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1. In June 2023, the cabinet approved the introduction of the National Research Foundation (NRF) Bill, 2023. In the context of this bill, which of the following department would be the administrative Department of NRF?

- A. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- B. Department of Science and Technology
- C. Department of Economic Affairs
- D. Department of Expenditure

Ans: B

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Department of Science and Technology'.

Other information:

* The Union Cabinet approved the introduction of the National Research Foundation (NRF) Bill, 2023, in parliament.

* Aim: To pave the way to establish NRF that will seed, grow and promote research and development (R&D) and foster a culture of research and innovation throughout India's universities, colleges, research institutions, and R&D laboratories

* The Department of Science and Technology (DST) will be the administrative Department of NRF.

2. Who among the following has been appointed as the part-time chairman of the Federal Bank?

- A. Shyam Srinivasan
- B. Harsh Dugar
- C. Johnson K Jose
- D. AP Hota

Ans: D

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'AP Hota'.

Other information:

* The Reserve Bank of India has given its approval to the Federal Bank for the appointment of AP Hota as part-time chairman, with effect from June 29, 2023, till January 14, 2026.

* In 2018, he was appointed as an Independent Director of Federal Bank Limited.

* He has also worked at RBI as a nominee director to the Board of Vijaya Bank and Andhra Bank.

* He was the architect of NPCI and served as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer between 2009- 2017.



3. Who among the following has been sworn in as the Prime Minister of Greece for a second term?

- A. Aléxis Tsípras
- B. Katerina Sakellaropoulou
- C. Kyriakos Mitsotakis
- D. Dora Bakoyannis

Ans: C

Sol:

* 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.

4. 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

Ans: D

Sol:

* 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



5. 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. Pixxel Space India Pvt

Ans: D

Sol:

* 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.

6. 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

Ans: B

Sol:

* 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

7. 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



Ans: B

Sol:

* 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.

8. Name the women golf player, who has won the Ladies European Tour (LET) at the Tipsport Czech Ladies Open 2023?

A. Aditi Ashok

B. Diksha Dagar

C. Pranavi Urs

D. Trichat Cheenglab

Ans: B

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Diksha Dagar'.

Other information:

* Indian golf player, Diksha Dagar has secured her second Ladies European Tour (LET) at the Tipsport Czech Ladies Open 2023.

* In the final, she defeated Trichat Cheenglab of Thailand.

* She hails from Jhajjar in Haryana.

* In 2019, she won her first LET title at the South African Women's Open, held in Cape Town.

* After Aditi Ashok, Diksha Dagar is the only other Indian woman golfer to have won two or more LET titles.

* She represented India at the Tokyo 2022 Olympics.

9. India's first hydrogen-powered trains are expected to start from _____.

A. Jind

B. Kutch

C. Jaisalmer

D. Leh

Ans: A

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Jind'.



Other information:

- * The first hydrogen-powered trains in India are expected to start from the Jind district of Haryana by the end of this year, 2023.
- * The officials of Northern Railway informed that the plant development has entered the final phase and hydrogen will be produced from water.
- * The Hydrogen fuel-based train of eight bogies will be environment friendly.
- * Presently, trains are being run on diesel and electricity.
- * The officials claimed that hydrogen-powered trains are running only in Germany.

10. In June 2023, which of the following countries approved a new immigration law designed to attract skilled workers to the country?

- A. The USA
- B. Canada
- C. Germany
- D. Japan

Ans: C

Sol:

- * The correct answer is 'Germany'.

Other information:

- * The German Parliament has approved a new immigration law designed to attract skilled workers to the country.
- * Reason: Nation is suffering from an unprecedented labour shortage
- * The law was initiated by the governing center-left coalition of the Social Democrats, the liberal Free Democrats, and the Greens.
- * The law includes a points-based system that lowers entry hurdles for work visa applicants according to their professional qualifications, age, and language skills.

11. As of June 2023, how many states' highest honours have been conferred to India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi, over the last 9 years?

- A. 12
- B. 11
- C. 13
- D. 15

Ans: C

Sol:

- * The correct answer is '13'.

Other information:

- * Egypt President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi has conferred the 'Order of the Nile', the highest honour of Egypt to India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- * The 'Order of the Nile' was instituted in 1915, which is conferred upon heads of state, crown princes, and vice presidents who offer Egypt or humanity invaluable services.
- * Over the last 9 years, PM Modi has received many international awards and this is the 13th highest state honour conferred upon PM Modi.



12. What is the rank of India in the Global competitiveness index 2023, published by the International Institute for Management Development (IMD)?

- A. 43rd
- B. 44th
- C. 40th
- D. 42nd

Ans: C

Sol:

* The correct answer is '40th'.

Other information:

* According to the Global competitiveness index 2023, published by International Institute for Management Development (IMD), India has ranked 40 out of 64 economies in its annual report.

* Denmark, Ireland, and Switzerland took the top three places.

* Switzerland ranked fourth, followed by the Netherlands, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Sweden, the USA, and UAE.

* The report uses a combination of surveys, statistical data, and trends to benchmark competitiveness around the world.

13. Which of the following cities has topped the Global Liveability Index 2023 ranking, published by the Economic Intelligence Unit (EIU)?

- A. Melbourne
- B. Sydney
- C. Copenhagen
- D. Vienna

Ans: D

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Vienna'.

Other information:

* According to the Global Liveability Index 2023 published by the Economic Intelligence Unit (EIU), Vienna in Austria has topped the ranking of the most liveable cities.

* While Copenhagen in Denmark placed second on the list, followed by Melbourne and Sydney.

* Damascus in Syria and Tripoli in Libya remained at the bottom of the liveability index.

* From India, New Delhi and Mumbai are at 141st position and Chennai at 144th.



14. In June 2023, Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar unveiled a face authentication feature on the PM-Kisan mobile app. In the context of PM-KISAN, what does 'S' stand for?

- A. Sadhan
- B. Sansar
- C. Sakshar
- D. Samman

Ans: D

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Samman'.

Other information:

* Agriculture Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar has unveiled a new feature on the PM-Kisan mobile app.

* With this feature, farmers can be registered by scanning their faces without a one-time password or fingerprint, by using the "face authentication" feature on the mobile application.

* Under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN), eligible farmers are provided with a financial benefit of Rs 6,000 per year in three equal installments of Rs 2,000 each every four months.

15. Who among the following has been named as the chief executive officer (CEO) of the Alibaba Group?

- A. Daniel Zhang
- B. Eddie Wu
- C. Joe Tsai
- D. Jack Ma

Ans: B

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Eddie Wu'.

Other Information:

* A Chinese e-commerce company, Alibaba Group Holding, Eddie Wu (the chairman of Alibaba's core Taobao) will take over as the chief executive of the company.

* He is one of the co-founders of Alibaba, who first served it as a technology director back in 1999.

* While Joe Tsai will take over as chairman on September 10th, 2023.

* He was appointed as the company's CFO until 2013.

* The present CEO and Chairman Daniel Zhang is planning to step down this year.



16. Consider the following statements with respect to Gender Gap Index 2023?

- 1). The Global Gender Gap Report 2023 is published by World Economic Forum.
- 2). In this index, India has ranked 127, down by 8 spots in 2022
- 3). For the 14th consecutive year, Iceland top the ranking chart.
- 4). According to the report, Bangladesh and Bhutan ranked better than India.

Which of the statements above is/are correct?

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

Ans: B

Sol:

* The correct answer is '1, 3, and 4'.

Other information:

* According to a Gender Gap Index 2023, released by World Economic Forum, India has been ranked 127 out of 146 countries in the Global Gender Gap Report 2023, up by 8 positions from 135 in 2022.

* The report reflects an improvement of 1.4% points.

* India has closed 64.3% of the overall gender gap, marking a partial recovery toward India's 2020 (66.8%) parity level.

* India's neighboring countries rank: Bangladesh (59), Bhutan (103), China (107), Sri Lanka (115), Nepal (116), and Pakistan (142)

* For the 14th year running, Iceland (91.2%) takes the top position.

* While Norway ranked 2nd, followed by Finland, and Sweden.

17. On June 21st, 2023, which of the following Indian city has created history by bagging a Guinness World Record with over 1.53 lakh people participating in a yoga event in one place?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Bhopal
- C. Bangalore
- D. Surat

Ans: D

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Surat'.

Other information:

* The city of Gujarat, Surat has set a Guinness World Record with over 1.53 lakh people participating in a yoga event at one place on the International Day of Yoga (IDY), organized on 21st June.

* Guinness officials handed over the certificate to chief minister Bhupendra Patel at the venue.



- * Two 4km-long stretches of roads, each around 300 meters wide, connecting the Y junction were covered with carpet for participants.
- * The participants were divided into groups of 1,000 each.

18. Petteri Orpo has been elected as the prime minister of _____.

- A. Iceland
- B. Norway
- C. Indonesia
- D. Finland

Ans: D

Sol:

- * The correct answer is 'Finland'.

Other information:

- * Finland's parliament elected conservative Petteri Orpo as prime minister at the head of a four-party coalition.
- * Parliament voted in favor of Orpo, who won the April 2023 elections.
- * He was to be formally appointed as prime minister by President Sauli Niinisto.
- * He taking over from Sanna Marin, whose Social Democrats finished third in the election behind Orpo's National Coalition Party (NCP) and the Finns Party.
- * The new coalition is made up of the smaller Swedish People's Party (RKP) and the Christian Democrats.

19. In June 2023, which of the following government agency has launched the 'Knowledge Sharing' platform?

- A. NHAI
- B. ONGC
- C. BPCL
- D. NAFED

Ans: A

Sol:

- * The correct answer is 'NHAI'.

Other information:

- * National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has launched a 'Knowledge Sharing' platform.
- * This platform will help the authority to join hands with experts and citizens who want to share knowledge and insights related to topics such as road design, environmental sustainability, and related fields.
- * Aim: To encourage sharing of best practices from around the world
- * This platform will also contribute towards the holistic development of NH infrastructure in the country.



20. 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

Ans: A

Sol:

* 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.

21. What is the name of the mascot for the upcoming 37th National Games, that would be held in Goa?

- A. Sheru
- B. Bali
- C. Moga
- D. Millet

Ans: C

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Moga'.

Other information:

* Chief Minister of Goa, Dr Pramod Sawant has launched the mascot named 'Moga' for the upcoming 37th National Games at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium in Taleigao.

* The event was organized by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs and the Sports Authority of Goa.

* The ceremony was attended by the Sports Minister of Goa, Govind Gaude, President of the Indian Olympic Association, Dr. P.T Usha, and Olympic medalist MC Mary Kom.

22. In June 2023, which of the following state's Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Departments launched a web portal for cattle transportation?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Assam
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Odisha



Ans: B

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Assam'.

Other information:

* Assam Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department launched a web portal for cattle transportation, during a program held in Guwahati.

* Aim: To prevent the illegal transportation of cattle

* From now, Livestock farmers and cattle traders can obtain permits required for inter-state transportation of cattle through the website ahvd-cattletrans.assam.gov.in.

* This system is prepared under the Assam Cattle Preservation Act, 2021.

23. 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

Ans: B

Sol:

* 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



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24. 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

Ans: C

Sol:

* 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.

25. 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

Ans: D

Sol:

* 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.

26. 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



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Ans: D

Sol:

* 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.

27. What is the rank of NTPC in the 2023 Forbes' -The Global 2000, released in June 2023?

- A. 485th
- B. 433rd
- C. 486th
- D. 398th

Ans: B

Sol:

* The correct answer is '433rd'.

Other information:

* According to the 2023 Forbes' -The Global 2000, India's largest power generation company, National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) has climbed 52 positions to secure the 433rd rank.

* In the 2022 ranking, the company was on 485th rank.

* The climb of 52 positions has demonstrated the NTPC's emergence as a strong force in the global market.

* 'The Global 2000' List recognizes the world's largest companies based on sales, profits, assets, and market value.

28. In June 2023, which of the following state government has launched a monthly pension scheme of ₹ 10,000 for the Padma awardees from the state?

- A. Punjab
- B. Haryana
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Odisha

Ans: B

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Haryana'.



Other information:

- * Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar has announced a monthly pension of ₹ 10,000 for the Padma awardees from the state.
- * Besides the monthly pension, a free travel facility in the 'Volvo bus' service of the state government for Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan awardees from Haryana.
- * The state government is also giving the benefit of health insurance up to ₹ 5 lakh to families with an annual income of up to ₹ 1.80 lakh.

29. In June 2023, a book titled, 'Rebels Against the Raj: Western Fighters for India's Freedom' won the Elizabeth Longford Prize 2023, which was authored by _____.

- A. Madhav Gadgil
- B. Sujata Keshavan
- C. Ramachandra Guha
- D. Karan Thapar

Ans: C

Sol:

- * The correct answer is 'Ramachandra Guha'.

Other Information:

- * The book 'Rebels Against the Raj: Western Fighters for India's Freedom', authored by Ramachandra Guha has won the £5,000 Elizabeth Longford Prize 2023 for Historical Biography.
- * This book tells the story of seven foreigners (four British, Two American, and one Iris) who joined India's freedom struggle.
- * The list of names includes Annie Besant, B.G. Horniman, Philip Spratt, Richard Ralph Keithahn, Samuel Stokes, Madeline Slade, and Catherine Mary Heilemann.
- * Prize money: £5,000

30. 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

Ans: C

Sol:

- * The correct answer is 'Physics'.

Other information:

- * Vigyan -Vidushi – 2023 has been commenced at the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE), in Mumbai.



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- * 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.

31. 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

Ans: A

Sol:

- * 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

32. In June 2023, which of the following state government has decided to gift GI-tagged Gulabi meenakari handicrafts to G20 delegates?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Uttar Pradesh

Ans: D

Sol:

- * The correct answer is 'Uttar Pradesh'.

Other information:

- * Uttar Pradesh government has decided to gift GI-tagged Gulabi meenakari handicrafts for the visiting delegates from G20 nations.
- * A group of more than 100 trained artisans were mobilized to fulfil the order of Gulabi meenakari peacocks for the G20 delegates.
- * Gulabi meenakari is one of the rarest crafts in India that is practised in the by lanes of Varanasi, near Gai Ghat.
- * The GI certification and ODOP initiative have got new recognition all over the world.



33. In June 2023, 'Ex Ekuverin', a bilateral annual exercise between India and Maldives is being organized in which of the following Indian cities from 11-24 June 2023?

- A. Pithoragarh
- B. Champawat
- C. Chaubatia
- D. Nainital

Ans: C

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Chaubatia'.

Other information:

* The 12th edition of a joint military exercise between the Indian Army & the Maldives National Defence Force, 'Ex Ekuverin' is being commenced at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand from 11 to 24 June 2023.

* Ekuverin meaning 'Friends', is a bilateral annual exercise conducted alternatively in India and Maldives.

* Aim: To enhance the interoperability in Counter Insurgency/ Counter Terrorism Operations under the UN mandate

* The 11th edition of the exercise was held in Maldives in December 2021.

34. Name the state government, which has launched 'Shakti' scheme, that offers free travel to women and transgender people in government-run buses in the state.

- A. Karnataka
- B. Kerala
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Tamil Nadu

Ans: A

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Karnataka'.

Other Information:

* The Karnataka government has rolled out its first of the five poll guarantees, the 'Shakti' scheme, that offers free travel to women and transgender people in government-run buses in the state.

* The scheme was launched by Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah, deputy CM DK Shivakumar and transport minister Ramalinga Reddy.

* They have also issued smart cards to five beneficiaries at an event on the steps of the Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru.

35. Who among the following has authored a book titled, 'The Snow Forest'?

- A. Jose Nunes
- B. Elizabeth Gilbert
- C. Rayya Elias
- D. Michael Cooper



Ans: B

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Elizabeth Gilbert'.

Other information:

* The book titled, 'The Snow Forest', authored by Elizabeth Gilbert will be released in February 2024.

* This book is published by Bloomsbury.

* The novel, "The Snow Forest", is inspired by the true story of the family of religious hermits discovered in Siberia in 1978 who had escaped early 20th century Russia for a life in one of the most inhospitable and uninhabited places on earth.

* He has also authored 'Eat, Pray, Love'.

36. 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

Ans: C

Sol:

* 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.

37. 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 Thakosen

Ans: C

Sol:

* 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 Thaoson, the Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).

38. 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

Ans: C

Sol:

- * 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.

39. 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

Ans: B

Sol:

- * 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.

40. 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

Ans: C

Sol:

- * 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.

41. Who is the author of the graphic novel titled 'Ajay to Yogi Adityanath'?

- A. Shantanu Gupta
- B. Chetan Bhagat
- C. Amrita Pritam
- D. Jhumpa Lahiri

Ans: A

Sol:

- * The correct answer is 'Shantanu Gupta'.

Other information:

- * Noted author Shantanu Gupta has launched his new graphic novel for young readers titled 'Ajay to Yogi Adityanath' based on the life journey of Yogi Adityanath on the Chief Minister's 51st birthday.
- * More than 5,000 children from over 51 schools across different districts of Uttar Pradesh participated in the launch ceremony.
- * Prior to this, author Shantanu Gupta has written two bestseller titles on Yogi Adityanath- The Monk Who Transformed Uttar Pradesh and The Monk Who Became Chief Minister.



42. 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

Ans: A

Sol:

* 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.

43. Consider the following statements, with respect to 5th State Food Safety Index:

- 1). Kerala has topped the index among the larger states category, followed by Tamil Nadu and Punjab.
- 2). Among the smaller states category, Goa leads the index, followed Manipur and Sikkim.
- 3). This Index was launched in 2018-19

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 3
- B. Only 3
- C. 1 and 2
- D. 2 and 3

Ans: D

Sol:

* The correct answer is '2 and 3'.

Other information:

* Union Minister for Health, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has unveiled the 5th State Food Safety Index on the occasion of World Food Safety Day 2022-23 (June 7).

* Among the larger states, Kerala secured the top ranking, followed by Punjab and Tamil Nadu.

* Smaller states: Goa, followed Manipur and Sikkim

* Union Territories: J&K, Delhi and Chandigarh



- * The index has evaluated the performance of states and UTs across six different aspects of food safety.
- * During the event, he has unveiled Rapid Food Testing Kit (RAFT) portal.
- * **About State Food Safety Index (SFSI):**
- * Launched in: 2018-19
- * Aim: To create a competitive and positive change in the food safety ecosystem in the country
- * Developed by: FSSAI

44. 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

Ans: C

Sol:

- * 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.

45. 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

Ans: B

Sol:

- * 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.

46. President Droupadi Murmu was conferred with 'The Grand Order of the Chain of Yellow Star', the highest civilian honor of which country? (June 2023)

- A. Fiji
- B. Palau
- C. Samoa
- D. Suriname

Ans: D

Sol:

- * The correct answer is 'Suriname'.

Other information:

- * Suriname President, Chandrikapersad Santokhi has conferred Suriname's highest civilian honor, The Grand Order of the Chain of Yellow Star, to President of India Droupadi Murmu.
- * She is the first Indian to receive this award.
- * During her visit to Suriname, both countries signed major MoUs in the fields of health, agriculture, and capacity building.
- * These MoUs include a Joint Work Plan for Cooperation in the Field of Agriculture and Allied Sectors for the period of 2023-2027.

47. In June 2023, which of the following state government launched Asia's largest, ambitious and historic cluster development scheme?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Bihar
- C. Odisha
- D. Maharashtra

Ans: D

Sol:

- * The correct answer is 'Maharashtra'.

Other information:

- * Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde has launched Asia's largest, ambitious and historic cluster development scheme in Thane.
- * This scheme was conceptualized for the collective redevelopment of unauthorized and official dangerous buildings after the collapse of the Sairaj Building in Thane.
- * The redeveloped township plan includes well-equipped health, educational, sports, recreational, parking, mandi, and civic facilities.
- * The project will be executed by the CIDCO.
- * Under the project, the integrated redevelopment project will be done on the lines of townships.



48. In June 2023, Indian Navy and DRDO successfully engaged and destroyed an underwater target by using _____ Heavy Weight Torpedo.

- A. Vaayuastra
- B. Agniastra
- C. Neerastra
- D. Varunastra

Ans: D

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Varunastra'.

Other information:

* The Indian Navy and Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) have successfully engaged and destroyed an underwater target using 'Varunastra' Heavy Weight Torpedo (HWT).

* It is a significant milestone in the Indian Navy and DRDO for accurate delivery of ordnance on target in the underwater domain.

* The Indian Navy and Naval Science and Technology Laboratory (NSTL) of DRDO developed 'Varunastra', an advanced Heavy Weight anti-submarine torpedo.

* Recently, the Indian Navy achieved another significant milestone when its MH-60 Romeo helicopter made a successful landing for the first time on the indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant.

49. In June 2023, the Kerala state government launched the K-FON project. In this context, what does 'O' stand for?

- A. Operation
- B. Optic
- C. Overall
- D. Object

Ans: B

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Optic'.

Other information:

* Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan launched the Kerala Fibre Optic Network (KFON) project at Shankaranarayanan Thambi Hall of the State Legislative Assembly.

* Aim: To ensure internet facilities for all at affordable rates in the State

* This project will bridge the digital divide in the society.

* During the first phase of the KFON initiative, Internet facilities will be provided to thirty thousand government institutions and fourteen thousand houses in the State.



50. On the occasion of World Environment Day 2023, PM Modi has launched the 'Amrit Dharohar' and 'MISHTI' schemes. In the context of 'MISHTI' scheme, this scheme is related to _____.

- A. Manchineel
- B. Mango
- C. Mahogany
- D. Mangrove

Ans: D

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Mangrove'.

Other information:

* PM Modi launched two schemes named 'Amrit Dharohar' and 'MISHTI' with an aim to revive the country's wetlands and mangroves.

* **Amrit Dharohar:**

* It will ensure the conservation of the existing Ramsar sites through public participation.

* These sites will become the center of eco-tourism and a source of green jobs for thousands of people

* **MISHTI:**

* It refers to Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats and Tangible Incomes.

* It will help revive and protect the mangrove ecosystem in the country.

* The Centre will cover 80% of the project cost, while state governments will contribute the remaining 20%.

51. Name the Indian university, that emerged as India's highest-placed university and ranked at 52nd rank globally in the 'The Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2023'.

- A. Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences
- B. Manipal Academy of Higher Education
- C. Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati
- D. Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham

Ans: D

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham'.

Other information:

* According to the 'Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2023', Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore has emerged as India's highest-placed university.

* The university is ranked at 52nd rank globally out of 1,591 universities.

* Topped by: Western Sydney University followed by the University of Manchester (UK), Queen's University (Canada), Universiti Sains Malaysia, and the University of Tasmania

* Amrita Vishwa stood out for its efforts toward meeting the UNSDGs.



52. Union Minister of State Jitendra Singh has inaugurated a two-day lavender festival in which of the following town of Jammu & Kashmir?

- A. Kishtwar
- B. Bhaderwah
- C. Srinagar
- D. Sonamarg

Ans: B

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Bhaderwah'.

Other information:

* Union Minister of State Jitendra Singh has inaugurated a two-day lavender festival at Bhaderwah, Jammu & Kashmir.

* He also highlighted that Bhaderwah has emerged as the Lavender capital of India and agri StartUp destination.

* CSIR, Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, Jammu had organized the event as part of its 'One Week One Lab Campaign'.

* The CSIR-Aroma Mission is a flagship project of CSIR under which Lavender cultivation is being promoted in the temperate regions of J&K.

53. In May 2023, the Union health ministry notified the amendment in the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2004. In this context, which of the following statements is/are incorrect?

- 1). The health ministry has amended the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2004 to mandate the display of anti-tobacco warnings and disclaimers on the OTT platform.
- 2). As per the notification, online curated content publishers need to display the anti-tobacco health spots for a minimum of 20 seconds at the beginning and middle of a program.
- 3). An audio-visual disclaimer of a minimum of 20 seconds on the ill effects of tobacco use at the beginning and middle of a program.

Choose the correct code:

- A. Only 1
- B. Only 2
- C. 1 and 2
- D. 1 and 3

Ans: B

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Only 2'.

Other information:

* The Union health ministry has notified the necessary amendments in the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2004, which mandates to display of anti-tobacco warnings and disclaimers on the over-the-top (OTT) platforms



* With this, India has become the first country to make it mandatory for OTT platforms.

* **Features:**

* To display anti-tobacco health spots of a minimum of 30 seconds each at the beginning and middle of a programme.

* An audio-visual disclaimer of a minimum of 20 seconds on the ill effects of tobacco use at the beginning and middle of a program.

* To exhibit anti-tobacco health warnings during the display of tobacco products or their use.

54. Phukot Karnali Hydro Electric Project, which was in the news recently, is a joint project of India and _____.

- A. Bhutan
- B. Cambodia
- C. Indonesia
- D. Nepal

Ans: D

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Nepal'.

Other information:

* NHPC Limited and Vidhyut Utpadan Company Limited (VUCL), Nepal signed an MoU in New Delhi for the development of the Phukot Karnali Hydro Electric Project (480MW) in Nepal.

* The MoU was signed in the presence of PM Narendra Modi and Nepa PMi Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda'.

* The project will use the flow from the Karnali River for power generation and the generated power will be fed into the integrated power system of Nepal.

* The installed capacity of the project shall be 480 MW with an average annual generation of about 2448 GWh.

* **Feature:**

* The project is a 109-metre-high RCC dam and an underground powerhouse where the 06 turbines of 79 MW each shall be housed

* Utilize minimum environmental release of one Surface Power House of 6 MW capacity i.e. two machines of 3 MW each is also planned

* This project is conceived as a Peaking Run-of-River (PRoR) type scheme.

55. In May 2023, India successfully launched the Medium-Range Ballistic Missile Agni-1 from _____.

- A. Odisha
- B. New Delhi
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Kerala



Ans: A

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Odisha'.

Other information:

* India has carried out a successful launch of the Medium-Range Ballistic Missile, Agni-1 from the APJ Abdul Kalam Islands, Odisha.

* It was carried out by the Strategic Forces Command, which is responsible for the management and administration of the country's tactical and nuclear assets.

* Agenda: To validate all operational and technical parameters of the missile

* Agni series of missiles includes Agni-1(700km), Agni-2 (2000), Agni-3 (3000), Agni-4 (4000), and Agni-5 (5000).

56.How many Indian standards related to Ayush have been introduced by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)? (May 2023)

A. 30

B. 31

C. 40

D. 32

Ans: B

Sol:

* The correct answer is '31'.

Other information:

* The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has introduced 31 Indian standards related to Ayush, encompassing 30 herbs and one product, the stainless steel neti pot.

* BIS has established an additional department with a dedicated focus on Ayush for strengthening its standardization framework.

* A Working Group on 'Traditional Medicine' established within the ISO/TC-215 'Health Informatics'.

* BIS also initiated efforts to formulate international standards in collaboration with ISO.

57.In May 2023, Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat launched a portal for GOBARdhan. In the context of GOBARdhan, what does 'O' stand for?

A. Operative

B. Open

C. Obligation

D. Organic

Ans: D

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Organic'.



Other information:

- * The Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has launched the Unified Registration Portal for GOBARdhan.
- * Aim: One-stop repository to assess investment and participation in the Biogas/CBG sector at the pan India level and streamline the process of setting up CBG/Biogas plants in India
- * GOBARdhan refers to Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan.
- * It is a vital umbrella initiative of the Government of India, that aims to convert waste to wealth towards promoting a circular economy.

58. Recently V-dem Democracy report 2023 has been released to measure several democracy indexes. In this context, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. India ranks 108th in the Electoral Democracy Index 2023.
2. Norway is ranked first in the Electoral Democracy Index 2023
3. According to V-Dem data, 72% of the world's population (5.7 billion people) now live in electoral or closed autocracies.

Choose the correct code:

- A. 1 and 2
- B. 1 and 3
- C. 2 and 3
- D. 2 only

Ans: B

Sol:

- * India has been ranked at 108th in the Electoral Democracy Index 2023.
- * Denmark has been ranked first in the Electoral Democracy Index 2023, followed by Switzerland and Sweden.
- * According to V-Dem data, 72% of the world's population (5.7 billion people) now live in electoral or closed autocracies, which is an increase from 46% ten years ago.
- * In all these indexes, 0 is the lowest value and 1 the highest and values of these indexes have been declining since 2014 in India.

59. Which of the following statements is/are correct with respect to first-ever joint military exercise, FRINJEX-23?

1. It is conducted between India and Japan.
2. It will enhance inter-operability, coordination, and cooperation between both forces at the tactical level.
3. The theme for this exercise is based on 'Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Operations in a Contested Environment'.

Choose the correct code:

- A. 1 and 2
- B. 2 and 3
- C. 1 and 3
- D. 2 only



Ans: B

Sol:

* **FRINJEX-23** is the first-ever joint military exercise between **Indian Army** and **French Army**, which is held on 7th and 8th of March 2023 at **Pangode Military Station in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala**.

* The theme for this exercise is based on '**Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Operations in a Contested Environment**'.

* This exercise is unique in its concept and participation with the largest ever contingent being fielded by the Thiruvananthapuram-based Indian Army troops and the French 6th Light Armored Brigade.

* It will further strengthen defence cooperation with France which is a key aspect of the overall Indo-France strategic partnership.

* So, B is the correct answer.

60. Recently, UN World Water Development Report 2023: partnerships and cooperation for water has been launched. In this context, which of the following statement(s) is/are correct?

1. It is published by UNICEF on behalf of UN-Water.
2. As per the report, 2 billion people globally do not have safe drinking water.
3. Only 20% of people living under water stress lived in Asia.

Choose the correct code:

- A. 1 and 2
- B. 2 and 3
- C. 1 and 3
- D. 2 only

Ans: D

Sol:

* 'United Nations World Water Development Report 2023: partnerships and cooperation for water' has been published by UNESCO on behalf of UN-Water and its production is coordinated by the UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme.

* It is an annual report is released on World Water Day (22nd March) every year.

* As per the report, globally, 2 billion people do not have safe drinking water and 3.6 billion lack access to safely managed sanitation.

* The global urban population facing water scarcity is projected to increase from one-third (2016) to nearly half of the global urban population in 2050, with India projected to be the most severely affected.

* The report also projected that 80% of people living under water stress lived in Asia northeast China, as well as India and Pakistan.

* So, D is the correct answer.



61. John Bannister Goodenough, who passed away recently, was conferred with the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in which year?

- A. 2010
- B. 2019
- C. 2020
- D. 2021

Ans: B

Sol:

* The correct answer is '2019'.

Other information:

- * Co-inventor of lithium-ion batteries and co-winner of the 2019 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, John Bannister Goodenough passed away at 101.
- * He shared the 2019 Nobel Prize with Stan Whittingham, a British-American scientist, for discovering that lithium may be held within sheets of titanium sulphide.
- * He was also instrumental in the invention of computer RAM (Random Access Memory).
- * He also worked at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Oxford University.

62. In June 2023, which of the following state government has launched panchayat-level drugs shop scheme to make essential medicines available in remote areas?

- A. Odisha
- B. Assam
- C. Chhattisgarh
- D. Jharkhand

Ans: D

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Jharkhand'.

Other information:

- * Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren launched the panchayat-level drugs shop scheme to make essential medicines available in remote areas
- * The scheme was inaugurated in Chatra district by handing over licenses to three persons for operating the medicine shops in panchayats.
- * A total of 15 people have been selected for licenses in the district so far.
- * The programs like 'Sarkar Aapke Dwar' will be restarted to establish a "real connection with people".

63. 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



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Ans: C

Sol:

* 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

64. 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. Telangana

Ans: D

Sol:

* 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

65. 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



Ans: D

Sol:

* 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.

66. 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

Ans: C

Sol:

* 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

67. 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. Karnataka

Ans: D

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Karnataka'.



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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.

68. Which of the following ministers has launched the "Dugdh Sanakalan Sathi Mobile App"?

- A. Bhupender Yadav
- B. Mahendra Nath Pandey
- C. Piyush Goyal
- D. Arjun Munda

Ans: B

Sol:

- * The correct answer is 'Mahendra Nath Pandey'.

Other information:

- * Union minister of heavy industries, Mahendra Nath Pandey has launched the "Dugdh Sanakalan Sathi Mobile App" in Mussoorie, Uttarakhand.
- * This mobile application was developed by Rajasthan Electronics & Instruments Limited (REIL), a CPSE Mini Ratna under the Ministry of Heavy Industries.
- * Aim: To bring about a significant transformation in the Indian dairy industry by addressing key challenges in the milk collection process.

69. Name the writer who was awarded the 45th European Essay Prize?

- A. Chetan Bhagat
- B. Arundhati Roy
- C. Pradip Krishen
- D. Kiran Desai

Ans: B

Sol:

- * The correct answer is 'Arundhati Roy'.

Other information:

- * Writer and activist, Arundhati Roy has been awarded the 45th European Essay Prize for lifetime achievement on the occasion of the French translation of her latest essay, 'Azadi'.
- * The French translation 'Liberte, fascisme, fiction' appeared in the leading French publishing group, Gallimard.
- * The award ceremony will take place on September 12 at the Lausanne Palace.
- * At the award ceremony, Arundhati Roy will discuss the environment and globalization, caste and language.



70. Name the Metaverse, that was unveiled by Kiya.ai at the prestigious VivaTech event held in Paris 2023?

- A. Indiameta
- B. Sagarmeta
- C. Bharatmeta
- D. AI-meta

Ans: C

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Bharatmeta'.

Other information:

- * Kiya.ai has unveiled its version of the metaverse called Bharatmeta, making it the first of its kind from India, at the prestigious VivaTech event held in Paris 2023.
- * The demonstration took place at the India Pavilion during the event 'VivaTech'.
- * VivaTech is recognized as Europe's largest annual technology and startup gathering.
- * Bharatmeta offers practical use cases for banking, commerce, culture, and collaboration within the metaverse.

71. The 4th and concluding G20 Tourism Working Group meeting along with the Tourism Ministerial Meeting have been held in which Indian state?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Goa
- D. Tamil Nadu

Ans: C

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Goa'.

Other Information:

- * The concluding and last G20 Tourism Working Group meeting along with the Tourism Ministerial Meeting started in Goa on June 19, 2023.
- * Union Minister For Culture, G Kishan Reddy has addressed the first session of "Making Cruise Tourism a Model for Sustainable and Responsible Travel".
- * The minister highlighted that India is one of the potential cruise tourism destinations with many of its best tourist destinations yet to be disclosed to the world.

72. 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



Ans: B

Sol:

* 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.

73. 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

Ans: B

Sol:

* 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.

74. Gitanjali Aiyar, who passed away, was a veteran _____.

A. Actor

B. Writer

C. Journalist

D. Social Activist

Ans: C

Sol:

* The correct answer is 'Journalist'.

Other information:

* Gitanjali Aiyar, one of India's first English female news presenters on national broadcaster Doordarshan, passed away.

* Aiyar joined Doordarshan in 1971 and was awarded the best anchor four times.



- * She also won the Indira Gandhi Priyadarshini Award for Outstanding Women in 1989.
- * She was a diploma holder from the National School of Drama (NSD).
- * She had also been a popular face in several print advertisements and even acted in Sridhar Kshirsagar's TV drama "Khandaan".

75. GalaxEye will launch world's first multi-sensor earth observation satellite, 'Drishti Mission' in 2024, is a incubated space-tech startup of which of the following Indian institute?

- A. IIT Bombay
- B. IIT Madras
- C. IIT Delhi
- D. IIT Kharagpur

Ans: B

Sol:

- * The correct answer is 'IIT Madras'.

Other information:

- * An IIT-Madras-incubated space-tech startup, GalaxEye, is building the world's first multi-sensor earth observation satellite.
- * It will launch its first satellite 'Drishti Mission' in 2024.
- * It is being build the help of a visible spectrum camera providing synchronised imaging that can take multiple images at the same time.
- * GalaxEye is working on deploying a satellite constellation with a first-of-its-kind sensor based on data fusion.
- * Aim: To provide the comprehensive imagery dataset from space

76. In June 2023, the central government has agreed to sanction Rs 12,911 crore to which state government for completing the first phase of Polavaram Project?

- A. Telangana
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Tamil Nadu

Ans: B

Sol:

- * The correct answer is 'Andhra Pradesh'.

Other information:

- * The Andhra Pradesh government has informed that the central government has agreed to sanction Rs 12,911 crore to Andhra Pradesh for completing the first phase of Polavaram Project.
- * The sanctioned amount of Rs 12,911 crore also includes Rs 2,000 crore for the construction of the diaphragm wall, which was washed away due to flood.
- * Polavaram Project is an under construction multi-purpose irrigation project on the Godavari River in Andhra Pradesh.
- * The construction of Earth cum Rock fill dam with three gaps is a major part of this project.



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