Livelihood Scheme (SABAL) to improve the lives of specially-abled children in the state?

- A. Haryana
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Punjab
- D. Uttarakhand
- E. Jammu & Kashmir

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Himachal Pradesh

Other Information:

- Himachal Pradesh CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu launched the Mukhya Mantri Sporting Abilities, Rebuilding Aspirations and Livelihood Scheme (SABAL).
- Objective: To take care of specially-abled children in around 400 schools across Hamirpur, Solan, and Shimla districts.
- Aim: To improve the lives of specially-abled children in the state.
- The initiative focuses on providing essential facilities and opportunities for them, a statement issued here said.

10. In September 2023, The US-based multinational technology company Corning is planning to set up a \$113m First Gorilla Glass manufacturing facility in which of the following Indian States?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Chhattisgarh
- C. Telangana
- D. Maharashtra
- E. Andhra Pradesh

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Telangana

Other Information:

- US-based multinational technology company Corning has announced plans to set up a \$113m First Gorilla Glass manufacturing facility in the Indian state of Telangana.
- Telangana accounts for 6% of the electronic production in India, with more than 250 companies employing over 50,000 people across different industry sub-segments there.
- Importantly it is a strategic investment in manufacturing for smartphones and other electronic devices.

11. In September 2023, which of the following countries granted its first golden visa to Sam Altman, the CEO of OpenAI, a pioneering firm in artificial intelligence to serve as an incentive for high-profile foreign investors.

- A. Russia
- B. Japan
- C. Indonesia
- D. China
- E. Mexico

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Indonesia

Other Information:

- Indonesia has granted its first golden visa to Sam Altman, the CEO of OpenAI, a pioneering firm in artificial intelligence.
- Aim: To serve as an incentive for high-profile foreign investors.
- The Indonesian immigration authority issued a 10-year visa to Altman, acknowledging his global renown and potential contributions to the nation.
- Alongside the extended visa period, Altman is set to benefit from priority security screening at airports and streamlined entry and exit procedures.

12. In September 2023, who among the following has secured the top position on the Fortune India Rich List 2023, with wealth of \$99.7 billion?

- A. Radhakishan Damani
- B. Mukesh Ambani
- C. Gautam Adani
- D. Poonawalla family
- E. Shapoorji Pallonji

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Mukesh Ambani

Other Information:

- Mukesh Ambani, the patriarch of Reliance Industries (RIL), has secured the top position on the Fortune India Rich List 2023, with wealth of \$99.7 billion
- Gautam Adani, the chairman of the Adani Group of companies, secured second position with a wealth of \$63.71 billion.
- With a wealth of \$34.6 billion, the Mistry family of Shapoorji Pallonji Group holds the third position on the list
- The Poonawalla family with a wealth of \$32.9 billion, stands fourth.

13. In September 2023, which of the following countries inked an MoU with Bharat Electronics Limited to boost the cooperation between the two companies in the field of Short Range Air Defence Systems?

- A. Indonesia
- B. Israel
- C. Iraq
- D. Turkey
- E. Brazil

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Israel

Other Information:

- Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) and Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) and the defence company, have inked an MoU for cooperation in addressing India's requirements in the domain of Short Range Air Defence Systems.
- Objective: To boost the cooperation between the two companies in the field of Short Range Air Defence Systems.
- Aim: leveraging IAI and BEL's capabilities and is in sync with the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Make in India' policies of the Government of India.

14. In September 2023, Who among the following has been appointed as the prime minister of Vanuatu?

- A. Sato Kilman
- B. John Bani
- C. Ralph John Regenvanu
- D. Harry Iauko
- E. Moana Carcasses Kalosil

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Sato Kilman

Other Information:

- Vanuatu's parliament elected Sato Kilman as the nation's new prime minister and replaced Ishmael Kalsakau.
- Kilman, a former prime minister and leader of the People's Progressive Party, was elected prime minister by 27 of 50 lawmakers in a secret ballot.
- Alatoi Ishmael Kalsakau is a Vanuatuan politician who served as Prime Minister of the Republic of Vanuatu from 4 November 2022 until 4 September 2023.

15. Which of the following rockets has been used to launch India's first solar observatory mission named Aditya L1 from Sathish Dhawan Space Centre Sriharikota?

- A. PSLV C57
- B. PSLV C49
- C. PSLV C31
- D. GSLV Mark III

E. GSLV Mark III-M1

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct Option is PSLV C57

Other Information:

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully launched India's first solar observatory mission named Aditya L1 from Sathish Dhawan Space Centre Sriharikota.
- It was launched from the PSLV C57 rocket.
- In Aditya L1, L1 refers to Lagrange Point 1.
- Aim: To study the Solar upper atmospheric (chromosphere and corona) dynamics
- As per the reports, it will take 125 days (approx 4 months) to reach designated point L1 to study the Sun's mysteries.

16. Who among the following has won the Ramon Magsaysay Award 2023 for his revolutionizing cancer treatment in Assam.

- A. ABHIJIT PHUKAN
- B. Anupam Mahanta
- C. Chidananda Bhuyan
- D. R Ravi Kannan
- E. Kaustabh Kalita

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct Option is R Ravi Kannan

Other Information:

- The Assam-based surgical oncologist Dr. R Ravi Kannan has won the Ramon Magsaysay Award 2023 for his revolutionizing cancer treatment in Assam.

- He worked at the Cancer Institute in Chennai before he moved to Silchar in 2007 to join the Cachar Cancer Hospital.
- The Magsaysay Award was established in 1957 to reward individuals for integrity in governance, courageous service to the people, and pragmatic idealism in democratic societies.

17.

In September 2023, who among the following has won the presidential election of Singapore?

- A. Chengara Veetil Devan Nair.
- B. Sellapan Ramanathan
- C. Tharman Shanmugaratnam
- D. Halimah Yacob
- E. None of the above

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct Option is Tharman Shanmugaratnam

Other Information:

- Indian-origin Economist and Former Senior Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam has won the presidential election of Singapore.
- He won over 70% of votes in the country's first contested presidential polls since 2011.
- He had served as Singapore's Deputy prime minister from 2011 to 2019.
- He has also worked in the public sector and held ministerial positions.
- He will be Singapore's third Indian-origin President after Sellapan Ramanathan and Chengara Veetil Devan Nair.

18. In September 2023, The Government of India has constituted an eight-member high-level committee to examine One Nation, One. Election. Who among the following has been appointed as chairman of the committee?

- A. Amit Shah
- B. Ram Nath Kovind
- C. Adhir Ranjan
- D. Arjun Ram Meghwal
- E. Ghulam Nabi Azad

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct Option is Ram Nath Kovind

Other Information:

- The Government of India has constituted an eight-member high-level committee to examine One Nation, One Election.
- Former President Ram Nath Kovind has been appointed as Chairman of the committee.
- Other members: HM Amit Shah, Congress MP Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Former Rajya Sabha member Ghulam Nabi Azad, Former Chairman 15th Finance Commission N.K. Singh and others
- Law and Justice Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal will attend the meetings of the committee as special invitee.

19. Who among the following has bagged gold in the men's javelin event of the Diamond League Meeting 2023 at Zurich?

- A. M. Sreeshankar
- B. Julian Weber
- C. Neeraj Chopra
- D. Jakub Vadlejch
- E. Oliver Helander

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct Option is Jakub Vadlejch

Other Information:

- India's Javelin thrower, Neeraj Chopra finished second with a final round throw of 85.71 m in the men's javelin event of the Diamond League Meeting at Zurich.
- He finished behind Jakub Vadlejch of the Czech Republic, who had won a bronze in the World Championships.
- He is also the reigning Olympic champion, producing three legal throws of 80.79m, 85.22m, and 85.71m.
- He has been qualified for the Diamond League finals to be held on the 17th of September in Eugene, USA.

20. In September 2023, who among the following has been ranked as the top central banker globally by US-based Global Finance magazine?

- A. Shaktikanta Das
- B. Satish Kashinath Marathe
- C. Swaminathan Gurumurthy
- D. Revathy Iyer
- E. Sachin Chaturvedi

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct Option is Shaktikanta Das

Other Information:

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has been ranked as the top central banker globally by US-based Global Finance magazine.
- He has been rated 'A+' in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2023.
- He has been placed at the top of the list of three central bank governors who have been rated A+.
- Grades are based on a scale from A to F for success in inflation control, economic growth goals, currency stability, and interest rate management.

21. In September 2023, which of the following countries declared October as 'Hindu Heritage' month to celebrate Hindu heritage by emphasizing its rich culture and the diverse spiritual traditions that originate from India?

- A. France
- B. Italy
- C. Nepal
- D. Georgia
- E. Indonesia

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct Option is Georgia

Other Information:

- In an official proclamation, Governor of Georgia, Brian Kemp has declared October as 'Hindu Heritage' month.
- Aim: To celebrate Hindu heritage by emphasizing its rich culture and the diverse spiritual traditions that originate from India
- Hindu Heritage Month (HHM) serves as a worldwide endeavor with the objective of spotlighting Hinduism as a longstanding tradition.
- Hinduism is the third-largest religion in the world.

22. Who among the following has been nominated as the new President of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune?

- A. Paresh Rawal
- B. R Madhavan
- C. Anshuman Khurana
- D. Manoj Bajpayee
- E. Rajkumar Rao

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct Option is R Madhavan

Other Information:

- Renowned actor R Madhavan has been nominated as the new President of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune.

- Additionally, he will serve as the Chairman of the governing council of FTII.
- Madhavan's nomination follows the recent success of his film, 'Rocketry: The Nambi Effect,' which earned national recognition.
- The film secured the prestigious Best Feature Film award during the 69th National Film Awards.

23. In September 2023, what is the total cost of developing Utkela Airport in Odisha inaugurated by Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia?

- A. Rs 5.67 crore
- B. Rs 10.22 crore
- C. Rs 18.45 crore
- D. Rs 31.07 crore
- E. Rs 42.50 crore

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct Option is Rs 31.07 crore

Other Information:

- Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has inaugurated Utkela Airport in Odisha.
- It has been developed as a regional airport under the UDAN scheme of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India at a cost of Rs 31.07 crore.
- It has a runway of length 917 metre (2,995 ft) with a width of 30 metre.
- With the addition of Utkela Airport, Odisha will now have five airports.
- IndiaOne, will be running the flights on this route from 31 August onwards.

24. In September 2023, which of the following countries launched the first solar observatory mission to study the Solar upper atmosphere?

- A. India
- B. Japan

- C. China
- D. Russia
- E. US

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct Option is India

Other Information:

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully launched India's first solar observatory mission named Aditya L1 from Sathish Dhawan Space Centre Srihari Kota.
- It was launched from the PSLV C57 rocket.
- In Aditya L1, L1 refers to Lagrange Point 1.
- Aim: To study the Solar upper atmospheric (chromosphere and corona) dynamics
- As per the reports, it will take 125 days (approx. 4 months) to reach designated point L1 to study the Sun's mysteries.

25. In September 2023, which of the following banks signed a MoU with the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) to co-finance renewable energy (RE) projects?

- A. Axis Bank and Bank of Baroda
- B. Canara Bank and Bank of Baroda
- C. Union Bank of India and Bank of Baroda
- D. Union Bank of India and ICICI Bank
- E. Union Bank of India and HDFC Bank

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Union Bank of India and Bank of Baroda

Other Information:

- The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) has signed an MOU with the Union Bank of India and Bank of Baroda to co-finance renewable energy (RE) projects.
- Objective: To collaborate with the banks in co-lending and loan syndication of emerging and established RE projects.
- Aim: To extend our reach, particularly in tier-2 & tier-3 cities and rural areas, enabling us to provide unique and innovative financial support to existing and new customers.

26. In September 2023, which of the following states inaugurated the country's first solar city to reduce Annually about 13 thousand 747 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions in the city?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. Gujarat

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Madhya Pradesh

Other Information:

- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the country's first solar city Sanchi in Madhya Pradesh.
- Aim: To reduce Annually about 13 thousand 747 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions in Sanchi Solar City
- An effort has also been made to attract tourism by reducing environmental pollution through eco-friendly facilities in Sanchi. Battery operated e-rickshaws and garbage vehicles will also run in the city. E-vehicle charging stations have also been installed.

27. In September 2023, which of the following statues was installed at Bharat Mandapam, the venue of the G20 summit 2023 in Delhi?

- A. Lord Hanuman Statue
- B. Statue of Figurine
- C. Statue of Nataraja
- D. Statue of Buddha
- E. None of the above

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Statue of Nataraja

Other Information:

- The world's tallest Nataraja statue has been installed at Bharat Mandapam, the venue of the G20 summit in Delhi.
- The 28-foot-tall statue weighing 20 tonnes was made in a record time of seven months by sculptor Radhakrishnan Sthapathy and his team at Swamimalai in Thanjavur District of Tamil Nadu.
- The statue was built in Ashtadhatu (8 metals) using the traditional casting method.
- The statue was transported to the New Delhi in four days.

28. Defense Minister Rajnath Singh laid the foundation stone of the Army headquarters Thal Sena Bhawan's in Delhi conforming with GRIHA-IV norms. What does GRIHA stands for?

- A. Green Revolution for Integrated Habitat Assessment
- B. Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment
- C. General Rating for Institutional Habitat Assessment
- D. Green Resourceful Infrastructure for Habitat Assessment
- E. None of the above

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment

Other Information:

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh laid the foundation stone of the Army headquarters Thal Sena Bhawan's new building in Delhi Cantonment conforming with GRIHA-IV (Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment) norms.
- The Army headquarters (AH) is currently housed in the iconic South Block at Raisina Hill in Lutyens' Delhi
- On completion of the new building, it will not only cut down carbon footprint but is expected to get together all the different pockets of AH

29. Who among the following received the 'Dr V G Patel Memorial Award-2023' for his work in promoting and strengthening entrepreneurship in India?

- A. Ashwin Gumaste
- B. Satyajit Majumdar
- C. Amit Agrawal
- D. C. V. Seshadri
- E. Dipan Ghosh

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Satyajit Majumdar

Other Information:

- Mumbai Professor Satyajit Majumdar, dean of School of Management and Labour Studies from Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), received the 'Dr V G Patel Memorial Award-2023' for his work in promoting and strengthening entrepreneurship in India.
- He is widely acknowledged as the Father of Entrepreneurship Movement in India.
- He has mentored more than 350 startups, including 40 in Jammu and Kashmir and group startups in Jhabua, West Bengal.

30. The 10th meeting of the Ministers of Law and Justice of SCO countries was held to enhance cooperation in legal and judicial spheres. What does "SCO" stand for in the context of this meeting?

- A. Sustainable Cooperation Organization
- B. Sustainable Cooperation and Outreach
- C. Shanghai Cooperation Organization
- D. South Asian Collaborative Organization
- E. Southeastern Cooperation Network

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Shanghai Cooperation Organization

Other Information:

- The 10th meeting of the Ministers of Law and Justice of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) countries was held in September 2023.
- Highlights include
 - To cooperate between Ministries of Law and Justice of SCO Member nations to enhance cooperation in legal and judicial spheres.
 - Continue to work on the implementation of the Co-operation Agreement
 - Organise conferences, legal cooperation fora etc for better exchange of experience

31. In September 2023, who among the following has secured the second position on the Fortune India Rich List 2023, with wealth of \$99.7 billion?

- A. Radhakishan Damani
- B. Mukesh Ambani
- C. Gautam Adani
- D. Poonawalla family
- E. Shapoorji Pallonji

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Gautam Adani

Other Information:

- Mukesh Ambani, the patriarch of Reliance Industries (RIL), has secured the top position on the Fortune India Rich List 2023, with wealth of \$99.7 billion
- Gautam Adani, the chairman of the Adani Group of companies, secured second position with a wealth of \$63.71 billion.
- With a wealth of \$34.6 billion, the Mistry family of Shapoorji Pallonji Group holds the third position on the list
- The Poonawalla family with a wealth of \$32.9 billion, stands fourth.

32. Which of the following countries won their first-ever FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 title by beating Serbia in Manila?

- A. Germany
- B. Japan
- C. Spain
- D. United States
- E. Serbia

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Germany

Other Information:

- Germany won their first-ever FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 title by beating Serbia in Manila.
- The 19th edition of FIBA's flagship event, co-hosted by the Philippines, Indonesia and Japan, on a high note.
- Serbia absorbed another heartbreak after losing to the United States 129-92 in the 2014 final but finished better than their quarter-final exit in 2019.
- Earlier, Canada bagged their first World Cup 2022 podium finish at the expense of the short-handed United States.

33. In September 2023, which of the following countries signed MoU with India to enhance ties in renewable energy, energy efficiency, hydrogen, electricity and grid?

- A. UAE
- B. Germany
- C. Japan
- D. Saudi Arabia
- E. France

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Saudi Arabia

Other Information:

- India and Saudi Arabia signed a historic comprehensive cooperation agreement in the field of energy.
- Aim: To enhance ties between India and Saudi Arabia in renewable energy, energy efficiency, hydrogen, electricity and grid interconnections, petroleum, natural gas, strategic petroleum reserves, and energy security.
- It also seeks to encourage bilateral investment in the fields of renewable energy, electricity, hydrogen and storage, and oil & gas.

34. How many people will be sent into the deep ocean in the submersible during India's first manned mission to study the deep ocean resources and conduct biodiversity assessments?

- A. One person
- B. Two people
- C. Three people
- D. Four people
- E. Five people

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Three people

Other Information:

- Minister of Earth Sciences Kiren Rijju announced the Samudrayaan Mission,(MATSYA 6000) India's first manned mission to explore the deep ocean, where three people will be sent into the depth of 6,000 metre in a submersible.
- Aim: To sustainably use marine resources for the country's economic growth and livelihoods along with creating jobs and maintaining the health of the marine ecosystems
- It is designed to study the deep ocean resources and conduct biodiversity assessments as well

35. In September 2023, which of the following countries signed three MoUs with India including one on cooperation in Digital Payment mechanisms?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Germany
- D. Saudi Arabia
- E. Japan

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Bangladesh

Other Information:

- India and Bangladesh signed three MoUs including one on cooperation in Digital Payment mechanisms.
- First MoU was signed between National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Bangladesh Bank on cooperation in Digital Payment mechanism
- Second MoU focused on the renewal of the Cultural Exchange Program for 2023-2025.
- The third MoU was signed between the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council.

36. In September 2023, which of the following companies declared AI partnerships with US chip company NVIDIA to build cloud infrastructure, language models, and generative applications?

- A. Reliance
- B. Larsen & Toubro Ltd
- C. Infosys Ltd
- D. Hindustan Unilever Limited
- E. Tata Motors

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Reliance

Other Information:

- The famous US chip company NVIDIA declared AI partnerships with Reliance Industries to build cloud infrastructure, language models, and generative applications.
- Aim: To help NVIDIA deepen its inroads into the emerging AI ecosystem of the South Asian nation as it faces specific barriers in a few chip exports to China and other countries with US restrictions.
- Reliance will create AI applications and services for their 450 million Jio customers

37. In September 2023, which of the following countries with France (Paris) signed two bilateral instruments to enhance cooperation in different fields including infrastructure and satellite?

- A. China (Beijing)
- B. Germany (Berlin)
- C. Bangladesh (Dhaka)
- D. Italy (Rome)
- E. Brazil (Brasília)

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Bangladesh (Dhaka)

Other Information:

- Dhaka and Paris signed two bilateral instruments to enhance cooperation in different fields including infrastructure and satellite.

1. Agreement between the economic relations division of Bangladesh and the France development agency, France on 'improving urban governance and infrastructure program

2. LOI on cooperation between Bangladesh satellite company limited and Airbus Defense and space SAS, France related to the Bangabandhu-2 earth observation satellite system

38. Who among the following batsmen broke Sachin Tendulkar's record of the fastest batter to score 13000 runs in an ODI?

- A. KL Rahul
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. Rohit Sharma
- D. Suryakumar Yadav
- E. None of the above

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Virat Kohli

Other Information:

- Virat Kohli stunned fans after he broke Sachin Tendulkar's record of the fastest batter to score 13000 runs in ODI.
- The 34-year-old record of fellow Indian veteran Sachin Tendulkar (321 innings), achieving in just 267 innings.
- With this century, Kohli has now scored four consecutive 100s at this stadium, the joint-most highest centuries at a single venue alongside South African
- He became the quickest batter to reach this milestone, Ponting and Sangakkara

39. Who among the following bagged the title of champions in the 5th National Wheelchair Rugby Championship 2023?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Karnataka.
- E. Odisha

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Maharashtra

Other Information:

.Maharashtra clinched the title of champions in the 5th National Wheelchair Rugby Championship 2023 by securing a convincing victory over Karnataka.

.Aim: To promote and expand the sport of wheelchair rugby across the nation.

.It was organized by The Indian Rugby Football Union (Rugby India), the governing body for rugby in India.

.It was conducted in association with the Wheelchair Rugby Federation of India and Mitsubishi Corporation.

40. Who among the following has been appointed as the ninth president of Singapore?

- A. Tan Kin Lian
- B.

Tharman Shanmugaratnam

- C. Ng Kok Song
- D. Halimah Yacob's
- E. None of the above

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is 'Tharman Shanmugaratnam'.

Other Information:

.Indian-origin Singapore-born economist Tharman Shanmugaratnam will be sworn in as the ninth president of the city-state.

.He has served Singapore all his life in public service.

.Prior to being president-elect, he served as a senior minister and Deputy Prime Minister from May 2011 to May 2019.

.He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the World Economic Forum.

.This was the first contested presidential election since 2011.

41. In September 2023, which of the following web services signed a strategic MoU with the ISRO and Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) to support space-tech innovations through cloud computing?

- A. Microsoft Azure
- B. Amazon Web Services
- C. Google Cloud Platform
- D. VMware Cloud
- E. None of the above

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Amazon Web Services

Other Information:

.Cloud behemoth Amazon Web Services has signed a strategic MoU with the ISRO and Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) to support space-tech innovations through cloud computing.

.Aim: To enable the space industry to make better decisions, faster – pushing the boundaries of possibilities, and AWS is committed to helping startups identify use cases and accelerate solution development.

42. In September 2023, In which of the following cities VP Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated International Conference on Dam Safety to provide a major platform for experts to come together and debate cutting-edge topics in dam safety and management?

- A. Jaipur
- B. Kota
- C. Bikaner
- D. Udaipur
- E. Ajmer

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Jaipur

Other Information:

.VP Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated International Conference on Dam Safety at Jaipur in Rajasthan.

.According to the Jal Shakti Ministry, there are over 6000 dams in India and it is ranked third globally in terms of large dams.

.Aim: To provide a major platform for experts to come together and debate cutting-edge topics in dam safety and management.

.It has been essential to civilization's development, have role in meeting demand for drinking water, irrigation, hydropower.

43. In September 2023, Which of the following Metro Rail Corporations signed a MoU to develop an indigenous Communication Based Train Control system?

- A. Lucknow Metro Rail Corporation
- B. Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation
- C. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation
- D. Noida Metro Rail Corporation
- E. Chandigarh Metro Rail Corporation

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Delhi Metro Rail Corporation

Other Information:

.Delhi Metro Rail Corporation and Bharat Electronics Limited signed a MoU to develop an indigenous Communication Based Train Control system.

.Aim: To transform rail transportation in India, driving innovation, reducing costs, and fostering self-reliance in the field of train control signaling systems.

.The Communication-Based Train Control System will optimize train operations, and enhance passenger services while efficiently utilizing rail infrastructure.

44. In September 2023, which of the following space agencies discovered that Distant Planet may have Water Ocean and Possibility of a life?

- A. Roscosmos
- B. CNSA
- C. ISRO
- D. NASA
- E. JAXA

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is NASA

Other Information:

.Nasa have announced the existence of a possible rare water ocean on a giant exoplanet scores of light years away and also a chemical hint of a sign of potential life.

.NASA's James Webb Space Telescope in its study of K2-18 b, an exoplanet, discovered the presence of carbon dioxide and methane.

.This suggests that K2-18b could be a Hycean exoplanet, one which has the potential to possess a hydrogen-rich atmosphere and a water ocean-covered surface.

.Planets that orbit stars, other than our sun, are called exoplanets.

45. In September 2023, the Cabinet approved the expansion of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) allocating 7,500,000 new LPG connections. What fiscal year (FY) does the expansion of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) extend until?

- A. FY22
- B. FY23
- C. FY26
- D. FY25
- E. FY24

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is FY26

Other Information:

.The Cabinet approved the expansion of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) allocating 7,500,000 new LPG connections over a three-year period until the FY26.

.Costing Rs 1,650 crore, this expansion will elevate the total number of PMUY beneficiaries to 103.5 million.

.The government announced this extension after reducing the price of cooking gas by Rs 200 across all markets last month.

.Data indicate that LPG penetration reached 99.9 per cent in 2022

46. Which of the following schools bagged the top rank in the Asia Pacific B-School rankings category 2023-24?

- A. IIM Bangalore
- B. Hong Kong HKUST
- C. Shanghai University of Finance and Economics
- D. CIEBS
- E. Indian School of Business

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Hong Kong HKUST

Other Information:

.The Bloomberg Businessweek Best B-Schools Ranking 2023-24 which was released includes India B-schools among the top five ranks.

.Hong Kong HKUST bagged the top rank in the Asia Pacific B-School rankings category,

.Shanghai University of Finance and Economics secured second position and CIEBS at third rank.

.In the overall Asia Pacific B-school rankings category, IIM Bangalore clinched 4th position followed by the Indian School of Business (ISB) at 5th position.

47. Who among the following has been appointed as the new statutory auditor of Paytm?

- A. S.R. Batliboi
- B. Madhur Deora
- C. Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- D. Manmeet Dhody
- E. Divya Gokulnath

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is S.R. Batliboi

Other Information:

.Digital payment services provider Paytm has appointed a new statutory auditor, S.R. Batliboi & Associates LLP, for five years.

.The previous statutory auditor, Price Waterhouse Chartered Accountants LLP, completed its term at the conclusion of the AGM.

.Price Waterhouse Chartered Accountants LLP on August 7 had announced its resignation as auditor of Paytm Payments Services Limited with immediate effect.

48. In September 2023, Which of the following countries signed MoU with India on Cooperation in the field of sharing successful Digital Solutions implemented at the Population Scale for Digital Transformation.

- A. Argentina
- B. Brazil
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Armenia
- E. France

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Armenia

Other Information:

.The Government approved the signing of a MoU between the Ministry (E&IT) of India and the Ministry of High-Tech Industry of Armenia on Cooperation in the field of sharing successful Digital Solutions implemented at the Population Scale for Digital Transformation.

.Aim: To promote closer cooperation and exchange of experiences and digital technologies-based solutions in the implementation of digital transformational initiatives of both the country.

49.Which of the following organizations has been honored with the Safety Innovation Award 2023?

- A. National Water Resources Council
- B. Rail India Technical and Economic Service
- C. Technology Development Board
- D. Indian Railways Organization for Alternate Fuel
- E. None of the above

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Rail India Technical and Economic Service

Other Information:

* Rail India Technical and Economic Service Limited has been honored with the 'Safety Innovation Award 2023', under the 'Construction' category, for implementing 'Innovative Safety Management Systems' in its operations.

* The award was presented to RITES' officials during the inaugural function of the 20th Safety Convention organized.

* RITES, having multi-sectoral presence, has consistently embraced best safety practices in its operations.

50. Who among the following has been awarded the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award-Academia 2023?

- A. Najma Akhtar
- B. Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit
- C. Yogesh Singh
- D. K. Mallikharjuna Babu
- E. Balvinder Shukla

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Najma Akhtar

Other Information:

* Professor Najma Akhtar, the Vice-Chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), has been honored with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award-Academia.

* The award was presented by Padma Vibhushan awardee Raghunath Anant Mashelkar at the Grand Conference and Award Function titled Making India Employable.

* The ' Making India Employable' Awards are organized to celebrate individual success, innovation, and real-world impact in the field of education, and employability.

51. In September 2023, which of the following states launched "Mission Intensified Indra Dhanush" 5.0 to provide vaccination against 12 Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (VPD) i.e. diphtheria and Whooping cough?

- A. Assam
- B. Odisha
- C. Punjab
- D. Bihar
- E. Uttar Pradesh

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Punjab

Other Information:

* State Health Minister Balbir Singh launched "Mission Intensified Indra Dhanush" 5.0 in Punjab.

* Aim: To provide vaccination against 12 Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (VPD) i.e. diphtheria, Whooping cough, tetanus, polio, tuberculosis, hepatitis B, meningitis and pneumonia.

* The main purpose of the launch of this mission is to cover those pregnant women who are partially vaccinated or unvaccinated as well as children left out and drop out in the age group of 0-5 years.

52. In September 2023, which of the following states has signed an MoU with six Public Sector Banks for providing banking services in all unbanked Gram Panchayats of the State through CSP Plus banking outlets?

- A. Odisha
- B. Punjab
- C. Assam
- D. Gujarat
- E. Bihar

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Odisha

Other Information:

* Odisha Govt has signed an MoU with six Public Sector Banks for providing banking services in all unbanked Gram Panchayats of the State through CSP Plus banking outlets.

* Banks include SBI, PNB, Union Bank, UCO Bank, BOI, BOB

* Aim: To provide rent free banking space for 5 years and also bear one-time expenses for Fixed Cost & Recurring expenses for a period of 3 years.

* Scheme will be implemented in a phased manner to cover all unbanked GPs of State within the FY23-24.

53. In September 2023, which of the following states launched 'Sarpanch Samvaad', a mobile application app of the Quality Council of India (QCI) in Raj Bhavan?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Punjab
- C. Assam
- D. Madhya Pradesh
- E. Bihar

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Assam

Other Information:

* Assam Governor Gulab Chand Kataria unveiled 'Sarpanch Samvaad', a mobile application app of the Quality Council of India (QCI) in Raj Bhavan.

* Aim: To connect approximately 2.5 lakh Sarpanchs across India, which serves as a holistic platform for networking, knowledge dissemination, and collaboration.

* Through this initiative, Sarpanchs can spotlight developmental activities in their villages, learn about best practices, and foster connections nationwide.

54. India has become the _____ Internationally Accepted OIML (International Organization of Legal Metrology) Certificates Issuing Authority.

- A. 10th
- B. 11th
- C. 12th
- D. 13th

E. 14th

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is 13th.

Other Information:

* India has become the 13th Internationally Accepted OIML (International Organization of Legal Metrology) Certificates Issuing Authority.

* Aim: To create a facility for international manufacturers to get their equipment tested in here and this, in turn, will generate revenue and employment.

* OIML is an intergovernmental organisation and its certificate is internationally accepted for selling weights & measures anywhere in the world.

55. In September 2023, which of the following countries hold discussion with India on bilateral cyber cooperation and reviewed the progress achieved in the areas of cyber security and Information and Communication Technologies?

- A. Japan
- B. France
- C. Brazil
- D. Indonesia
- E. Germany

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Japan

Other Information:

* India and Japan discussed important areas of bilateral cyber cooperation and reviewed the progress achieved in the areas of cyber security and Information and Communication Technologies.

* Japan hosted the fifth India-Japan Cyber Dialogue in Tokyo

* Aim: To exchange views on the latest developments in the cyber domain and mutual cooperation at the United Nations and other multilateral and regional fora, including under the Quad framework.

56. Who among the following won the gold medal in the women's 10-metre air rifle event at the ISSF World Cup 2023 in Brazil?

- A. WANG Zhilin
- B. Oceanne Muller
- C. Jiale Zhang
- D. Elavenil Valarivan
- E. MESZAROS Eszter

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Elavenil Valarivan

Other Information:

- Indian shooter Elavenil Valarivan has won the gold medal in the women's 10-metre air rifle event at the ISSF World Cup 2023 in Brazil. She defeated France's Oceanne Muller.
- This was Elavenil Valarivan's second individual ISSF World Cup medal.
- The third position was grabbed by China's Jiale Zhang, scoring 229 points.
- At the ISSF World Cups staged so far in 2023, Indian shooters have won a total of 23 medals – seven gold, four silver, and 12 bronze.

57. Who among the following has been appointed as permanent CEO of New York-based international publishing group Penguin Random House?

- A. Shantanu Narayen
- B. Sanjay Mehrotra
- C. Nihar Malaviya
- D. Jay Chaudhry
- E. Arvind Krishna

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Nihar Malaviya

Other Information:

- Nihar Malaviya, an Indian-origin publishing executive, has been appointed as permanent CEO of New York-based international publishing group Penguin Random House.
- He had replaced Markus Dohle, who departed after Penguin Random House's failed bid for Simon & Schuster 2022
- He has served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Penguin Random House US since 2014.
- He has spearheaded the creation of a variety of industry-first capabilities in data science and supply chain

58. In September 2023, which of the following countries with India had 10th meeting on Defence Science, Technology and Industry Cooperation was held in New Delhi?

- A. Japan
- B. Indonesia
- C. France
- D. Malaysia
- E. Nepal

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Malaysia

Other Info

Information:

- The 10th meeting of the India-Malaysia Joint Sub-Committee on Defence Science, Technology and Industry Cooperation was held in New Delhi.
- During the meeting, the existing defence cooperation between the two countries was reviewed and wide-ranging discussions were held on issues of mutual interest.

- Both sides explored effective and practical initiatives to further expand the bilateral defence engagements.

59. Who among the following has been appointed as new Chairman of Digital Infrastructure Providers Association?

- A. Sanjay Mehrotra
- B. Dhananjay Joshi
- C. Sandeep Girotra
- D. Akhil Gupta
- E. Arvind Krishna

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Dhananjay Joshi

Other Information:

- Digital Infrastructure Providers Association (DIPA) has appointed Dhananjay Joshi as its new Chairman and Sandeep Girotra as Vice-Chairman.
- He currently serves as the Managing Director and CEO of Summit Digital, and has previously held the position of COO at Bharti Infratel. He will be succeeding Akhil Gupta, Chairman of Bharti Enterprises.
- Sandeep Girotra, currently serves as the current CEO of American Tower India

60. Which of the following companies MotoGP Bharat announced to sponsor the Grand Prix of India 2023 at the Buddh International Circuit?

- A. Shell
- B. Chevron
- C. IndianOil
- D. ExxonMobil
- E. TotalEnergies

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is IndianOil

Other Information:

- MotoGP Bharat is set to host the IndianOil Grand Prix of India at the Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida.
- It is the first time Moto E (electric race) is organizing a Grand Prix outside Europe and MotoGP Bharat will raise the curtains for Asia region.
- It is scheduled to take place at the Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida from 22 to 24 September.
- MotoGP Bharat announced IndianOil as its title sponsor for the top-tier international Bike riders event.

61. In September 2023, which of the following countries with India agreed to train Indian seafarers in polar and arctic waters in this far-eastern port?

- A. Russia
- B. Indonesia
- C. Japan
- D. France
- E. Nepal

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Russia

Other Information:

- India and Russia agreed to train Indian seafarers in polar and arctic waters in this far-eastern Russian port
- Aim: To widen maritime cooperation including the possibility of usage of new transport corridors like the Northern Sea Route as well as the Eastern Maritime Corridor.
- The two sides also agreed to train Indian seafarers in Polar and Arctic waters at the Russian Maritime Training Institute, named after GI Admiral Nevelsky.

62. In September 2023, which of the following edition of the Indian Navy's Naval Innovation and Indigenisation (NIIO) Seminar – 'Swavlamban 2023' is scheduled?

- A. 3rd
- B. 1st
- C. 2nd
- D. 4th
- E. 5th

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is 2nd

Other Information:

- The 2nd Edition of the Indian Navy's Naval Innovation and Indigenisation (NIIO) Seminar – 'Swavlamban 2023' is scheduled to be conducted on 04 – 05 Oct 2023.
- In the maiden edition, PM launched the 75 challenges for the start-ups/ MSMEs as a part of the 'SPRINT' initiative.
- Aim: To give a boost to the usage of indigenous technology in the Indian Navy, and the Navy is committed to developing at least 75 technologies/ products as part of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

63. In September 2023, which of the following institutes signed a MoU with the United Nations World Food Programme for contributing towards improving food security, nutrition, climate resilience and livelihoods?

- A. Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
- B. Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
- C. Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
- D. Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee
- E. Indian Institute of Technology, Bangalore

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay

Other Information:

- United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay have signed a MoU for contributing towards improving food security, nutrition, climate resilience, and livelihoods.
- Objective: To focus on ecosystem development for technology and innovations to bolster government food safety net programs.
- It will involve identifying and analyzing relevant data, research, and evidence generation related to food and nutrition security.

64. The famed Hoysala temples in Karnataka have been added to the UNESCO World Heritage list. What is Hoysala Temple's UNESCO World Heritage Site number in India?

- A. 37th
- B. 39th
- C. 40th
- D. 41st
- E. 42nd

Answer :- E

Solution :-

The correct option is 42nd.

Other Information:

- The famed Hoysala temples in Karnataka have been added to the UNESCO World Heritage list.
- This inclusion marks the 42nd UNESCO World Heritage Site in India.
- The sacred ensembles of the Hoysalas, constructed during the 12th and 13th centuries are represented here by the three components of Belur, Halebid, and Somnathapura.
- All these three Hoysala temples are already protected monuments of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

65. Who among the following Indian players grabbed the number one position among bowlers in the ICC Men's ODI player rankings 2023?

- A. Mohammed Siraj
- B. Jasprit Bumrah
- C. Hardik Pandya
- D. Kuldeep Yadav
- E. Mohammed Shami

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Mohammed Siraj

Other Information:

- Indian pacer Mohammed Siraj re-grabbed the number one position among bowlers in the ICC Men's ODI player rankings 2023.
- His latest match-winning performance against Sri Lanka in the Asia Cup final provided eight spot leaps to take him to the top.
- Kuldeep Yadav is another Indian bowler who made it into the top ten.
- Jasprit Bumrah, who has come back after a long injury break, climbed up two places to the 27th position.
- Hardik Pandya rose eight spots to the 50th rank.

66. In September 2023, in which of the following cities did President Droupadi Murmu inaugurate the first Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show in India Expo Centre and Mart?

- A. Meerut
- B. Agra
- C. Lucknow
- D. Greater Noida
- E. Varanasi

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Greater Noida

Other Information:

- President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the first Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show in India Expo Centre and Mart in Greater Noida.
- The trade show will be held from September 21 to 25.
- Aim: To get international exposure and market opportunities.
- Over 2000 exhibitors will showcase their products across a wide spectrum of sectors, including automobiles, handicrafts, healthcare, food processing, pharmaceuticals, dairy, electronics, and e-commerce.

67. In September 2023, which of the following countries co-host with India the 13th Indo-Pacific Armies Chiefs Conference IPACC, 3 day conference of Chiefs of Armies and delegates of 35 countries in New Delhi?

- A. Indonesia
- B. Japan
- C. France
- D. United States
- E. Malaysia

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is United States

Other Information:

- The Indian Army and the United States Army will co-host the 13th Indo-Pacific Armies Chiefs Conference IPACC
- It is a 3 day conference of Chiefs of Armies and delegates of 35 countries in New Delhi from 25th to 27th September 2023.
- Theme of 2023 is “Together for Peace: Sustaining Peace and Stability in the Indo-Pacific Region.”

- Aim: To promote peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region through mutual understanding, and friendship amongst the littoral partners.

68. In September 2023, which of the following Indian Naval Ship successfully conducted vital Mixed Gas Diving training sessions as part of IN-SLN Divex 23?

- A. INS Trikand
- B. INS Brahmaputra
- C. INS Nireekshak
- D. INS Vikramaditya
- E. INS Vikrant

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is INS Nireekshak

Other Information:

- Indian Naval Ship 'Nireekshak' successfully conducted vital Mixed Gas Diving training sessions as part of IN-SLN Divex 23.
- It marks the ship's continued engagement with the Sri Lanka Navy, aligning with India's 'Neighborhood First' policy for capacity building in neighboring nations.
- It is well-equipped with two six-man recompression chambers and a three-man diving bell.
- It possesses the capability to execute submarine rescue operations and train saturation divers.

69. International Cricket Council released the official Anthem 'Dil Jashn Bole' for the Men's Cricket World Cup 2023. In the context this statement, which of the following Bollywood superstars featured it with other popular social media influencers?

- A. Ranveer Singh
- B. Vicky Kaushal
- C. Anshuman Khurana

D. Rajkumar Rao
E. Kartik Aryan

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct Option is Ranveer Singh

Other Information:

- International Cricket Council released the official Anthem for the Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 beginning on the 5th of October.
- The theme of the anthem is Dil Jashn Bole and it features Bollywood superstar Ranveer Singh and other popular social media influencers.
- The Cricket World Cup 2023 is being held in India after 12 years.
- The music for the anthem has been prepared by Pritam, and the singers are Pritam, Nakash Aziz, Sreerama Chandra and Amit Mishra

70. In September 2023, which of the following edition Indian Naval Ships Ranvijay and Kavaratti and submarine INS Sindhukesari arrived in Singapore to participate in the Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX)?

- A. 26th Edition
- B. 27th Edition
- C. 28th Edition
- D. 29th Edition
- E. 30th Edition

Answer :- E

Solution :-

The correct Option is 30th Edition

Other Information:

- Indian Naval Ships Ranvijay and Kavaratti and submarine INS Sindhukesari arrived in Singapore to participate in the 30th edition of the Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX).

- SIMBEX holds the distinction of being the longest continuous naval exercise that the Indian Navy has with any other country.
- SIMBEX-2023 is being conducted in two phases - a Harbour Phase at Singapore from 21 to 24 September 2023, followed by a Sea Phase.

71. In September 2023, The government instituted a new set of National Awards in the field of Science, Technology, and Innovation known as 'Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar' known as 'Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar' under the categories _____.

- A. Vigyan Ratna
- B. Vigyan Shri
- C. Vigyan Yuva–Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar
- D. Vigyan Team
- E. All the above

Answer :- E

Solution :-

The correct option is All of the above

Other Information:

- The Government has instituted a new set of National Awards in the field of Science, Technology and Innovation known as 'Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar'
- It has 4 categories, Vigyan Ratna, Vigyan Shri, Vigyan Yuva–Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar, and Vigyan Team.
- Vigyan Ratna will recognise the lifetime achievement of scientists, Vigyan Shri will recognise distinguished contributions to a field, Vigyan Yuva Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar will encourage young scientists who have made exceptional contributions in their field

72. Who among the following won the bronze medal in the women's 53 kg category at the World Championships 2023 Serbia?

- A. Antim Panghal
- B. Shayna Baszler
- C. Asuka
- D. Ronda Rousey
- E. Charlotte Flair

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Antim Panghal

Other Information:

- Indian wrestler Antim Panghal secured a bronze medal in the women's 53 kg category at the World Championships 2023 Serbia.
- She also secured the Paris Olympics 2024 quota for India.
- This is India's first medal in this edition of the tournament.
- Antim has captured India's 23rd medal in the World Championships to date, which includes one gold, five silver, and 17 bronze medals.
- Japan's Akari Fujinami won the gold in World Championships 2023

73. In September 2023, which of the following states unveiled a transformative scheme called 'Mukhya Mantri Atmanirbhar Asom' aimed at bolstering the self-reliance of the state's youth?

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Odisha
- C. Assam
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. Gujarat

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Assam

Other Information:

- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has unveiled a transformative scheme called 'Mukhya Mantri Atmanirbhar Asom aimed at bolstering the self-reliance of the state's youth.
- Objective: To foster self-sufficiency and entrepreneurship among the youth of Assam.
- Under this initiative, a generous financial aid of Rs. 2 lakh will be provided to each eligible young person, empowering them to pursue self-employment opportunities and chart their own path to success.

74. In September 2023, which of the following International Organizations have signed a landmark Statement of Intent with the United Nations Development Programme in addressing global development challenges?

- A. Data Interchange Standards Association
- B. American National Standards Institute
- C. International Organization for Standardization
- D. International Telecommunication Union
- E. None of the above

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is the International Organization for Standardization

Other Information:

- The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have signed a landmark Statement of Intent, in addressing global development challenges.
- Aim: To collaborate on initiatives geared towards enhancing international standards that advance sustainability actions by both the public and private sectors
- Objective: To provide a common basis for documentation and certification, making it easier for organizations.

75. In September 2023, which of the following states became the first to issue birth registration certificates immediately after delivery without the parents having to apply for the same?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Bihar
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Assam
- E. Odisha

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Uttar Pradesh

Other Information:

- Newborns at government health facilities of Uttar Pradesh will now be issued birth registration certificates immediately after delivery without the parents having to apply for same
- Gov has integrated its Maa Navjaat Tracking app (MaNTrA) with the birth registration system as part of its efforts to provide 'ease of living' to the citizens using digital technology
- UP has become the first state to implement suo motu birth registration for government health institutions

76. In September 2023, which of the following states tops the list in solar water pump installations in 2023.

- A. Gujarat
- B. Bihar
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Assam
- E. Odisha

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Rajasthan

Other Information:

- Rajasthan tops the list in solar water pump installations in 2023.

- More than 62,000 farmers have directly benefited from the scheme introduced by the Ashok Gehlot government four-and-a-half years ago.
- According to the gov, farmers in Rajasthan are encouraged to install solar pumps for irrigation, instead of relying on electricity connections and diesel-powered plants.
- The state government is encouraging farmers by offering 60 percent subsidy for installing solar pumps

77. In September 2023, which of the following states Tamil Nadu Forest Department joints hand to conduct a synchronized census, as the animal is only found in select habitats in the two States, after launching Project Nilgiri Tahr 2022 for the conservation of the State animal?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Kerala
- C. Karnataka
- D. Odisha
- E. None of the above

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Kerala

Other Information:

- Tamil Nadu Forest Department joints hand with Kerala to conduct a synchronized census, as the animal is only found in select habitats in the two States.
- After launching Project Nilgiri Tahr 2022 for the conservation of the State animal, TN is now working on a standardized protocol to count the endangered population of southern India's only mountain ungulate
- Objective: To restore the ecosystem's fragmentation, particularly in the Shola grasslands, where the Tahr thrives

78. In September 2023, which of the following cities Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri flagged off India's first green hydrogen fuel cell bus?

- A. Chennai
- B. Noida

- C. New Delhi
- D. Bangalore
- E. Indore

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is New Delhi

Other Information:

- Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri flagged off India's first green hydrogen fuel cell bus in Delhi
- The success of this project can catapult India from being a net importer of fossil energy to becoming a net exporter of clean hydrogen energy.
- Aim: To provide global leadership to other countries in terms of technology transfer, while becoming a large green hydrogen producer and supplier of manufacturing parts.

79. Who among the following Indian trio's bagged the gold in the Men's 10m air rifle event in Asian Games 2023?

- A. Rudranksh Patil, Divyang Panwar, and Arvind Singh
- B. Rudranksh Patil, Divyang Panwar, Arjun Lal Jat
- C. Rudranksh Patil, Divyang Panwar, and Aishwarya Tomar
- D. Arjun Lal Jat, Arvind Singh and Aishwarya Tomar
- E. Rudranksh Patil, Arjun Lal Jat and Arvind Singh

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Rudranksh Patil, Divyang Panwar, and Aishwarya Tomar

Other Information:

- Indian trio Rudranksh Patil, Divyang Panwar, and Aishwarya Tomar clinched gold in the Men's 10m air rifle event in Asian Games 2023
- India won its first medal in shooting as the trio of Ramita Jindal, Mehuli Ghosh, and Ashi Chouksey earned a Silver in the women's 10m air rifle event.

- Indian duo Arjun Lal Jat and Arvind Singh won a silver in men's lightweight double sculls in the rowing discipline.
- India has secured six medals - one gold, three silver, and two bronze

80. In September 2023, which of the following cities Indian Air Force and Drone Federation of India co-hosted Bharat Drone Shakti- 2023 at the Indian Air Force airbase?

- A. Awantipur
- B. Bathinda
- C. Gurugram
- D. Ghaziabad
- E. Chandigarh

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Ghaziabad.

Other Information:

- Indian Air Force and Drone Federation of India co-hosted Bharat Drone Shakti- 2023 at the Indian Air Force airbase at Hindon in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.
- The usage of drones in India is seeing an increase- both, in the military, as well as in the civil domain.
- The induction ceremony of the first C-295 MW transport aircraft will be held during the program.
- India has formalized the acquisition of 56 Airbus C-295 aircraft to replace the Indian Air Force AVRO fleet.

81. In September 2023, which of the following cricket teams created history by making a record to hit the 3000 sixes mark in ODI cricket?

- A. India
- B. Australia
- C. West Indies

- D. New Zealand
- E. Pakistan

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is India

Other Information:

- Indian cricketers created history and became the first team to hit the 3000 sixes mark (3007) in ODI cricket.
- No team has hit 3,000 sixes in ODIs so far.
- West Indies (2953) is the team with the most number of sixes in ODIs after India.
- Pakistan (2566), Australia (2476), New Zealand (2387), England (2032), South Africa (1947), Sri Lanka (1779), Zimbabwe (1303) and Bangladesh (959) are in this list.

82. Who among the following won the inaugural Indian Grand Prix 2023 with a dominant performance?

- A. Jorge Martin
- B. Ducati's Francesco
- C. Marco Bezzecchi
- D. Luca Marini
- E. Bezzecchi

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Marco Bezzecchi

Other Information:

- Marco Bezzecchi won the inaugural Indian Grand Prix 2023 with a dominant performance from start to finish.
- Pramac Racing rider and sprint winner Jorge Martin, who risked a penalty by unzipping his leathers, finished second

- Ducati's Francesco Bagnaia suffered a crash that blew the world championship contest wide open.
- Pole-sitter Bezzecchi lost out on a sprint podium after a collision with teammate Luca Marini, eventually finishing fifth

83.Which of the following cities has bagged the top spot for the 'Best Smart City' 2022 in India at the National Smart Cities Conclave 2023?

- A. Indore
- B. Surat
- C. Agra
- D. Bangalore
- E. Raipur

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Indore

Other Information:

.Indore has bagged the top spot for the 'Best Smart City' 2022 in India at the National Smart Cities Conclave 2023 held in the city.

.Gujarat's Surat came in second, while Agra in UP secured the third position among the smart cities of India.

.Madhya Pradesh bagged the Best State in the country, followed by Tamil Nadu.

.Rajasthan and UP together bagged the third position.

.President felicitated the winners of the fourth edition of the India Smart Cities Award Contest 2022.

84.What is the rank of India in the World Talent Ranking 2023, as per an International Institute for Management Development (IMD) report?

- A. 52nd
- B. 56th
- C. 57th
- D. 53rd

E. 59th

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is 56th

Other Information:

.Out of 64 economies, India has dropped four spots to rank 56th in the World Talent Ranking 2023, as per an International Institute for Management Development (IMD) report.

.Switzerland holds the top position, followed closely by Luxembourg in second place

.The United States is ranked 15th, while China is at 41st place, and the UK ranks 35th. Brazil (63rd) and Mongolia (64th) occupy the bottom two spots.

.India ranks 29th in future readiness but struggles with its weak educational system, ranked 63rd in quality.

85. Who among the following has been appointed as president of Intel India?

- A. David Zinsner
- B. Patrick P. Gelsinger
- C. Gokul Subramaniam
- D. Nivruti Rai
- E. Greg Lavender

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Gokul Subramaniam

Other Information:

.Intel has appointed Gokul Subramaniam as its India President.

.He replaced Nivruti Rai, who resigned as the Intel India country head in June 2023.

.He will be responsible for Intel's overall engineering and design operations in India, including driving innovation, cross-group efficiencies, and executing Intel products from the country.

.He is currently a vice president in the Client Computing Group (CCG) at Intel, and general manager of Client Platforms and Systems.

86.M S Swaminathan, who passed away recently, was known as a father of _____.

- A. Green Revolution
- B. White Revolution
- C. Blue Revolution
- D. Pink Revolution
- E. None of the above

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is India's Green Revolution

Other Information:

.M S Swaminathan, hailed as the father of India's Green Revolution, passed away.

.He was instrumental in developing high-yielding varieties of paddy that helped ensure India's low-income farmers produce more yield.

.He was awarded the first World Food Prize in 1987 following which he set up the MS Swaminathan Research Foundation in Chennai.

.He has been conferred with the Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan, and the Padma Vibhushan also the recipient of the H K Firodia award.

87.Which of the following villages won the 'Gold' from the Union Government in the category of Best Rural Tourism 2023 Projects?

- A. Dawar, Kashmir
- B. Sarmoli, Uttarakhand
- C. Reiek, Mizoram
- D. Kanthalloor, Kerala

E. All of the above

Answer :- E

Solution :-

The correct option is All of the above

Other Information:

.Five villages in the country won the 'Gold' award from the Union Government in the category of Best Rural Tourism Projects.

.They are Dawar in Kashmir, Sarmoli in Uttarakhand, Reiek in Mizoram, Kanthalloor village in Kerala, and Mandla in MP

.The gold medal is a recognition of the 'STREET' (Sustainable, Tangible, Responsible, Experiential, Ethnic, Tourism hubs)

.Overall 767 projects from around the country, five of them won 'Gold', 10 for 'Silver', and 20 for 'Bronze.'

88.In September 2023, which of the following states launched its own housing scheme for the state's homeless families?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Mizoram
- C. Assam
- D. Chhattisgarh
- E. Andhra Pradesh

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Chhattisgarh

Other Information:

.The Chhattisgarh government announced 47,000 odd poor people in the state's rural areas will get houses in the first phase of the Mukhyamantri Gramin Awas NYAY Yojana.

.The survey of 59.79 lakh families was conducted in April 2023 and its update went on until May, according to which 10,76,545 families were found living in kutcha houses.

.This comes after the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana was to be implemented by the Chhattisgarh government along with the Centre in 2021.

89. In September 2023, which of the following cities became the greenest office space in India as per CII-CBRE report?

- A. Chennai
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Mumbai
- D. Bengaluru
- E. Pune

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Bengaluru

Other Information:

The city that has the most green office space in India is Bengaluru, with 104.5 million square feet of green offices, accounting for about 30 percent of the country's total.

From 2019 to 2023, the area covered by green office buildings in the top six Indian cities increased by over 36 percent to 342 million square feet.

The top Six Indian Cities are

1. Bengaluru
2. National Capital Region
3. Mumbai
4. Hyderabad
5. Chennai
6. Pune

90. In September 2023, what is the rank of India, as per the latest Global Innovation Index 2023 released by the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)?

- A. 1st
- B. 37th
- C. 10th
- D. 40th
- E. 28th

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is 40th

Other Information:

India has maintained its 40th rank in the latest Global Innovation Index 2023 released by the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO).

.The top 4 countries are:

1. Switzerland
2. Sweden
3. United States
4. United Kingdom

.The GII tracks the innovation ecosystem performance of 132 global economies and the most recent global innovation trends.

.India ranked first among the 37 lower-middle group income and first among the 10 economies in Central and South America

91. In September 2023, which of the following countries launched its first domestically developed submarine Narwhal?

- A. Bhutan
- B. Russia
- C. Vietnam
- D. Taiwan
- E. Myanmar

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Taiwan

Other Information:

- Taiwan launched its first domestically developed submarine ('Haikun'), a major step in a project aimed at strengthening the island's defense.
- Objective: To modernize its armed forces as Beijing stages almost daily military exercises to assert its sovereignty.
- President Tsai Ing-wen showed off the first of eight new submarines in the southern city of Kaohsiung.

92. In September 2023, which of the following countries launched its latest remote-sensing satellite Yaogan-33 04 to be used for scientific experiments, land resource surveys, crop yield estimates, and disaster prevention and relief work.

- A. China
- B. Japan
- C. South Korea
- D. Russia
- E. USA

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is China

Other Information:

- China sent its latest remote-sensing satellite into space from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China.
- The satellite, Yaogan-33 04, was launched on a Long March-4C carrier rocket and has entered its planned orbit successfully.
- Aim: To be used for scientific experiments, land resource surveys, crop yield estimates, and disaster prevention and relief work.
- The launch was the 489th flight mission of the Long March carrier rocket series.

93. In September 2023, which of the following companies announced a partnership with Google to manufacture Chromebooks in India?

- A. Dell
- B. HP
- C. Lenovo
- D. Acer
- E. Asus

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is HP

Other Information:

- Personal computer market leader HP announced a partnership with Google to manufacture Chromebooks in India.
- Chromebooks are affordable PCs running Google's Chromebook OS and come with built-in accessibility and security features.
- Currently, Chromebooks have a low-single-digit share in HP's overall portfolio in India.
- India is focusing on digital education and many government schools are investing in computing hardware, which includes laptops, desktops and tablets.

94. In September 2023, which of the following places tourism Minister G.K Reddy inaugurated the country's first cartography museum?

- A. Mussoorie
- B. Nainital
- C. Almora
- D. Rishikesh
- E. Dehradun

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Mussoorie

Other Information:

- The Tourism Minister inaugurated the country's first cartography museum at Sir George Everest House, Mussoorie.
- Aim: To promote tourism, the department has created many circuits so that tourism can benefit.
- It is dedicated to the great mathematicians Radhanath Sikdar and Pandit Nain Singh Rawat.
- Objective: To get information about the history of cartography, instruments related to cartography, great Indian surveyors and the Great Trigonometrical Survey.
- The Tourism Minister inaugurated the country's first cartography museum at Sir George Everest House, Mussoorie.

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1. In October 2023, which of the following unions conducted their maiden joint naval exercise in a bid to boost maritime security cooperation to support the region?

- A. Soviet Union
- B. African Union
- C. European Union
- D. Asian Union
- E. None of the above

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is European Union

Other Information:

- India and the European Union (EU) conducted their maiden joint naval exercise in the Gulf of Guinea on the west coast of Africa in a bid to boost maritime security cooperation to support the region.

- During the exercise, Indian Navy's INS Sumedha, an Offshore Patrol Vessel, was joined by three EU Member States' ships in the Gulf of Guinea—Italian Navy Ship ITS Foscari, French Navy Ship FS Ventôse, and Spanish Navy Ship Tornado.

2. In October 2023, which of the following states has set up a pilot production facility of Graphene which will cost ₹200 crores.

- A. Goa
- B. Odisha
- C. Karnataka
- D. Kerala
- E. Assam

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Kerala

Other Information:

- The Kerala Government has set up a pilot production facility of Graphene which will cost ₹200 crores.
- The Kerala Digital University would be the implementing agency, and KINFRA has been appointed as a special purpose vehicle for infrastructure development.
- About Graphene:
 - It is the thinnest and strongest material in the world ever known and has good chemical stability, high electrical conductivity, and a large surface area while being transparent and lightweight.

3. Who among the following has been appointed Indian women's cricket head coach by Board of Control for Cricket in India?

- A. Gautam Gambhir
- B. Amol Muzumdar
- C. Rahul Dravid
- D. Sachin Tendulkar
- E. MS Dhoni

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Amol Muzumdar

Other Information:

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India announced Amol Muzumdar would take over as the Indian women's cricket head coach.
- He has served as the head coach of the Mumbai Ranji team till the 2022–2023 domestic campaign.
- He has also held coaching positions with the South African national team and IPL team Rajasthan Royals.
- A domestic titan, he scored over 11,000 first-class runs in 171 matches including 30 centuries during his 21-year playing career.

4. In October 2023, which of the following institutions signed a MoU with Airbus to promote research in advanced technologies and develop programmes and activities to enhance technical capabilities?

- A. IIT Madras
- B. IIT Kanpur
- C. IIT Delhi
- D. IIT Mumbai
- E. IIT Indore

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is IIT Kanpur

Other Information:

- The IIT Kanpur and Airbus signed a MoU to promote research in advanced technologies and develop programs and activities to enhance technical capabilities
- Aim: To facilitate increased collaboration in developing education programs with a focus on research to foster talent development in the Indian aerospace sector.

- Objective: To explore collaboration opportunities with global institutes where students will get to work on projects relevant to the sector.

5. Who among the following has been appointed as prime minister of Slovakia?

- A. Zuzana Čaputová
- B. Robert Fico
- C. Michal Kováč
- D. Rudolf Schuster
- E. Zuzana Čaputová

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Robert Fico

Other Information:

- Robert Fico has been appointed as prime minister of Slovakia for the fourth time and will attend an EU summit in Brussels where the nation-first populist's fellow leaders should get an early indication of how obstructive he intends to be.
- President Zuzana Čaputová formally approved the new three-party coalition government led by Fico, whose party won elections last month on pledges to end military aid to Ukraine, slash immigration and defend Slovakian sovereignty.

6. In October 2023, which of the following countries launched the Shenzhou-17 manned spaceship from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center?

- A. Russia
- B. North Korea
- C. Japan
- D. China
- E. America

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is China

Other Information:

- China launched the Shenzhou-17 manned spaceship from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center.
- A Long March-2F carrier rocket, carrying the Shenzhou-17 spacecraft with three Chinese astronauts, known as taikonauts, blasted off.
- This is the 30th flight mission of China's manned space program, all of which are successful, and the 12th manned mission of the program.
- The trio will be welcomed by the Shenzhou-16 crew and conduct the country's third in-orbit rotation.

7. Who among the following is the author of the book *The Lords of Wankhede*, which was unveiled at a star-studded function?

- A. W.V. Raman and R. Kaushik
- B. Yuvraj Singh and R. Kaushik
- C. VVS Laxman and R. Kaushik
- D. Sourav Ganguly and R. Kaushik
- E. Virat Kohli and R. Kaushik

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is W.V. Raman and R. Kaushik

Other Information:

- Former India cricketer W.V. Raman and senior journalist R. Kaushik have set about exploring the evolution of Indian cricket in these 28 years in the book *The Lords of Wankhede*, which was unveiled at a star-studded function.
- The tag of a world champion, though, was tough to wear, conceded Vengsarkar. “
- It was very difficult because the BCCI invited the West Indies to India very soon,” the 67-year-old said, as the audience burst into laughter.

8. In October 2023, which of the following states government launched Swayampurna e-bazaar online platform to give market to different kinds of products made by self-help groups and women?

- A. Kerela
- B. Odisha
- C. Goa
- D. Assam
- E. Rajasthan

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Goa

Other Information:

- Goa government launched Swayampurna e-bazaar online platform to give market to different kinds of products made by self-help groups and women.
- The Swayampurna e-bazaar is an extension of the successful Swayampurna Chavath Bazar.
- Goan entrepreneurs and self-help groups can contact 9262626262 to join this platform and sell their products online, One can also shop via www.goabazaar.com, thereby supporting rural Goans' artisans and craftsmanship.

9. Who among the following has been awarded the National Medal of Technology and Innovation 2023 by US President Joe Biden at the White House?

- A. Ashok Gadgil and Subra Suresh
- B. Steve Wozniak and Subra Suresh
- C. Ashok Gadgil and Frank L. Stolen
- D. John T. Parsons and Steve Wozniak
- E. Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Ashok Gadgil and Subra Suresh

Other Information:

- The two Indian - Americans Ashok Gadgil and Subra Suresh were awarded the National Medal of Technology and Innovation 2023 by US President Joe Biden at the White House.
- President Biden also honored leading American scientists, technologists, and innovators at the award ceremony.
- The scientists, who were honored at the event, made discoveries enabling lifesaving medical treatments, helping fight the opioid epidemic, improving food security, and much more.

10. Veteran Richard Roundtree, recently passed away, was associated with

- A. Acting
- B. Sports
- C. Painting
- D. Writer
- E. None of the above

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Acting

Other Information:

- Richard Roundtree, the trailblazing actor who starred as the ultra-smooth private detective in several Shaft films beginning in the early 1970s, has passed away.
- He was born in New Rochelle, New York, was considered as the first Black action hero and became one of the leading actors in the blaxploitation genre through his New York street smart John Shaft character in the Gordon Parks-directed film in 1971.

11. In October 2023, which of the following countries India has announced plans to resume visa services for certain categories?

- A. Sri lanka
- B. Japan
- C. France
- D. Canada
- E. Indonesia

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Canada

Other Information:

- India has announced plans to resume visa services for certain categories amid a diplomatic crisis with Canada.
- According to the High Commission in Ottawa, it would restore services for entry, business, medical, and conference visas with effect from October 26.
- The development comes amid a brewing diplomatic crisis that recently prompted the expulsion of more than 40 Canadian diplomats from New Delhi.

12. In October 2023, which of the following cities Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda inaugurated the National Tribal Festival?

- A. Gandhinagar
- B. Ahmedabad
- C. Surat
- D. Rajkot
- E. Porbandar

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Ahmedabad

Other Information:

- Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda inaugurated the National Tribal Festival at Vastrapur Hat in Ahmedabad.

- Aim: To celebrate and showcase the diverse cultural traditions of the tribal communities.
- Objective: To promote entrepreneurship, particularly in remote areas, with the aim of enhancing sustainable production.
- The National Tribal Festival in Ahmedabad features over 100 stalls that showcase India's tribal culture, handicrafts, and cuisine.

13. In October 2023, which of the following countries led in acquiring foreign citizenship, according to a recent OECD report?

- A. Canada
- B. China
- C. India
- D. Malaysia
- E. Japan

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is India

Other Information:

- Indians, who are at the forefront of migrating to OECD countries, also lead in acquiring foreign citizenship, according to a recent OECD report.
- Among them, American citizenship remains dominant. However, Canada has witnessed the highest growth in granting citizenship to foreign nationals.
- Canada, in particular, recorded the most significant proportional increase, with a staggering 174% jump between 2021 and 2022.

14. Who among the following has been elected as the Speaker of the House of Representatives 2023?

- A. Steve Wozniak
- B. Mike Johnson

C. Steve Jobs

D.

Kevin McCarthy

E.

None of the above

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Mike Johnson

Other Information:

- Mike Johnson has been elected as the Speaker of the House of Representatives, bringing an end to three weeks of uncertainty in US politics.
- He replaced Kevin McCarthy.
- The position of Speaker of the House of Representatives is one of the most powerful political chairs in the country and is third in the line of succession after the US President.
- The 56th Speaker of the House of Representatives, he is a four-term Congressman from the Fourth Congressional District.

15. Who among the following has been appointed as a National Icon of the EC by Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar?

A. Vicky Kaushal

B. Ayushman Khurana

C. Ranveer Singh

D. Rajkumar Rao

E. Varun Dhawan

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Rajkumar Rao

Other Information:

- Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar will formally appoint Rajkumar Rao as a National Icon of the EC
- He, whose portrayal of an official tasked with conducting polls in the Naxal-affected areas of Chhattisgarh in the Hindi film “Newton” won accolades, will be inducted as a National Icon by the Election Commission (EC).
- The EC appoints prominent Indians as national icons to motivate voters to participate in elections.

16. Which of the following organizations initiated the national hackathon "Vimarsh-2023"?

- A. Central Bureau of Investigation
- B. National Security Council
- C. Bureau of Police Research and Development
- D. Intelligence Bureau
- E. None of the above

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Bureau of Police Research and Development

Other Information:

- A national hackathon named “Vimarsh-2023” has been unveiled with the goal of identifying innovative tools to ensure the secure utilization of 5G technology by law enforcement agencies during sensitive operations.
- The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) initiated the hackathon, which is a significant step towards enhancing the capabilities of police forces.
- The grand finale of VIMARSH 2023 will be organised on the 28th of February 2024.

17. In October 2023, which of the following cities Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the priority section of the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) Corridor?

- A. Delhi-Noida-Meerut
- B. Delhi-Ghaziabad-Noida
- C. Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut
- D. Delhi-Ghaziabad-Gurugram
- E. Noida-Ghaziabad-Meerut

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut

Other Information:

- * Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the priority section of the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) Corridor.
- * This historic event takes place at the Sahibabad RapidX Station in Uttar Pradesh
- * Key Highlights
 - * The priority section spans 17 kilometers, connecting Sahibabad to 'Duhai Depot' and includes stations at Ghaziabad, Guldhar, and Duhai.
 - * The average speed of RAPIDX trains on the RRTS will be 100 kmph, surpassing metro trains.

18. In October 2023, which of the following countries MoS for External Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs V. Muraleedharan will pay his third official visit and also inaugurated the painting exhibition, "India on Canvas: Masterpieces of Modern Indian Painting?"

- A. Oman
- B. Iraq
- C. Syria
- D. Jordan
- E. UAE

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Oman

Other Information:

* MoS for External Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs V. Muraleedharan will pay his third official visit to the Sultanate of Oman on 18-19 October 2023.

* During the visit, he will hold high-level discussions with the Omani leadership and dignitaries.

* He will also inaugurate the painting exhibition, "India on Canvas: Masterpieces of Modern Indian Painting" which is a collection of specially curated 20 works of art from the collection of National Gallery of Modern Art

19. What is the rank of India in Global Pension Index 2023?

- A. 44th
- B. 45th
- C. 46th
- D. 47th
- E. 48th

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is 45th

Other Information:

* India dropped from the 41st position out of 44 countries in the 2022 Global Pension Index to the 45th spot out of 47 countries in 2023.

* India's retirement system has improved to some extent from 2022, according to Mercer CFA Institute Global Pension Index (MCGPI) survey 2023.

* The Netherlands had the highest overall index value (85.0), closely followed by Iceland (83.5) and Denmark (81.3). Argentina had the lowest index value (42.3).

20. In October 2023, which of the following countries won gold at the Cambrian Patrol Exercise 2023 held in the UK?

- A. Latvia
- B. Pakistan
- C. Denmark
- D. India
- E. Lithuania

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is India.

Other Information:

* The Indian Army won a gold medal at the Cambrian Patrol Exercise 2023 held in the UK while competing against 96 teams representing special forces and regiments from around the world.

* The 4/5 Gorkha Rifles (Frontier Force) represented the Indian Army at the drill held at Brecon, Wales, during October 13-15.

* The Cambrian Patrol Exercise is considered the ultimate test of human endurance and team spirit and is considered the “Olympics of military patrolling”.

21.What is the rank of India in Global Remote Work Index 2023?

- A. 65th
- B. 64th
- C. 63rd
- D. 62nd
- E. 61st

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is 64th

Other Information

* India has been ranked 64th out of 108 countries for Global Remote Work Index 2023 marking a significant drop of 15 places compared to the 2022

* The top 10 countries are Denmark, Netherlands, Germany, Spain, Sweden, Portugal, Estonia, Lithuania, Ireland, and Slovakia.

* The Global Remote Work Index (GRWI), published by cybersecurity firm NordLayer, assessed countries based on four key criteria: cyber safety, economic safety, digital and physical infrastructure, and social safety.

22. In October 2023, who among the following has been appointed as India's next permanent representative to the United Nations and related global bodies in Geneva?

- A. Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- B. Sujith Narayanan
- C. Mani Pandey
- D. Arindam Bagchi
- E. None of the above

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Arindam Bagchi

Other Information

* The Ministry of External Affairs announced the appointment of career diplomat Arindam Bagchi as India's next permanent representative to the United Nations and related global bodies in Geneva.

* Bagchi would be succeeding Indra Mani Pandey, the incumbent Indian envoy to the UN in Geneva.

* He is an Indian Foreign Service officer of the 1955-batch.

* He was given the key charge of MEA spokesperson in March 2020, at a time when the world was facing the COVID-19 pandemic.

23. In October 2023, which of the following states inaugurated the project "Heartland" and collaborated with Deloitte to provide skill development and employment opportunities to undergraduate students in engineering and non-engineering disciplines?

- A. Tripura
- B. Mizoram

- C. Assam
- D. Nagaland
- E. Arunachal Pradesh

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Tripura

Other Information

* Union Minister of State for Skill Development Rajeve Chandrasekhar inaugurated the project "Heartland Tripura," a skill development initiative in collaboration with Deloitte in Agartala

* Aim: To provide skill development and employment opportunities to undergraduate students in engineering and non-engineering disciplines.

* The "Heartland Tripura" project will deliver a specific set of skill development certification courses through NIELIT-Agartala for the state.

24.What is the percentage growth of the Female Labor Force Participation Rate in the country according to the Periodic Labor Force Survey Report 2022-23?

- A. 5%
- B. 10%
- C. 37%
- D. 20%
- E. 30%

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is 37%

Other Information:

* According to the Periodic Labor Force Survey Report 2022-23, the Female Labor Force Participation Rate in the country has improved significantly by 4.2 percentage points to 37.0% in 2023, as per the 'usual status' concept of measuring labor force participation.

* It is an outcome of the decisive agenda set by the Government for ensuring women's empowerment through policy initiatives aimed at their long-term socio-economic and political development.

25. Which of the following films has been adjudged as the Best Feature Film for the year in the 69th National Film Awards in New Delhi?

- A. RRR
- B. Rocketry
- C. Mimi
- D. Gangubai Kathiawadi
- E. The Kashmir Files

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Rocketry

Other Information:

* 'Rocketry: The Nambi Effect' directed by R Madhavan has been adjudged as the Best Feature Film for the year.

* President Droupadi Murmu will confer the 69th National Film Awards in New Delhi.

* Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur will be the Guest of Honour.

* Allu Arjun has won the Best Actor Award for 'Pushpa: The Rise'. Alia Bhatt and Kriti Sanon will share the Best Actress Award for 'Gangubai Kathiawadi' and 'Mimi'.

26. In October 2023, which of the following cities became the first women-centric police station across the entire country to be conferred with the International Organization for Standardization certificate?

- A. Bhopal
- B. Chennai
- C. Bangalore
- D. Varanasi

E. Noida

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Bhopal

Other Information:

* The Mahila thana of Bhopal became the first women-centric police station across the entire country to be conferred with the International Organization for Standardization certificate.

* Bhopal Mahila thana has been improved a lot on its part in registering grievances of the complainants, comforting them and probing cases.

* The ISO certification is a testament to the station's commitment to improving its services and facilities, ensuring quality, safety, and efficiency.

27. In October 2023, which of the following states launched the Location Accessible Multimodal Initiative (LAccMI) scheme from Malkangiri to connect panchayat and block headquarters with district headquarters by bus?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Odisha
- C. Assam
- D. Karnataka
- E. Chhattisgarh

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Odisha

Other Information:

* Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik of Odisha launched the Location Accessible Multimodal Initiative (LAccMI) scheme from Malkangiri to connect panchayat and block headquarters with district headquarters by bus.

* The chief minister had launched schemes like rice at Rs 1 per kg and Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) from Malkangiri.

* Aim: To enhance health insurance for women to Rs 10 lakh had been received from Malkangiri.

28. In October 2023, which of the places Indian Army established the world's first mobile tower and base transceiver station (BTS)?

- A. Gurung Hill
- B. Siachen Glacier
- C. Gun Hill
- D. Eastern Ladakh
- E. Aksai Chin

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Siachen Glacier

Other Information:

* The Indian Army has established the world's first mobile tower and base transceiver station (BTS) on the Siachen Glacier

* It is the highest battlefield on Earth, with the help of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL).

* Aim: To provide mobile communication services to soldiers at an altitude of over 15,500 feet.

* A base transceiver station is a radio transceiver that connects mobile devices to a cellular network.

29. In October 2023, the Ministry of Finance conferred Ircan International Limited (IRCON) and RITES Ltd both Central Public Sector Enterprise as _____ and _____ Navratna respectively among CPSEs.

- A. 14th and 15th
- B. 13th and 14th
- C. 12th and 13th
- D. 15th and 16th
- E. 16th and 17th

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is 15th and 16th

Other Information:

* Ircon International Limited (IRCON) and RITES Ltd both Central Public Sector Enterprise have been announced as 15th and 16th Navratna respectively among CPSEs.

* The Ministry of Finance conferred 'Navratna' status on RITES and IRCON.

* Entering its 50th year of incorporation, RITES Ltd is a leading transport infrastructure consultancy and engineering firm in India

* The companies should benefit in enhancing the market credibility and in undertaking larger size PPP projects

30. In October 2023, which of the following countries with India have '2+2' foreign and defence dialogue to boost cooperation in a range of key areas such as trade and investment, defence, critical technologies, civil aviation, health and energy?

- A. UK
- B. USA
- C. Japan
- D. France
- E. Indonesia

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is UK

Other Information:

* The inaugural India-UK '2+2' foreign and defence dialogue saw the two sides focusing on ways to boost cooperation in a range of key areas such as trade and investment, defence, critical technologies, civil aviation, health and energy.

* Aim: To discuss and review all aspects of the India-UK comprehensive strategic partnership.

* Discussed international developments including in the Indo-Pacific region and considered the possibility of enhancing anti-terror collaboration

31. What percentage growth has been forecasted in electric vehicles by 2030 by the Power and New and Renewable Energy Ministry?

- A. 40 percent
- B. 41 percent
- C. 43 percent
- D. 45 percent
- E. 44 percent

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is 45 per cent

Other Information:

* Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister RK Singh launched the EV-Ready India Dashboard in New Delhi.

* Addressing the occasion, the Minister asserted that the future is going to be electric.

* The dashboard has forecast a 45 per cent growth in electric vehicles by 2030.

* According to the Power and New and Renewable Energy Ministry, the dashboard is a free digital platform focusing on near real-time electric vehicle adoption and forecasts.

32. What was the rank of India in the Global Hunger Index 2023?

- A. 111 and 'Serious'
- B. 107 and 'Severe'
- C. 101 and 'Moderate'
- D. 84 and 'Severe'
- E. None of these

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- India ranked 111th out of 125 countries in this year's Global Hunger Index 2023.
- Earlier, India was ranked 107th out of 121 countries in the Global Hunger Index 2022.
- The Global Hunger Index is a tool for comprehensively measuring and tracking hunger at global, regional, and national levels.
- The scores are based on the values of four component indicators: undernourishment based on caloric intake, child (under age five) stunting based on height, child (under age five) wasting based on weight, and child mortality (before age five).

33. Which of the following countries has topped the Global Hunger Index 2023?

- A. Belarus
- B. Bosnia & Herzegovina
- C. Chile
- D. China
- E. Croatia

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- As per the 2023 Global Hunger Index (GHI), India has been ranked 111th out of 125 countries.
- The report was published by Concern Worldwide (Ireland) and Welt Hunger Hilfe (Germany).
- Top 5: Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Chile, China, and Croatia
- The scores are based on the values of four component indicators: undernourishment based on caloric intake, child (under age five) stunting based on height, child (under age five) wasting based on weight, and child mortality (before age five).

34. The 9th Parliamentary Speakers' Summit of G20 countries was held in which place?

- A. Madrid, Spain
- B. Beijing, China
- C. New Delhi, India

- D. Tokyo, Japan
- E. Jakarta, Indonesia

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- The 9th edition of parliamentary summit of G20 countries, held at YashoBhumi in New Delhi, India.
- In line with the theme of India's G20 Presidency, the theme of the P20 Summit is Parliaments for One Earth, One Family, One Future.
- The Pan African Parliament will also participate in the G20 event for the first time in India.

35. How much financial aid has Asian Development Bank (ADB) agreed to provide Bangladesh for manufacturing vaccines against various diseases?

- A. \$338 million
- B. \$390 million
- C. \$303 million
- D. \$300 million
- E. \$375 million

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) agreed to provide \$338 million to Bangladesh for manufacturing vaccines against various diseases.
- This initiative for financing the project for manufacturing vaccines was taken to help Bangladesh reduce the dependency on vaccine imports and facilitate more production in the country.
- The ADB committed \$3.5 billion financing to Bangladesh in the current fiscal year of which around \$2 billion would be concessional while the rest of \$1.5 billion would be regular.

36.

What is the Name of Indian operation conducted by the Indian Armed Forces in Ukraine?

- A. Operation Ganga
- B. Operation Dost
- C. Operation Kaveri
- D. Operation Ajay
- E. Operation Rahat

Answer :- A

Solution :-

Operation Ganga was an evacuation mission to bring back all the Indian nationals who were stranded in Ukraine.

37.The Indian Army has installed a mobile tower in collaboration with which Telcom companies for the first time at Siachen Glacier, the world's highest battlefield?

- A. Airtel India
- B. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
- C. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited
- D. Jio
- E. Vodafone Idea Limited

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- A mobile tower has been installed for the first time at Siachen Glacier, the world's highest battlefield.
- This tower was installed by the Indian Army in collaboration with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL).

38.Who is the winner of the 2022 Saraswati Samman?

- A. Raghuveer Chaudhari
- B. Satya Narayan
- C. Sitanshu Yashaschandra
- D. Sivasankar

E. K Siva Reddy

Answer :- D

Solution :-

Tamil writer Sivasankari has won the prestigious 'Saraswati Samman' in 2022 for her memoirs, "Surya Vamsam".

The book was selected by a Chayan Parishad (Selection Committee), led by former Supreme Court judge Arjan Kumar Sikri.

Surya Vamsam, a two-volume work, offers a profound glimpse into the life of an innocent child who evolved into an acclaimed author.

39. Which of the following cities hosted 2023 International Olympic committee session?

- A. Chandigarh
- B. Chennai
- C. Kolkata
- D. Mumbai
- E. New Delhi

Answer :- D

Solution :-

- Mumbai city hosted the 2023 International Olympic Committee's session.
- The year 2023 significant for India as it coincides with the India's 75th independence year.
- This will be the second-ever IOC session to be held in India after a long gap of 37 years.
- India last hosted an IOC session way back in 1983 in New Delhi.

40. According to Periodic Labour Force Survey Report 2022-23 data, India's female labour force participation rates was _____.

- A. 37 %
- B. 25%
- C. 40%
- D. 55%
- E. 30%

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- The Female Labour Force Participation Rate in the country has improved significantly by 4.2 percentage points to 37 per-cent this year.
- This was revealed in the data released by the Statistics and Programme Implementation Ministry in its Periodic Labour Force Survey Report 2022-23.
- The Women and Child Development Ministry said the significant jump is due to the Government's policy initiatives aimed at long-term socio-economic and political development of women.

41. Who among the following created the record for the fastest century ever by an Indian in the history of the World Cup? (October 2023)

- A. Rohit Sharma
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. Rishabh Pant
- D. Hardik Pandya
- E. KL Rahul

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Rohit Sharma

Other Information:

* India captain Rohit Sharma slammed his 31st ODI century in the World Cup 2023.

* He completed his hundred off 63 balls, fetching him the record for the fastest century ever by an Indian in the history of World Cup, surpassing the legendary Sachin Tendulkar for the most hundreds (7) in World Cup history.

- * He completed 1000 runs in World Cup, becoming only the fourth Indian to the landmark
- * He struck 3 sixes to become the leading six-hitter in international cricket

42. In October 2023, which of the following Northeast cities became to began the first-ever defence tech show called 'East Tech'?

- A. Aizawl
- B. Shillong
- C. Gangtok
- D. Guwahati
- E. Imphal

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Guwahati

Other Information:

* The first-ever defence tech show in Northeast India, called 'East Tech', has begun in Guwahati.

* Aim: To expose manufacturers to the needs of the armed forces and enable direct procurement of their products

* The Indian Army and the Assam government organized the tech event, which also featured MSMEs, defence PSUs, and start-ups showcasing their goods

* Nearly 200 manufacturers have set up their booths at the two-day 'East Tech' event, launched by Lt Gen Rana Pratap Kalita

43. In October 2023, who among the following appointed as the Chairman of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)?

- A. Anthony Heredia
- B. Navneet Munot
- C. Milind Barve
- D. A Balasubramania
- E. Radhika Gupta

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Navneet Munot

Other Information:

* Navneet Munot, MD and CEO of HDFC Asset Management has been appointed as the Chairman of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).

* He replaced A Balasubramanian, Chief Executive Officer, Aditya Birla Sun Life Asset Management.

* He is a Chartered Accountant and a CFA charter holder and has over three decades of experience in financial services

* AMFI was incorporated as a non-profit organization. As of now, all the 44 asset management companies that are registered with SEBI, are its members.

44. In October 2023, which of the following states Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India launched the 'A-HELP' (Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Production) programme?

- A. Bihar
- B. West Bengal
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Assam
- E. Uttar Pradesh

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Jharkhand

Other Information:

* The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India launched the 'A-HELP' (Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Production) programme in the State of Jharkhand.

* Aim: To empower women by engaging them as Accredited Agent who contribute significantly to disease control, animal tagging, and livestock insurance.

* The new scheme would enhance access to veterinary services at the farmer's doorstep and empower Pashu Sakhis.

45. Hardeep Singh inaugurated the 26th Energy Technology Meet at Bharat Mandapam to provide a common forum for refiners and technology service providers for the exposition of recent advances. What is the new deadline for 20% biofuel blending which are an important component of the country's green energy policy?

- A. 2030
- B. 2020
- C. 2029
- D. 2025
- E. 2028

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is 2025

Other Information:

* Hardeep Singh inaugurated the 26th Energy Technology Meet at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

* Aim: To provide a common forum for refiners and technology service providers for the exposition of recent advances.

* He announced that India had exceeded its biofuel blending targets, which are an important component of the country's green energy policy.

* The aim of 20% biofuel blending, which was originally set for 2030, has been pushed back to 2025.

46. In October 2023, which of the following states 37th edition of the National Games 2023 is going to be held from October 26 to November 9?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Goa
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Karnataka
- E. Tamil Nadu

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Goa

Other Information:

* The state's sports minister Govind Gaude confirmed that the 37th edition of the National Games 2023 will be held in Goa from October 26 to November 9.

* The National Games are India's homespun Olympic-style multi-sport event where athletes from the various states and Union Territories compete for medals.

* This will be the first time Goa will host the National Games. Goa was awarded the hosting rights for the 36th edition, initially scheduled for 2016.

47. In October 2023, which of the following countries India signed an agreement on defence cooperation to promote bilateral cooperation in areas such as security and defence policy, research and development?

- A. France
- B. Italy
- C. Japan
- D. Indonesia
- E. Vietnam

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Italy

Other Information:

* India and Italy signed an agreement on defence cooperation during defence minister Rajnath Singh's visit to Italy.

* Aim: To promote bilateral cooperation in areas such as security and defence policy, research and development, education in military field, maritime domain awareness, sharing of defence information

* The relationship between India and Italy was elevated to strategic partnership in March 2023 during the visit of Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni to India.

48. In October 2023, which of the following organizations International Olympic Committee (IOC) with the Olympic Museum has aligned to build on the success of the Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP) in India and signed a new cooperation agreement?

- A. Hindustan Unilever Limited
- B. Tata Consulting Services
- C. Reliance Foundation
- D. Larsen & Toubro Ltd
- E. Infosys Ltd

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Reliance Foundation

Other Information:

* The International Olympic Committee (IOC) with the Olympic Museum has aligned with Reliance Foundation to build on the success of the Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP) in India and signed a new cooperation agreement.

* It underscores the organisations' shared priority to promote Olympic values through sport among young people.

* Aim: To increase access to sport and bring the health and societal benefits of physical activity to communities across the globe.

49. In October 2023, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has introduced the SHRESHTA to fostering collaboration between grant-in-aid institutions managed by NGOs and residential high schools. What does the SHRESHTA stand for?

- A. Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas
- B. Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Academic
- C. Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas
- D. Scheme for Regional Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas
- E. Scheme for Rural Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas

Other Information:

* The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has introduced the 'Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas' (SHRESHTA).

* Aim: To extend the impact of government development programs and bridge service gaps in areas predominantly inhabited by SC communities within the education sector.

* The scheme's core strategy involves fostering collaboration between grant-in-aid institutions managed by NGOs and residential high schools

50. Who among the following broke the world record by winning the Chicago Marathon 2023?

- A. Lelisa Desisa's
- B. Ghirmay Ghebreslassie
- C. Gotytom Gebreslase
- D. Kelvin Kiptum
- E. Eliud Kipchoge

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Kelvin Kiptum

Other Information:

- Kenya's Kelvin Kiptum blazed his way to smash the world record by clocking a stunning 2:00:35 to win the Chicago Marathon 2023

- The timing by World Athletics wiped off 34 seconds from the previous world mark of 2:01:09 set by his fellow countryman Eliud Kipchoge.

- The Chicago course a World Athletics Platinum Label marathon produced fast times even in the women's field, with Dutch star Sifan Hassan winning the women's title at 2:13:44.

51. In October 2023, which of the following countries' first free-standing Gandhi Museum in North America dedicated to the life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi is open to the public?

- A. Mexico
- B. Canada
- C. United States
- D. Costa Rica
- E. Dominican Republic

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is United States

Other Information:

- The first free-standing Gandhi Museum in North America, dedicated to the life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi is open to the public in the US city of Houston, Texas.
- Museum in the United States, dedicated to Gandhi, to preserve and promote his ever-lasting legacy of nonviolent conflict resolution.
- The outer walls of the semi-circle-shaped museum depict various peace activists including Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela, Betty Williams, and more.

52. In October 2023, which of the following countries signed MoU with India ranging in various sectors including digital transformation, maritime sector and sports aiming to enhance cooperation between the two nations?

- A. Tanzania
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. UAE
- D. France
- E. Japan

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Tanzania

Other Information:

- India and Tanzania signed multiple MoUs ranging in various sectors including digital transformation, maritime sector and sports aiming to enhance cooperation between the two nations.

- The Six MoU was signed in the field of:

1. Sports.

2. Maritime Industry.

3. Cultural Exchange.

4. Setting up an Industrial Park in Tanzania.

5. Sharing successful digital solutions implemented at population scale for digital transformation.

6. sharing White Shipping Information.

53. In October 2023, which of the following states the Annual Joint HADR Exercise (AJHE) has been conducted by Indian Army, Indian Navy (IN), and Indian Air Force (IAF)?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Goa
- D. Telangana
- E. Odisha

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Goa

Other Information:

- The Annual Joint HADR Exercise (AJHE) is an outcome of the Hon'ble PM's directive promulgated during the Combined Commanders' Conference 2015.
- The exercise has been conducted by Indian Army, Indian Navy (IN) and Indian Air Force (IAF) in rotation since 2016.
- It is being hosted by the Indian Navy at Goa from 09 to 11 Oct 23.
- The 2023 edition would synergise efforts at the national level as well as witness participation from eight countries of the Indian Ocean Region.

54. In October 2023, which of the following edition the United Service Institution of India (USI), is organizing the Indian Military Heritage Festival (IMHF) to address the gap in the "national discourse and cultural calendar"?

- A. 2nd
- B. 1st
- C. 3rd
- D. 4th
- E. 5th

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is 1st

Other Information:

- The country's oldest think tank, the United Service Institution of India (USI), is organizing the first Indian Military Heritage Festival (IMHF) to address the gap in the "national discourse and cultural calendar."
- Aim: To enhance our understanding of the country's rich military heritage and traditions; contemporary security and strategy concerns; and the push to achieve self-reliance in military capability.
- It is scheduled to be held on October 21 and 22.

55. In October 2023, which of the following cities of United states has been inaugurated the largest Hindu temple outside India, Akshardham?

- A. Hawaii
- B. Texas
- C. California
- D. New Jersey
- E. Alaska

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is New Jersey

Other Information:

- The largest Hindu temple outside India, BAPS (Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha) Swaminarayan Akshardham, has been inaugurated in New Jersey, the United States
- Swaminarayan Akshardham is spread over 185 acres.
- Mahant Swami Maharaj conducted the 'Pran Prathistha' ritual at the temple.
- Akshardham in New Jersey marks the third such cultural complex globally.
- The first Akshardham was created in Gandhinagar, the capital of Gujarat, India, in 1992, followed by Akshardham in New Delhi in 2005

56. Indian Air Force chief Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhari unveiled the new Indian Air Force ensign on its 91st anniversary at Bamrauli Air Force Station in Prayagraj. Which of the following corners of the ensign features the Air Force crest?

- A. Top left
- B. Top right
- C. Bottom left
- D. Bottom right
- E. Center

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Top right

Other Information:

- Indian Air Force chief Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhari unveiled the new Indian Air Force ensign on its 91st anniversary at Bamrauli Air Force Station in Prayagraj of UP.
- The new feature is the addition of the Air Force crest in the top right corner of the ensign, towards the fly side.
- The occasion was also the first Air Force Day Parade to be commanded by a woman officer, Gp Capt. Shaliza Dhami, who is also the first woman officer of the IAF to command a combat unit.

57. What is the rank of India in the Asian Games 2022 held in Hangzhou?

- A. 4th
- B. 5th
- C. 6th
- D. 3rd
- E. 7th

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct answer is 4th

Other Information:

- India ranked at fourth place on the scoreboard in the Asian Games 2022 in Hangzhou.
- The Indian athletes finished their campaign by living up to the commitment of "Iss baar 100 paar" with a record haul of 107 medals comprised of 28 gold, 38 silver, and 41 bronze.
- Other Winners:
 - Ranked 1st scored by People's Republic of China with 383 medals
 - Ranked 2nd scored by Japan with 188 medals
 - Ranked 3rd scored by Republic of Korea with 190 medals

58. In October 2023, which of the following countries was elected as a president of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) General Conference (GC)?

- A. Indonesia
- B. India
- C. Korea
- D. Thailand
- E. Singapore

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct answer is India

Other Information:

India has been elected president of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) General Conference (GC) for the third successive term.

AIBD, established in 1977 under the auspices of UNESCO, is a unique regional inter-governmental organization.

India is one of the founding members of AIBD and Prasar Bharati, India's public service broadcaster is the representative body of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Govt. of India at AIBD.

59. In October 2023, which of the following edition Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates the G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit, P-20 in New Delhi?

- A. 7th
- B. 8th
- C. 9th
- D. 10th
- E. 11th

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct answer is 9th

Other Information:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 9th G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit, P-20 in New Delhi on 13th October.
- The main theme of the P20 this year is Parliament for One Earth, One Family, One Future.
- The two-day P-20 Summit will be held at the newly constructed India International Convention and Expo Center, Yashobhoomi, in Dwarka.
- It aims at bringing a parliamentary dimension to global governance.

60. In October 2023, which of the following cricketers became the fastest player in the history of the ICC Men's ODI World Cup to complete 1000 runs?

- A. David Warner
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. Rohit Sharma
- D. Quinton de Kock
- E. Babar Azam

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct answer is David Warner

Other Information:

- David Warner became the fastest player in the history of the ICC Men's ODI World Cup to complete 1000 runs during the match against India in Chennai
- He completed the feat within 19 innings, averaging 62 with three half-centuries and four tons since first being a part of the tournament back in 2011
- He was a part of the Australian World Cup-winning unit in 2015
- He is one of the best white-ball batters of all time surpassing Sachin and AB de Villiers' record of 20 innings

61. In October 2023, which of the following cities did Nokia launch the first-of-its-kind 6G Lab in contributing to the 'Bharat 6G Vision'?

- A. Jaipur
- B. Noida
- C. Ahmedabad
- D. Bengaluru
- E. Kolkata

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct answer is Bengaluru

Other Information:

- Nokia launches first-of-its-kind 6G Lab in Bengaluru in contributing to the 'Bharat 6G Vision.
- The research areas will include foundational 6G technologies like Network as a Sensor, Network Exposure and Automation.
- Aim: To position India as a key global contributor to the design, development and implementation of 6G technology
- It is a platform for future collaboration between industry and academic stakeholders on 6G.

62. In October 2023, who among the following has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of General Insurance Corporation of India?

- A. Varun Dua
- B. Devesh Srivastava
- C. Ramaswamy N
- D. Mayank Bathwal
- E. MK. Poddar

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Ramaswamy N

Other Information:

- General Insurance Corporation of India appointed Ramaswamy N as its new Chairman and Managing Director effective from October 1, 2023.
- He replaced Devesh Srivastava
- Ramaswamy, a veteran in the insurance industry, has diverse experience of over three decades at GIC Re.
- He began his journey with GIC Re in 1988 as a direct recruit officer. Over the years, he managed a wide spectrum of non-life insurance classes, including Fire, Engineering, Miscellaneous, Motor, Liability.

63. In October 2023, which of the following states has declared the Gangetic Dolphin as the state aquatic animal?

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Bihar
- D. Jharkhand
- E. West Bengal

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Uttar Pradesh

Other Information:

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has declared the Gangetic Dolphin as the state aquatic animal.
- These dolphins are found in rivers like Ganga, Yamuna, Chambal, Ghaghra, Rapti, and Gerua.
- The estimated population of Gangetic dolphins in Uttar Pradesh is estimated at around 2000.
- Teams of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and Forest Department have been recently counting dolphins with the help of GPS in Garh Ganga at Hapur district of Uttar Pradesh.

64. In October 2023, which of the following Indian Cricketer International Cricket Council was named as the 'Global Ambassador' for the Cricket World Cup 2023?

- A. Saurav Ganguly
- B. Rahul Dravid
- C. MS Dhoni
- D. Sachin Tendulkar
- E. Virat Kohli

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Sachin Tendulkar

Other Information:

* The International Cricket Council named legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar as the 'Global Ambassador' for the Cricket World Cup 2023.

* Sachin, who has participated in a record six 50-over World Cups, will unveil the World Cup trophy before the inaugural match between England and New Zealand, thereby officially opening the tournament.

* The ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 will commence on October 5, with England and New Zealand at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad

65. In October 2023, which of the following states' governments issued a notification for providing 35 per cent reservation for women in recruitment, barring the forest department?

- A. Assam
- B. Gujarat
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Himachal Pradesh
- E. Odisha

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Madhya Pradesh

Other Information:

* CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan of the Madhya Pradesh government issued a notification for providing 35 percent reservation for women in recruitment, barring the forest department.

* Madhya Pradesh was the first state to introduce 50 percent reservation for women in elections to panchayats and urban bodies.

* It also has a 30 percent reservation for women in the police.

* The state also offers concessional tariffs for registry of property in case it is in a woman's name.

66. In October 2023, which of the following organizations handed over the twin-seater variant of LCA Tejas fighter aircraft to Indian Air Force in Bengaluru?

- A. Bharat Dynamics Ltd.
- B. Airnetz Aviation Pvt Ltd.
- C. Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.
- D. Aroon Aviation Services Pvt Ltd.
- E. BrahMos Aerospace Pvt Ltd.

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.

Other Information:

* Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, HAL handed over the twin-seater variant of LCA Tejas fighter aircraft to Indian Air Force in Bengaluru.

* Aim: To join India in the list of a very few elite countries who have created such capability and have them operational in their defence forces.

* LCA Tejas twin seater is a light weight all weather, multi-role 4.5 generation aircraft.

* The aircraft developed indigenously has static stability, quadruplex fly by wire flight control.

67. In October 2023, which of the following countries with India signed a strategic partnership agreement with National Payments Corporation of India for Domestic Card Scheme modelled on India's RuPay card?

- A. UAE
- B. Indonesia
- C. France
- D. Japan
- E. Italy

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is UAE

Other Information:

* India and UAE signed a strategic partnership agreement between National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Al Etihad Payments (AEP), a subsidiary of the Central Bank of the UAE for Domestic Card Scheme Implementation in UAE.

* NPCI and AEP will work together to build, implement, and operationalize UAE's national domestic card scheme modelled on India's RuPay card.

* Aim: To expand the bilateral trade to make it 100 billion dollar.

68. Who among the following has received the Spinoza Prize 2023, the highest distinction in Dutch science for the work in the field of climate change at a ceremony in the Netherlands?

- A. Thea Hilhorst
- B. Klaas Landsman
- C. Joyeeta Gupta
- D. Corné Pieterse
- E. Ignas Snellen

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Joyeeta Gupta

Other Information:

* Indian-origin professor Dr Joyeeta Gupta has received the Spinoza Prize, the highest distinction in Dutch science for her work in the field of climate change at a ceremony in the Netherlands.

* The prize was presented to her by the Netherlands' Minister for Education, Science, and Culture, Robert Dijkgraaf at The Hague.

* She is a Dutch environmental scientist who is professor of Environment and Development in the Global South at the University of Amsterdam.

69. Who among the following has been awarded the 2023 Nobel Prize in Literature for his innovative plays and prose which give voice to the unsayable?

- A. Annie Ernaux
- B. Jon Fosse
- C. Abdulrazak Gurnah
- D. Louise Glück
- E. Peter Handke

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Jon Fosse

Other Information:

* Norwegian author Jon Fosse has been awarded the 2023 Nobel Prize in Literature for his innovative plays and prose which give voice to the unsayable.

* He is today one of the most widely performed playwrights in the world and has become increasingly recognized for his prose.

* The human condition is the central theme of Fosse's body of work, irrespective of genre.

* He has now joined an illustrious list of past winners that ranges from Toni Morrison to Ernest Hemingway.

70. In October 2023, which of the countries with India signed a MoU to collaborate efforts in areas such as supply chain resilience, clean energy technology, healthcare, space, Industry 4.0, and industrial standards?

- A. Japan
- B. France
- C. Malaysia
- D. Vietnam
- E. United Arab Emirates

Answer :- E

Solution :-

The correct option is United Arab Emirates

Other Information:

* India and the United Arab Emirates signed a MoU in Abu Dhabi to collaborate efforts in areas such as supply chain resilience, clean energy technology, healthcare, space, Industry 4.0, and industrial standards.

* Aim: To facilitate industrial investments, technology transfer, and the implementation of key innovations across various industries.

* Goal: To yield mutual benefits, as both nations strive for joint industrial and technological advancements.

71. Who among the following has bagged the gold in women's javelin throws in Hangzhou in the Asian Games 2023?

- A. Annu Rani
- B. Parul Chaudhary
- C. Dilhani Lekamge
- D. Lyu Huihui
- E. Deepa Malik

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Annu Rani

Other Information:

* India's Annu Rani clinched her second Asian Games medal, and her first gold, in women's javelin throws in Hangzhou in the Asian Games 2023.

* Sri Lanka's Dilhani Lekamge won silver while Lyu Huihui of China won bronze.

* Other winners:

o Parul Chaudhary earlier won the women's 5000m event, adding to the silver she won at the women's 3000m steeplechase final

o Tajinderpal Singh Toor bagged golds in shotput and men's 3000m steeplechase winner Avinash Sable.

72. Who among the following has been awarded the Nobel Prize 2023 in Physics for their experimental methods that generate attosecond pulses of light for the study of electron dynamics in matter?

- A. Pierre Agostini, Ferenc Krausz, and Anne L'Huillier
- B. Anton Zeilinger, Ferenc Krausz, and Anne L'Huillier
- C. Alain Aspect, Pierre Agostini and Ferenc Krausz
- D. Anton Zeilinger, Ferenc Krausz, and Anne L'Huillier
- E. John Clauser, Alain Aspect and Pierre Agostini

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Pierre Agostini, Ferenc Krausz, and Anne L'Huillier

Other Information:

* Nobel Prize 2023 in Physics has been awarded to Pierre Agostini, Ferenc Krausz, and Anne L'Huillier for experimental methods that generate attosecond pulses of light for the study of electron dynamics in matter.

* The experiments gave humanity new tools to explore the world of electrons inside atoms and molecules.

* They developed a new way to create extremely short pulses of light that can be used to measure the rapid processes by which electrons move or change energy.

73. In October 2023, which of the following states conduct 50th India International Knit fair which will be held from 12th to 14th October at the India Knit Fair Association complex (IKFA)?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Gujarat
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Karnataka
- E. Kerala

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Tamil Nadu

Other Information:

* The 50th India International Knit fair will be held from 12th to 14th October at the India Knit Fair Association complex (IKFA) in Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu.

* The main theme of the fair is Active and Sportswear, Environmental Social Governance, Artificial Intelligence and digitalisation.

* The IKFA has tied up with Sourcing Consultants Association, Association of Buying Agents for Textiles, Brand Sourcing Leaders, and the NIFT Alumni.

74. In October 2023, which of the following countries will unveil the largest statue of B R Ambedkar outside India on 14th October 2023?

- A. Maryland
- B. New York
- C. Kathmandu
- D. Dhaka
- E. Helsinki

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Maryland

Other Information:

* Ambedkar Center India is all set to unveil the largest statue of B R Ambedkar outside Maryland in North America on 14th October.

* According to the Ambedkar International Center (AIC) the 19-foot statue, named Statue of Equality has been made by renowned artist and sculptor Ram Sutar.

* He also constructed the Sardar Patel statue in Ahmedabad.

* The statue of Ambedkar, the key architect of India's Constitution built on 13 acres of land in Accokeek City Maryland.

75. In October 2023, India and Bangladesh, jointly commenced the 11th edition of an annual joint military exercise, on 3rd October 2023 in Umroi, Meghalaya. What is the name of the exercise?

- A. Table Top Ex
- B. IN-BN CORPAT
- C. SAMPRITI
- D. HAND IN HAND
- E. SHAKTI

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is SAMPRITI

Other Information:

* India and Bangladesh commenced the 11th edition of an annual joint military exercise, SAMPRITI on 03rd October 2023 in Umroi, Meghalaya.

* Aim: To enhance interoperability between the two armies, sharing tactical drills, and promoting best practices.

* SAMPRITI-XI, scheduled for 14 days, will engage approximately 350 personnel from both sides.

* SAMPRITI-XI will include a Command Post Exercise (CPX) and a Field Training Exercise (FTX), culminating in a Validation Exercise.

76. In October 2023, which of the following states conducted a socio-economic survey of the state's five indigenous Muslim communities?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Assam

- C. Bihar
- D. Odisha
- E. West Bengal

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Assam

Other Information:

* The Assam government will conduct a socio-economic survey of the state's five indigenous Muslim communities so that measures can be taken for their upliftment.

* Aim: To comprehensive socio-political and educational upliftment of the indigenous minorities

* The development comes a day after the Nitish Kumar government in Bihar released findings of its much-awaited caste survey, which revealed that OBCs and EBCs constitute 63 percent of the state's total population.

77. Which of the following Central railway stations has been awarded the platinum certificate by the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) for developing the railway station into a net zero energy building? (October 2023)

- A. Mumbai Central railway station
- B. Chennai Central railway station
- C. Trivandrum Central railway station
- D. Mangalore Central railway station
- E. Kanpur Central railway station

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Chennai Central railway station

Other Information:

* The Dr. MGR Chennai Central railway station has been awarded the platinum certificate by the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) for developing the railway station into a net zero energy building.

* Southern Railway General Manager R.N. Singh received the IGBC platinum shield from Ajith Kumar Chordia, Chairman of IGBC

* The railway official said the Central station was the first station in the zone to install a rooftop solar plant of 1.80 mega watts (MW).

78. In October 2023, which of the following cities comes among the 10 slowest cities in the world on the speed index according to the findings by a US-based private non-profit research organization?

- A. Bogota
- B. Kolkata
- C. Flint
- D. Dhaka
- E. All of the above

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Kolkata

Other Information:

* Bhiwandi in Maharashtra, Kolkata, and Bihar's Arrah are among the 10 slowest cities in the world on the speed index according to the findings by a US-based private non-profit research organization.

* The study, conducted by the National Bureau of Economic Research covered over 1,200 cities in 152 countries.

* The average travel speed of motor vehicles throughout the day is the highest in Flint, US, slowest in Bangladesh, Dhaka, and is the most congested in Bogota, Colombia

79. Recently, Basohli Pashmina, a more than 100-year-old traditional craft from _____ has got the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Jammu and Kashmir
- D. Himachal Pradesh

E. Chandigarh

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Jammu and Kashmir

Other Information:

* Basohli Pashmina, a more than 100-year-old traditional craft from Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, has got the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

* It is a hand-spun product known for extreme softness, fineness and light-weight, has insulating properties and extended life.

* Pashmina products include shawls for both men and women, mufflers, blankets and baskets.

* Earlier, the famed Basohli painting and Chikri wood from Rajouri district of Jammu division received the GI tag.

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1. Which of the following cities will host the 2030 World Expo?

- A. Riyadh
- B. Osaka
- C. New Delhi
- D. Beijing
- E. Ottawa

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* The Saudi Arabian capital of Riyadh won the right to host the Expo 2030 world fair.

* Riyadh won 119 votes, Busan 29 and Rome 17, results from 182 members of the Paris-based Bureau International des Expositions (BIE) showed.

* South Korea's port city of Busan and Rome in Italy were also in the running to host the five-yearly event that attracts millions of visitors and billions of dollars in investment.

2. Which Indian city has been added to the 'UNESCO Creative Cities Network', in Literature' category?

- A. Madurai
- B. Kozhikode
- C. Mysuru
- D. Kurnool
- E. None of these

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* Two Indian cities, Gwalior and Kozhikode, have recently become part of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network.

* Madhya Pradesh's Gwalior made the cut in the 'Music' category, while Kerala's Kozhikode has earned its place in the list in the 'Literature' category.

3. Which Union Minister launched the National Outreach Program on Anganwadi Protocol for Children with Disabilities?

- A. Anurag Thakur
- B. Dharmendra Pradhan
- C. Smriti Irani
- D. Rajnath Singh
- E. Nitin Jairam Gadkari

Answer :- C

Solution :-

Union Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani launched the National Outreach Program on Anganwadi Protocol for disabled children.

In this protocol, a social model has been adopted for inclusive nutritional care of persons with disabilities.

The objective of this protocol is to ensure holistic development of infants and young children with disabilities.

4. Who has been appointed as the Additional Independent Director of HDFC Bank?

- A. Rajat Kumar Jain
- B. Harsh Kumar Bhanwala
- C. Anubrata Biswas
- D. Satish Kumar Gupta
- E. Suresh Sethi

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The board of HDFC Bank has approved the appointment of former NABARD chairman Harsh Kumar Bhanwala as an additional independent director.

* Currently, Non-Executive Chairman of MCX, Bhanwala also serves as the Director on the boards of IIM Rohtak and Bayer Crop Science Ltd.

5. What was the name of Air India's AI-powered chat assistant to introduce a generative AI virtual agent?

- A. SkyMate
- B. CloudTalk
- C. Maharaja
- D. AIJet
- E. None of these

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* Air India has reportedly become the world's first airline to introduce a generative AI virtual agent.

* The agent named Maharaja has successfully been deployed, powered by Microsoft's Azure OpenAI service.

* The project was presented in its testing phase in March 2023

6. Who has been selected for the 2023 Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award at the 54th IFFI, held at Goa?

- A. Antonio Gades
- B. Carlos Saura
- C. Mario Camus
- D. Michael Douglas
- E. Elías Querejeta

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* Hollywood star Michael Douglas received the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Cinema at the 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa.

* The 10-day film gala concluded with Germany's "Endless Borders " winning the coveted Golden Peacock Award for the best film.

7. Hollywood star Michael Douglas honoured with the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award 2023 at the 54th IFFI, is actor and film producer of which country?

- A. England
- B. Finland
- C. USA
- D. Spain
- E. Mexico

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* Hollywood star Michael Kirk Douglas is an American actor and film producer.

* Michael Douglas was conferred with the Satyajit Ray Excellence in Film Lifetime Award At the event at the 54th edition of the International Film Festival of India in Goa.

* He has received numerous accolades, including two Academy Awards, five Golden Globe Awards, a Primetime Emmy Award, the Cecil B. DeMille Award, and the AFI Life Achievement Award.

8.What is the name of IndiGo's AI-powered chat assistant?

- A. 6Eskai
- B. 6PSer
- C. AirBot
- D. SkyTalk
- E. Maharaja

Answer :- A

Solution :-

India's premier airline, IndiGo, has introduced "6Eskai," an AI-powered chat assistant crafted to handle customer inquiries in various languages.

9.Exercise "Mitrashkti -2023" is annual joint military exercise conducted between which countries?

- A. India and USA
- B. Russia and France
- C. India and Bangladesh
- D. India and Sri Lanka
- E. India and Nepal

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* India and Sri Lanka joint military exercise (Mitrashkti -2023) culminated at Southern Command foreign training node at Aundh,Pune.

* The exercise has taught valuable lessons to the troops of the participating armies on conducting joint operations in support of peace.

10.In November 2023, which of the counties cricket team qualify for men's T20 World Cup 2024?

- A. Namibia
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. Bhutan
- D. Bahrain
- E. Malaysia

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* Namibia cricket team qualified for the men's T20 World Cup 2024.

* According to ICC, Courtesy 10 points and a net run rate of +2.643 that assured them a top-two finish on the Africa region qualifiers points table.

* The T20 World Cup will be played in the West Indies and the USA from 4 June to 30 June 2024.

11. Who is the current Prime Minister of New Zealand?

- A. Christopher Luxon
- B. Bill English
- C. Jacinda Ardern
- D. John Key
- E. Hele in Clark

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* Christopher Luxon has been sworn in as New Zealand's prime minister.

* The swearing-in ceremony was presided over by Governor-General Cindy Kiro.

* Luxon leads a conservative coalition after his National Party struck a deal on Friday with two smaller parties following a general election last month.

* Under the coalition agreement, Luxon has promised to deliver tax cuts and less government bureaucracy, including a 6.5% cut to the public service.

12. Which city hosted Asia's largest open-air annual trade fair Bali Jatra?

- A. Cuttack
- B. Patna
- C. Prayagraj
- D. Kanpur
- E. Agra

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* Asia's largest open-air annual trade fair, the Bali Jatra, commemorating the glorious ancient maritime legacy of Odisha, was inaugurated on the banks of the Mahanadi River in Cuttack.

* This year the festival started on the occasion of Kartika Purnima and will continue till December 4 next month.

13. Who has become the fourth Indian to be honored with Pakistan's highest civilian award?

- A. A R Rahman
- B. Dr. Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin
- C. Mohammad Hamid Ansari
- D. Zara Nusrat
- E. Mohammad Zahoor

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* Dr., head of the Mumbai-based Dawoodi Bohra sect of Islam. Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin will be honored with Pakistan's highest civilian award 'Nishan-e-Pakistan.

* He will become the fourth Indian to be honored with Pakistan's highest civilian award.

* Morarji Desai was the first Indian to be honored with Pakistan's highest civilian award.

14. Who has been appointed as the Part-time Chairman of the Fino Payments Bank?

- A. Rajat Kumar Jain
- B. Anubrata Biswas
- C. Satish Kumar Gupta
- D. Suresh Sethi
- E. None of these

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- * Mumbai-based Fino Payments Bank has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the appointment of Rajat Kumar Jain as Part-time Chairman of the Bank.
- * Fino started operations in 2017, receiving an RBI license two years earlier.
- * The appointment comes at a time when the payments bank is charting out its digital growth plans and targets for the next phase, Fino 2.0.

15. Who is the new 'mentor' for the Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR)?

- A. Rahul Dravid
- B. Ajay Jadeja
- C. Yuvraj Singh
- D. Gautam Gambhir
- E. VVS Laxman

Answer :- D

Solution :-

Former Indian opener Gautam Gambhir has been appointed by Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) as their new 'mentor'.

Former KKR captain Gambhir will work closely with head coach Chandrakant Pandit. Gambhir was a member of KKR from 2011 to 2017 and also led the team to titles in 2012 and 2014.

16. Who has become the first Indian to win the International Emmy Award for best comedy?

- A. R Madhavan
- B. Vicky Kaushal

- C. Veer Das
- D. Arman Malik
- E. None of these

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* Actor-comic Vir Das has won the International Emmy Award in the best comedy category for his Netflix stand-up special 'Vir Das: Landing'.

* He has become the first Indian artist to win this award.

* The 51st International Emmy Awards were held in New York City, America.

* This award show was organized by the International Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (IATAS).

17. In which country will the International Cricket Council (ICC) Men's U19 Cricket World Cup 2024 be organized?

- A. India
- B. South Africa
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Australia
- E. Pakistan

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The ICC Men's U19 Cricket World Cup 2024 will now be organized in South Africa instead of Sri Lanka.

Sri Lankan cricket was suspended by the ICC after which this decision was taken.

Its last event was held in West Indies in 2022 where India won the title for the fifth time.

18. Who has been conferred with the International Emmy Awards 2023 for Directorate Award?

- A. Ekta Kapoor
- B. Jonas Karlsson
- C. Anurag Kashyap
- D. Vishal Bhardwaj
- E. Mani Ratnam

Answer :- A

Solution :-

Ekta Kapoor, co-founder of Indian TV production powerhouse Balaji Telefilms, was honored with the 2023 International Emmy Directorate Award

The 51st International Emmy Awards, presented by the International Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (IATAS), will honor the best in international television programming in 2022.

19.

Which is the partner state of the 42nd edition of India International Trade Fair 2023?

- A. West Bengal & Jharkhand
- B. Madhya Pradesh & Assam
- C. Bihar & Kerala
- D. Uttarakhand & Madhya Pradesh
- E. Punjab & Haryana

Answer :- C

Solution :-

* Bihar and Kerala states have been designated as Partner States for the 42nd edition of the India International Trade Fair 2023.

* The 42nd India International Trade Fair, held at Pragati Maidan, showcases the rich diversity of India under one roof.

* The theme of this year's fair is 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - United by Trade', and the pavilions have been transformed into live canvases representing different states and their crafts.

20. The 51st International Emmy Awards were held in _____.

- A. New York City
- B. Chicago
- C. Los Angeles
- D. Seattle
- E. San Francisco

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The 51st International Emmy Awards were held in New York City, United States.

The 51st International Emmy Awards, presented by the International Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (IATAS), will honor the best in international television programming in 2022.

21. In which of the following cities Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurated the city's second floating compressed natural gas (CNG) mobile refuelling unit (MRU) station?

- A. Ranchi
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Allahabad
- D. Varanasi
- E. Kanpur

Answer :- D

Solution :-

- Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurated the city's second floating compressed natural gas (CNG) mobile refueling unit (MRU) station at Ravidas Ghat in Varanasi
- Earlier, Namo Ghat had a floating station for filling CNG in boats.
- Puri said CNG boats not only reduce pollution but also lead to savings as it is more efficient.

22. Who is the new captain of Gujarat Titans in 2024?

- A. Shubman Gill
- B. Pradeep Sangwan
- C. Dasun Shanaka
- D. Matthew Wade
- E. Rashid Khan

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- Shubman Gill has been appointed the captain of Gujarat Titans after the franchise confirmed Hardik Pandya's return to Mumbai Indians via trade.
- Gill, who won the Orange Cap earlier this year, will take over from Hardik, who led GT for two seasons, leading the team to an IPL title in 2022 and a runner-up finish in 2023.

23. Who has won the prestigious 2023 Booker Prize?

- A. Margaret Atwood
- B. Paul Lynch
- C. Amanda Foreman
- D. Anna Burns
- E. Marlon James

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- Irish writer Paul Lynch has won the prestigious Booker Prize for fiction for his fifth novel, "Prophet Song."
- The dystopian novel is about a woman's struggle to protect her family as Ireland collapses into totalitarianism in the near future. A civil war in Ireland then forces families to flee the country.
- Paul Lynch, 46, spent four years writing the book and was brought to the thought by the long years of the civil war in Syria and the "West's indifference."

24. Which Indian neighbour country is participating in the 17th iteration of Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Nepal
- D. Maldives
- E. None of these

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- The 17th edition of joint military exercise 'Surya Kiran' between India and Nepal started in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.
- The annual exercise, which is conducted alternately in the two countries, will conclude on December 7, 2023.
- "Exercise Surya Kiran signifies the strong bonds of friendship, trust, and common cultural linkages that exist between India and Nepal.

25. Which state launched 'Hot Cooked Meal Scheme' for children at Anganwadi centers?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Gujarat
- D. Rajasthan
- E. Bihar

Answer :- B

Solution :-

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched a 'Hot Cooked Meal Scheme' to provide hot and nutritious food to children aged three to six years at Anganwadi centres across the state.
- The initiative to provide hot meals with diverse menus on different days will progress with the mutual coordination of various departments.

26. Which of the following person won the Gold medal at European Yoga Sports Championship 2023?

- A. Lexi Hidalgo
- B. Sara Beth
- C. Esther Ekhart
- D. Ishwar Sharma
- E. None of these

Answer :- D

Solution :-

British-Indian yoga prodigy Ishwar Sharma wins gold at European Yoga Championship 2023

The championship in Sweden was conducted by the International Yoga Sports Foundation, Lausanne, Switzerland, in collaboration with the Swedish Yoga Sport's Association.

27. Name the India's first On-Demand Blood Logistics Platform for hospitals and blood banks.

- A. AmeniaX
- B. Blod+
- C. Ranbaxy Life
- D. Cipla BloodPlus
- E. None of these

Answer :- B

Solution :-

Blod.in Launches Blod+: India's First On-Demand Blood Logistics Platform for Hospitals and Blood Banks.

Blod+ also empowers blood banks to distribute blood and components more efficiently to hospitals in its network.

28. Which of the following city hosted the 'India Water Impact Summit 2023'?

- A. Patna
- B. Ranchi
- C. Mohali
- D. New Delhi
- E. Allahabad

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* Shri Nitin Gadkari, the Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways of India, inaugurated the 8th Edition of the India Water Impact Summit (IWIS) at the Dr Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi.

* The theme of IWIS 2023 is 'Development vis-à-vis Land, Water and Rivers,'.

29.What is the theme of the 8th edition of India Water Impact Summit?

- A. Conservation of Water for Upcoming Generations
- B. Development vis-à-vis Land, Water and Rivers
- C. Save Water and Save Life'
- D. Restoration and Conservation of Small Rivers in a Large Basin
- E. Rivers and Oceans are the Lifeline of Humanity'

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The theme of IWIS 2023 is 'Development vis-à-vis Land, Water and Rivers,'.

* The 8th Edition of the India Water Impact Summit (IWIS) held at the Dr Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi.

30.

Which of the following states has launched 'Water Smart Kid campaign' for water conservation awareness to educate children about the vital importance of water conservation?

- A. Punjab
- B. Bihar
- C. Odisha

- D. Meghalaya
- E. Jharkhand

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma launched 'Meghalaya Water Smart Kid Campaign'.

* This initiative is being run under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

* It aims to educate children about the vital importance of water conservation.

* In an important step to generate a sense of responsibility and awareness among the young generation regarding water conservation.

31. The martyrdom day of which Sikh Guru was observed the month of November, as 'Shaheed Diwas' _____.

- A. Guru Tegh Bahadur
- B. Guru Hargobind
- C. Guru Gobind Singh
- D. Guru Ram Das
- E. None of these

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* Guru Tegh Bahadur Singh whose martyrdom day (Shaheedi Divas) is commemorated on November 24.

* He became the 9th Guru of the Sikhs in 1665.

* Gurudwara Sheesh Ganj Sahib is located in Chandni Chowk, Delhi.

32. Who received Best Actor Award at Stars Asian International Film Festival (SAIFF) 2023?

- A. Leonardo DiCaprio
- B. Ishwak Singh

- C. Joaquin Phoenix
- D. Antonio Banderas
- E. None of these

Answer :- B

Solution :-

Ishwak Singh won the Best Actor award at the Stars Asian International Film Festival (SAIFF) for his performance in the film 'Berlin.

33.For which movie Ishwak Singh won the Best Actor award at the Stars Asian International Film Festival (SAIFF)?

- A. Berlin
- B. The Kashmir Files
- C. Sardar Udham
- D. Mimi
- E. Samantar

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* Ishwak Singh won the Best Actor award at the Stars Asian International Film Festival (SAIFF) for his performance in the film 'Berlin

* The film "Berlin" has not only gained acclaim for Ishwak Singh's outstanding portrayal but has also enjoyed successful screenings at several film festivals.

* "Berlin" maintains its grip on audiences, captivating them with its compelling narrative and exceptional performances. This solidifies its position as a standout film with international appeal.

34.Which of the following West Indies player was handed a six-year ban from all forms of cricket by the International Cricket Council (ICC)?

- A. Kirk McKenzie
- B. Marlon Samuels
- C. Alick Athanaze
- D. Devon Thomas

E. Anderson Phillip

Answer :- B

Solution :-

* The former West Indies batter Marlon Samuels was handed a six-year ban from all forms of cricket by the International Cricket Council (ICC).

* Samuels, who had an illustrious international cricket career playing 71 Tests, 207 ODIs, and 67 T20Is, faced charges related to his participation in the Abu Dhabi T10 league in 2019.

35. Fathima Beevi, who recently passes away, belongs to which field?

- A. Singer
- B. Dancer
- C. Artist
- D. Justice
- E. Writer

Answer :- D

Solution :-

* Justice Fathima Beevi, the first female Supreme Court judge, passes away at the age of 96.

* Born in 1927, Justice Beevi embarked on her legal journey by earning her Bachelor of Law Degree from the prestigious Government Law College.

* She took her first step into the legal realm by enrolling as an advocate on November 14, 1950, setting the stage for a trailblazing career.

36. In November 2023, who among the following F1 driver won Las Vegas Grand Prix 2023?

- A. L. Hamilton
- B. Alonso
- C. L. Stroll
- D. M. Verstappen

E. S. Pérez

Answer :- D

Solution :-

Max Verstappen emerged on top at the end of an action-packed Las Vegas Grand Prix, beating Ferrari rival Charles Leclerc and Red Bull teammate Sergio Perez.

Hamilton and Piastri made contact which saw the 7x world champion's car getting a puncture!

The Mercedes driver limped his way to the pit and then made a slow stop, coming out around the back of the grid.

37. Kishtwar of which state/UT recently got the Geographical Indication (GI) tag from the Geographical Indications Registry?

- A. Odisha
- B. Jharkhand
- C. West Bengal
- D. Jammu and Kashmir
- E. Telangana

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Jammu and Kashmir

Other Information:

In Jammu and Kashmir, the Saffron of the mountainous Kishtwar district, which is cultivated and harvested in the higher reaches, has been given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag by the Geographical Indications Registry.

The legendary most expensive harvest of saffron, popularly known as Kumkum, is also a key cash crop in Jammu's isolated mountainous district of Kishtwar.

Saffron cultivation is a cultural heritage that represents freshness and purity.

Kishtwar's saffron production area is called locally as Mandal.

38. Which Indian state recently imposed an immediate ban on the production, storage, distribution, and sale of halal-certified products?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Bihar
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Punjab
- E. Kerala

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Uttar Pradesh

Other Information:

The Uttar Pradesh government on Saturday banned the production, storage, distribution and sale of food products with halal certification with immediate effect while exempting products manufactured for export

39. Who has recently won the 26th World title in billiards?

- A. Pankaj Advani
- B. David Alcaide
- C. Ko Ping Chung
- D. Nay Thway
- E. Sourav Kothari

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Pankaj Advani

Indian cueist Pankaj Advani rallied to win the IBSF World Billiards Championship title for a staggering 26th time, beating compatriot Sourav Kothari in the final.

40. Which of the following countries launched world's largest single-site solar power plant?

- A. United Arab Emirates
- B. Japan
- C. India
- D. USA
- E. China

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The world's biggest solar power plant, situated in Abu Dhabi, has taken place in anticipation of the UAE's hosting of COP28.

The desert-based plant covers an area of over 20 sq.km. and provided employment to 4,500 individuals during the construction phase's peak.

It incorporates nearly 4 million solar panels that utilize advanced bi-facial technology to capture sunlight on both sides of the panels, thereby optimizing the yield.

41. Who has been elected as the Vice-chair of the UN Panel of External Auditors?

- A. Girish Chandra Murmu
- B. Narendra Nath Vohra
- C. Hari Krishna Dwivedi
- D. Shanthi Kumari
- E. Renu Sharma

Answer :- A

Solution :-

* Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Girish Chandra Murmu, has been elected vice-chair of the UN Panel of External Auditors.

* This recognition underscores India's commitment to the highest standards of external audit and its active participation in shaping the global audit landscape.

* Murmu participated in the sixty-third session of the Panel of External Auditors, held at the UN headquarters in New York .

42. Who among the following has been appointed as the Voice of the Customer at Acko General Insurance?

- A. Ranveer Singh
- B. Vicky Kaushal
- C. R Madhavan
- D. Kartik Aryan
- E. Anshuman Khurana

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is R Madhavan

Other Information:

ACKO Partners with R Madhavan as their 'Voice of the Customer' To Simplify Complex Insurance Questions and help Customers Make Informed Decisions

This signifies a welcome shift in the way consumers have been perceiving and navigating insurance, a sector that has been operating at a trust deficit in India.

Aim: To ensure that its customers can rely on the brand for a transparent and dependable insurance experience.

43. In November 2023, Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of West Bengal?

- A. Kajol
- B. Neeraj Chopra
- C. Shah Rukh Khan
- D. Sourav Ganguly
- E. None of the above

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Sourav Ganguly

Other Information:

* Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announced former BCCI president and Indian cricket team captain Sourav Ganguly as the new brand ambassador of West Bengal.

* Ganguly would be replacing actor Shah Rukh Khan.

* He is a very popular figure and comes from the young generation.

* I want to inform him as the Bengal brand ambassador.

* Ganguly was present at BGBS' inaugural session at the Biswa Bangla Convention Centre in the city.

44. Noted Novelist and short story writer P Valsala passed away. She belonged to _____.

- A. Punjab
- B. Telangana
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Kerala
- E. Tamil Nadu

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Kerala

Other Information:

P. Valsala, who died at a private hospital in Kozhikode, Kerala at the age of 85.

She was a significant Malayalam novelist of her generation and one of the early female writers to make a mark.

45. At which of the following states did India–USA Joint Special Forces conduct the 14th edition of the Vajra Prahar 2023 exercise?

- A. Meghalaya
- B. Punjab
- C. Odisha
- D. Tamil Nadu
- E. None of these

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Meghalaya

Other Information:

* The 14th edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise, "VAJRA PRAHAR 2023," kicked off at the Joint Training Node in Umroi, Meghalaya.

* "VAJRA PRAHAR" has grown into a vital platform for the exchange of ideas and best practices between the Special Forces of both nations.

* It serves as a mechanism to enhance interoperability and strengthen defence cooperation between the armies of India and the United States of America.

46. Which of the following Indian authors has won the India's richest JCB Prize for Literature 2023?

- A. Madhuri Vijay
- B. Jhumpa Lahiri
- C. Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
- D. Perumal Murugan
- E. Kiran Desai

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Perumal Murugan

Other Information:

* Tamil writer Perumal Murugan's novel 'Fire Bird', translated into English by Janani Kannan, won the 2023 JCB Prize for Literature in New Delhi

* The book was published by Penguin Random House India.

* "In 'Fire Bird', Murugan takes a universal story of lives that are tied to land and tells it with astonishing particularity.

* Janani Kannan's translation carries into English the rhythms not only of Tamil but of an entire way of being in the world.

47. Who among the following won the ICC Player of the Month Award for October 2023 for their outstanding performance in the Cricket World Cup?

- A. Rachin Ravindra
- B. Sarah Taylor
- C. Virat Kohli
- D. Ellyse Perry
- E. None of the Above

Answer :- A

Solution :-

Other Information:

New Zealand's Rachin Ravindra has claimed his first ICC Men's Player of the Month award for his outstanding performances in the group stages of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 in India.

48. Which country does Hayley Matthews represent in international women's cricket?

- A. England
- B. India
- C. Australia
- D. West Indies
- E. None of the Above

Answer :- D

Solution :-

Other Information:

West Indies' Hayley Matthews has been named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for October after her scintillating performances in the T20I series against Australia.

49. Which edition of the Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) between India Navy and Bangladesh Navy took place recently?

- A. 2nd edition
- B. 3rd edition
- C. 4th edition
- D. 5th edition
- E. None of the Above

Answer :- D

Solution :-

Other Information:

The 4th edition of Bilateral Exercise between Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy, BONGOSAGAR-23, and the 5th edition of Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) by the two navies.

50. Which of the following new categories have been introduced in the Grammy Awards 2024?

- A. Best African Music Performance
- B. Best Alternative Jazz Album
- C. Best Pop Dance Recording
- D. All the above
- E. None of the Above

Answer :- C

Solution :-

Other Information:

Grammy Awards 2024 year introduces three new categories: Best African Music Performance, Best Alternative Jazz Album and Best Pop Dance Recording.

51. For which category is Falguni Shah nominated at the 2024 Grammy Awards?

- A. Best World Music Album
- B. Best Global Music Performance
- C. Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album
- D. Best Contemporary Christian Music Album
- E. None of the Above

Answer :- B

Solution :-

Other Information: Grammy Award-winning Indian vocalist Falguni Shah has been nominated for Best Global Music Performance at the 2024 Grammy Awards for her song “Abundance in Millets,” featuring a speech by PM Modi.

52. In which capacity did Padmanabha Balakrishna Acharya serve before his passing on November 11th, 2023?

- A. Chief Minister of Nagaland
- B. Chief Minister of Mumbai
- C. Governor of Nagaland
- D. Governor of Mumbai
- E. None of the Above

Answer :- C

Solution :-

Other Information:

Padmanabha Balakrishna Acharya, a former governor of Nagaland and senior BJP leader, passed away in Mumbai on November 11, 2023, at the age of 92.

53. Which country faced the suspension of its cricket board's membership by the ICC?

- A. Pakistan
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. India
- D. Australia
- E. None of the Above

Answer :- B

Solution :-

Other Information:

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has taken a significant step by suspending Sri Lanka Cricket's membership, citing serious breaches of its autonomy and government interference.

54. In which of the following years was the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) established?

- A. 1998
- B. 2004
- C. 2010
- D. 2015
- E. 2020

Answer :- B

Solution :-

Other Information:

The UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) was created in 2004 to promote cooperation with and among cities that have identified creativity as a strategic factor for sustainable urban development.

55. Which country of the following has been added to the UK's safe states list, along with India?

- A. Georgia
- B. Albania
- C. Switzerland
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

Answer :- A

Solution :-

Other Information:

- Countries in UK's safe states list. UK Home Office also decided to include Georgia to its list of safe states apart from India.
- Other nations deemed safe by UK include Albania, Switzerland along with European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA) states.

56. What are the three broad categories of green crackers?

- A. SWAS, SAFAL, and STAR
- B. Safe water releaser, safe minimal aluminum, and safe thermite cracker
- C. Eco-friendly, sustainable, and affordable
- D. Low-noise, low-emission, and low-smoke
- E. All of the above

Answer :- A

Solution :-

Other Information:

The three broad categories of green crackers are SWAS (safe water releaser), SAFAL (safe minimal aluminum), and STAR (safe thermite cracker).

57. What is the name of the new QUAD that India is a part of, along with the US, UAE, and Israel?

- A. I2U2
- B. QUAD+
- C. Mini-QUAD
- D. Middle East QUAD
- E. None of the above

Answer :- A

Solution :-

Other Information:

The new QUAD that India is a part of, along with the US, UAE, and Israel, is called I2U2.

58. Who among the following inaugurated 'Mitti Cafe' within the Supreme Court premises, promoting inclusivity for individuals with disabilities?

- A. Prime Minister of India
- B. Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud

- C. Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment
- D. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
- E. None of the above

Answer :- B

Solution :-

Other Information:

- Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud on Friday inaugurated Mitti Café, an establishment entirely run by disabled persons, in the Supreme Court premises.
- This cafe stands out for being entirely managed by individuals with disabilities, encompassing those who are visually impaired, have cerebral palsy, and are paraplegic.

59.What was the main objective of the NITI Aayog workshop on Indo-AU cooperation?

- A. To discuss the implementation of commitments from the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration (NDLD) in the areas of inclusive growth, sustainable infrastructure, and migration management.
- B. To strengthen cooperation between India and the African Union (AU) in the areas of trade, investment, and development.
- C. To promote knowledge, skills, and resource exchange between India and the AU.
- D. To highlight the importance of agricultural growth and mutual learning opportunities between India and the AU.
- E. To underline the shared goals of India and the AU in achieving the objectives outlined in the NDLD.

Answer :- A

Solution :-

Other Information: The main objective of the NITI Aayog workshop on Indo-AU cooperation was to discuss the implementation of commitments from the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration (NDLD) in the areas of inclusive growth, sustainable infrastructure, and migration management.

60.Which of the following is NOT a key theme of the NITI Aayog Indo-AU workshop?

- A. Inclusive growth
- B. Sustainable infrastructure
- C. Migration management
- D. Climate change adaptation
- E. Trade and investment

Answer :- D

Solution :-

Other Information: The NITI Aayog Indo-AU workshop focused on three key themes: inclusive growth, sustainable infrastructure, and migration management. Climate change adaptation was not a specific theme of the workshop, but it was discussed in the context of sustainable infrastructure and migration management.

61. What initiative has driven the launch of Costa Cruises' domestic sailings in India?

- A. "Make in India" campaign
- B. "Atithi Devo Bhava" campaign
- C. "Dekho Apna Desh" initiative
- D. "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan"
- E. "Digital India" program

Answer :- C

Solution :-

Other Information: "Dekho Apna Desh" initiative. This initiative, launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, played a significant role in promoting domestic sailings in India.

62. Which of the following factors has contributed to the recent growth in cruise tourism in India?

- A. Waiver of cabotage fees
- B. Development of modern cruise terminals
- C. Introduction of e-visa facilities
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

Answer :- D

Solution :-

Other Information:

- All of the factors listed in the options have contributed to the recent growth in cruise tourism in India.
- The waiver of cabotage fees has made it easier for foreign cruise vessels to operate in Indian waters, the development of modern cruise terminals has improved the passenger experience, and the introduction of e-visa facilities has made it easier for tourists to obtain visas.

63.The India-UAE educational cooperation MoU encompasses which of the following initiatives?

- A. Exchange of information in education
- B. Capacity development of TVET teaching staff
- C. Facilitation of academic collaboration between higher education institutions
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

Answer :- D

Solution :-

Other Information:

- The MoU encompasses all three of the listed initiatives are Exchange of information in education, Capacity development of TVET teaching staff ,Facilitation of academic collaboration between higher education institutions.

64.What did the Mobility and Migration Partnership Agreement signed between India and Italy aim to facilitate?

- A. Bilateral trade
- B. Tourism
- C. Movement of workers, students, and professionals
- D. Cultural exchange
- E. Environmental conservation

Answer :- C

Solution :-

Other Information:

- The Mobility and Migration Partnership Agreement aimed to facilitate the seamless movement of workers, students, and professionals between the two countries.

65. Which of the following sectors was identified as having untapped potential for collaboration between India and Italy?

- A. Agro-tech
- B. Innovation
- C. Space
- D. Defense
- E. All of the above

Answer :- E

Solution :-

Other Information:

- India's External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar, held a productive meeting with Italy's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Antonio Tajani, in Rome.
- The discussions revolved around strengthening the strategic partnership between India and Italy, exploring opportunities in various sectors, and addressing global issues.
- During the meeting, both leaders recognized the untapped potential in several key sectors, including agro-tech, innovation, space, defense, and the digital domain.
- They expressed their commitment to exploring opportunities for collaboration and growth in these areas.

66. According to the Hydrogen Science Coalition, what is the defined threshold for distinguishing between high-carbon and low-carbon hydrogen?

- A. 1kg Hydrogen for 1kg Carbon Dioxide equivalent (CO₂e)
- B. 1kg Carbon Dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) for 1kg Hydrogen
- C. 100kg Hydrogen for 1kg Carbon Dioxide equivalent (CO₂e)
- D. 1kg Carbon Dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) for 100kg Hydrogen

E. 1kg Hydrogen for 100kg Carbon Dioxide equivalent (CO₂e)

Answer :- B

Solution :-

Other Information: According to the Hydrogen Science Coalition, the dividing line is 1kg Carbon Dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) used to produce 1kg Hydrogen.

67. Who was elected as the chairman of the Shree Somnath Trust (SST) for a five-year term in 2023?

- A. Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- B. Union Home Minister Amit Shah
- C. BJP veteran LK Advani
- D. P.K. Laheri
- E. Harshvardhan Neotia

Answer :- A

Solution :-

Other Information:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been elected as the chairman of the Shree Somnath Trust (SST) for a five-year term, marking a significant departure from the traditional one-year tenure for the trust's chairman.
- The decision, approved by the charity commissioner of Gujarat, underscores the importance of continuity and leadership in managing the iconic Somnath temple near Veraval.

68. Which of the following states hosted the first Global Fisheries Conference India 2023 from 21-22nd November 2023?

- A. Punjab
- B. Odisha
- C. Gujarat
- D. Bihar
- E. Rajasthan

Answer :- C

Solution :-

- The first ever Global Fisheries Conference India 2023 kicked off at Science City in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- The conference is being organized by the Department of Fisheries Government of India on the occasion of World Fisheries Day to bring together all the stakeholders for a sustainable fisheries sector.

69. Dr. S.S. Badrinath, who passes away recently, was a famous founder of _____.

- A. Project Nanhi Kali
- B. Salaam Baalak Trust
- C. Sulabh International
- D. Sankara Netralaya
- E. Apollo Hospitals

Answer :- D

Solution :-

- The founder of Sankara Netralaya Dr. S.S. Badrinath (83-years) passed away in Chennai due to illness
- He founded the Sankara Netralaya as a unit of the Medical Research Foundation in 1978.
- He was a recipient of the Padma Shri in 1983 and Padma Bhushan in 1999.

70. Who has been appointed as the new MD of State Bank of India (SBI) for two years?

- A. Vinay M. Tonse
- B. Hardayal Prasad
- C. Ashwini Kumar Tewari
- D. Ravindra Jain
- E. Lakshmi Mittal

Answer :- A

Solution :-

- The Government of India has been appointed Vinay M. Tonse as the Managing Director of State Bank of India until November 30, 2025.
- Tonse, currently serving as the deputy MD, was recommended by the Financial Services Institutions Bureau.

71. Which of the following states was adjudged best performer in inland fisheries in the country by the central government?

- A. Telangana
- B. Karnataka
- C. West Bengal
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. Andhra Pradesh

Answer :- D

Solution :-

- Uttar Pradesh has won the best state award in the Inland Fisheries category.
- The award will be given during the Global Fisheries Conference 2023, which will be held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, on World Fisheries Day (November 21).
- In terms of fish seeds, last year's production stood at 27,128 lakh MT, which was 36,187 lakh MT this year, he added.

72. Who has been honoured with the IFFI – 2024 'Special Recognition award for Contribution to Bharatiya Cinema'?

- A. Kasinathuni Viswanath
- B. Pran Krishan Sikand
- C. Soumitra Chatterjee
- D. Madhuri Dixit
- E. Kajol

Answer :- D

Solution :-

Legendary actress Madhuri Dixit has been honored with the 'Special Recognition for Contribution to Bharatiya Cinema' award at the 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Panaji, Goa.

73. Recently, which state government has declared a fish named 'Ghol' as the state fish?

- A. Punjab
- B. Odisha
- C. Gujarat
- D. Bihar
- E. Rajasthan

Answer :- C

Solution :-

Ghol **घोल** fish was declared as State fish of Gujarat.

The first ever Global Fisheries Conference India 2023 kicked off at Science City in Ahmedabad.

74. Which of the following cricket teams lifted the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023?

- A. Australia
- B. India
- C. New Zealand
- D. South Africa
- E. England

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Australia.

Other Information:

- Australia lifted the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 defeating India by six wickets in the final at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

- Virat Kohli was awarded the "Player of the Tournament" title for his exemplary performance.
- He scored a total of 765 runs in 11 innings, the highest-ever runs scored by a batter in a single edition of the World Cup.
- Mohammed Shami finished as the leading wicket-taker of the World Cup 2023.

75. Who among the following has been elected as the new president of Argentina?

- A. Guy Parmelin
- B. Viola Amherd
- C. Alain Berset
- D. Javier Milei
- E. Albert Rösti

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Javier Milei

Other Information:

- Argentina elected right-wing libertarian Javier Milei as its new president.
- Milei is pledging economic shock therapy.
- His plans include shutting the central bank, ditching the peso, and slashing spending, potentially painful reforms that resonated with voters angry at the economic malaise.
- Milei has been particularly popular among the young, who have grown up seeing their country lurch from one crisis to another.

76. S Venkataramanan recently passed away, was associated with _____.

- A. Music
- B. Poetry
- C. Leader
- D. Governor
- E. Sports

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Governor.

Other Information:

- S Venkitaramanan, the former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), passed away early this morning due to a brief illness.
- He was 92 years old. According to The Business Line, he is survived by his two daughters, Girija and Sudha, along with their respective families.
- S Venkitaramanan was the 18th Governor of the RBI, serving for two years from 1990 to 1992. Prior to this, he was Finance Secretary in the Ministry of Finance from 1985 to 1989.

77. Which of the following years India is Set to Extend Rice Export Bans?

- A. 2010
- B. 2015
- C. 2020
- D. 2022
- E. 2024

Answer :- E

Solution :-

The correct option is 2024.

Other Information:

- India Set to Extend Rice Export Bans Through 2024
- India, the world's top rice exporter, is expected to maintain its curbs on overseas sales well into 2024, a move likely to hold the staple grain at close to its highest price levels since the food crisis of 2008.
- Lower prices and ample stockpiles have helped make India one of the top shippers globally over the past decade, recently accounting for almost 40% of the total.
- African nations like Benin and Senegal are among the top buyers.

78. Who among the following has been appointed as managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of Kotak Mahindra Bank?

- A. Pichai Sundararajan
- B. Dipak Gupta
- C. Ashok Vaswani
- D. Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- E. None of the above

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Ashok Vaswani

Other Information:

- Kotak Mahindra Bank has appointed Ashok Vaswani as its managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) from January 1, 2024.
- The bank's board has appointed Vaswani for a period of three years, subject to the approval of the members of the bank, according to an exchange filing.
- The appointment of Vaswani follows the conclusion of Dipak Gupta's term as the Managing Director and CEO of the bank

79.

According to research by Journalistic Org., what is the rank of India of India with a total valuation of \$195.75 billion?

- A. 1st
- B. 2nd
- C. 3rd
- D. 4th
- E. 5th

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is 3rd.

Other Information:

- India ranks third with 72 unicorn companies, with a total valuation of \$195.75 billion.
- The country's unicorns make a substantial 5 per cent contribution to the total global unicorn valuation, according to research by Journalistic Org.
- The first Indian company to make an appearance in global rankings is BYJU's, which stands at 36th place with a valuation of \$11.50 billion.
- The US has the highest and over three times more than China in second place (172).

80. In November 2023, which of the following countries secured the top spot in the Asia Pacific region, reveals the fund manager survey (FMS) conducted by Bank of America (BofA)?

- A. Thailand
- B. China
- C. Japan
- D. Australia
- E. Us

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Japan.

Other Information:

- Japan and India are the most favored markets in the Asia Pacific region, reveals the fund manager survey (FMS) conducted by Bank of America (BofA).
- Japan (net 45 percent overweight) cements its place at the top of the preference stack, followed by India (25 percent), while Thailand (net 13 percent underweight), China, and Australia.
- The net overweight figure is the percent of fund managers saying overweight minus the percent saying underweight.

81. In November 2023, who among the following has been concurrently accredited as the Indian Ambassador to the Caribbean Community and High Commissioner to the Federation of St Kitts and Nevis and Antigua and Barbuda?

- A. Anil Kumar Rai
- B. Amit S Telang
- C. Rohan Rawat
- D. Deepak Kumar Nath
- E. Manali Soni

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Amit S Telang

Other Information:

* The Ministry of External Affairs has announced that Amit S Telang has been concurrently accredited as the Indian Ambassador to the Caribbean Community and High Commissioner to the Federation of St Kitts and Nevis and Antigua and Barbuda.

* Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, Anil Kumar Rai has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

82. In November 2023, which of the following countries with India Joint ninth edition Military exercise "Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2023" held in Pune?

- A. Japan
- B. Bangladesh
- C. France
- D. Sri Lanka
- E. Germany

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Sri Lanka

Other Information:

* The ninth edition of India and Sri Lanka Joint Military exercise "Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2023" held in Pune

* The exercise is being conducted from 16th to 29th November 2023.

* Aim: To jointly rehearse conduct of Sub Conventional operations under Chapter VII of United Nations Charter.

* The Scope of the exercise includes synergising joint responses during counter-terrorist operations

* The exercise will also foster strong bilateral relations between the two neighbouring nations

83. In November 2023, which of the following bank has been added to the MSCI India Index?

- A. Yes Bank
- B. Axis Bank
- C. IndusInd Bank
- D. Union Bank
- E. Kotak Bank

Answer :- C

Solution :- The correct option is IndusInd Bank

Other Information:

* As many as nine firms, including IndusInd Bank, Suzlon Energy and One 97 Communications, were added to the MSCI India Index.

* There are nine additions to the MSCI India index are:

APL Apollo Tubes

IndusInd Bank

Macrotech Developers

97 Communications

Persistent Systems

Polycab India

Suzlon Energy

Tata Communications

Tata Motors

MSCI Global Standard Index is widely used by global fund houses for benchmarking global equities portfolios.

84.JSW Infrastructure has received a letter of award to develop an all-weather, deep-water, greenfield port at _____.

- A. Keni Port
- B. Belekeri port.
- C. Tadadi port.
- D. Honnavar port.
- E. Bhatkal port.

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Keni Port

Other Information:

* JSW Infrastructure has received a letter of award to develop an all-weather, deep-water, greenfield port at Keni Port in Karnataka on a public private partnership basis for Rs 4,119 crore.

* Keni Port would have modern environment-friendly mechanised facilities for handling cape-size vessels

* Keni Port is envisaged for handling all types of cargoes on the west coast to serve the industries in the area covering Bellary, Hosapete, Hubballi, Kalaburagi, and South Maharashtra.

85.Who among the following has been awarded the first-ever 'Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award' by the Vaclav Havel Center?

- A. Salman Rushdie
- B. Narges Mohammadi
- C. Ales Bialiatski
- D. Maria Ressa
- E. Dmitry Muratov

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Salman Rushdie

Other Information:

* World-renowned author Salman Rushdie has been awarded the first-ever 'Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award' by the Vaclav Havel Center. The 'Disturbing the Peace Award to a Courageous Writer at Risk' was conferred upon Egyptian activist Alaa Abdel-Fattah.

* He also received another accolade, reflecting on the irony of being awarded for "disturbing the peace."

* He pondered which side of "the fence" this placed him on

86. Who among the following became the fastest Indian bowler to clinch 50 wickets in the history of ICC World Cup 2023?

- A. Jasprit Bumrah
- B. Mohammed Siraj
- C. Mohammed Shami
- D. Kuldeep Yadav
- E. Hardik Pandya

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Mohammed Shami

Other Information:

* With the seven wickets, Mohammed Shami successfully became the fastest Indian bowler to clinch 50 wickets in the history of ICC World Cup as the pacer achieved the milestone during his 17th innings. Earlier, Mitchell Starc was holding this record in 19 innings.

* Mohammed Shami is again bowling a magical spell for India and is very close to getting another fifer for Team India.

87.

In November 2023, which of the following organizations collaborated with Indian Railways to launch the 'Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train' to promote 'Dekho Apna Desh and Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' initiatives?

- A. Bharat Earth Movers Limited
- B. Rites
- C. IRCTC
- D. Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd
- E. Indian Railway Finance Corporation

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is IRCTC

Other Information:

* Indian Railways, in collaboration with IRCTC, is set to launch the Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train to promote Dekho Apna Desh and Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiatives.

* Aim: To showcase India's rich cultural and religious heritage to both domestic and international tourists.

* It informed that halts for boarding and deboarding include major stations like Thane, Pune, Solapur, Kanyakumari, and more.

88. Who among the following becoming the first batter in the world to score 50 One Day International (ODI) centuries?

- A. Rohit Sharma
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. MS Dhoni
- D. Hardik Pandya
- E. KI Rahul

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Virat Kohli

Other Information:

* Virat Kohli, the former Indian cricket captain, achieved a remarkable feat by becoming the first batter in the world to score 50 One Day International (ODI) centuries.

* He has not just scored his 50th ODI century but has also exemplified the spirit of excellence and perseverance that defines the best of sportsmanship.

* Kohli surpassed Tendulkar's 673-run mark set during the 2003 World Cup, showcasing his consistency and dominance on the world stage.

89. In November 2023, which of the following cities Indian Air Force will organize an air show on November 23-24 at Air Force Station?

- A. Air Force Station Arjan Singh.
- B. Airforce Station Purnea.
- C. Ambala Cantonment
- D. Awantipur Air Force Station.
- E. Air Force Station Salua.

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The Correct option is Ambala Cantonment

Other Information:

* Indian Air Force will organize an air show on November 23-24 at Air Force Station in Ambala Cantonment.

* During the air show, Surya Kiran and Akashganga teams will showcase their skills in the sky alongside the aircrafts of the Indian Air Force.

* All necessary arrangements for the air show have been made by Indian Air Force.

* Regarding security, orders have already been issued under Section 144 to prohibit drones flying near the Air Force Station.

90. In November 2023, which of the following countries India have signed an MoU with the objective of connecting both the countries' dynamic startup ecosystems, particularly in critical and emerging technologies (CET)?

- A. US
- B. UK
- C. France
- D. Japan
- E. Bhutan

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The Correct option is US

Other Information:

* India and US have signed an MoU with the objective of connecting both the countries' dynamic startup ecosystems, particularly in critical and emerging technologies (CET).

* The understanding named 'Enhancing Innovation Ecosystems through an Innovation Handshake' was signed by Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal from the Indian side, who is on a 4-day US visit.

* Aim: To be poised to positively impact economic activity, attract investment, and generate employment.

91. In November 2023, which of the following cities the second edition of the Global Media Congress will be conducted?

- A. New York
- B. Abu Dhabi
- C. London
- D. Paris
- E. Dubai

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The Correct option is Abu Dhabi

Other Information:

* The second edition of the Global Media Congress commences at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre, Organised by the Emirates News Agency (WAM)

* The opening ceremony was AI infused , with virtual anchors and avatars guiding the proceedings, adding a futuristic touch to the inauguration.

* Five new features include an innovation and startups platform, a dedicated training and education platform, and sessions discussing challenges and opportunities in the media sector.

92.The Ministry of Railways is participating in the 42nd India International Trade Fair 2023 with the theme _____

- A. VasudhaivaKutumbakam - United by Trade
- B. Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- C. Vocal For Local, Local to Global.
- D. Ease of Doing Business
- E. None of the above

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The Correct option is “VasudhaivaKutumbakam - United by Trade”

Other Information:

* The Ministry of Railways is participating in the 42nd India International Trade Fair (IITF) – 2023 with the theme of IITF 2023- “VasudhaivaKutumbakam - United by Trade” being organized from 14th to 27th November 2023 in New Delhi.

* Also, Railways’ commitment toward Net Zero Carbon emission is depicted in the pavilion.

* Many facets of Indian Railways have been highlighted like technological & structural advances through photos, translites, models, etc.

93.Who among the following became the First Woman to Skydive from Mt Everest?

- A. Junko Tabei
- B. Eiko Miyazaki
- C. Bachendri Pal
- D. Shital Mahajan
- E. Methali Raj

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Shital Mahajan

Other Information:

- * Shital Mahajan become First Woman to Skydive from Mt Everest
- * Indian skydiver Shital Mahajan jumped off a helicopter from the height of 21,500 ft in front of the world's highest peak, Mt Everest.
- * She became the first woman to do so.
- * Mahajan landed at Kalapatthar peak at an altitude 17,444ft.
- * Mahajan is a well-known Indian skydiver who holds several skydiving records and is the recipient of the fourth highest civilian award, the Padma Shri in 2001.

94. In November 2023, which of the following company with utelsat OneWeb have been granted the requisite licences to provide satellite internet services in India?

- A. Jio
- B. Airtel
- C. BSNL
- D. Idea
- E. Vodafone

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Jio

Other Information:

- * Jio Satellite Communications Ltd and Eutelsat OneWeb have been granted the requisite licences to provide satellite internet services in India.
- * Both companies hold the GMPCS (Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite) licence, alongside a pan-India ISP (Internet Service Provider) licence.
- * As reported by the Financial Express, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) allocated ISP-A and a VSAT (Very Small Aperture Terminal) licence to OneWeb.

95. In November 2023 the Association of Asia-Pacific Airlines (AAPA) has set a target for its members to adopt 5% sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) usage by which of the following years?

- A. 2029
- B. 2027
- C. 2028
- D. 2030
- E. 2026

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is 2030

Other Information:

- * The Association of Asia-Pacific Airlines (AAPA) has set a target for its members to adopt 5% sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) usage by 2030 to reduce carbon emissions, signalling demand to fuel producers.
- * The decision was announced at the association's 67th assembly of presidents, highlighting challenges such as limited SAF availability and cost.
- * The industry is stressing that our position is feedstock and pathway agnostic.

96. In November 2023, which of the following countries has signed a contract to supply Igla-S hand-held anti-aircraft missiles to India and allow production of the Igla there under licence?

- A. Indonesia
- B. Russia
- C. India
- D. France
- E. Korea

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is

Other Information:

* Russia has signed a contract to supply Igla-S hand-held anti-aircraft missiles to India and allow production of the Igla there under licence.

* The Igla-S is a man-portable air defence system (MANPADS) that can be fired by an individual or crew to bring down an enemy aircraft.

* India is the world's largest arms importer and Russia remains its largest supplier despite the damage to the reputation of its army and weaponry from the war in Ukraine.

97.

In November 2023, which of the following astronomy companies launched 29th cargo mission to the International Space Station?

- A. Galactic
- B. Rocket Lab
- C. SpaceX
- D. ASTRO Command
- E. Capella Space

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is SpaceX

Other Information:

* SpaceX's next robotic cargo mission to the International Space Station CRS-29—has been take off.

* The mission is set to launch on a Falcon 9 from Launch Complex 39A at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida

* The CRS-29 mission carries crucial scientific experiments and technology demonstrations, including optical communications equipment and instruments for measuring atmospheric waves

* According to NASA the results of this study could help improve bone health here on Earth

98. In November 2023, which of the following states PM launched Pradhan Mantri Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) Development Mission?

- A. Assam
- B. Jharkhand
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Nagaland
- E. Uttar Pradesh

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Jharkhand

Other Information:

* PM launched Pradhan Mantri Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) Development Mission on the occasion of third Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas in Jharkhand.

* He also launch 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' to ensure saturation of flagship govt schemes

* Aim: To reach out to people and create awareness and provide benefits of welfare schemes like sanitation facilities, essential financial services, electricity connections, reliable healthcare, clean drinking water and others.

99. What is the ranked of India in the world in the inclusiveness index published at California University, United States?

- A. 117th
- B. 100th
- C. 120th
- D. 119th
- E. 110th

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is 117th

Other Information:

* India is ranked 117th in the list of 129 countries in the world in the inclusiveness index published at California University, United States.

* New Zealand finished first in the index for the second consecutive year. Portugal recorded its best showing by securing second place followed by the Netherlands in third place.

* The index examines inclusivity in terms of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and the general population using several measures.

100. In November 2023, which of the following states became the first state in the country to implement the Uniform Civil Code?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Gujarat
- D. Assam
- E. Kerala

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Uttarakhand

Other Information:

* Uttarakhand is reportedly set to become the first state in the country to implement the Uniform Civil Code.

* The UCC is a proposal to formulate and implement personal laws that will apply uniformly to all citizens regardless of their religion, gender, or sexual orientation.

* Aim: To strengthen the social fabric, promote gender equality, and help fight economic, social, and religious inequalities.

* The code comes under Article 44 of the Constitution.

101. In November 2023, which of the following cricketers ICC announced the ICC Hall of Fame?

- A. Charlotte Edwards
- B. Abdul Qadir

- C. Shivnarine Chanderpaul
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is All of the above

Other Information:

* Three greats of the game have become the latest people to be inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame.

* The ICC announced a trio of additions to the ICC Hall of Fame with Pakistan legend Abdul Qadir, England trailblazer Charlotte Edwards and West Indies great Shivnarine Chanderpaul the latest inductees.

* Pakistan spinner Qadir joins the ranks following an illustrious career that saw him appear in 67 Test matches and 104 ODI games for his country over a 13-year period.

102. In November 2023, who among the following has been nominated in the Best Global Music Performance category for Grammy awards 2024?

- A. Falguni Shah
- B. Shreya Ghoshal
- C. Neha Kakkar
- D. Sunidhi Chauhan
- E. Monali Thakur

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Falguni Shah

Other Information:

* The song about millets featuring Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been nominated in the Best Global Music Performance category for Grammy awards 2024.

* The song features Indian-American Grammy-winning singer Falu (Falguni Shah) and her husband and singer Gaurav Shah.

* The track, titled Abundance of Millets, talks about the health benefits and the government's efforts to promote the cereal.

103. Which of the following mobile companies has launched its set of generative AI model at the company's AI Forum 2023?

- A. Samsung
- B. One Plus
- C. Apple
- D. Oppo
- E. Google

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Samsung

Other Information:

* Korean smartphone maker Samsung has launched its set of generative AI model called Samsung Gauss at the company's AI Forum 2023. Developed by Samsung Research, Gauss consists of three tools: a generative AI model called Samsung Gauss Language, a coding assistant called Samsung Gauss Code.

* The generative AI model "is named after Carl Friedrich Gauss, the legendary mathematician who established normal distribution theory, the backbone of machine learning and AI."

104. Who among the following has been appointed as the Head of Digital Channels of Bank of Baroda?

- A. Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- B. Sujith Narayanan
- C. Kadgatoor Sheetal Venkatesmur
- D. Sameer Nigam
- E. Sundar Pichai

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Kadgator Sheetal Venkatesmur

Other Information:

- * Bank of Baroda appoints Kadgator Sheetal Venkatesmurt as the Head of Digital Channels.
- * The move reflects the bank's commitment to strengthening its digital initiatives.
- * Aspiring candidates for banking exams need to stay updated on industry-specific developments.
- * It highlights the impact of technology and digitalization on the banking sector.
- * The 'Digital India' initiative has been a catalyst for the digital transformation in the banking industry.

105. Who among the following chess players won the FIDE Women's Grand Swiss 2023 at the Isle of Man in the UK?

- A. Vidit Gujrathi
- B. Koneru Humpy
- C. Batkhuyag Munguntuul
- D. R Vaishali
- E. Alexandr Predke

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is R Vaishali

Other Information:

- In Chess, R Vaishali defeated Mongolia's Batkhuyag Munguntuul to win FIDE Women's Grand Swiss 2023 at the Isle of Man in UK.
- Vidit Gujrathi beat Alexandr Predke of Serbia to record his seventh victory in the event and take the top spot in open section.
- Vaishali became the first Indian to win the Grand Swiss and will have her task cut out in the Candidates alongside India's first woman Grandmaster - Koneru Humpy.

106. Who among the following has been appointed as its 'UPI Safety Ambassador' by the National Payments Corporation of India?

- A. Ayushman Khurana
- B. Rajkumar Rao
- C. Pankaj Tripathi
- D. Vicky Kaushal
- E. Kartik Aryan

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Pankaj Tripathi

Other Information:

- The National Payments Corporation of India has announced the appointment of actor Pankaj Tripathi as its 'UPI Safety Ambassador.'
- Aim: To strengthen safety awareness on digital payment platforms
- This move comes in the wake of ongoing discussions regarding the safety and security of digital payment platforms, particularly United Payments Interface.
- NPCI's initiatives such as UPI, RuPay, and IMPS, reach the farthest corners of India, including cities, and villages.

107.

What is India's contribution to the global tuberculosis cases, according to the Global Tuberculosis Report 2023?

- A. 15%
- B. 20%
- C. 27%
- D. 30%
- E. 35%

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is 27%

Other Information:

- The Global Tuberculosis Report 2023, issued by the WHO offered a mixed bag for India.
- While India improved case detection for TB and was able to cover the losses made during the pandemic in this regard, it missed major milestones.
- India, incidentally, accounts for the highest TB burden across the world contributing 27% of all the TB cases followed by Indonesia (10%) and China (7.1%).
- The current report of 2023 gives figures on various indicators of TB for 2022.

108. Recently Women's captain Meg Lanning has announced her retirement from international cricket, belongs to which of the following countries?

- A. England
- B. South Africa
- C. Australia
- D. Zimbabwe
- E. New Zealand

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Australia

Other Information:

- Australian Women's captain Meg Lanning has announced her retirement from international cricket.
- Meg Lanning quit international cricket after winning seven World Cup titles during a 241-match career.
- Lanning, with two ICC Women's Cricket World Cup wins and five ICC Women's T20 World Cup victories to her name, retires from cricket at 31.
- She has scored over 8,000 runs in all formats for her nation.
- She won her first ICC trophy at the T20 World Cup in Sri Lanka in 2012.

109. In November 2023, which of the following drones is set to boost the surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities of the Indian Army?

- A. Dassault nEUROn
- B. Hermes-900
- C. AgEagle Aerial Sys
- D. General Atomics MQ-9 Reaper
- E. AAI RQ-7 Shadow

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Hermes-900

Other Information:

- The induction of the Heron Mark-2 drones along with the planned induction of the Hermes-900 drones is set to boost the surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities of the Indian Army.
- Aim: To boost the reconnaissance and surveillance capability of the Indian Army also their teaming with combat helicopters, which will prove to be a game changer in the third dimension
- India is also expected to receive 31 General Atomics MQ-9B Sky Guardian drones for the Army and IAF.

110. Which of the following states secured the first position in National Games 2023?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Haryana
- C. Odisha
- D. Himachal Pradesh
- E. Madhya Pradesh

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is Maharashtra.

Other Information:

- Maharashtra secured the first position in National Games 2023 and bagged 208 medals including 71 gold.
- Services Sport Control Board also continued its second position in medal tally with a total of 117 medals including 59 Gold medals.
- Haryana stands at third position with a total of 161 medals including 53 gold medals.
- In women's Kabaddi, HP won a gold medal and Haryana got a silver medal.
- Female Kho-kho gold was won by Maharashtra and Odisha got a silver medal.

111. Which of the following universities secured top rank in Asia in QS Asia University Rankings 2024?

- A. IIT Delhi
- B. National University of Singapore
- C. University of Hong Kong
- D. Peking University of China
- E. IIT Bombay

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Peking University of China

Other Information:

- Quacquarelli Symonds unveiled the QS Asia University Rankings 2024.
- Peking University of China retained its top rank in Asia for the second consecutive year, while the University of Hong Kong ascended to second place, and the National University of Singapore (NUS) claimed the third spot.
- Two Indian institutions, IIT Bombay and IIT Delhi, secured positions within the top 50.
- IIT Bombay secured the 40th position in the Asian rankings.

112. In November 2023, which of the following countries ranked first at lowest for employees by a recent global survey?

- A. Germany
- B. China
- C. India
- D. Turkey
- E. Japan

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Turkey

Other Information:

- * A recent global survey has ranked Turkey at the top and India at second spot while keeping Japan at lowest for employees.
- * The survey was conducted by McKinsey Health Institute, and it assessed employees' physical, mental, social and spiritual health before arriving at the conclusions.
- * Turkey scored highest at 78%, followed by India at 76% and China at 75 %, way higher than the global average of 57 per cent.
- * Japan scored a mere 25 per cent in the poll.

113. Who among the following won the gold medal in archery at National game 2023?

- A. Ankita Bhakat
- B. Deepika Kumari
- C. Simranjeet Kaur
- D. Bhajan Kaur
- E. Dola Banerjee

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Deepika Kumari

Other Information:

* Former World No. 1 archer Deepika Kumari was the standout performer, securing two gold medals and a silver at National game 2023.

* Meanwhile, Olympian Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar won gold in the mens 50m Rifle 3-position shooting event in Manderem.

* In the recurve category, Maharashtra, currently leading the table, along with third-placed Haryana and Assam, claimed additional gold medals to conclude the archery events.

114. In November 2023, which of the following organizations secured its Grassroots Football award in 2023?

- A. Uzbekistan Football Association
- B. Lebanese Football Association
- C. The Football Association of Hong Kong
- D. All India Football Federation
- E. Guam Football Association

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is All India Football Federation

Other Information:

- All India Football Federation has secured its second Grassroots Football award in 2023, having earned the same recognition back in 2014.
- The accomplishment reflects AIFF's commitment to promoting football at the grassroots level, characterized by several innovative initiatives.

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- Platinum: Uzbekistan Football Association
- Diamond: Lebanese Football Association
- Gold: Football Association of Hong Kong
- Ruby: Guam Football Association

115. Which of the following countries won bronze medal at the Sultan of Johor Cup 2023?

- A. Pakistan
- B. India
- C. Germany
- D. China
- E.

Japan

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is India

Other Information:

- India's junior men's team beat Pakistan in penalty shootout to finish its campaign with a bronze medal at the Sultan of Johor Cup 2023
- Defending champion India bounced back from loss to Germany in the semifinals, defeating Pakistan to clinch its ninth medal in 11 editions of the under-21 tournament
- This victory marked India's third title in the Sultan of Johor Cup. The junior men's hockey team had previously won the prestigious Johor Bahru Cup twice in 2013 and 2014.

116. In November 2023, which of the following states Bharat Botanics announced the opening of its wood-pressed cold oil processing facility?

- A. Kerala
- B. Odisha
- C. Gujarat
- D. Assam
- E. Rajasthan

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Gujarat

Other Information:

- Bharat Botanics announced the opening of its wood-pressed cold oil processing facility in Gondal, Rajkot Gujarat.
- This 16,000 square feet automated facility is one of its kind, promoting 100% hygiene and transparency.
- At Bharat Botanics facility, seeds are crushed using traditional "Wooden Ghani's" with the cold-pressed technique, resulting in natural, chemical-free edible oils rich in healthy nutrients, natural flavor, and a scintillating aroma.

117. Which of the following countries won women's Hockey in Asian Champions Trophy 2023?

- A. India
- B. Japan
- C. China
- D. South Korea
- E. Pakistan

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is India

Other Information:

* In Hockey, the Indian women's team dethroned Japan to crown themselves Asian Champions Trophy winners.

* India overcame the two-time champions through goals from Sangita Kumari, Neha, Laremsiami and Vandana Katariya.

* India won their maiden Asian Champions Trophy title in 2016 in Singapore, while Japan bagged the crown twice, in 2013 and 2021.

* Asian Games champions China beat South Korea to secure third place.

118. Which of the following word has become the word of the year 2023 by Collins Dictionary?

- A. AI
- B. Permacrisis
- C. NFT
- D. Lockdown
- E. Climate strike

Answer :- A

Solution :- I

The correct option is AI

Other Information:

* Collins Dictionary has named “AI” as its word of the year, defining it as an “abbreviation for artificial intelligence: the modelling of human mental functions by computer programs.”

* Considered to be the next great technological revolution, AI has seen rapid development and has been much talked about in 2023,” the UK-based dictionary publisher

* While AI’s capabilities in mimicking human speech fascinated people at first, they were also the source of some anxiety.

119. Which of the following countries would host the 24th Asian Archery Championships in 2025?

- A. India
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Thailand
- D. China
- E. South Korea

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is India

Other Information:

* Bangladesh will host the 24th Asian Archery Championships in 2025 after winning votes in the bid at the World Archery Asia Congress held in Bangkok, Thailand.

* A total of twenty four member countries of the Asian continent participated in the congress.

* Bangladesh and China applied for bids as host countries for the 24th Asian Archery Championship

* The 23rd Asian Archery Championship will begin on Sunday (Nov 5) in Bangkok, Thailand.

120. Who among the following equals Sachin Tendulkar's highest number of 49 centuries in One Day Internationals?

- A. Yuvraj Singh
- B. Rohit Sharma
- C. Virat Kohli
- D. MS Dhoni
- E. David Warner

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Virat Kohli

Other Information:

* Virat Kohli hit an unbeaten 101 runs equaling Sachin Tendulkar's record of highest number of 49 centuries in One Day Internationals. Virat touched the milestone in 277 innings as against Tendulkar's 452 innings.

* He was adjudged Player of the match.

* The next batter on the list of most ODI centuries is current captain Rohit Sharma, who has scored 31 centuries.

* India is currently at Number one position with 14 points followed by South Africa at 2nd place with 12 points.

121.

Which Indian bowler has taken most wickets in World Cup 2023?

- A. Hardik Pandya
- B. Mohammed Siraj
- C. Mohammed Shami
- D. Ravindra Jadeja
- E. Kuldeep Yadav

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Mohammed Shami

Other Information:

* Mohammed Shami created history with his match-winning five-wicket haul against Sri Lanka at the ODI World Cup.

* Overtaking bowling icons Zaheer Khan and Javagal Srinath, pace ace Shami became the leading wicket-taker for India at the ODI World Cup.

* He surpassed Javagal Srinath and Zaheer Khan's joint record, both of who have 44 wickets to their names.

* He has taken 14 wickets so far in just three matches in world cup 2023.

122. Who among the following has been chosen for the Kerala Jyothi Award 2023 instituted by the Kerala government?

- A. MT Vasudevan Nair
- B. T. Padmanabhan
- C. Joysree Goswami Mahanta
- D. Rita Choudhury
- E. Deou Langkhui

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is T. Padmanabhan

Other Information:

* Eminent writer T. Padmanabhan has been chosen for the Kerala Jyothi Award 2023 instituted by the Kerala government.

* He was selected for the highest civilian honour by the government considering his contributions in the field of Malayalam literature.

* The State also announced other 'Kerala Puraskarngals', the highest award given by the government to distinguished personalities who have made outstanding contributions in various spheres of social life.

123. Who among the following won the record eighth Ballon d'Or 2023 for the best player in the world?

- A. Cristiano Ronaldo
- B. Lionel Messi
- C. Lev Yashin
- D. Emiliano Martinez
- E. Karim Benzema

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Lionel Messi

Other Information:

- Argentina captain Lionel Messi won a record eighth Ballon d'Or for the best player in the world beating Norway's UEFA player of the year and treble winner Erling Haaland of Manchester City to the prestigious prize.
- Spain's Women's World Cup winner and Barcelona midfielder Aitana Bonmati won the women's Ballon d'Or.
- Earlier, Messi's World Cup-winning teammate Emiliano Martinez won the Lev Yashin Award for the world's best goalkeeper.

124. In November 2023, which of the following Kerala's cities was officially designated as a Unesco City of Literature?

- A. Kochi
- B. Kozhikode
- C. Kollam
- D. Alappuzha
- E. Thiruvananthapuram

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Kozhikode

Other Information:

- Kerala's Kozhikode city was officially designated as a Unesco City of Literature.
- This recognition makes Kozhikode the first city in India to receive this title.
- Unesco formally conveyed the honour to the Kozhikode Corporation as the city joined the ranks of 55 newly selected creative cities.
- Kozhikode Corporation Mayor Beena Philip expressed her enthusiasm for achievement, emphasizing that the "City of Literature" title is a remarkable acknowledgement of the city's

125. Which of the following missions ISRO's Flight Test Vehicle Abort Mission-1 (TV-D1) is a crucial test?

- A. AdityaL-1
- B. Mangalyaan
- C. Chandrayaan-3
- D. Gaganyaan
- E. None of the above

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The Correct Answer is Gaganyaan

Other Information:

- * The Flight Test Vehicle Abort Mission-1 (TV-D1) is a part of the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) human space mission, Gaganyaan.
- * The purpose of the mission is to demonstrate the ability to launch humans into low earth orbit and safely bring them back to Earth.
- * The TV-D1 is a single-stage liquid rocket that carries the Crew Module (CM) and Crew Escape Systems (CES).

126. Narges Mohammadi, who won the 2023 Nobel Prize for Peace, is from which of the following countries?

- A. Israel
- B. Iran
- C. UAE
- D. Oman
- E. Iraq

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The Correct Answer is Iran

Other Information:

- * The Norwegian Nobel Committee has honored Iranian activist Narges Mohammadi with the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize.
- * She is being recognized "For her fight against the oppression of women in Iran and her fight to promote human rights and freedom for all".

127. Which of the following country's kabaddi team has clinched the Asian Games title in 2023?

- A. Iran
- B. Indonesia
- C. India
- D. Pakistan
- E. China

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The Correct Answer is India

Other Information:

* Indian men's kabaddi team defeated Iran 33-29 to win the gold medal in the Asian Games 2023, which recently concluded.

* Indian men team won their 8th Gold medal in 9 editions of the sport in Asian Games.

* India women's kabaddi team has defeated Taiwan in the final earlier.

128.What is the name of the Operation launched by India, to bring back its citizens from Israel and Palestine?

- A. Operation Ajay
- B. Operation Abhay
- C. Operation Atal
- D. Operation Arun
- E. None of the above

Answer :- A

Solution :-

Correct Answer: Operation Ajay

Other Information:

* India declared the initiation of "Operation Ajay" recently, which aims to bring back Indian citizens from both Israel and Palestine.

* According to estimates, around 18,000 Indians are currently residing in Israel.

* The attacks against Israel by Hamas militants from Gaza and Israel's retaliation has left thousands of people dead and injured.

129.Which of the following countries 'Mohamed Muizzu' was elected as the President?

- A. Mauritius
- B. South Africa
- C. Maldives
- D. Malaysia
- E. Indonesia

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The Correct Answer is the Maldives

Other Information:

* Mohamed Muizzu has won the Maldives' recent presidential election. Mohamed Muizzu's take over has been scheduled on November 17.

* After his triumph over the incumbent Ibrahim Solih, Muizzu declared that his top priority upon assuming office would be to reduce foreign footprint in the Maldives by restricting the quantity of troops stationed in the country.

* Indian military personnel are stationed in Maldives to operate the aircraft and choppers.

130. The European Parliament has designated which of the following countries as state sponsor of terrorism?

- A. China
- B. Russia
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Pakistan
- E. France

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Russia

Other Information:

* The European Parliament has designated Russia a state sponsor of terrorism. It has argued that its military strikes on Ukrainian civilian targets such as energy infrastructure, hospitals, schools and shelters violated international law.

* Though the European Union does not have a legal framework in place to back it up, the bloc has already imposed unprecedented sanctions on Russia over its invasion of Ukraine.

131. Which of the following countries has appointed its first representative to fight Islamophobia?

- A. USA
- B. Canada
- C. New Zealand
- D. Germany
- E. France

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Canada

Other Information:

* Canada has appointed its first special representative on combatting Islamophobia as the government seeks to tackle hatred after a series of attacks targeting members of Muslim communities in the country in recent years.

* Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that human rights advocate Amira Elghawaby would hold the post, to offer advice on government policies, legislation and other programmes.

132. Li Qiang has been named as the next Premier of which of the following countries?

- A. China
- B. Japan
- C. South Korea
- D. North Korea
- E. France

Answer :- A

Solution :-

The correct option is China

Other Information:

* China named Li Qiang as the country's next premier. Li, the close confidant of top leader Xi Jinping, was nominated by Xi and appointed to the position at the session of National People's Congress, China's ceremonial parliament.

* The appointment came a day after Xi Jinping secured a norms-breaking third five-year term as state leader.

133.

Which of the following Indian Air Force fighters is converting to the Su-30 MKI?

- A. Mikoyan MiG-29
- B. Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-21
- C. Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-25
- D. HAL HF-24 Marut
- E. Dassault Mirage 2000

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-21

Other Information:

* The Number 4 Squadron (Oorials) of the Indian Air Force (IAF) based at Air Force Station Uttarlai (Barmer) is converting from the MiG-21 to the Su-30 MKI.

* The MiG-21 was the first supersonic fighter in service of the IAF and was inducted in 1963.

* The conversion of this squadron to Su-30 MKI implies that the IAF now operates only two squadrons of the MiG-21. The IAF remains committed to phasing out the MiG-21 aircraft by the year 2025.

134.

Which of the following countries will organized 2034 Men FIFA World Cup?

- A. Spain
- B. France

- C. Saudi Arabia
- D. Germany
- E. Switzerland

Answer :- C

Solution :-

The correct option is Saudi Arabia

Other Information:

* Saudi Arabia was the only football association to present a bid to host the 2034 FIFA World Cup before the deadline closed, soccer's global governing body FIFA confirmed.

* FIFA had invited bids from Asia and Oceania for the tournament and Saudi Arabia announced it would bid only minutes after the announcement.

* It also confirmed that the sole confirmation of interest in hosting the 2030 World Cup came from Morocco, Portugal, Spain and Uruguay, hosting celebratory games.

135. Who among the following won the second Rohini Nayar Prize 2023 for the work on empowering tribal women in Bastar, Chhattisgarh?

- A. Baba Amte
- B. Deenanath Rajput
- C. Anshu Gupta
- D. Prakash Amte
- E. Atul Kasbekar

Answer :- B

Solution :-

The correct option is Deenanath Rajput

Other Information:

* The 2nd Rohini Nayar Prize 2023 for outstanding contribution to rural development was presented to Deenanath Rajput, an engineer-turned-social worker, for his work on empowering tribal women in Bastar, Chhattisgarh.

* The prize was presented in memory of late economist-administrator Rohini Nayar.

* It came with a trophy and cash prize of Rs 10 lakh.

* His work has included providing agricultural extension services to farmers and building cold storage infrastructure.

136. In October 2023, which of the following organizations topped firm Fairwork India 2023?

- A. Swiggy
- B. Urban Company
- C. Zomato
- D. Big Basket
- E. BluSmart

Answer :- D

Solution :-

The correct option is Big Basket

Other Information:

* Tata-owned Big Basket scored the overall highest score of 6 out of 10 points according to research firm Fairwork India 2023.

* Big Basket, BluSmart, Zomato, Urban Company, and Swiggy scored the highest points in the Fairwork India Report 2023.

* Fairwork assessed platforms against five principles: fair pay, fair conditions, fair contracts, fair management, and fair representation

* Ride-hailing majors Uber and Ola, along with Porter, are the worst platforms for gig workers



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