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1. On December, 2020 CCEA approved a modified scheme to enhance ethanol distillation capacity in the country for producing 1G ethanol that will be used in _____.

- 1) Paints and varnishes
- 2) Alcoholic beverages
- 3) Petrochemical products
- 4) Beauty products
- 5) Sugar production

Answer- 3) Petrochemical products

Explanation:

On December 30, 2020, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved a modified scheme to enhance ethanol distillation capacity in the country for producing 1st Generation, 1G ethanol from feed stocks such as cereals like rice, wheat, barley, corn and sorghum and sugarcane, sugar beet etc. An interest subvention of Rs 4,573 crore will also be provided for production of ethanol, the government has a fixed target of 10% blending of fuel-grade ethanol with petrol by 2022 and 20% blending by 2030.

2. Which Indian Missile recently got approval from Union Cabinet for export – sales to friendly foreign countries, on December, 2020?

- 1) Helina
- 2) Nag
- 3) Amogha
- 4) Prithvi
- 5) Akash

Answer- 5) Akash

Explanation:

On December 30, 2020, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave its approval to the sale of Akash surface-to-air missile systems to friendly foreign countries. In this regard, it created a high-powered Committee comprising Defence Minister Affairs Minister and National Security Advisor-NSA to provide faster approvals for export of such platforms. Notably, the Government of India targets defence exports worth \$5 billion by 2024. Akash is a Surface to Air Missile with a range of 25 Kms.

3. Where will the 3 Indian Missions be set up to build a conducive environment for India's growth and development through partnerships that got approved by Union Cabinet on December, 2020?

- 1) Colombia, Costa Rica and Estonia
- 2) Estonia, Paraguay and Dominican Republic

3) Colombia, Costa Rica and Argentina

4) Estonia, Paraguay and Colombia

5) Dominican Republic, Peru and Lithuania

Answer- 2) Estonia, Paraguay and Dominican Republic

Explanation:

On December 30, 2020, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the opening of 3 Indian Missions in Estonia, Paraguay and Dominican Republic in 2021. The objective behind setting up of Indian mission in these countries is to build a conducive environment for India's growth and development through partnerships with friendly countries.

4. Where is Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre located, that recently got a New Building complex inaugurated by Karnataka CM Yediyurappa, on December 2020?

- 1) Belgaum
- 2) Hubli
- 3) Mysuru
- 4) Mangalore
- 5) Bengaluru

Answer- 5) Bengaluru

Explanation:

On December 29, 2020, the Chief Minister (CM) of Karnataka Bookanakere Siddalingappa Yediyurappa inaugurated the New Building of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre in Shivajinagar, Bengaluru (Karnataka) which has 150 seats for the MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery) course. The outlay required for setting up medical college is Rs 600-700 crore.

5. Over which river Maitre Setu, a 1.9 km bridge connecting South Tripura with Ramgarh of Bangladesh was built?

- 1) Sunai River
- 2) Dhalai River
- 3) Gomati River
- 4) Feni River
- 5) Manu River

Answer- 4) Feni River

Explanation:

The Rs 128.69 crores Maitre Setu, which connects South Tripura with Ramgarh of Bangladesh and provides access to the Chittagong seaport, is all set to be opened in a few months. Its construction was started in 2017 but it got delayed due to COVID-19 pandemic. The bridge has been taken over by the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited

(NHIDCL). The 1.9 Km long Feni Bridge also known as Maitree Setu is built over River Feni.

6. PM Modi virtually laid the foundation of 6 _____ Projects in Indore (Madhya Pradesh), Rajkot (Gujarat), Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Ranchi (Jharkhand), Agartala (Tripura) and Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh), on January, 2021.

- 1) AIMS Campus
- 2) Light House
- 3) Petrochemical Plant
- 4) Central University
- 5) ISRO laboratory

Answer- 2) Light House

Explanation:

On January 1, 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually laid the foundation of six Light House Projects (LHPs) in Indore (Madhya Pradesh), Rajkot (Gujarat), Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Ranchi (Jharkhand), Agartala (Tripura) and Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh). These will be developed as a part of the Global Housing

Technology Challenge-India (GHTC-India) initiative under which 1,000 houses at each location are to be constructed in a year (12 months), using six distinct technologies.

7. Which Indian organisation signed a contract with Indian Navy to supply 20 Indigenously developed Laser Dazzlers on January, 2021?

- 1) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- 2) Bharat Dynamics
- 3) Bharat Electronics Limited
- 4) Defence Research and Development Organisation
- 5) Indian Space Research Organisation

Answer- 3) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)

Explanation:

On December 31, 2020, Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) signed a contract with Indian Navy in New Delhi to supply 20 Indigenously developed Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation Dazzlers (Laser Dazzlers). The Laser Dazzlers have been developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and will be manufactured by BEL, Pune Plant. Laser Dazzler is a non-lethal weapon for warning & stopping suspicious vehicles, boats, aircrafts, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs).

8. Name the Government organisation which recently imposed a fine of Rs 15 crore on Mukesh Ambani and Rs 25 crore on his oil-to-telecom conglomerate for 'manipulative trading' in 2007, on January, 2021.

- 1) Indian Council of Arbitration
- 2) Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied

Duties

- 3) India Trade Promotion Organisation
- 4) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 5) Export Inspection Council

Answer- 4) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

Explanation:

The capital markets regulator, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), imposed a fine of Rs 15 crore on Mukesh Ambani and Rs 25 crore on his oil-to-telecom conglomerate for 'manipulative trading' done in shares of Reliance Petroleum Limited in 2007. Along with the Mukesh Ambani and RIL, SEBI has also imposed fine of Rs 20 crore on Navi Mumbai SEZ and Rs 10 crore on Mumbai SEZ.

9. Which organisations partnered with TRIFED for implementing marketing and logistic intervention to promote traditional tribal products of the North Eastern states, on January, 2021?

- 1) Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER)
- 2) North East Network (NEN)
- 3) India Post
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) Only 1 & 3

Answer- 5) Only 1 & 3

Explanation:

On January 3, 2020, Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) under Ministry of tribal Affairs (MoTA) formulated a proposal to collaborate with Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) and India Post for implementing marketing and logistic intervention to promote traditional tribal products of the North Eastern states. There will also be geographical indication (GI) tagging of the products to maintain transparency regarding the origin of the product.

10. Which of the following port was not in the Rs.320 Crore Enterprise Business System (EBS) project recently implemented by Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways to provide a digital port ecosystem at 5 major ports as of January, 2021?

- 1) Mumbai Port
- 2) Chennai Port
- 3) Visakhapatnam Port
- 4) Deendayal Port
- 5) Paradip Port

Answer- 3) Visakhapatnam Port

Explanation:

In accordance with the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, the government is implementing a Rs 320-crore Enterprise Business System (EBS) at five major ports of Mumbai, Chennai, Deendayal, Paradip, Kolkata (including Haldia) to provide a digital port ecosystem. Also, a centralised web-based port community system (PCS) has been operationalised across all major

ports to enable seamless data flow between various stakeholders through common interface.

11. Where did Agriculture Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurate the Virtual Agri India hackathon 2020?

- 1) Chandigarh, Punjab
- 2) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Morena, Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Ongole, Andhra Pradesh
- 5) New Delhi, Delhi

Answer- 5) New Delhi, Delhi

Explanation:

On December 31, 2020 Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare inaugurated the Virtual Agri India hackathon 2020 in New Delhi. This 2-month event is 1st of its kind and also the largest virtual event in Indian agriculture history. The hackathon is organised by Pusa Krishi, ICAR – Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) & Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers' Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare.

The Agri India Hackathon is divided into 2 parts: Competition and Agri India Meets.

12. Which organisation prepared the "Action Agenda for Atma Nirbhar Bharat (AAN)" report that was recently released by Union Minister, Harsh Vardhan on January, 2021?

- 1) National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)
- 2) Department of Science & Technology (DST)
- 3) Inter University Accelerator Centre (IUAC)
- 4) International Institute of Forecasters (IIF)
- 5) Technology Information Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC)

Answer- 5) Technology Information Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC)

Explanation:

The Union Minister of Science and Technology, Earth Sciences Health & Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan, released the Action Agenda for Atma Nirbhar Bharat (AAN) prepared by Technology Information,

Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) in New Delhi. The document provided the recommendations focusing towards local to global to revive the Indian economy. It should be noted that earlier TIFAC prepared a report namely "Focused Interventions for 'Make in India': post COVID -19' providing foresight towards the understanding of technology interventions in key sectors

13. Where is the World's longest railway platform being constructed, as of January 2021?

- 1) Vijayawada Railway Station, Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, Maharashtra
- 3) Hubballi Railway station, Karnataka
- 4) Howrah Railway Station, West Bengal
- 5) Charbagh Railway Station, Lucknow

Answer- Hubballi Railway station, Karnataka

Explanation:

Karnataka's Hubballi Railway station officially Shree Siddharoodha Swamiji railway station is set to get the "world's longest railway platform" of 1500 plus meters' length and 10 meters' width. The platform will be inaugurated in March 2021. The construction of the platform is done with an expenditure of Rs. 90 core for remodeling the station. The existing 440-meter-long platform number 1 will be expanded to the length of 1,505 meters.

14. Which state will host the 4th Global Ayurveda Festival 2021(GAF2021), world's largest festival of Ayurveda community to be held virtually from 12th to 19th March 2021?

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Kerala
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Sikkim
- 5) Assam

Answer- 2) Kerala

Explanation:

V Muraleedharan, Union Minister of State for External Affairs and the chairman of Global Ayurveda Festival announced that the 4th Global Ayurveda Festival 2021(GAF2021), world's largest festival of Ayurveda community will be organised in a high end virtual space from 12th to 19th March 2021 in Kerala. The festival is organised by Centre for Innovation in Science and Social Action (CISSA), the Ayurveda Medical Association of India (AMAI), the Ayurveda Hospital Management Association, in collaboration with various departments of the central and state government.

15. Where was the 5 day long 'National Folk Dance Festival' held, that saw participants from various Indian states?

- 1) Jammu
- 2) Shimla
- 3) Bhubaneswar
- 4) Jaipur
- 5) Ahmedabad

Answer- 1) Jammu

Explanation:

A 5 day long 'National Folk Dance Festival' was held in Jammu (Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory-JKUT) from December 26, 2020. It was organised by the North Zone Cultural Centre, Patiala (Ministry of Culture,

Govt. of India) jointly with Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages. Artists from Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Punjab participate in it.

16. Which state was declared as 'disturbed area' for 6 more months under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) from Home Ministry on 30th December, 2020?

- 1) Jammu & Kashmir
- 2) Sikkim

3) Arunachal Pradesh 4) Nagaland

5) Tripura

Answer- 4) Nagaland

Explanation:

The Union Home Ministry on Wednesday declared entire state of Nagaland as 'disturbed area' for six more months under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act. Nagaland has been under the coverage of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) for almost six decades and it was not withdrawn even after a framework agreement was signed on August 3, 2015, by Naga insurgent group.

17. India flagged off the 40th Indian Scientific Expedition to _____ from the Mormugao Port, Goa on January, 2021.

1) Pacific Ocean 2) Indian Ocean

3) Arctic 4) Antarctica

5) Mariana Trench

Answer- 4) Antarctica

Explanation:

On January 5, 2020, India flagged off the 40th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica (40-ISEA) from the Mormugao Port, Goa by the Ministry of Earth Science. The Expedition will have 43 members and the chartered ice-class vessel MV Vasilii Golovnin will take the team to Antarctica. On return, the vessel will bring back the members of the 39th Expedition. India has 3 permanent research base stations in Antarctica – Dakshin Gangotri, Maitri, & Bharati. There are two operational research stations in Antarctica named Maitri & Bharati.

18. What was released to measure the time in nano second range, by PM Modi on the event of National Metrology Conclave 2021?

1) National Metrology Timeline

2) National Atomic Timescale

3) National Nano Clock

4) International Nano Timeline

5) International Standard Timescale

Answer- 2) National Atomic Timescale

Explanation:

On January 4, 2020, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the National Metrology Conclave 2021 on the theme 'Metrology for the Inclusive Growth of the Nation' and also delivered the inaugural address. PM Modi dedicated 'Bhartiya Nirdeshak Dravya' and 'National Atomic Timescale' to the nation and also laid the foundation stone of the 'National Environmental Standards Laboratory. National

Atomic Timescale has made, India self-reliant in measuring the time within the range of a nano second. India achieved the accuracy level of 2.8 Nano Second.

19. What was the permissible Trans-Fatty Acids (TFA) level in oil & fat set by FSSAI for 2021?

1) 5%

2) 7%

3) 2%

4) 4%

5) 3%

Answer- 5) 3%

Explanation:

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) released guidelines to reduce the permissible level of Trans-Fatty Acids (TFA) in oils and fats to 3% for 2021 & 2% by 2022 from the current permissible limit of 5%. The regulation applies to edible refined oils, vanaspati (partially hydrogenated oils), margarine, bakery shortenings & other mediums of cooking like vegetable fat spreads & mixed fat spreads. TFA is associated with increased risk of heart attacks & deaths from coronary heart disease.

20. Which Indian Meteorological Observatory was recently conferred with the status of 'Centennial Observing Station' by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), on January 2021?

1) Patna

2) Chennai

3) Ahmedabad

4) Pune

5) Nagpur

Answer- 1) Patna

Explanation:

Patna Meteorological Observatory has been conferred the status of 'Centennial Observing Station' by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to recognize its contribution towards long-term meteorological observation exceeding over 100 years. The Patna meteorological observatory was established in 1867 by the British Corps of Engineers. Globally, there are 234 such recognised stations, In India alone, there are 12 recognized stations.

21. Where was India's 1st Migrant Worker Cell inaugurated by Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan that was created under the center's 'National Urban Livelihood Mission Scheme'?

1) Ahmedabad, Gujarat

2) Jaisalmer, Rajasthan

3) Surat, Gujarat

4) Udaipur, Rajasthan

5) Mysore, Karnataka

Answer- 3) Surat, Gujarat

Explanation:

On January 4, 2021, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan Inaugurated India's 1st of its kind Migrant Worker Cell at Surat, Gujarat. An initiative of Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC) it aims to help Migrants from Odia & other parts of the country working in different industries of Surat. The cell will be based at iLab, Udhna, Surat and has been created under the 'National Urban Livelihood Mission Scheme'. This will create a database of migrant workers in Surat City, which will be useful during natural calamities and other situations like Pandemic.

22. Which organisation will use the indigenously designed ballastless tracks for the country's 1st Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS)?

- 1) National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB)
- 2) National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC)
- 3) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Limited (DMRCL)
- 4) Ircon International Limited
- 5) Rail India Technical and Economic Service (RITES)

Answer- 2) National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC)

Explanation:

The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) will use indigenously designed ballastless tracks for the country's first Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS). As RRTS technology supports high-speed trains therefore these tracks will be suitable for high-speed trains running up to 180 kmph and require low maintenance. India's first RRTS corridor is being implemented between Delhi and Meerut via Ghaziabad, Duhai and Modi Nagar.

23. Where was the 450 Km long Natural Gas Pipeline constructed by GAIL that was recently inaugurated by PM Modi, on December, 2021?

- 1) Dabhol-Bengaluru
- 2) Vijaipur-Dadri
- 3) Kochi-Mangaluru
- 4) Wayanad-Bangalore
- 5) Ahmedabad-Jaipur

Answer- 3) Kochi-Mangaluru

Explanation:

On January 5, 2020, PM Modi virtually inaugurated the 450 Km Long Kochi-Mangaluru Natural Gas Pipeline. The pipeline has been constructed by GAIL (India) Ltd at a cost of INR 3, 000 crores. The pipeline will carry natural gas from Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) regasification terminal at Kochi, Kerala to Mangaluru, Karnataka. The PM cited the inauguration of the pipeline as a step towards Government's 'One Nation One Gas Grid'. Government plans to increase the share of natural gas in the energy sector from the present 6% to 15% by 2030.

24. Where will PM Modi virtually laid foundation stone to build new AIIMS at cost of Rs 1195 crores on December, 2020?

- 1) Gurugram, Haryana
- 2) Tanjore, Tamil Nadu
- 3) Rajkot, Gujarat
- 4) Jalandhar, Punjab
- 5) Ambala, Haryana

Answer- 3) Rajkot, Gujarat

Explanation:

PM Modi laid the foundation stone of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Rajkot in Gujarat on December 31 via video conferencing. It will be built at an estimated cost of Rs 1195 crores and is expected to be completed by the mid of 2022. The hospital will be equipped with 750-beds and will have 125 MBBS seats.

25. Which organisation partnered with SIDBI to provide a finance assistance to MSMEs to engage in rooftop solar power production, on January, 2021?

- 1) Adani Power
- 2) Reliance Power
- 3) Torrent Power
- 4) Tata Power
- 5) JSW Energy

Answer- 4) Tata Power

Explanation:

On January 5, 2021, Tata Power partnered with Small Industrial Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to provide a finance scheme to Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) engaged in rooftop solar segment. The partnership will overcome the financing barriers for penetration of solar in the MSME sector. As a part of the scheme MSMEs will get financial aid without any collateral at an interest of less than 10%.

26. Which 2 states became the 1st Group of States to complete 3 out of 4 citizen schemes stipulated by Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance to boost Capital Expenditure of State?

- 1) Andra Pradesh & Kerala
- 2) Madhya Pradesh & Punjab
- 3) Telangana & Tamil Nadu
- 4) Kerala & Punjab
- 5) Madhya Pradesh & Andhra Pradesh

Answer- 5) Madhya Pradesh & Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

Madhya Pradesh (MP) & Andhra Pradesh (AP) became the 1st Group of States to complete three out of the Four citizen schemes stipulated by Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance to boost Capital Expenditure of State. These two states have completed the implementation of schemes – One Nation One Ration Card Reforms, Ease of Doing Business Reforms, & Urban Local Bodies Reforms. Ministry of Finance will provide them an additional Financial Assistance of INR 1004 Crore under the newly launched "Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure" scheme.

27. Where did Union Minister Harsh Vardhan virtually inaugurate India's 1st Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) laboratory?

- 1) Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT), Mumbai
- 2) Translational Health Science & Technology Institute (THSTI), Faridabad

- 3) National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), Bangalore
- 4) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai
- 5) Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore

Answer- 2) Translational Health Science & Technology Institute (THSTI), Faridabad

Explanation:

On January 5, 2021, Union Minister for Science & Technology, Harsh Vardhan virtually inaugurated the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) Laboratory at the Translational Health Science & Technology Institute (THSTI), Faridabad. This is the 1st of its Kind in India & one of the Seven labs of the

Global network. The Labs can be used by COVID-19 vaccine developers for free to assess immunogenicity of their vaccine candidate against a common protocol.

28. On 5th January, 2021, Indian Government's UJALA & SLNP programme celebrated their 6th anniversary, what does 'L' stands for in UJALA?

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| 1) Lighting | 2) Lamp |
| 3) Lightening | 4) LED |
| 5) Limited | |

Answer- 4) LED

Explanation:

On January 5, 2021 Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA) and Street Lighting National Programme (SLNP) of Government of India marks their 6th anniversary. Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) implements these programmes since their inception on January 5, 2015. It is to be noted that it is World's largest zero-subsidy domestic LED bulb programme

29. In which state, 5 TRIFOOD Parks to be established as per the MoU signed between TRIFED & Akhil Bhartiya Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram on January, 2021?

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| 1) Maharashtra | 2) Telangana |
| 3) Punjab | 4) Madhya Pradesh |
| 5) Jharkhand | |

Answer- 4) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

On January 3, 2021 TRIFED (Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited) under Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) & Akhil Bhartiya Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish TRIFOOD Parks in 5 districts in Madhya Pradesh. The main aim of TRIFOOD is to enhance the income of tribals through optimal utilization of value addition to Minor Forest Produces (MFPs)

30. What was the data provided through the LASI Wave-1 Report 2020, India's 1st and the world's

largest survey of its kind, that was virtually released by Union Minister Harsh Vardhan?

- 1) Agricultural Survey of India
- 2) Vaccine Penetration among States
- 3) Digital Learning in India
- 4) Ageing Population of India
- 5) Health Care Facilities

Answer- 4) Ageing population of India

Explanation:

On January 6, 2021, Union Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW) virtually released the Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI) Wave-1 Report 2020 based on full-scale national. It is India's first and the world's largest survey providing base for designing national and state level programme and policies for ageing population in India. Elderly population is currently growing at around 3% annually, the numbers will triple to 319 million in 2050.

31. Which state will get benefited by the "New Industrial Development Scheme-2021" , recently approved CCEA, chaired by PM Modi, in January, 2021?

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| 1) Ladakh | 2) Assam |
| 3) Jammu & Kashmir | 4) Chandigarh |
| 5) Punjab | |

Answer- 3) Jammu & Kashmir

Explanation:

On January 6, 2021, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi has approved the Central Sector Scheme (CSS) namely "New Industrial Development Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir (J&K IDS, 2021)" for Industrial Development of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K). The information for the same was provided by Lieutenant Governor of J&K during a press conference in Jammu. This is the first time that such kind of development will take place in any Industrial Incentive Scheme of the Government of India (GoI).

32. Between which states did the World's 1st Double Stack Long Haul 1.5 Km Container Train made its inaugural journey, that was virtually flagged off by PM Modi?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh – Haryana
- 2) Gujarat – Maharashtra
- 3) Punjab – Maharashtra
- 4) Haryana – Rajasthan
- 5) West Bengal – Punjab

Answer- 4) Haryana – Rajasthan

Explanation:

On January 7, 2021, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the 306-Km long New Rewari in Haryana-New Madar in Rajasthan section of Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) & flagged off the World's 1st Double Stack Long Haul 1.5 Km Container

Train hauled by electric traction from Atela in Haryana – Kishangarh in Rajasthan. This operation will have an increased axle load of 25 tonnes. The wagons will carry 4 times more weight compared to the current capacity.

33. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is set to operationalise India's 1st Government Sponsored InvIT by March, 2021, What does InvIT stands for?

- 1) Investment in Information Technology
- 2) Innovative Infrastructure Technology
- 3) Investment In Technology
- 4) Infrastructure Investment Trust
- 5) Innovative Infrastructure Trust

Answer- 4) Infrastructure Investment Trust

Explanation:

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is set to operationalise India's 1st Government Sponsored Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT) by March, 2021. Around 5-6 Road Projects worth INR 5, 000 crores have been given in-principle approval for transfer to the InvIT. NHAI aims to mobilise around INR 15,000-20,000 Crore through its maiden InvIT offering. NHAI appointed "B Sriram" as Chairman of its Investment manager company National Highways Infra Investment Managers Pvt Ltd (NHIIMPL).

34. The World's Largest Floating 600 Megawatt (MW) Solar Energy Project is under construction at _____ dam on _____ river in Khandwa district of Madhya Pradesh.

- 1) Gandhi Sagar Dam, Chambal
- 2) Omkareshwar dam, Narmada
- 3) Bansagar Dam, Sone
- 4) Indira Sagar Dam, Narmada
- 5) Rajghat Dam, Betwa

Answer- 2) Omkareshwar dam, Narmada

Explanation:

The World's Largest Floating 600 Megawatt (MW) Solar Energy Project which is under construction at Omkareshwar dam on Narmada river in Khandwa district of Madhya Pradesh is set to begin power generation by the year 2022-23. International Finance Corporation, World Bank & Power Grid have granted consent to provide funds for the development of the project. The work of transmission line route survey from the project area to Khandwa substation by power grid will begin by the end of January, 2021.

35. Which is the first Northeastern Indian state to have a specialised 'ginger' processing plant?

- 1) Tripura
- 2) Assam
- 3) Nagaland
- 4) Meghalaya
- 5) Sikkim

Answer- 4) Meghalaya

Explanation:

Northeast's first-ever specialised 'ginger' processing plant at district Ri-Bhoui in Meghalaya is being revived

and is likely to become functional in the beginning of 2021. This is the only Ginger Processing Plant of North East India was established around the year 2004 but has remained non-functional for many years.

36. Where did Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) recently commissioned a 100 megawatt (MW) solar power project, in January 2021?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Assam
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Gujarat

Answer- 5) Gujarat

Explanation:

Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) has commissioned a 100 megawatt (MW) solar power project at Khirsara in Gujarat. It has made a 25-year power purchase agreement (PPA) with the Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam India (GUVNL) with PPA priced at Rs 2.44 per kilowatt-hour.

37. Which animal found in some parts of Rajasthan and Gujarat was recently added to India's critically endangered species list, in January, 2021?

- 1) Ocelot
- 2) Ganges shark
- 3) Fennec fox
- 4) Kashmiri Red Stag
- 5) Caracal

Answer- 5) Caracal

Explanation:

On January 7, 2021, the Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife (SC-NBWL) in its 60th meeting approved the advisory for management of Human-Wildlife Conflict (HWC) in the country to expedite effective inter-departmental coordinated actions. Caracal, a medium sized wildcat found in some parts of Rajasthan and Gujarat included in the list of critically endangered species. Currently there are 22 wildlife species under the government's recovery programme for critically endangered species.

38. Recently, Rs. 201.58 Crore was allocated from PM CARES fund towards _____, in January, 2021.

- 1) Support on Vaccine Development
- 2) Installation of PSA Oxygen Plants
- 3) Welfare of Migrant Labourers
- 4) Procurement of PPE kits
- 5) 'Made-in-India' Ventilators

Answer- 2) Installation of PSA Oxygen Plants

Explanation:

On January 6, 2021, the Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations (PM CARES) Fund Trust has allocated Rs 201.58 crore for installation of additional 162 Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) Medical Oxygen Generation Plants with a total capacity of 154.19 MT in 32 States and Union Territories

(UTs). These will be installed inside public health facilities.

39. Where will the 1st Centre of Excellence (CoE) of Flipkart be setup in partnership with Logistics Skill Sector Council (LSC)?

- 1) Chennai
- 2) Mumbai
- 3) Kolkata
- 4) Bengaluru
- 5) New Delhi

Answer- 4) Bengaluru, Karnataka

Explanation:

On January 7, 2021, Flipkart signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Logistics Skill Sector Council (LSC). It is LSC's first-of-its-kind industry partnership with Flipkart to set up the industry-first Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Bengaluru, Karnataka. It is set up to build a skilled and trained workforce for the fast-growing e-commerce industry in India. Flipkart has further strengthened its vernacular language by introducing Marathi, the third most widely spoken language in India, on its platform.

40. Which state recently got approval from Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) for Rs. 5,801 Cr New National Highway Infrastructure Project, in January 2021?

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| 1) Gujarat | 2) Karnataka |
| 3) Maharashtra | 4) Telangana |
| 5) Punjab | |

Answer- 3) Maharashtra

Explanation:

On January 7, 2021, Union Minister Nitin Jairam Gadkari, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) informed that the Central Government has approved Rs. 5,801 Cr for new 1035 km National highway (NH) between Surat (Gujarat) and Bengaluru (Karnataka) to curb the vehicular pollution in Maharashtra's Mumbai and Pune. It is approved under the annual plan of MoRTH.

41. Which State/UT's cadre of All India Services Officers like IAS, IPS & Indian Forest Service (IFoS) were added to AGMUT cadre through an (Amendment) Ordinance 2021 in January 2021?

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------|
| 1) Ladakh | 2) Meghalaya |
| 3) Goa | |
| 4) Jammu & Kashmir | |
| 5) Tripura | |

Answer- 4) Jammu & Kashmir

Explanation:

Government of India promulgated the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Ordinance 2021 by amending the J&K Reorganisation Act, 2019 to merge the Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) cadre of All India Services

Officers like IAS, IPS & Indian Forest Service (IFoS) with the Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram Union Territory (AGMUT) cadre. With this, officers from the Union Territories & above mentioned States can now be placed in J&K and vice versa. The ordinance was signed by President Ram Nath Kovind.

42. Which state government dedicated January 2021 to girl child through its "Dheeyan Di Lohri" scheme?

- | | |
|-------------------|------------|
| 1) Uttarakhand | 2) Gujarat |
| 3) Madhya Pradesh | 4) Punjab |
| 5) Kerala | |

Answer- 4) Punjab

Explanation:

On January 7, 2021, The Chief Minister (CM) of Punjab Amarinder Singh virtually launched a set of welfare projects while dedicating January 2021 as "Dheeyan Di Lohri" from Chandigarh. Under 'Dheeyan Di Lohri', Amarinder gave five girl children, along with their mothers, a shagun of Rs 5,100 and baby kits for each. Also free sanitary pads will be provided for girls studying in high school and colleges in the state.

43. In January, 2021, Home Minister Amit Shah released the inaugural issue of "National Police K-9 Journal". What does K-9 represent?

- 1) Assault Rifle
- 2) Human Resource Training Program
- 3) Police Service Dogs
- 4) Anti-Terrorist Squad
- 5) Women Rights Cell

Answer- 3) Police Service Dogs

Explanation:

Home Minister Amit Shah released the inaugural issue of "National Police K-9 Journal". The publication of the Police K9 Journal is another step in creating an ecosystem in the country to train and learn on augmenting this vital resource. This is a unique initiative which will further enrich the subjects related to Police Service Canine (K-9) (PSK) teams in the country. The police dog squad can act as a force multiplier to ensure the safety of society.

44. Which organisation will provide blankets to inhabitants of night shelters in Jangpura, New Delhi through its new initiative — Prayaas?

- 1) Bharat Petroleum
- 2) Larsen & Toubro
- 3) Essar Group
- 4) Indian Oil Corporation
- 5) Power Grid Corporation of India

Answer- 4) Indian Oil Corporation

Explanation:

The Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) launched a new initiative — Prayaas — to address the needs of the local communities near its fuel stations by distributing blankets to the inhabitants of night shelters near

IOC-owned company-operated outlet in Jangpura. The company's night shelters are run by Delhi government.

45. Which was the 31-hour long marathon International Conference held to promote use of Information & Communication Technology (ICT) in Higher Education sector, that was inaugurated by Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', in January, 2021?

- 1) Zero- Shunya Se Sashaktikaran
- 2) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)
- 3) EDUCON 2020
- 4) Mekong Ganga Cooperation
- 5) IIT-2020 Global Summit

Answer- 3) EDUCON 2020

Explanation:

On January 7-8 2021, the 2-day Virtual International Akhand Conference 'EDUCON 2020' was held that got inaugurated by Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Ministry of Education (MoE). The Chief Guest of Valedictory Ceremony was Prof Dhirendra Pal Singh, Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi. This 31-hour long marathon International Conference was the 1st of its kind conference in India where global scholars continuously explored the possibilities of use of ICT in the higher education in India.

Theme: Envisioning Education for Transforming Youth to Restore Global Peace.

46. One major milestone achieved by the Ministry of Earth Science (MoES), in 2020 was the release of Flash Flood Guidance Services (FFGS), for South Asian countries. Which among the following country doesn't belongs to the beneficiary group?

- 1) Bangladesh
- 2) Nepal
- 3) Sri Lanka
- 4) Myanmar
- 5) Bhutan

Answer- 4) Myanmar

Explanation:

The Ministry of Earth Science (MoES), Government of India addresses aspects relating to Earth System Science and provides weather, climate, ocean, coastal state, hydrological & seismological services. One major milestone achieved by MoES in 2020 was the release of Flash Flood Guidance Services (FFGS), which is the 1st of its kind Guidance service for South Asian countries namely India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka. Launch of Digital Ocean, web-application project to manage ocean data.

47. Which organisation will implement the seaplane service project that was initiated by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW)?

- 1) Sagarmala Development Company Ltd
- 2) Fame India
- 3) Naval Research Board

- 4) IIFCL Projects Ltd
- 5) Ministry of Tourism

Answer- 1) Sagarmala Development Company Ltd

Explanation:

The government is in process to launch seaplane services in collaboration with the airline operators on several routes, including Delhi-Ayodhya. This process was initiated by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW). The services will be launched under a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) framework. The project will be executed and implemented through Sagarmala Development Company Ltd (SDCL), which is under the administrative control of MoPSW.

48. Where is Parashuram Kund Pilgrimage Site located, that got INR 37.8 Crores from GoI for developmental projects, in January, 2021?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Sikkim
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Himachal Pradesh
- 5) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer- 5) Arunachal Pradesh

Explanation:

Government of India (GoI) has sanctioned INR 37.8 Crores for the Developing Parashuram Kund Pilgrimage Site at Lohit district, Arunachal Pradesh. It is one of the most sacred places in India and is visited by a large number of pilgrims during Makar Sankranti. Thousands of Devotees take holy dip in the Lohit River.

49. Which company was selected for Rs. 7,000 cr worth order from HPCL Rajasthan Refinery Limited (HRRL) for setting up a dual feed cracker unit (DFCU) in January, 2021?

- 1) National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited (NBCC)
- 2) Exxon Mobil Corporation
- 3) Engineers India Limited (EIL)
- 4) L&T Hydrocarbon Engineering (LTHE)
- 5) National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL)

Answer- 4) L&T Hydrocarbon Engineering (LTHE)

Explanation:

L&T Hydrocarbon Engineering Limited (LTHE), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Larsen and Toubro, has won an order from HPCL Rajasthan Refinery Limited (HRRL), a joint venture between Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL) and Government of Rajasthan. The engineering, procurement, construction and commissioning (EPCC) contract worth Rs 7,000 crore for setting up a dual feed cracker unit (DFCU) for Rajasthan Refinery Project at Barmer.

50. Where is the Cherry Blossom Mao Festival celebrated annually?

- 1) Uttarakhand
- 2) Jaipur

- 4) Byju's
5) Amazon

Answer- 2) Flipkart

Explanation:

As part of the efforts to enhance community experience for women entrepreneurs in India, Flipkart & NITI Aayog have collaborated to launch the updated Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP). WEP is a first of its kind, unified access portal launched by NITI Aayog in 2017 to support Women Entrepreneurs. The revamped platform has multiple regional language support, along with free credit ratings, mentorship, funding support to women entrepreneurs, apprenticeship & corporate partnerships.

57. Which National Park/ Wildlife Sanctuary (NP/WLS) secured top score in the 'Management Effectiveness Evaluation(MEE) of 146 National Parks & Wildlife Sanctuaries in India, 2018-19' report?

- 1) Great Himalayan NP 2) Jaldapara NP
3) Tirthan WLS
4) Both 1 & 2
5) Both 1 & 3

Answer- 5) Both 1 & 3

Explanation:

On January 11, 2021, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Prakash Javadekar released the 'Management Effectiveness Evaluation(MEE) of 146 National Parks & Wildlife Sanctuaries in India, 2018-19' report. MEE is a framework for testing the effectiveness of Protected Areas in India.

NP & WLS	State	Score
Tirthan WLS	Himachal Pradesh	84.17
Great Himalayan NP	Himachal Pradesh	84.17
Sainj WLS	Himachal Pradesh	82.5
Raiganj WLS	West Bengal	81.03
Jaldapara NP	West Bengal	80.83

58. Which country was the largest manufacturer of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Kits & Suits, as of January, 2021?

- 1) India 2) Japan
3) USA 4) England
5) China

Answer- 5) China

Explanation:

Union Minister for Textiles, Smriti Irani has stated that India has become the 2nd Largest Manufacturer of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Kits & Suits, China is the leading manufacturer. India has achieved the feat in a record 3 months' time during the lockdown caused by Pandemic in March 2020.

59. National Aluminium Company Ltd (NALCO) will allocate Rs 22,000 crore for construction of a 1400-MW feeder captive power plant (CPP) in _____.

- 1) Koraput, Odisha
2) Jindal, Chhattisgarh
3) Mundra, Gujarat
4) Korba, Chhattisgarh
5) Angul, Odisha

Answer- 5) Angul, Odisha

Explanation:

Union minister Pralhad Joshi said the state-run National Aluminium Company Ltd (NALCO) will invest around Rs 30,000 crore for its ambitious expansion and diversification projects in the next six to seven years (2027-28), which will help achieve the Centre's goal of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'. Of which Rs 22,000 crore will be spent on the expansion of the company's aluminium smelter unit and construction of a 1400-MW feeder captive power plant (CPP) in Angul.

60. What was the renewed age limit for appearing in Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Services Exam, as of January, 2021?

- 1) 27 2) 40
3) 35 4) 37
5) 32

Answer- 5) 32

Explanation:

In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, the government has reduced the age limit of the aspirants of Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Services Exam from 37 years to 32 years. The age limit in Uttar Pradesh and other states was 35 to 40 years but J&K government reduced it to 32 years which will prove detrimental to the aspirants.

61. Which scheme replaced 2 existing crop insurance schemes – National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) & modified NAIS on 13th January, 2016?

- 1) Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY)
2) Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)
3) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana (PMKMY)
4) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)
5) Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)

Answer- 2) Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)

Explanation:

Government of India's Crop Insurance Scheme – Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) has completed 5 years of its operation. It was launched by the Government on 13th January, 2016. The Scheme is in line with One Nation – One Scheme theme. It replaces 2 existing Crop Insurance schemes – National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) & modified NAIS. The scheme

was made voluntary for all farmers post revamp in February, 2020. Under the scheme the premium rates are 2% for Kharif Crops, 1.5 % for Rabi Crops & 5% for commercial and horticultural crops.

62. Where is India's 1st Fire Park located, that recently got inaugurated in January, 2021?

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| 1) Bhopal | 2) Amritsar |
| 3) Chandigarh | 4) Hyderabad |
| 5) Bhubaneswar | |

Answer- 5) Bhubaneswar

Explanation:

On 5th January, 2021 Chief Minister of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik virtually inaugurated India's first 'Fire Park' at Bhubaneswar, Odisha. On that occasion CM Patnaik also launched the virtual platform 'Agnishama Seva' to provide through which 16 fire related services can be availed. The Fire Park is a first of its kind initiative to provide awareness on fire safety measures, mainly focusing on School and College students. It is located under the premises of the Odisha Fire and Disaster Academy in Bhubaneswar.

63. Recently, the 26th edition of the Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF) 2021 was conducted in January, 2021 also marking the birth centenary of _____.

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------|
| 1) Soumitra Chatterjee | 2) Utpal Dutt |
| 3) Satyajit Ray | 4) Mrinal Sen |
| 5) Ritwik Ghatak | |

Answer- 3) Satyajit Ray

Explanation:

On 8th January 2021, Mamata Banerjee Chief Minister of West Bengal inaugurated the 7 day 26th edition of the Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF) 2021 (From 8th to 15th January 2021). "Apur Sansar" by Satyajit Ray was screened as the inaugural film. The seven-day festival will observe tributes to two icons of Bengal cinema — Satyajit Ray on his birth centenary and Bengali actor Soumitra Chatterjee who died of post-Covid complications.

64. Which State/ Union Territory recently setup "Period Room" 1st of its kind initiative to facilitate menstrual hygiene among women dwelling in slums, in January, 2021?

- | | |
|------------------|--------------|
| 1) Maharashtra | 2) Kerala |
| 3) Uttar Pradesh | 4) New Delhi |
| 5) Punjab | |

Answer- 1) Maharashtra

Explanation:

In a bid to help the women, residing in congested slums, during their menstruation days, a 'period room' has been set up at a public toilet in Maharashtra's Thane city. Equipped with several basic facilities, the period room aims to facilitate menstrual hygiene among women dwelling in slums. Claimed to be the first-of-its-kind

initiative, the 'period room' set up at a public toilet in a slum in Thane, was opened recently for women.

65. Which organisation announced to adopt 100 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) across the country, in January 2021?

- | | |
|----------------|---------|
| 1) Indian Army | 2) DRDO |
| 3) CBSE | 4) UGC |
| 5) ISRO | |

Answer- 5) ISRO

Explanation:

In an online event organised on January 11, 2021, Department of Space and Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog announced that ISRO will be adopting 100 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) across the country, out of which 45 ATLs were adopted in phase 1 on January 11, 2021 and remaining 55 ALTS will be adopted soon, to promote education in the field of STEM, Space education and Space technology related innovations for school students.

66. Where did Geological Survey of India (GSI) found promising concentrations of vanadium, in January 2021?

- | |
|----------------------|
| 1) Assam |
| 2) Arunachal Pradesh |
| 3) Gujarat |
| 4) Bihar |
| 5) Manipur |

Answer- 2) Arunachal Pradesh

Explanation:

The Geological Survey of India (GSI) found promising concentrations of vanadium in the palaeo-proterozoic carbonaceous phyllite rocks in the Depo and Tamang areas of Papum Pare district in Arunachal Pradesh. The largest deposits of vanadium of the world are in China, followed by Russia and South Africa.

67. Union Minister Prakash Javadekar released the digital calendar and diary of the Government of India that will be available in _____ languages.

- | | |
|-------|-------|
| 1) 22 | 2) 10 |
| 3) 15 | 4) 7 |
| 5) 11 | |

Answer- 5) 11

Explanation:

Union Minister Prakash Javadekar released the digital calendar and diary of the Government of India, in a ceremony held at National Media Center. Javadekar unveiled the Android and iOS mobile applications of the calendar and diary, as per a release by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. It is a free app and will be available in 11 languages from January 15, 2021. The app will do away with the need for a new calendar every year.

68. Who will likely be the Chief Guest of India's Republic Day parade on January 26, 2021?

- | |
|------------------|
| 1) Boris Johnson |
|------------------|

- 2) Chandrikapersad Santokhi
- 3) Ibrahim Mohamed Solih
- 4) Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- 5) Tshewang Tandin

Answer- 2) Chandrikapersad Santokhi

Explanation:

Chandrikapersad Santokhi, the Indian-origin President of the South American nation of Suriname, likely be the chief guest at India's Republic Day parade on January 26. British PM Boris Johnson backed out from attending India's Republic Day due to the mounting Covid-19 cases in Britain. Recently, Suriname removed Visa permits for Indian visitors, as a move to enhance cooperation amongst the countries.

69. Which was India's Newest Airlines that made its inaugural journey from Indore to Ahmedabad in January, 2021?

- 1) IndiRise
- 2) Flybig
- 3) AirJet
- 4) TrueJet
- 5) Alliance Air

Answer- 2) Flybig

Explanation:

The inaugural flight of Flybig, India's newest airline, took off from Indore to Ahmedabad in the course of an hour and five minutes. Flybig will operate thrice a week, to start with. It will transition to five flights per week starting mid-February. The airline has tied-up with more than 15,000 agents, and is attempting at striking collaborations with online travel agencies as well.

70. NHPC Limited has signed Definitive Agreement for implementation of the Approved Resolution Plan for takeover of 120 MW Rangit-IV Hydro Electric Project of Jalpower Corporation Limited (JPCL) on Rangit River . Where is Rangit River located?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Telangana
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Uttarakhand
- 5) Sikkim

Answer- 5) Sikkim

Explanation:

On January 13, 2021, NHPC Limited (National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd) has signed Definitive Agreement for implementation of the Approved Resolution Plan for takeover of 120 MW Rangit-IV HE Project of Jalpower Corporation Limited (JPCL) in Sikkim. The outlay of the project is estimated as Rs.943.20 Crore. The financial creditors for this agreement are Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC) and Punjab National Bank (PNB).

71. Which organisation introduced a new flagship initiative "Liberalised MSME AEO Package" Scheme benefiting MSME Sector?

- 1) Central Board of Indirect Tax & Customs

- 2) Ministry of Ports
- 3) Ministry of Finance
- 4) Central Board of Direct Tax
- 5) Reserve Bank of India

Answer- 1) Central Board of Indirect Tax & Customs

Explanation:

In a move to ease out the difficulties caused by Covid-19 pandemic to the Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Central Board of Indirect Tax & Customs (CBIC) introduced its new flagship initiative "Liberalised MSME AEO Package" Scheme. The scheme is a voluntary compliance programme enabling MSMEs to become Authorised Economic Operations (AEOs), providing various benefits including faster customs clearance.

72. Which Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) got approval from the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) for its procurement in January, 2021?

- 1) Hongdu
- 2) KAI
- 3) Tejas
- 4) YAK
- 5) Textron

Answer- 3) Tejas

Explanation:

On January 13, 2021, as a part of Atmanirbhar programme, the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi approved the procurement of 83 Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) at the cost of Rs. 45,696 Crore for Indian Air Force (IAF). These include 73 LCA Tejas Mk-1A fighter aircrafts and 10 LCA Tejas Mk-1 Trainer aircrafts. LCAs are manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

73. In January 2021, Union Minister Rajnath Singh, unveiled India's 1st indigenous 'Driverless Metro Car' at the BEML manufacturing facility in Bengaluru. Which metropolitan region will be the 1st to avail its service?

- 1) Mumbai
- 2) Bangalore
- 3) Kolkata
- 4) Chennai
- 5) New Delhi

Answer- 1) Mumbai

Explanation:

On January 15, 2021, Rajnath Singh, Minister of Defence (MoD) unveiled India's 1st indigenously designed and developed 'Driverless Metro Car' during a function held at the BEML manufacturing facility in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The 'Driverless Metro Car' are being manufactured by BEML for Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) MRS1 project. The project needs 576 cars which will be supplied by January 2024. He also unveiled the 1st indigenously manufactured Tatra Cabin by BEML.

74. What does 'Sc' stands for, in CSIR-NIScPR an institute formed by merging 2 existing institutes, CSIR-NISCAIR and CSIR-NISTADS?

- 1) Science
- 2) Science Computing
- 3) Science Communication
- 4) Societal Component
- 5) Societal Commerce

Answer- 3) Science Communication

Explanation:

On January 14, 2021, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare inaugurated a new institute of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) i.e. CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (CSIR-NIScPR), in New Delhi. This institute has been established by merging two prestigious institutes of CSIR viz. CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources (CSIR-NISCAIR) and CSIR-National Institute of Science, Technology and Development Studies (CSIR-NISTADS).

75. Which state recently got its 1st Doppler Weather Radars, that was inaugurated by Union Minister Harsh Vardhan on the 146th Foundation Day of India Meteorological Department (IMD), in January, 2021?

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

Answer- 1) Uttarakhand

Explanation:

The 146th Foundation Day of India Meteorological Department (IMD) was held on January 15, 2021 in New Delhi. Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurated Doppler Weather Radars at Mukteshwar (Uttarakhand) and Kufri (Himachal Pradesh). Doppler Weather Radars in Uttarakhand is 1st of its kind. The radar has been installed under the Integrated Himalayan Meteorological Project (IHMP) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences. He also released a special issue of Mausam on Tropical Cyclone.

76. Which of the following was recently signed a contract with ideaForge to procure high-altitude variant of Indigenous SWITCH UAV, as of January 2021?

- 1) Indian Air Force
- 2) Indian Army
- 3) Indian Navy
- 4) National Security Guard
- 5) Indian Coast Guard

Answer- 2) Indian Army

Explanation:

Indian Army has signed USD 20 Million (~ INR 140 Crores) contract with ideaForge to procure unmentioned numbers of high-altitude variant of Indigenous SWITCH

UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) over a period of 1 year. SWITCH is a Fixed-Wing-Vertical Take-off and Landing (VTOL) UAV and is capable of being deployed at high altitude and harsh environments. With this deal, ideaForge is slated to become the largest manufacturer of India of drones.

77. Which organisation(s) released a comprehensive e-book on CollabCAD 3D modelling 1.0, in January 2021?

- 1) Atal Innovation Mission
- 2) Central Board of Secondary Education
- 3) National Informatics Centre
- 4) Only 2 & 3
- 5) Only 1, 2 & 3

Answer- 5) Only 1, 2 & 3

Explanation:

On January 13, 2021, a comprehensive e-book on CollabCAD 3D modelling 1.0 was launched by National Informatics Centre (NIC), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Ministry of Education (MoE) along with Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog during a virtual event from New Delhi. The institutes also provided CollabCAD Software CBSE affiliated Schools.

78. Where is Tesla India Motors and Energy Pvt Ltd's headquarters located?

- 1) Chennai
- 2) Mumbai
- 3) Pune
- 4) Ahmedabad
- 5) Bangalore

Answer- 5) Bangalore

Explanation:

The American electric vehicle manufacturer has registered with the name — 'Tesla India Motors and Energy Pvt Ltd' with the Registrar of Companies at Bengaluru, Karnataka. Vaibhav Taneja, Venkatrangam Sreeram and David Jon Feinstein are the three directors of Tesla India. The incorporation date for the company is 8 January 2021 and the headquarters of the firm will be in Bengaluru.

79. Which organisation signed a 'Teaming Agreement' with UK's Thales to develop STARStreak Air Defence system in India?

- 1) BrahMos Aerospace Limited
- 2) Bharat Dynamics Limited
- 3) DRDO
- 4) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- 5) Ordnance Factory Board

Answer- 2) Bharat Dynamics Limited

Explanation:

On January 13, 2021, India's Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) under the Ministry of Defence and the United Kingdom's Thales signed a 'Teaming Agreement' to develop STARStreak Air Defence system in India

under the 'Make in India' programme. STARStreak Missile System is in service in the British Army is the fastest missile in its category. It has a unique missile system due to its three laser-guided darts, which cannot be jammed by any known countermeasure. BDL to manufacture 60% of the system in India.

80. Which countries participated in the 2-day virtual event 'Prarambh' – Startup India International Summit 2021?

- 1) BRICS
- 2) ASEAN
- 3) OPEC
- 4) BIMSTEC
- 5) SAARC

Answer- 4) BIMSTEC

Explanation:

On January 15-16, 2021, a two-day event 'Prarambh' – Startup India International Summit 2021 was virtually organized by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India from New Delhi. The inaugural event saw the participation of members of BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) countries. The summit is a demonstration of neighbourhood first policy to boost partnership among the member countries.

81. PM Modi recently announced a seed fund worth Rs 1,000 crore for _____, as of January, 2021.

- 1) Startups
- 2) CSR Fund
- 3) Green Revolution 2.0
- 4) Fisheries Sector
- 5) White Revolution 2.0

Answer- 1) Startups

Explanation:

On January 15-16, 2021, a two-day event 'Prarambh' – Startup India International Summit 2021. Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with startups and addressed the Summit on January 16, 2021. In an important move, he announced a seed fund worth Rs 1,000 crore for startups to set-up and to enhance their businesses. India is one of the biggest nations in the start-up ecosystem with more than 41,000 start-ups with nearly 5,700 in the IT sector, 3,600 in the health sector and 1,700 startups in agriculture.

82. Which act got approval from the Union Cabinet for its amendment, as a reformative move to increase productivity by solving legacy issues of the age old act, in January 2021?

- 1) Essential Commodities Act, 1955
- 2) Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954
- 3) Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957
- 4) Motor Vehicles Act, 1988
- 5) Indian Forest Act, 1927

Answer- 3) Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957

Explanation:

In order to boost mineral production in the country, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved a proposal for mega mineral reforms. The major objective of the reforms is to generate huge employment opportunities, reduce imports and increase production by bringing large mineral blocks into auction. The Major reforms in mining will be implemented by amending the Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act 1957 or MMDR Act, 1957 to solve legacy issues.

83. Connecting which cities was the inaugural flight of India's 1st Air Taxi Service made?

- 1) Chandigarh – Lucknow
- 2) Lucknow – Karnal
- 3) Hisar – Patna
- 4) Gurugram – Karnal
- 5) Chandigarh – Hisar

Answer- 5) Chandigarh – Hisar

Explanation:

On January 14, 2021 Haryana Chief Minister(CM) Manohar Lal Khattar inaugurated India's 1st air taxi service from Chandigarh to the newly constructed Hisar airport in Haryana under Regional Connectivity Scheme – Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) of Govt of India. As part of the inauguration, Haryana CM flagged off the 1st flight from Chandigarh under the scheme. It is the 1st time in India a small aircraft is being used for services in form of an air taxi.

84. Who virtually flagged off 8 trains from various parts of India to the Statue of Unity in Kevadiya, Gujarat, in January 2021?

- 1) Piyush Goyal
- 2) Nitin Gadkari
- 3) Amit Shah
- 4) Narendra Modi
- 5) Rajnath Singh

Answer- 4) Narendra Modi

Explanation:

On January 17, 2021, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi virtually flagged off 8 trains from various parts of India to the Statue of Unity in Kevadiya, Gujarat to boost connectivity and Tourism. The trains will connect Kevadiya to Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh), Dadar (Maharashtra), Ahmedabad (Gujarat), Hazrat Nizamuddin (New Delhi), Rewa (Madhya Pradesh), Chennai (Tamil Nadu) & Pratapnagar (Gujarat). PM Modi stated that this is the 1st in the history of Railways that trains have been flagged off for the same destinations from different parts of the country.

85. What was the theme of 24th National Youth Festival (NYF) 2021 that was held from 12th to 16th January, 2021?

- 1) Youth for Digital India
- 2) Sankalp Se Siddhi
- 3) YUVAAH – Utsah Naye Bharat Ka
- 4) Celebrating Diversity
- 5) Fit Youth Fit India

Answer- 3) YUVAAH – Utsah Naye Bharat Ka

Explanation:

The 24th National Youth Festival (NYF) 2021 was held from 12th to 16th January, 2021. Its closing ceremony was addressed by Union Minister of Textiles and Women and Child Development Smriti Zubin Irani in New Delhi in the presence of Union Minister of State (I/C) for Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju. The theme of the NYF 2021 was 'YUVAAH – Utsah Naye Bharat Ka'. It should be noted that NYF is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary (January 12) of youth icon Swami Vivekananda.

86. Recently in January, 2021 SPMCIL paid a dividend of Rs.215.48 crore to Government of India for the financial year of 2019-20. What does 'M' stands for in SPMCIL?

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|--------------|---------------|
| 1) Mining | 2) Monitoring |
| 3) Measuring | 4) Missiles |
| 5) Minting | |

Answer- 5) Minting

Explanation:

The Security Printing & Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCIL), paid the final dividend of Rs.215.48 crore to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Government of India for the financial year of 2019-20. In the previous fiscal (FY19), SPMCIL had paid dividend of Rs.218.48 crores to the central government. The dividend, in compliance with DIPAM guidelines, amounts to 5% of the net worth of the company at 31st March 2020 & 41% of Profit after tax for FY20.

87. Which state recently signed an MoU with state government of Kerala for replication of Kerala's 'Responsible Tourism (RT)' initiative, in January 2021?

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 1) Goa | 2) Rajasthan |
| 3) Madhya Pradesh | 4) Punjab |
| 5) Maharashtra | |

Answer- 3) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

Madhya Pradesh (MP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Kerala to emulate its 'Responsible Tourism (RT)' initiative. The initiative was started by Kerala in 2017 to ensure the economic well-being of society, social & cultural stability and environmental protection. RT Mission was launched by Pinarayi Vijayan, Chief Minister of Kerala in October, 2017. It aims to make tourism a tool to develop village and local communities. Eradicate poverty & provide

additional income, better livelihood to farmers, traditional artisans, and marginalised people.

88. Which state recently organised its 1st state level bird festival 'Kalrav', in January 2021?

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|-----------|--------------|
| 1) Assam | 2) Nagaland |
| 3) Bihar | 4) Telangana |
| 5) Punjab | |

Answer- 3) Bihar

Explanation:

Bihar's 1st state level bird festival 'Kalrav' was held from January 15 to 17, 2021 in Nagi-Nakti bird Sanctuary, Jamui district, Bihar. It was formally inaugurated by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on January 16, 2021. Bihar's environment, forest and climate change department organised an event at Nagi-Nakti bird Sanctuary on the inauguration day. The Festival aims to create awareness about birds especially migratory birds.

89. What was the target year set under the modified 1G Ethanol scheme, to achieve 20% blending of ethanol with Fossil Fuels, in January 2021?

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|---------|---------|
| 1) 2022 | 2) 2030 |
| 3) 2024 | 4) 2028 |
| 5) 2025 | |

Answer- 5) 2025

Explanation:

Department of Food & Public Distribution (DoFPD) has notified a modified scheme to extend financial assistance for producers of "1st Generation" (1G) Ethanol from feed stocks such as Cereals, Sugarcane & Sugar Beet. The Financial Assistance will also be extended to Project proponents for increasing their ethanol distillation capacity. The Main Objective behind the scheme is to achieve 20% Blending of ethanol with Fossil Fuels by 2025 which was previously targeted at 2030. It will help in reducing pollution Help in Lowering India's Energy Import dependency will lower the crude oil import bill.

90. Which organisation is responsible for computerization of Indian Railways Unreserved ticketing system?

- 1) Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation (IRSDC)
- 2) Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS)
- 3) Indian Railways eProcurement Systems (IRePS)
- 4) Indian Railways Knowledge Portal (IRKP)
- 5) Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO)

Answer- 2) Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS)

Explanation:

On January 16, 2021, the Ministry of Railways issued Iron-ore policy 2021 that will govern the allocation of rakes and transportation of iron-ore w.e.f February 10,

2021. The aim of the policy is to provide complete logistics support to iron ore customers, thereby helping the iron and steel industry. The Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS) will update the features of this new policy in the Rake Allotment System module. Established in 1986 in New Delhi, CRIS is an organization of IT Professionals. It is responsible for computerization of Indian Railways Unreserved ticketing system.

91. Where is India's 1st Labour Movement Museum located?

- 1) Pune
- 2) Vadodara
- 3) Surat
- 4) Alappuzha
- 5) Jamshedpur

Answer- 4) Alappuzha

Explanation:

India's First Labour Movement Museum which showcases the history of the World Labour Movement is set to be launched in Kerala's houseboat tourism hub, Alappuzha, Kerala. The museum has been constructed with a budget of INR 9.95 crores & 97% of renovations works in the museum have been completed. It will portray pictures, documents & other exhibits which shaped the growth of the labour movement across the world & Alappuzha, which is the cradle of the Labour movement in India.

92. Which of the following is the bike ambulance, that was developed by Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS) for CRPF?

- 1) Sharang
- 2) Pranash
- 3) Saksham
- 4) Sagar Kavach
- 5) Rakshita

Answer- 5) Rakshita

Explanation:

On January 18, 2021, a bike-based casualty transport emergency vehicle (bike ambulance) namely 'Rakshita' was handed over by Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS) to Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) during a ceremony held at CRPF Headquarter in New Delhi. Rakshita has an integrated emergency medical support system with air splint, medical and oxygen kit. It is fitted with a customized reclining Casualty Evacuation Seat (CES), which can be fitted in and taken out as per requirement. The patient can be monitored on the dashboard mounted LCD.

93. Which state announced the allotment of 7, 219 Fair Price Shops (FPS) across the state under its 'Ghar Ghar Rozgar te Karoobaar Mission'?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Rajasthan
- 4) Jharkhand
- 5) Punjab

Answer- 5) Punjab

Explanation:

Punjab Chief Minister (CM) Amarinder Singh started the allotment of 7, 219 Fair Price Shops (FPS) across the state under the 'Ghar Ghar Rozgar te Karoobaar Mission'. The allotment of FPS will help in improving the economic condition of people & will strengthen the Public Distribution System (PDS). Around 30, 000 people are expected to benefit because of the scheme. Since the inception of the scheme in 2017, the State Government has facilitated more than 15 Lakh Placements/self-employment.

94. Recently in January 2021, 'WE Hub' & 'I-Hub' signed an MoU for supporting startups by women. 'WE Hub' & 'I-Hub' are initiatives of _____ & _____ state governments.

- 1) Telangana, Kerala
- 2) Delhi, Telangana
- 3) Kerala, Gujarat
- 4) Telangana, Gujarat
- 5) Punjab, Kerala

Answer- 4) Telangana, Gujarat

Explanation:

'WE Hub' of Telangana Government & 'I-Hub' of Gujarat Government have virtually signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enable & support startups by women to raise capital in various focus sectors, this is the 1st time that 2 state Governments have partnered to support women entrepreneurs. The partnership will benefit women entrepreneurs all over India. WE Hub is India's 1st state-led Incubator exclusively for women entrepreneurs, it was established in 2017.

95. What was the total amount allocated for Kerala Development & Innovation Strategic Council (K-DISC) in the State Budget for the Financial Year (FY) 2021-22?

- 1) 100 Crore
- 2) 150 Crore
- 3) 200 Crore
- 4) 350 Crore
- 5) 400 Crore

Answer- 3) 200 Crore

Explanation:

On January 15, 2021, Kerala Finance Minister Thomas Isaac presented the State Budget for the Financial Year (FY) 2021-22. During the budget, he stated that the State Government aims to make Kerala as a Knowledge economy and announced several schemes to promote the education sector of Kerala. The Budget has set a target to create 8 Lakh jobs in 2021-22. INR 200 Crores set aside for Kerala Development & Innovation Strategic Council (K-DISC) to utilise digital platforms to provide jobs for Youths.

96. Which state government delivers medicines for senior citizens through its flagship project “Karunya at Home”?

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Punjab
- 3) Assam
- 4) Goa
- 5) Rajasthan

Answer- 1) Kerala

Explanation:

On January 15, 2021, Kerala Finance Minister Thomas Isaac presented the State Budget for the Financial Year (FY) 2021-22. Funds have been allocated for Government’s flagship projects like ‘Karunya at Home’ project for delivering medicines for senior citizens, INR 166 Crore for K-FON (Kerala-Fiber Optic Network) which will ensure affordable Internet Connectivity for all.

97. Which Organisation partnered with the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) (in January 2021) to set up the World’s 1st Quantum Computing Applications Lab in India?

- 1) Tata Communications
- 2) Amazon Web Services
- 3) Tata Consultancy Services
- 4) CloudEndure
- 5) Microsoft Azure

Answer- 2) Amazon Web Services

Explanation:

The Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) has partnered with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to set up a Quantum Computing Applications Lab in the Country. The lab will be the World’s 1st Quantum Computing Applications Lab to support a National Government’s Mission. Amazon has partnered with Startup India, Sequoia Capital India & Fireside Ventures to launch an Accelerator programme namely ‘Amazon Global Selling Propel (AGSP)’ to help early-stage startups to take their products to Global Audiences.

98. Which state became the 1st in India to provide subsidy for electricity through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

Madhya Pradesh (MP) has become the first State to give electricity subsidy through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) thereby successfully implementing one out of the three stipulated reforms in the power sector. This achievement has made it eligible for additional borrowing equivalent to 0.15% of its Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP). Phase-1 of DBT of electricity subsidy scheme to

farmers was initiated by the state in its Vidisha district. In May 2020, the Central Government enhanced the borrowing limit of the States by 2% of their GSDP in order to meet the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic.

99. Which state government renamed Gorewada International Zoo as “Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada International Zoological Park”?

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Bihar
- 3) Rajasthan
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Chhattisgarh

Answer- 4) Maharashtra

Explanation:

On January 18, 2021 Maharashtra Government renamed Gorewada International Zoo as “Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada International Zoological Park”, in memory of Balasaheb Thackeray, an Indian politician. This zoological park is situated in Nagpur, Maharashtra and covers about 2,000 hectares of the forest land. Balasaheb Thackeray founded Shiv Sena in 1966, a right-wing Marathi regional political party in India.

100. When was the 7th edition of India Smart Utility Week 2021 (ISUW 2021) planned to be virtually conducted by India Smart Grid Forum (ISGF)?

- 1) March 2-5, 2021
- 2) January 26-30, 2021
- 3) April 7-10, 2021
- 4) February 3-7, 2021
- 5) March 7-10, 2021

Answer- 1) March 2-5, 2021

Explanation:

The 7th edition of India Smart Utility Week 2021 (ISUW 2021) will be held virtually from March 2-5, 2021. It will be organized by India Smart Grid Forum (ISGF), a PPP (public-private partnership initiative of Government of India (GoI). It is an International Conference and Exhibition on Smart Energy and Smart Mobility for Smarter Cities on Digital Platform (www.isuw.in). ISGF has been organising India Smart Utility Week (ISUW) since 2015 and it is considered as one of the top five international events on Smart Grids and Smart Cities.

101. Where was the 42nd Kokborok Day celebrated?

- 1) Tripura
- 2) Nagaland
- 3) Assam
- 4) Bihar
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- 1) Tripura

Explanation:

On January 19, 2021, Tripura observed the 42nd Kokborok Day to recognise declaration of Kokborok as an official language of the state of Tripura, India by the state government in the year 1979. Kokborok is the Sino-Tibetan native language of the Borok (Tripura) people of Tripura and neighbouring areas of Bangladesh.

102. Which International Airport recently (in Jan 2021) commissioned a floating solar power plant with Capacity of 452 KWh?

- 1) Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport
- 2) Cochin International Airport
- 3) Kempegowda International Airport
- 4) Goa International Airport
- 5) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport

Answer- 2) Cochin International Airport

Explanation:

Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) commissioned one of the biggest floating solar power plants in the State with a capacity of 452 KWh. With the new installation going on stream, the total installed capacity of the airport has gone up to 40 MWp, helping it generate around 1.60 lakh units of power a day

103. Which country got approval from the Union Cabinet (in Jan 2021) for signing an MoU with India for Cooperation in Solar Energy Sector?

- 1) Uzbekistan
- 2) Azerbaijan
- 3) Kenya
- 4) Yugoslavia
- 5) Mongolia

Answer- 1) Uzbekistan

Explanation:

On January 20, 2021, the Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi gave its approval to the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Uzbekistan for cooperation in the Solar Energy sector. The entities included in this project are National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE), Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, India and the International Solar Energy Institute (ISEI), Uzbekistan. The Union Cabinet has given its approval to the new Joint Venture Company (JVC) for an investment of Rs.5281.94 crore in the 850 MW Rattle Hydro Electric (HE) Project on Chenab river.

104. Which State recently (in Jan 2021) signed an agreement with Power Grid Corporation of India for telecom connectivity in remote & hilly areas?

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Nagaland
- 3) Assam
- 4) Himachal Pradesh
- 5) Manipur

Answer- 4) Himachal Pradesh

Explanation:

Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) has signed an agreement with Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Ltd (HPSEBL) to improve telecom connectivity in the remote & hilly areas of the state. POWERGRID will use the 500 Kms Long Optical Ground Wire (OPGW) laid in HPSEBL Extra High Voltage (EHV) lines of the state to boost the telecom connectivity. POWERGRID has created about 67, 500 kms of Optical Fiber Communication (OFC) network which connects over 1000 plus locations across India

105. Recently (in Jan 2021), PM Modi released financial assistance of around Rs 2691 crores to ~6.1 lakh beneficiaries in _____ under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G).

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Jharkhand
- 5) Uttarakhand

Answer- 2) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

On January 20, 2021, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi released financial assistance of around Rs 2691 crores to ~6.1 lakh beneficiaries in Uttar Pradesh (UP) under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G) through video conference. Initiated on April 1, 2016, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G) was launched on the lines of Government's commitment to provide "Housing for All" by 2022. The scheme has replaced Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) launched in 1996.

106. Which organisation recently introduced National Faceless Penalty Centres (NFPC) to impose and collect penalties?

- 1) Reserve Bank of India
- 2) Central Board of Direct Taxes
- 3) Security and Exchange Board of India
- 4) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
- 5) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs

Answer- 2) Central Board of Direct Taxes

Explanation:

As a part of faceless taxation, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has introduced the Faceless Penalty Scheme 2021 under which penalty to assessee will be imposed in a digital format. Faceless penalty scheme will help boost transparency, compliance for taxpayers. In this regard, there will be setting up of National Faceless Penalty Centres (NFPC), for execution of penalty proceedings. National e-Assessment Centre (NeAC) and its units will act as faceless penalty system until, National Faceless Penalty Centre is constructed.

107. Indian Railways has renamed the one of India's oldest train Howrah-Kalka Mail Express as _____

- 1) Garib Rath Express
- 2) Howrah Rajdhani Express
- 3) Kavi Guru Express
- 4) Nizamuddin Durgam Express
- 5) Netaji Express

Answer- 5) Netaji Express

Explanation:

As a tribute to Freedom fighter 'Netaji' Subhas Chandra Bose, the Indian Railways has renamed the Howrah-Kalka Mail, one of the oldest running trains in India, as "Netaji Express" with effect on 23rd January 2021, the 125th Birth Anniversary of Subhas Chandra

Bose. The train was first operated on 1st January 1866 as Howrah-Peshawar Express.

108. Which state introduced India's 1st Solar Electric Roll-on/roll-off (RORO) service?

- | | |
|----------------|------------|
| 1) Kerala | 2) Punjab |
| 3) Karnataka | 4) Gujarat |
| 5) West Bengal | |

Answer- 1) Kerala

Explanation:

The country's maiden Solar Electric Roll-on/roll-off (RORO) service and Kerala's first amphibious water bus will be introduced during the year 2021-2022. Utilising the potential of the National Waterway corridors in the State, the Department of Water Transport will gear up to introduce Barge Service for cargo movement.

109. Where was 1st ever Khelo India Winter Sports & Youth Festival conducted?

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|---------------|-------------|
| 1) Dharamsala | 2) Srinagar |
| 3) Shimla | 4) Kargil |
| 5) Manali | |

Answer- 4) Kargil

Explanation:

On January 21, 2021, Kiren Rijiju, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Youth Affairs and Sports inaugurated the 1st ever Khelo India Zaskar Winter Sports & Youth Festival 2021 at Padum in Zaskar of Kargil, Ladakh UT. It will take place for 13 days from January 18-30, 2021 and is organized by Ladakh's Sports & Youth Services Department and Tourism Department under the Khelo India program. Some of the events in the Festival are Ice Climbing, trekking on frozen Zaskar River, Ice Hockey, snow sculpture & ethnic food festival.

110. Delegates from Which country/countries participated in a Trade Council with Indian counterparts to boost business relationship between the countries, that was held at Chennai (in Jan 2021)?

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| 1) Singapore | 2) Africa |
| 3) Sri Lanka | 4) Bangladesh |
| 5) European Union | |

Answer- 2) Africa

Explanation:

On January 22, 2021, the India Africa Trade Council 2021 was inaugurated in Hotel Crowne Plaza, Chennai (Tamil Nadu) for building up business relations between India and Africa. As a part of the council, 13 Trade offices linked directly with embassies in Delhi will be opened in Major Metro cities of India which makes our Indian Businessmen could have the interest to do a trade in African countries. Establishment of India Africa Film Commission for identifying opportunities in Film shootings for Bollywood and South India film Industry by Wali Kashvi.

111. Which country will train Indian Military personnel in operating S-400 missile system?

- | | |
|-----------|------------|
| 1) USA | 2) France |
| 3) Russia | 4) Germany |
| 5) Turkey | |

Answer- 3) Russia

Explanation:

India is set to send the first group of Military specialists to Russia to train on operating the S-400 air Defence system in Moscow. India will receive the first batch of the S-400 by the end of 2021. S-400 was developed by Almaz Central Design Bureau of Russia. It is an upgrade of the S-300 family of surface-to-air missile systems. The all five s-400 delivery is expected to be completed by 2025

112. Which state government signed a tripartite agreement with Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL), and RSMML (in Jan 2021) to study the possibilities of Potash mining in the state?

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| 1) Tripura | 2) Assam |
| 3) Maharashtra | 4) Rajasthan |
| 5) Jharkhand | |

Answer- 4) Rajasthan

Explanation:

On January 21, 2021 Department of Mines & Geology (DMG), Govt. of Rajasthan signed a tripartite agreement with Rajasthan State Mines and Minerals Limited(RSMML) and the Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL), Govt of India to take possibility steps towards study solution mining of potash in the Nagaur-Ganganagar area of Rajasthan. MECL will be the program manager and this will create a path for solution mining which tends to be established as the 1st solution mining hub of potash in India.

113. Where was the foundation stone laid for a new "Science City" in January 2021?

- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| 1) Tripura | 2) Assam |
| 3) Hyderabad | 4) Telangana |
| 5) Punjab | |

Answer- 2) Assam

Explanation:

On January 18, 2021 Assam Chief Minister(CM) Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone of Science City at Tepesia, Assam. The total expenditure to build this science city is Rs 184 crore. This is aimed at popularising Science & Technology(S&T) at the grassroot level in the state. The centre and the state government will share the total cost of constructing the science city in 90:10 ratios.

114. Which state launched "Virasat (natural succession) Drive", a two-month long campaign to end land disputes over succession rights?

- | | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1) Uttar Pradesh | 2) Madhya Pradesh |
| 3) Rajasthan | 4) Assam |
| 5) Gujarat | |

Answer- 1) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

In December 2020, The Government of Uttar Pradesh launched the “Virasat (natural succession) Drive”, a two-month long campaign to end land disputes over succession rights in villages and to resolve the property lawsuits at tehsil and district levels. As of 19th January 2021, under this initiative, the officials of the revenue department have disposed of more than 4.43 lakh cases which were pending for years.

115. Where was the first ever Ice climbing festival of India celebrated?

- 1) Kashmir Valley
- 2) Pir Panjal Range
- 3) Nubra valley
- 4) Deo Tibba
- 5) Indrasan

Answer- 3) Nubra valley, Ladakh

Explanation:

In Leh, the first ever Ice climbing festival was celebrated in Nubra valley, Ladakh. The Seven Day event was organized by Nubra Adventure Club. Ice climbing is a popular winter sport abroad. Taking the cue, local adventure sports lovers have explored several ice climbing spots in Nubra valley to attract the adventure tourists to the region.

116. Which part of the country will be benefited through the recent (in Jan 2021) partnership between India’s premier Institutions and Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) to implement AI for improving air quality?

- 1) Metropolitan Cities
- 2) Delhi & adjoining National Capital Region
- 3) All Smart Cities
- 4) Mumbai & Delhi
- 5) Chennai, Mumbai & Delhi

Answer- 2) Delhi & adjoining National Capital Region

Explanation:

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) is set to partner with Premier Technical Institutions of the Country to establish a Decision Support System (DSS) for improving the Air Quality in Delhi and the adjoining National Capital Region (NCR). DSS will utilize Artificial Intelligence (AI) for simulation of scenarios, based on which steps will be taken to improve air quality. The system will have features like web, Geographic Information System (GIS) & Decision Support Tool (DST) for operation & planning purposes.

117. In January 2021, Central Government approved the 1st set of 5 pharma projects promoting domestic manufacture of bulk drugs under the PLI Scheme. What does PLI stands for?

- 1) Public Livelihood Implementation
- 2) Product Limited Implementation

- 3) Public Livelihood Implementation
- 4) Production Linked Incentive
- 5) Production Limited Incentive

Answer- 4) Production Linked Incentive

Explanation:

On January 22, 2021, the Central Government gave its consent for first set of five pharma projects with the total committed Investment of Rs 3,761.17 crore. It was approved under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for promoting domestic manufacture of bulk drugs and active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs). These are bagged by Hyderabad based Aurobindo Pharma, Bengaluru based Karnataka Antibiotics & Pharmaceuticals, and Kinvan Pvt Ltd located in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

118. Where was the India’s largest multi-model logistic park planned to be setup, in partnership with Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ), as of January 2021?

- 1) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 2) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Chandigarh, Punjab
- 4) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 5) Mumbai, Maharashtra

Answer- 1) Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Explanation:

On January 22, 2021, an MoU was signed between the Gujarat Government and Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ) in the presence of Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani in Gandhinagar to set up India’s largest multi-model logistic park near Sanand in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. It will have a dedicated air cargo complex with 4.6-kilometre long runway to handle even large sized cargo aircraft. The park will have provision of direct rail connectivity with a dedicated freight corridor which is part of the Delhi-Mumbai industrial corridor.

119. Recently (in Jan 2021), PM Modi virtually addressed the 18th Convocation of _____ in Assam.

- 1) Jamia Millia Islamia University
- 2) Tezpur University
- 3) Banaras Hindu University
- 4) Aligarh Muslim University
- 5) Cotton University

Answer- 2) Tezpur University

Explanation:

On 22nd January 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually addressed the 18th Convocation of the Tezpur University of Assam through video conferencing. The PhD scholars and gold medalists received their degrees and medals in person and the other students received their diplomas and degrees over the virtual platform. Tezpur University was established by the act of Parliament in 1994.

120. Which is the 1st Indian state to establish a dedicated migration cell to address the issues of migrant workers who come from different States?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Meghalaya
- 4) Goa
- 5) Punjab

Answer- 4) Goa

Explanation:

Goa is the first destination state of India to set up a dedicated migration cell to address the issues of migrant workers who come from different States to Goa. The cell will cater to the multiple needs of migrants viz. legal support, skill development, job linkages, access to public services health, insurance, financial inclusion

121. Which company will act as the knowledge partner to the Government of Madhya Pradesh(MP) in implementing the New Education Policy, as of January 2021?

- 1) TCS
- 2) Google
- 3) Microsoft
- 4) Wipro
- 5) Infosys

Answer- 4) Wipro

Explanation:

Wipro group is set to act as the knowledge partner of the Government of Madhya Pradesh(MP) in the context of the new education policy at the implementation level. WIPRO has taken an initiative to establish a University in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh and the state government will provide all the required support to the Azim Premji Foundation to establish a university in the MP.

122. Which was the 1st state to launch door-delivery of rations under the Public Distribution System(PDS)?

- 1) Goa
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Telangana
- 5) Tamil Nadu

Answer- 3) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

On 21st January 2021, Andhra Pradesh(AP) became the first state to launch door-delivery of rations under the Public Distribution System(PDS). The scheme will benefit 26,39,363 cardholders throughout the state. The scheme will cost an additional Rs. 830 crore per annum.

123. Which State/UT recently (in Jan 2021), approved its Industrial Land Allotment Policy, 2021-30?

- 1) Jammu & Kashmir
- 2) Goa
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Ladakh

Answer- 1) Jammu & Kashmir

Explanation:

On January 22, 2021, The Jammu & Kashmir's (J&K) Administrative Council (AC) under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha gave

its approval for the adoption of Jammu & Kashmir Industrial Land Allotment Policy, 2021-30. The policy aims to achieve inclusive growth for sustainable industrialisation & employment generation in Jammu & Kashmir. The policy will also cover the land allotment for health institutions, medi-cities, educational institutions & edu-cities.

124. Recently (in Jan 2021), Home Minister Amit Shah launched _____ scheme, providing full benefits of the AB PM-JAY to the personnel & dependents of the armed wing.

- 1) Ayushman CAPF
- 2) Ayushman NSG
- 3) Jan Arogya BSF
- 4) Jan Arogya ITBP
- 5) Ayushman RPF

Answer- 1) Ayushman CAPF

Explanation:

On January 23, 2021, Union Minister Amit Shah, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) attended a function in Guwahati, Assam where he launched the 'Ayushman CAPF' scheme for personnel and dependents of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF), which will be fully implemented by May 1, 2021. It will cover around 28 lakh personnel of CAPF, Assam Rifles and National Security Guard (NSG) and their families under 'Ayushman Bharat: Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana' (AB PM-JAY).

125. Where was the 51st International Film Festival of India (IFFI) held?

- 1) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 2) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- 3) Panaji, Goa
- 4) Kochi, Kerala
- 5) Udaipur, Rajasthan

Answer- 3) Panaji, Goa

Explanation:

The 51st International Film Festival of India (IFFI) was held from 16 to 24 January 2021 at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium in Panaji, Goa. Due to COVID-19, it was conducted in hybrid mode i.e. 50 films out of 224 films across various categories are scheduled to be screened online. This hybrid mode format of IFFI was first in India and in Asia too.

126. What is the objective of 'MASCRADE 2021' – Movement that was organised by FICCI Cascade?

- 1) Fight against Non Communicable diseases
- 2) Eliminate smuggling of spurious products
- 3) Eliminate Child Trafficking
- 4) Fight towards Labour Welfare
- 5) Eliminate Child Labour

Answer- 2) Eliminate smuggling of spurious products

Explanation:

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare inaugurated the 7th Edition of

'MASCRADE 2021' – Movement against Smuggled & Counterfeit Trade organized by FICCI Cascade (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry – Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy) which took place from January 21-22, 2021. Objective of MASCRADE is to serve as a platform for discussion on ways to reduce counterfeiting, smuggling & spurious products during the post COVID period.

127. Which state government allowed teenager Srishti Goswami to be its one-day Chief Minister, on the occasion of National Girl Child Day to encourage leadership capability among girls?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Sikkim
- 3) Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Uttarakhand
- 5) Meghalaya

Answer- 4) Uttarakhand

Explanation:

National Girl Child Day is observed annually on January 24. On the National Girl Child Day, Teenager Srishti Goswami took charge as Uttarakhand Chief Minister(CM) for one day. She was appointed by Uttarakhand Child Protection Commission.

128. Which was the 1st state to get additional funds for capital projects from Finance Ministry, for successfully carrying out reforms in various citizen-centric areas?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Punjab
- 5) Kerala

Answer- 1) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

Madhya Pradesh has become the first state to get additional funds for capital projects for successfully carrying out reforms in various citizen-centric areas. The Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance has allocated additional 660 crore rupees to the state for capital expenditure for undertaking the One Nation, One Ration Card Reforms, Ease of Doing Business Reforms, and Urban Local Bodies Reforms.

129. Who participated in the Bhoomi Pooja function of Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project Phase-II and Surat Metro Rail Project in January 2021?

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Amit Shah
- 3) Rajnath Singh
- 4) Piyush Goyal
- 5) Nitin Gadkari

Answer- 1) Narendra Modi

Explanation:

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is scheduled to perform the Bhoomi Poojan of Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project Phase-II and Surat Metro Rail Project in January 2021. The Metro Projects will provide an environment friendly 'Mass Rapid Transit System' to these cities.

130. Where is 'Wahrew Bridge', India's Longest Steel Arch Bridge located?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Meghalaya
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Uttarakhand
- 5) Jammu & Kashmir

Answer- 2) Meghalaya

Explanation:

On January 22, 2021, Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma inaugurated India's Longest Steel Arch Bridge 'Wahrew Bridge' at Tharia Village in Meghalaya. The 169-metre-long bridge connects Bholaganj & Sohbar to Nongjri in East Khasi Hills and runs over the river Wahrew. INR 49.395 Crore, which was allocated under the Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) Scheme of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (M-DoNER). NLCPR was initiated in 1998 to boost the infrastructure sector of the North Eastern Region.

131. What was the average daily intake of salt, as per the findings of 1st National Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) Monitoring Survey (NNMS)?

- 1) 10 gm
- 2) 12 gm
- 3) 15 gm
- 4) 8 gm
- 5) 5 gm

Answer- 4) 8 gm

Explanation:

On 25th January, 2021, Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) virtually attended the Foundation day celebrations & Launch of Decadal year of the ICMR-NCDIR, Bengaluru, Karnataka. National Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) Monitoring Survey (NNMS) 2017-18, 1st of its kind complete survey on NCDs using standardised tools & methods. Average Daily intake of salt was 8 gms, which is higher than the World Health Organization (WHO) recommended level of 5 Grams/day. High Salt Consumption leads to raised Blood Pressure (BP) & increases the risk of heart diseases.

132. In January 2021, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla inaugurated the 5-day Bharat Parv-2021, a virtual National Festival at New Delhi. What was the core idea behind Bharat Parv?

- 1) Fight against inequality
- 2) Technically Support MSME
- 3) Promote Tourism
- 4) Provide incentive to MSME
- 5) Promote Tribal Culture and Products

Answer- 3) Promote Tourism

Explanation:

On 26th January, 2021, Lok Sabha (LS) Speaker Om Birla inaugurated the 5-day Bharat Parv-2021, a virtual National Festival at New Delhi. The Festival being held from January 26-31, 2021 will take place on a virtual platform – <http://www.bharatparv2021.com/> due to the

Pandemic. Bharat Parv is an annual event being organized by the Ministry of Tourism since 2016. The overall theme of Bharat Parv will also be focused towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat.

133. What was the idea behind the campaign, "Ayu Samvad"?

- 1) Ayurveda and COVID-19 pandemic
- 2) Promoting use of Clean Energy
- 3) Rehabilitation in Management Rohingya refugees
- 4) Sanitation and COVID-19 pandemic
- 5) Exercise and NCD management

Answer- 1) Ayurveda and COVID-19 pandemic
Explanation:

The "Ayu Samvad" (My Health My Responsibility), one of the largest public awareness campaigns on Ayurveda and COVID-19 pandemic (in the form of lecture series) is organised by All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi, an apex Ayurveda institute under the Ministry of AYUSH, from 26th January 2021 to 30th March 2021. The campaign focuses on the Role of Preventive, Promotive, Curative and Rehabilitation in Management of COVID 19 through Ayurveda.

134. Who became the 1st Female Fighter Jet pilot to be part of Indian Air Force's (IAF) Tableaux in a Republic Day Parade?

- 1) Bhawana Kanth
- 2) Mohana Singh
- 3) Avani Chaturvedi
- 4) Gunjan Saxena
- 5) Shivangi

Answer- 1) Bhawana Kanth

Explanation:

On January 26, 2021 India celebrated its 72nd Republic Day. On this date, in 1950 the Constitution of India came into effect by replacing the Government of India Act (1935). Flight Lieutenant Bhawana Kanth became the 1st Female Fighter Jet pilot to be part of Indian Air Force's (IAF) Tableaux. She is one of the First 3 fighter pilots in India to be inducted into IAF in June 2016.

135. Which country's Triservice force Contingent participated in India's 72nd Republic Day Parade?

- 1) Sri Lanka
- 2) Bhutan
- 3) Bangladesh
- 4) Nepal
- 5) Vietnam

Answer- 3) Bangladesh

Explanation:

For the 1st time, a 122-member Bangladeshi Triservice force Contingent participated in the 72nd Republic Day Parade. The Bangladeshi forces participated in the parade to commemorate 50 years of its Liberation, in which India played a major part.

136. Where did BSF conducted "Operation Sard Hawa"?

- 1) New Delhi
- 2) Jaisalmer
- 3) Amristar
- 4) Dharamshala

5) Kargil

Answer- 2) Jaisalmer

Explanation:

Border Security Force (BSF) launched "Operation Sard Hawa" under which it aims to increase security on the borders in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. This operation will continue till January 27 with an aim that there is no intrusion. The enhanced security comes ahead of Republic Day.

137. Which information technology services company partnered with Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) to establish FCA's 1st global digital hub in India?

- 1) Wipro
- 2) Infosys
- 3) TCS
- 4) Tech Mahendra
- 5) Zoho

Answer- 1) Wipro

Explanation:

Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV (FCA) will invest \$250 million to grow its presence in India with the launch of four new sport utility vehicles (SUVs) under its Jeep brand over the next two years. Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) had chosen the leading global information technology services company "Wipro Limited" to establish its first global digital hub in India. Known as FCA ICT India, the digital hub will be built in Hyderabad.

138. Recently (in Jan 2021), Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs increased the MSP of _____ in line with 1.5 times the average cost of production.

- 1) Groundnut-in-shell
- 2) Copra
- 3) Safflower
- 4) Masur
- 5) Soyabean

Answer- 2) Copra

Explanation:

Based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has given its approval for the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of copra for 2021 season. In this regard, MSP for Fair Average Quality (FAQ) of milling copra is increased by Rs.375 to Rs. 10335/- per quintal & the MSP for ball copra has been increased by Rs.300/-, to Rs. 10,600/- per quintal. The increase is on line with the principle of fixing the MSP at a level of at least 1.5 times the all India weighted average cost of production.

139. Which city will be benefitted through the Nutrition Program launched by UN World Food Programme (UNWFP) in collaboration with Cargill, as of January 2021?

- 1) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 2) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- 3) Dispur, Assam
- 4) Ahmedabad, Gujarat

5) New Delhi

Answer- 2) Jaipur, Rajasthan

Explanation:

On January 27, 2021 Cargill in collaboration with the United Nations World Food Programme (UNWFP) and Centre for Responsible Business (CRB) launched a programme to improve nutrition status in Jaipur, Rajasthan. The program is supported by the Department of Women & Child Development, Government of Rajasthan. The program aims to address the nutritional intake in first 1000 days of a child's life, i.e., from conception to two years after birth.

140. Indian Government is set to procure 21 MiG-29 fighter jets and 12 Sukhoi(Su)-30 MKI aircrafts to enhance the defence capability of Indian Air Force. Which country designs & manufacture's the advanced fighter jets MiG-29 & Sukhoi(Su)-30 MKI?

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|-----------|-----------|
| 1) Japan | 2) USA |
| 3) France | 4) Israel |
| 5) Russia | |

Answer- 5) Russia

Explanation:

Indian Government is set to procure 21 MiG-29 fighter jets and 12 Sukhoi(Su)-30 MKI aircrafts from Russia. In addition to this, existing 59 MiG-29 aircrafts will also be upgraded. The new 21 MiG-29 is an addition to the existing 59 such jets with the Indian Air Force (IAF). The new 12 Sukhoi-30MKIs is an addition to the existing fleet of 272 such fighter aircraft, that were contracted from Russia for around \$15 billion, with the majority of them licensed to be produced by HAL, India.

141. Recently (in Jan 2021), Which state became the 1st in India to have 2 airstrips on expressways for emergency landing and take-off of fighter planes?

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1) Bihar | 2) Madhya Pradesh |
| 3) Himachal Pradesh | 4) Assam |
| 5) Uttar Pradesh | |

Answer- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

With the completion of the construction of the 3,300-metre-long airstrip near Kurebhar on Purvanchal Expressway, Uttar Pradesh has become the first state in the country with two airstrips on expressways to facilitate emergency landing and take-off of fighter planes.

142. Which was NOT one among the measures mentioned in the 'Marine Mega Fauna Stranding Guidelines' released by MoEFCC, in January 2021?

- 1) Boost scientific research
- 2) Rebuilding of degraded habitats of marine mammals
- 3) Reduce stranding of marine turtles

4) Increasing fish population

5) Increasing People's Participation in conservation

Answer- 4) Increasing fish population

Explanation:

On January 29, 2021, Prakash Javadekar, Union Minister for Environment Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC) virtually released 'Marine Mega Fauna Stranding Guidelines' & 'National Marine Turtle Action Plan' in New Delhi. Some of the guidelines are,

- Improve the response of stakeholders towards stranding, entanglement, injury of marine mammals and conservation of marine turtles.
- Boost scientific research & exchange of information
- Rebuilding of degraded habitats of marine mammals
- Increasing People's Participation in conservation

143. Which state government recently (in Jan 2021), launched the Agriculture Pump Power Connection Policy 2020?

- | | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 1) Gujarat | 2) Karnataka |
| 3) Maharashtra | 4) Andhra Pradesh |
| 5) West Bengal | |

Answer- 3) Maharashtra

Explanation:

On January 28, 2021, Maharashtra Chief Minister (CM) Uddhav Thackeray launched the Agriculture Pump Power Connection Policy 2020 which aims to provide uninterrupted power supply to the farmers. He also inaugurated several farm related initiatives like Solar Energy Land Bank Portal, Krishi Urja Abhiyan Policy 2020 Web Portal, ACF App developed by Power DISCOM Mahavitaran & Maha Krishi Abhiyan App.

144. Which state government recently (in Jan 2021), launched a Geographic Information System (GIS)-based interactive dashboard for Teacher Education Institutes (TEIs)?

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|----------------|-------------------|
| 1) Odisha | 2) Karnataka |
| 3) Maharashtra | 4) Andhra Pradesh |
| 5) West Bengal | |

Answer- 1) Odisha

Explanation:

The Directorate of Teacher Education (TE) and State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Govt of Odisha in collaboration with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Odisha launched a Geographic Information System (GIS)-based interactive dashboard for Teacher Education Institutes (TEIs). The technical support for the dashboard is given by Structural Dynamics Research Corporation (SDRC). This will enable TEIs to monitor the annual academic calendar and improve the quality of teacher training.

145. What will be the total financial assistance provided by World Bank for its Strengthening

Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) project?

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1) USD 400 million | 2) USD 700 million |
| 3) USD 500 million | 4) USD 4 billion |
| 5) USD 1 billion | |

Answer- 3) USD 500 million

Explanation:

On the lines of the Cabinet approval to the Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) project in Oct 2020, a financial support agreement was signed between Ministry of Education (MoE), Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), and World Bank (WB) for the implementation of Rs 5718 crore STARS project on January 29, 2021. Under the agreement, WB will provide US\$ 500 million (approximately Rs. 3700 crore) and the rest will be shared by participating states for a period of 5 years. There are 6 participating states viz. Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala and Odisha.

146. Which loss making state-owned company was approved for closure by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs in January 2021?

- 1) Western Coalfields Limited (WCL)
- 2) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL-VSP)
- 3) Scooters India Limited (SIL)
- 4) Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL)
- 5) State Trading Corporation of India Limited (STC Limited)

Answer- 3) Scooters India Limited (SIL)

Explanation:

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the closure of state-owned Scooters India Limited (SIL). The company is being closed as it has been only accumulating losses. SIL was founded in 1972. It has manufactured both Two-wheelers and three-wheelers, however since 1997 it discontinued its 2-wheeler manufacturing process. Currently there are around 100 employees in the company. They will be offered Voluntary Retirement Scheme/Voluntary Separation Scheme (VRS/VSS).

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. Which country will replace South Korea to co-chair the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)-supported Asia Protected Areas Partnership (APAP) for 3 years?

- | | |
|---------------|----------|
| 1) Bangladesh | 2) China |
| 3) Japan | 4) India |
| 5) Indonesia | |

Answer- 4) India

Explanation:

India is all set to co-chair the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)-supported Asia Protected Areas Partnership (APAP), a regional forum to conserve wildlife habitats for three years. In this tenure India will assist other Asian countries in managing their protected areas. India will replace South Korea which held this position for three years till November, 2020. Notably APAP is chaired by IUCN Asia and co-chaired by an APAP country member.

2. Which country will join the “Five Eyes” to respond against the threats faced by Uyghurs, as of January, 2021?

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|--------------|----------|
| 1) Australia | 2) India |
| 3) Germany | 4) Japan |
| 5) China | |

Answer- 4) Japan

Explanation:

Five Eyes is a network of five nations – Australia, Britain, Canada, New Zealand and the US who collaborated to better respond to increasing threats to

Uyghurs by North Korea and China. Japan is on its way to become the ‘sixth eye’.

3. Which country recently received INR 19.21 crore grant from India as an assistance for Reconstruction of Educational Institutions damaged during the 2015 earthquake, in January, 2021?

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| 1) El Salvador | 2) Indonesia |
| 3) Fiji | 4) Nepal |
| 5) Ecuador | |

Answer- 4) Nepal

Explanation:

On January 6, 2021, India provided a grant assistance of 30.66 Crore Nepalese Rupees (NPR) (~ INR 19.21 Crore) to Nepal for Reconstruction of Educational Institutions damaged during the 2015 earthquake. With the handing over of the money, India has reimbursed an amount of NPR 81.98 Crore to Nepal for reconstruction projects of the Education Sector. India also granted NPR 44.13 Million to Nepal under Nepal-Bharat Maitri Development Partnership.

4. Which country recently made changes to its National Anthem to recognize its indigenous history, as of January 2021?

- | | |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1) China | 2) South Korea |
| 3) Russia | 4) Canada |
| 5) Australia | |

Answer- 5) Australia

Explanation:

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced a change in the wording to the country's

national anthem. It's in an attempt to recognize its indigenous history. The anthem, "Advance Australia Fair," has been tweaked to recognize the country's Indigenous history and communities.

5. Which country will chair the UNSC – Counter Terrorism Committee for 2022?

- 1) China
- 2) South Africa
- 3) Qatar
- 4) Egypt
- 5) India

Answer- 5) India

Explanation:

Permanent Representative of India to United Nations (UN) TS Tirumurti announced that India will head 3 Important Committees of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) – Counter-Terrorism Committee (for 2022), Taliban Sanctions Committee (also called the 1988 Sanctions Committee) & Libya Sanctions Committee. India will chair the Counter-Terrorism Committee in 2022 which will coincide with the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence. India will serve as President of the UNSC in August 2021 & preside the UNSC council again in 2022.

6. Which country recently passed the 'Malala Yousafzai Scholarship Act' to provide scholarship for Pakistani women to pursue higher education, in January, 2020?

- 1) United Kingdom
- 2) China
- 3) Malaysia
- 4) United States of America
- 5) Germany

Answer- 4) United States of America

Explanation:

The US Congress has passed the 'Malala Yousafzai Scholarship Act' which will expand the number of scholarships available to Pakistani women to receive higher education under a merit and needs-based programme. The bill also requires USAID to consult with and leverage investments by the Pakistani private sector and Pakistani diaspora in the United States to improve and expand access to education programme in Pakistan.

7. Who became the World's Richest person in January, 2021?

- 1) Jeff Bezos
- 2) Elon Musk
- 3) Bill Gates
- 4) Steve Jobs
- 5) Bernard Arnault

Answer- 2) Elon Musk

Explanation:

In January 2021, Elon Musk just became the richest person in the world, with a net worth of more than \$185 billion. Increase in Tesla's share price pushed Musk past Jeff Bezos, who had been the richest person since 2017 and is currently worth about \$184 billion. Musk's wealth surge over the past year marks the fastest rise to the top of the rich list in history.

8. To promote peace and stability in the Gulf region, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain and Egypt announced restoration of full ties with _____ at Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Summit, in January 2021.

- 1) Iran
- 2) Turkey
- 3) Yemen
- 4) Qatar
- 5) Iraq

Answer- 4) Qatar

Explanation:

As a move to promote peace and stability in the Gulf region, restoration of full ties among Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain and Egypt, with Qatar was announced at the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Summit in Al-Ula.

9. Which country recently signed 7 MoU's with India during the 13th virtual Defence Security Dialogues, in January, 2021?

- 1) Cambodia
- 2) Philippines
- 3) Vietnam
- 4) Australia
- 5) Japan

Answer- 3) Vietnam

Explanation:

On January 12, 2021, 13th India-Vietnam Defence Security Dialogue was held virtually. Dr Ajay Kumar, Defence Secretary, Government of India & Lt Gen Nguyen Chi Vinh, Deputy Defence Minister, Socialist Republic of Vietnam co-chaired the meeting. Reviewed the progress made in Defence Industry and Technology cooperation and agreed for greater cooperation in the field. Vietnam has expressed interest in acquiring India's Akash Air Defence System, Dhruv helicopters & BrahMos.

10. Vaccine for which disease was stockpiled as a precautionary measure under the collaboration of World's 4 leading Health and Humanitarian organisations UNICEF, WHO, IFRC & Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), as of January, 2021?

- 1) Covid-19
- 2) Ebola
- 3) Malaria
- 4) HIV
- 5) Cholera

Answer- 2) Ebola

Explanation:

On 12th January, 2021 World's four leading Health and Humanitarian organisations UNICEF, World Health Organisation (WHO), International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) collaborated to stockpile a global Ebola Vaccine with financial assistance from Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. The Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) on Immunization has recommended 500,000 doses of Ebola vaccine to be stockpiled, as a precautionary measure to the sudden Ebola outbreak.

11. What was Indian passport's rank in "Henley Passport Index: Q1 2021 Global Ranking"?

- 1) 73
- 2) 85
- 3) 37
- 4) 58
- 5) 191

Answer- 2) 85

Explanation:

On January 5, 2021, a "Henley Passport Index:Q1 2021 Global Ranking" released where India was ranked 85th with visa-free score 58. The visa-free score states that Indian passport holders get to visit 58 countries without a prior visa. India shared its rank with Tajikistan. In 2020, India held 84th position. The index was topped by Japan with visa-free score of 191. It has been holding the position for three consecutive years.

12. Which country signed an USD 12.7 Million Contract with Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd of India, for constructing Ocean-going vessels, in January 2021?

- 1) Guyana
- 2) Belize
- 3) Barbados
- 4) Bahamas
- 5) Maldives

Answer- 1) Guyana

Explanation:

The Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd, Kolkata has signed USD 12.7 Million Contract with the Harbour Department, Ministry of Public Works, Government of Guyana for the construction of an Ocean-going vessel. The move is expected to boost the export initiatives of GRSE. The Ocean-going vessel will weigh 1,700 Tonnes It will be used on the coastal and riverine areas of Guyana. At present, GRSE has the capability to construct 20 ships simultaneously.

13. India recently announced the construction of two cultural heritage sites at Pashupatinath Riverfront Development & Bhandarkhal Garden Restoration in Patan Durbar with Grant Assistance. Where are the sites located?

- 1) Bangladesh
- 2) Myanmar
- 3) Bhutan
- 4) Sri Lanka
- 5) Nepal

Answer- 5) Nepal

Explanation:

The 6th India-Nepal Joint Commission was co-chaired by EAM Jaishankar & Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nepal, Pradeep Kumar Gyawali.

- India will undertake construction of two cultural heritage projects in Nepal – Pashupatinath Riverfront Development & Bhandarkhal Garden Restoration in Patan Durbar with Grant Assistance.

- India assured Nepal that it would deliver its two Indigenous COVID-19 vaccines – Covishield & Covaxin to combat the pandemic in Nepal.

- The 34.90 Km Jayanagar (India)-Kurtha (Nepal) rail connectivity will be extended up to Bijalpura in Nepal, which is 17 kms from Kurtha by March 2021.

14. Which bank collaborated with Asian Development Bank (ADB) to make oceans Clean and Sustainable, to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and climate goals under Paris Agreement, as of January, 2021?

- 1) Reserve Bank of India
- 2) World Bank
- 3) European Investment Bank
- 4) Bank for International Settlements
- 5) New Development Bank

Answer- 3) European Investment Bank

Explanation:

On January 15, 2021, The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the European Investment Bank (EIB) initiated a Clean and Sustainable Ocean Partnership to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the climate goals as advised in the Paris Agreement. In this regard, both entities will support the initiatives in Asia and the Pacific. They will also develop joint technical assistance programs and advisory support to help their partners in achieving SDGs of blue economy. Healthy oceans are a key priority of ADB's Strategy 2030.

15. Which country will be benefited through the USD 1 million financial assistance provided by Indian Government for academic collaboration, in January 2021?

- 1) Arab Countries
- 2) Afghanistan
- 3) SAARC Countries
- 4) East African Countries
- 5) Maldives

Answer- 1) Arab Countries

Explanation:

On January 12, 2021 3rd Senior Officials Meeting of Arab-India Cooperation Forum was held through video conference. The meeting was co-chaired by Sanjay Bhattacharyya, Secretary (CPV&OIA), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and Ambassador Mohamed Abu Al-Kheir, Assistant Foreign Minister and Permanent Representative of Egypt to the League of Arab States. During this meeting India decided to establish a USD 1 million (about Rs 7.32 crores) financial facility for academic collaboration with Arab world.

16. To which country India supplied 2 Mobile Harbour Cranes(MHC), in January 2021?

- 1) Italy
- 2) Iran
- 3) Sri Lanka
- 4) Maldives
- 5) Bangladesh

Answer- 2) Iran

Explanation:

India has supplied a consignment of 2 Mobile Harbour Cranes(MHC) to Iran's Chabahar port with a

total contract value of over USD 25 Million under a contract agreement for supply of 6 MHC. 2 MHC arrived from Marghera port, Italy has been unloaded successfully on 18th January, 2021. In order to achieve this, a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) namely India Ports Global Limited (IPGL) was incorporated under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

17. Which country has invited PM Narendra Modi to attend the 2021 – G7 Summit?

- 1) Japan
- 2) USA
- 3) France
- 4) Italy
- 5) UK

Answer- 5) UK

Explanation:

The UK has invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attend the G7 Summit, which British Prime Minister Boris Johnson will use to ask world leaders to seize the opportunity to build back better from Covid-19 in order to make the future fairer, greener and more prosperous. The G7 – made up of the UK, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the US and the European Union.

18. Which country/countries virtually participated with India (in January 2021) for the 1st time to discuss Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) issues?

- 1) USA
- 2) European Union
- 3) Japan
- 4) Indonesia
- 5) Both 3 & 4

Answer- 2) European Union

Explanation:

On January 19, 2021, the 1st India-EU IPR dialogue 2021 was held virtually between European Union (EU) Commission and Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) to discuss key Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) issues affecting businesses. Indian side gave a general review on the IPR developments inclined with National IPR policy 2016 which resulted in legislative reforms to stimulate innovation and creativity among start-ups and MSMEs.

19. 10 Climbers from _____ made history by scaling the world's 2nd highest mountain K2 for the first time in Winter.

- 1) India
- 2) Pakistan
- 3) Germany
- 4) France
- 5) Nepal

Answer- 5) Nepal

Explanation:

A team of 10 Nepali climbers for making history by becoming the first to scale in winter the world's second highest mountain K2, considered as the world's most dangerous and challenging peak. K2 with its daunting 8,611 meters' height is located in Gilgit-Baltistan side of the Karakoram range.

20. Which country's Defence Minister virtually participated with India in 2021's Defence

Ministers Dialogue and signed a pact on Submarine Rescue Support with Indian Navy, in January 2021?

- 1) Japan
- 2) Malaysia
- 3) Singapore
- 4) South Korea
- 5) Iran

Answer- 3) Singapore

Explanation:

On January 20, 2021, the 5th India-Singapore Defence Ministers Dialogue 2021 held virtually between Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, of India and Dr. Ng Eng Hen, Minister for Defence, of Singapore. The dialogue saw the signing of the Implementing Agreement on Submarine Rescue Support and Cooperation between the Indian Navy (IN) and Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) under which both navies will extend rescue facilities to each other's submarines in the times of distress with political permission.

21. Who won the Presidency Election of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in January 2021?

- 1) Nazhat Shameem
- 2) Michelle Bachelet
- 3) TS Tirumurti
- 4) Deepak Bhojwani
- 5) Zeid Raad Al Hussein

Answer- 1) Nazhat Shameem

Explanation:

Fijian Ambassador Nazhat Shameem Khan, the chief diplomat of Fiji in Geneva won the Presidency Election of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) with 29 out of 47 votes. Fiji became the first Pacific Island nations to win the presidency election of the UNHRC. She succeeds Elisabeth Tichy-Fisslberge of Austria.

22. Who recently (in Jan 2021) made a 3-day visit to UAE, focusing on welfare measures to Indian workers in UAE?

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Harsh Vardhan
- 3) V. Muraleedharan
- 4) S. Jaishankar
- 5) Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer- 3) V. Muraleedharan

Explanation:

The Minister of State (MoS) Vellamvelly Muraleedharan, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) paid a 3-day visit to United Arab Emirates (UAE) from January 19, 2021 to January 21, 2021 to focus on welfare of Indian workers in UAE. He inaugurated the classes that offer basic lessons for improving Indian workers' knowledge in English and Arabic languages as well as computer skills in the premises of the Delhi Private School (DPS) in Jebel Ali.

23. Recently (in Jan 2021), Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) was adopted by the UN General Assembly. Nuclear-capable countries did not support the Treaty nor have signed it. Which country is not one among in the Nuclear Capable countries' list?

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| 1) Russia | 2) United States |
| 3) China | 4) New Zealand |
| 5) India | |

Answer- 4) New Zealand

Explanation:

'Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) adopted by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly came into force from January 22, 2021, it is the 1st ever International agreement which prohibits Nuclear Weapons. The Treaty was Adopted in 2017 by the UN General Assembly. The signatories of the agreement are prohibited from Development, Testing, Production, Stocking, Transferring, using & threat of using Nuclear weapons. Until now 86 Nations have signed TPNW & 52 have ratified it. However, countries like United States, Russia, Britain, China, France, India, Pakistan, Australia, Japan, & South Korea North Korea & Israel did not support the Treaty nor have signed it.

24. Which city was named as the world's fastest growing mature tech ecosystem as per the data analyst company Dealroom, in January 2021?

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|--------------|-----------|
| 1) London | 2) Munich |
| 3) Bangalore | 4) Mumbai |
| 5) Paris | |

Answer- 3) Bangalore

Explanation:

Dealroom.co data analysed by London & Partners (the Mayor of London's international trade and investment agency) has revealed that Bengaluru, Karnataka has emerged as the world's fastest growing mature tech ecosystem, with investment in it increased 5.4 times from USD 1.3 billion in 2016 to USD 7.2 billion in 2020. The list is followed by London, Munich, Berlin, Paris, while Mumbai secured 6th place.

25. What was India's vaccination drive that delivers India's Covishield vaccines to foreign countries as a gift?

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1) Vande Bharat | 2) Covid Suraksha |
| 3) Vaccine Maitri | 4) Mission Sagar |
| 5) Vaccine Suraksha | |

Answer- 3) Vaccine Maitri

Explanation:

Taking forward India's 'Vaccine Maitri' (vaccine diplomacy) drive, India has sent shipments of Covishield vaccines to Bhutan, Maldives, Bangladesh and Nepal as Gifts, while some others such as Sri Lanka and Afghanistan are waiting for their turn.

26. Which country will build the Europe's largest photo-voltaic plant, as of January 2021?

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|-------------|------------|
| 1) Hungary | 2) Belgium |
| 3) Poland | 4) Spain |
| 5) Portugal | |

Answer- 4) Spain

Explanation:

Spain's largest utility Iberdrola SA and the French food giant Danone SA sealed an accord to build 590 MW-capacity photo-voltaic plant, the largest in Europe. The 300 million-euro (\$364 million) project will be located in the western province of Caceres, Western Spain. Spain is by far Europe's busiest subsidy-free photo-voltaic market, and leads the sector's booming growth in the region.

27. Which country hosted the virtual international Climate Adaptation Summit (CAS Online) 2021?

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|---------------|----------------|
| 1) India | 2) Switzerland |
| 3) Netherland | 4) England |
| 5) France | |

Answer- 3) Netherland

Explanation:

On January 25, 2021, the Government of Netherlands hosted a virtual international Climate Adaptation Summit (CAS Online) 2021 with a support of Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) from Amsterdam, Netherlands. From India, the summit was addressed by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi. India is targeting 450 Gigawatt (GW) of renewable energy capacity by the year 2030. LED lights are being promoted, which saves 38 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions annually

28. In January 2021, United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted a resolution to _____.

- 1) Eliminate Human Trafficking
- 2) Safeguard Religious Sites
- 3) Promote Utilitarianism
- 4) Eliminate Female infanticide
- 5) Promote legal Abortion

Answer- 2) Safeguard Religious Sites

Explanation:

On January 23, 2021, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has adopted a resolution to promote a culture of peace and tolerance to safeguard religious sites all across the world. The resolution called for strengthened international efforts to foster a global dialogue for human rights and for the diversity of religions and beliefs. It condemns all acts or threats of violence, destruction, damage or endangerment, directed against religious sites and denounces any moves that forcibly convert any religious sites.

29. What is India's FDI rate for 2020, as per UN – Conference on Trade and Development's 38th Global Investment Trends Monitor?

- 1) Increased by 3 %
- 2) Decreased by 42 %
- 3) Increased by 42 %
- 4) Decreased by 8 %
- 5) Increased by 13 %

Answer- 5) Increased by 13 %

Explanation:

In accordance with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)'s 38th Global Investment Trends Monitor, after the 1990s, the year 2020 saw a fall down in Global foreign direct investment (FDI) which decreased 42% to \$859 billion from \$1.5 trillion in 2019. Contrarily, India saw a 13% increase in FDI to \$57 billion which is driven by investments in the digital sector. Apart from FDI in the digital sector, another key reason for FDI rise in India is merger and acquisition (M&A) as Cross-border M&A sales grew 83% to \$27 billion.

30. Which country pledged USD 150,000 towards United Nations (UN) Peacebuilding Fund (PFB) for 2021, in January 2021?

- 1) USA
- 2) Brazil
- 3) France
- 4) India
- 5) China

Answer- 4) India

Explanation:

On January 26, 2021, India has pledged USD 150,000 to activities of the United Nations (UN) Peacebuilding Fund (PFB) for 2021. It was announced by India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador TS Tirumurti during a virtual address to the High-Level Replenishment Conference for the United Nations Peacebuilding Fund. Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) is the UN's financial instrument to sustain peace in countries or situations at risk or affected by violent conflict.

31. Which was NOT among the 4 popular climate policies listed by the respondents of UNDP's 'People's Climate Report' released on January 2021?

- 1) Investing more in green businesses and jobs
- 2) Conservation of Forests & Land
- 3) Climate-friendly farming techniques
- 4) Industrial Waste Management
- 5) Solar, Wind and Renewable Power

Answer- 4) Industrial Waste Management

Explanation:

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) released the results of 'People's Climate Report' – World's Largest Survey of Public Opinion on Climate Change.

Four Popular Climate Policies among the respondents for tackling Climate Change are,

- Conservation of Forests & Land (54% Support)
- Solar, Wind and Renewable Power (53%)
- Climate-friendly farming techniques (52%)
- Investing more in green businesses and jobs (50%)

32. Union Minister Harsh Vardhan addressed the FII, he highlighted the 5 big impacts of COVID-19 that influence global business. Where was the 4th edition of the Future Investment Initiative (FII) Forum 2021 was held virtually?

- 1) Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 2) Seoul, South Korea
- 3) New Delhi, India
- 4) Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- 5) Jakarta, Indonesia

Answer- 4) Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Explanation:

From January 27 to 28, 2021, the 4th edition of the Future Investment Initiative (FII) Forum 2021 was held virtually from Riyadh, Capital of Saudi Arabia under the theme of "The Neo-Renaissance". It was hosted by FII Institute.

From India, Union Minister Harsh Vardhan addressed the FII where he highlighted the following five big impacts of COVID-19 which are influencing global business:

1. The impact of Technology and Innovation
2. Importance of Infrastructure for Global Growth
3. Changes coming in human resource and future of work
4. Compassion for environment
5. Business friendly governance with focus on whole of society and government approach

33. What was the theme of 51st Edition of 2021 World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting, 'The Davos Agenda 2021'?

- 1) Together, We Fight the Virus
- 2) Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World
- 3) A Crucial Year to Rebuild Trust
- 4) Responsive and Responsible Leadership
- 5) Together, We Can

Answer- 3) A Crucial Year to Rebuild Trust

Explanation:

The 51st Edition of 2021 World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting called 'The Davos Agenda 2021' took place virtually from January 25-29, 2021. Theme of Davos Agenda – 'A Crucial Year to Rebuild Trust' Around 1, 500 Business, Government & Civil Society Leaders from 70 countries participated in the Meeting. Prime Minister's (PM) address in the WEF forum focused on the 'Fourth Industrial Revolution-using technology for the good of humanity'.

34. Which organisation launched the Global AI (Artificial Intelligence) Action Alliance (GAIA)?

- 1) UN – Global Compact
- 2) World Economic Forum (WEF)
- 3) International Monetary Fund (IMF)

4) World Knowledge Forum

5) World Bank

Answer- 2) World Economic Forum (WEF)

Explanation:

During 'The Davos Agenda 2021' event, World Economic Forum (WEF) launched the Global AI (Artificial Intelligence) Action Alliance (GAIA). Objective of the initiative is to Accelerate the adoption of Inclusive, Transparent & Trusted AI across the globe. Around 100 companies, Governments & civil society organizations from across the world will work to identify and implement best tools and practices for the ethical use of AI. By 2035, AI is expected to contribute over USD 14 Trillion to the Global Economy.

35. Which organisation released the "Global Climate Litigation Report: 2020 Status Review"?

1) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

2) Global Environment Facility (GEF)

3) UN Development Programme (UNDP)

4) International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

5) UN Environment Programme (UNEP)

Answer- 5) UN Environment Programme (UNEP)

Explanation:

The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) released a report titled "Global Climate Litigation Report: 2020 Status Review". The report was published by UNEP in cooperation with the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia University, New York. The climate litigation cases have doubled in the last 3 years.

Recent Trends In Climate Litigation:

i. Violations of "climate rights", the climate cases are relying on fundamental human rights like right to life, health, food, and water.

ii. "Greenwashing" and non-disclosures, when corporate messaging contains false or misleading information about climate change impacts.

GOVT SCHEMES

1. Which state launched its own crop relief scheme 'Kisan Fasal Rahat Yojana' replacing Central governments' crop insurance scheme Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)?

1) Madhya Pradesh

2) Rajasthan

3) Punjab

4) Jharkhand

5) Maharashtra

Answer- 4) Jharkhand

Explanation:

Jharkhand has launched the state's own crop relief scheme 'Kisan Fasal Rahat Yojana' which will replace Government of India's crop insurance scheme Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY). The new scheme is a compensation scheme which will provide security cover to farmers of Jharkhand in cases of crop damage due to natural hazards. The main objectives of the scheme are – Food Safety, Crop Diversification, rapid development in Agriculture & paving way for competition.

2. Which state government announced the 'Launch Pad Scheme' to provide employment opportunities for youth coming out from child care institutions of the state?

1) Rajasthan

2) Kerala

3) Madhya Pradesh

4) Rajasthan

5) Punjab

Answer- 3) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

The Women & Child Development Department of Madhya Pradesh has rolled out the 'Launch Pad Scheme' under which new opportunities of employment will be

provided for Boys/Girls who have come out of institutional supervision of the child care institutions of the state and have completed 18 years to make them self-reliant. As part of the scheme, District Administration will provide space for these youth to open coffee shops, stationery, photocopy, computer typing and DTP work.

3. Which state government announced the "Kisan Kalyan Mission" aimed at doubling Farmers' Income?

1) Gujarat

2) Maharashtra

3) Uttar Pradesh

4) Assam

5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- 3) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

On January 6, 2021, Uttar Pradesh government (UP) Chief Minister (CM) Yogi Adityanath launched a 3-week long campaign namely "Kisan Kalyan Mission" for the state's farmer welfare and to double their income. It will be organised in every development block of all 75 districts. As a part of the mission, the UP government will also felicitate 100 'progressive farmers' by recognizing them as role models. Their databases will also be prepared by the government.

4. Which State/UT recently ordered for the implementation of "school bag policy", in January, 2021.

1) Jammu & Kashmir

2) Ladakh

3) Maharashtra

4) New Delhi

5) Tamil Nadu

Answer- 4) New Delhi

Explanation:

Delhi government has ordered schools to implement the school bag policy, which had been announced by the Ministry of Education in December for schools all over India. School bag weight will now be monitored in schools to reduce the physical burden on students. weight of school bags shouldn't be more than 10% of the student's body weight.

5. Which state government recently approved the 'One Time Settlement (OTS) Scheme for Recovery of Outstanding Dues - 2021' for Traders, in January 2021?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Kerala
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Punjab
- 5) Jharkhand

Answer- 4) Punjab

Explanation:

On January 11, 2021, Punjab Cabinet led by Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh approved the 'One Time Settlement (OTS) Scheme for Recovery of Outstanding Dues - 2021' for Traders to clear their Pending Arrears. The OTS will help Traders to settle their Pending arrears under the Punjab Value Added Tax. Based on assessments conducted for 2013-14, around 40, 000 plus dealers with demand of up to INR 1 Lakh will get 90% relief in Tax & 100 % relief in Interest & Penalty.

6. Recently the 3rd phase of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY 3.0) 2020-21 was launched in 600 districts across India. What does PMKVY provides?

- 1) Agricultural loans
- 2) Promotion of Indigenous Art forms
- 3) Export benefits to MSMEs
- 4) Crop Insurance
- 5) Skill development courses

Answer- 5) Skill development courses

Explanation:

On January 15, 2021, Union Minister for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Dr Mahendra Nath Pandey launched the Third Phase of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY 3.0) 2020-21 in 600 districts across India and made available around 300 Plus Skill Courses to the youth. It will focus on demand-driven skill development, digital technology & Industry 4.0 skills. It will be demand-based & Decentralized in its approach as District Skill Committees (DSC) will be the focal point of implementation of PMKVY 3.0.

7. Which State/Union Territory has launched first of its kind fellowship scheme for artists, "Street Theatre and Performing Arts Fellowship"?

- 1) Pondicherry
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Delhi
- 5) Uttarakhand

Answer- 4) Delhi

Explanation:

On January 15, 2021, Delhi's Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia launched First-of-its-kind "Street Theatre and Performing Arts Fellowship" Scheme for Artists. The fellowship will help artists to showcase their craft, which will help in spreading a taste for art and culture among the people of Delhi. It was started by Sahitya Kala Parishad under the Department of Arts, Culture & Languages.

8. Which state government announced 'Mukhyamantri Bagayat Vikas Mission' to accelerate agriculture, horticulture and promote farming of herbal plants in the state?

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Assam
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- 4) Gujarat

Explanation:

On January 19, 2021, the state government of Gujarat is all set for the formation of 'Mukhyamantri Bagayat Vikas Mission' or 'Horticulture Development Mission' to accelerate agriculture, horticulture and promote farming of herbal plants in the state. It aims to double the income of farmers engaged in medicinal and horticulture farming. Under this mission, the waste land of the government (around 20000 hectare) will be given on 30-year lease for farming of horticulture and medicinal crops. -A tax on land conversion will be waived off.

9. Which state govt. launched 'PANKH Abhiyan' under Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao scheme during the 13th National Girl Child Day, that was observed on January 24, 2021?

- 1) Rajasthan
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Karnataka

Answer- 2) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

National Girl Child Day is observed annually on January 24 to raise awareness about the rights of the girl child and importance of their education, health and nutrition. The year 2021 marks 13th National Girl Child Day. On this occasion, the Govt of India organises awareness campaigns under Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao-BBBP (Save the girl child, Educate the girl child) scheme.

i. Madhya Pradesh govt. launched a scheme, 'PANKH (Protection Awareness Nutrition Knowledge Health) Abhiyan' under the BBBP scheme.

ii. Rajasthan Govt has initiated a new scheme called Ek Paudha Suposhit Beti Ke Naam or A plant on the name of well-nourished daughter' under BBBP scheme.

10. Which state government recently (in Jan 2021), implemented Direct Benefit Transfer for

old-age pensions automatically using the Navodaya app?

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|----------------|------------|
| 1) Karnataka | 2) Gujarat |
| 3) West Bengal | 4) Punjab |
| 5) Tamil Nadu | |

Answer- 1) Karnataka

Explanation:

On January 27, 2021 During the statewide campaign, Karnataka CM B S Yediyurappa Launched a

1st of its kind initiative in India where, beneficiaries of old-age pensions will be automatically selected using the Navodaya app and their pension amount will be paid through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode. This model was piloted in Udupi and Ballari districts of the state. Navodaya app is developed in accordance with the National Education Policy guidelines.

VISITS

1. Which Indian representative received a Guard of Honour from Republic of Korea Army on his 3-day visit to South Korea, on December, 2020?

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Karambir Singh
- 3) Manoj Mukund Naravane
- 4) Rajnath Singh
- 5) S. Jaishankar

Answer- 3) Manoj Mukund Naravane

Explanation:

General Manoj Mukund(MM) Naravane, Chief of the Army Staff(COAS) of Indian army undertook a 3-day visit to South Korea (officially, Republic of Korea-ROK) from December 28 to 30, 2020. He received a Guard of Honour at Republic of Korea Army(ROKA) Headquarters at Gyeryong, South Korea. It is the first-ever visit of an Indian Army COAS to the ROK.

2. Which country did External affairs minister S Jaishankar visited in January 2021, making it as his 1st visit of the year?

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| 1) Bangladesh | 2) Nepal |
| 3) Russia | 4) China |
| 5) Sri Lanka | |

Answer- 5) Sri Lanka

Explanation:

External affairs minister S Jaishankar reached Colombo for a three-day visit during which he will hold discussions with Sri Lanka's top leadership on the entire gamut of bilateral relations. Jaishankar's visit from

January 5 to 7 following an invitation by his Sri Lankan counterpart Dinesh Gunawardena is his first foreign visit of the year.

BANKING AND FINANCE

1. Which organisation released the "Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India 2019-20" that highlighted the performance of banking and allied sectors?

- 1) CRISIL
- 2) World Economic Forum
- 3) World Bank
- 4) Reserve Bank of India
- 5) International Monetary Fund

Answer- 4) Reserve Bank of India

Explanation:

On December 29, 2020, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released "Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India 2019-20" under the broad theme of impact of COVID-19 on banking and non-banking sectors, and the way forward. This report for the year ended June 30, 2020 has been submitted to the Central Government in terms of Section 36(2) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. The report presented the performance of the banking sector, including co-operative banks, and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) during 2019-20.

2. Which bank partnered with RuPay to launch "RuPay PoS" in association with PayNearby

distributors to transform smartphones into merchant Point of Sale (PoS) terminals?

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| 1) HDFC Bank | 2) Axis Bank |
| 3) RBL Bank | 4) DCB Bank |
| 5) Yes Bank | |

Answer- 3) RBL Bank

Explanation:

On December 31, 2020, the international card payment service RuPay partnered with RBL Bank to launch an innovative payment solution for Indian merchants "RuPay PoS" in association with PayNearby. The announcement for the same was made by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). This collaboration will transform smartphones into merchant Point of Sale (PoS) terminals for the retailers enabling the latter to accept contactless payments of up to Rs 5,000

3. What was the base year set by RBI to measure growth in digital or cashless transactions in India for its recent introduced Digital Payments Index (DPI)?

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|---------|---------|
| 1) 2018 | 2) 2010 |
| 3) 2014 | 4) 2016 |
| 5) 2019 | |

Answer- 1) 2018

Explanation:

On January 1, 2021, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduced the RBI-Digital Payments Index (DPI) to measure a growth in digital or cashless transactions across the country. It was released on the lines of the Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies as part of the Sixth Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement for 2019-20 dated February 06, 2020. For the index, the RBI has set the base year 2018. From March 2021, RBI will publish this DPI on its website on a semi-annual basis. RBI set 5 broad parameters.

4. Which organisation recently become an associate member of the International Organisation of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) on January, 2020?

- 1) British Columbia Securities Commission
- 2) Financial Services and Markets Authority
- 3) Financial Market Authority
- 4) International Financial Services Centres Authority
- 5) British Virgin Islands Financial Services Commission

Answer- 4) International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)

Explanation:

On 1st January 2021, the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) became an associate member of the International Organisation of Securities Commissions (IOSCO), an international organisation which sets the global standards for securities markets regulation. The membership will support IFSCA with a platform to exchange information at global level and regional level in the fields of common interest.

5. Which organisation signed a USD 231 Million loan agreement with Indian Government for the construction of Lower Kopili Hydroelectric Power (LKHEP) plant in Assam?

- 1) International Monetary Fund
- 2) New Development Bank
- 3) World Bank
- 4) Asian Development Bank
- 5) International Development Association

Answer- 4) Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Explanation:

On December 30, 2020, Asian Development Bank (ADB) & Government of India (GoI) signed a USD 231 Million (~ INR 1688.5 Crores) Loan Agreement for the Assam Power Sector Investment Program (APSIP) for the construction of Lower Kopili Hydroelectric Power (LKHEP) plant. This is the 3rd Tranche Loan for the program which was approved by ADB board in July, 2014.

6. What was the annual growth rate predicted for all India House Price Index (HPI) in Q2

FY-21 (July-September) as per RBI's "Consumer Confidence Survey (CCS)" data, as of January, 2021?

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|---------|---------|
| 1) 3.3% | 2) 7.7% |
| 3) 6.8% | 4) 2.8% |
| 5) 1.1% | |

Answer- 5) 1.1%

Explanation:

On January 1, 2021, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched the January 2021 round of household surveys namely "Inflation Expectations Survey of Households (IESH)" and "Consumer Confidence Survey (CCS)" to represent inflation expectations and consumer confidence. In accordance with RBI "Consumer Confidence Survey (CCS)" data, the annual growth (y-o-y) in all-India House Price Index (HPI) remained moderate at 1.1% in Q2FY21 (July-September) as compared to 2.8% in the Q1FY21 and 3.3% in Q2FY20.

7. Which bank received Rs. 5,500 crores in Zero-Coupon bonds from Central Government for its recapitalisation, on January, 2021?

- 1) Punjab and Sind Bank
- 2) Union Bank of India
- 3) Oriental Bank of Commerce
- 4) Corporation Bank
- 5) Punjab National Bank

Answer- 1) Punjab and Sind Bank (P&SB)

Explanation:

In a first of its kind move Central Government has issued Rs 5,500 crore in zero-coupon bonds to recapitalise Punjab and Sind Bank (P&SB) by allowing it to park the paper in its held-to-maturity (HTM) category at face value rather than the discounted market rate. This move of capital infusion was approved by the Ministry of Finance on November 10, 2020. These bonds are not tradable, the lender has kept them in the HTM bucket, not requiring it to book any mark-to-market gains or losses from these bonds. These non-interests bearing, non-transferable special GOI securities.

8. Which organisation partnered with Jammu & Kashmir Government to launch health insurance coverage under AB-PMJAY Social, Endeavour for Health, and Telemedicine (SEHAT)?

- 1) Star Health and Allied Insurance
- 2) United India Insurance
- 3) Oriental Insurance Company
- 4) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- 5) ICICI Lombard

Answer- 4) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance

Explanation:

On December 28, 2020 Bajaj Allianz General Insurance in association with Jammu & Kashmir Government launches health insurance coverage under Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana

(AB-PMJAY) Social, Endeavour for Health, and Telemedicine(SEHAT). This extended scheme was launched by Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi. through video conferencing on December 26, 2020.

9. SEBI extend date of implementation of framework for uniformity in applicability of NAV to February 1, 2021. What is A in NAV?

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|------------|-----------|
| 1) Account | 2) Amount |
| 3) Asset | 4) Access |
| 5) Audit | |

Answer- 3) Asset (NAV -Net Asset Value)

Explanation:

Markets regulator SEBI on Thursday extended the date for implementation of framework for uniformity in applicability of net asset value (NAV) across various schemes on realisation of funds from January 1, 2021 to February 1, 2021.

10. Which Financial entity was recently signed a loan worth USD 105 Million to Government of India, for development of Inland Water Transport in West Bengal, on January, 2021?

- 1) International Monetary Fund
- 2) Asian Development Bank
- 3) European Central Bank
- 4) New Development Bank
- 5) World Bank

Answer- 5) World Bank

Explanation:

On January 5, 2021, Government of India (GoI), Government of West Bengal (WB) & World Bank signed USD 105 Million Project (approximately INR 767 Crores) for the West Bengal Inland Water Transport, Logistics and Spatial Development Project. The Project will enhance the capacity and improve the safety of Inland Water Transport System Restore existing ferries, buying new ferries with enhanced design Install electronic gates in 40 locations.

11. RBI announced introduction of LEI for all transactions worth Rs. 50 Crore and above undertaken through RTGS & NEFT effective from April 1, 2021, What does LEI stands for?

- 1) Large Equity Identifier
- 2) Legal Entity Identifier
- 3) Limitless Entity Individual
- 4) Large Entity Indicator
- 5) Legal Equity Indicator

Answer- 2) Legal Entity Identifier

Explanation:

On January 5, 2021, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced the introduction of Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) for all payment transactions of Rs 50 crore and above undertaken by entities through Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) and National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) effective from April 1, 2021. It is a unique 20-digit global reference number to identify legal

entities participating in financial transactions. It makes the identification of an entity easy in the global database. This maintain records of all transactions of Rs 50 crore and above through RTGS or NEFT.

12. Which bank recently signed an MoU with Indian Army to provide the service account "Shaurya Salary Account", on January, 2021?

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1) Bank of Baroda | 2) Canara Bank |
| 3) Bank of India | 4) Bandhan Bank |
| 5) Union Bank of India | |

Answer- 4) Bandhan Bank

Explanation:

On January 5, 2021 Bandhan Bank Ltd signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Army for the Bandhan Bank Shaurya Salary Account. The serving personnel of Indian Army will be provided the services of the account through the Bank's network of banking outlets. It is a zero-balance salary account with 6% interest on balance above Rs.1 lakh.

13. Who will the chair the Advisory Council that will be responsible for managing the implementation of RBI's Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) Scheme?

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1) BP Kanungo | 2) Shaktikanta Das |
| 3) M. Rajeshwar Rao | 4) M. D. Patra |
| 5) M.K. Jain | |

Answer- 1) BP Kanungo, one of RBI Deputy Governor

Explanation:

On January 5, 2021, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced Operationalization of the Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) Scheme with an initial corpus of INR 345 Crores for three years starting from January 1, 2021 & may be extended for two more years depending upon the progress. An Advisory Council (AC) under the chairmanship of RBI Deputy Governor BP Kanungo will be responsible for managing the functioning of PIDF.

14. Which Organisation received a penalty of ₹2.5 crore from RBI for breaching regulatory compliance norms, on January, 2021?

- 1) Capital First Ltd
- 2) IDFC FIRST Bank
- 3) Bajaj Finance Ltd
- 4) State Bank of India
- 5) IIFL Holdings Ltd

Answer- 3) Bajaj Finance Ltd

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India imposed a penalty of ₹2.5 crore on Bajaj Finance Limited for breaching regulatory compliance norms. Taking into account the failure of the company to ensure that its recovery agents did not resort to harassment or intimidation of customers as part of its

debt collection efforts and thereby failing to adhere to the aforesaid directions issued by RBI.

15. Which bank recently signed 2 loan agreements, worth USD 646 mn (Rs 4,736 cr) with Govt of India(GoI) & Govt of Andhra Pradesh(AP), in January, 2021?

- 1) International Monetary Fund
- 2) Asian Development Bank
- 3) European Central Bank
- 4) New Development Bank
- 5) World Bank

Answer- 4) New Development Bank

Explanation:

On January 6, 2021 Govt of India(GoI), Govt of Andhra Pradesh(AP) and New Development Bank (NDB) signed 2 loan agreements, worth USD 646 mn (about Rs 4,736 crore) for 2 projects to upgrade State Highway Network and District Road Network in AP. The Loan amount of USD 323 mn (about Rs 2,368 crore) for each project will be given by NDB. The 2 projects include Andhra Pradesh Roads and Bridges Reconstruction Project and Andhra Pradesh Mandal Connectivity and Rural Connectivity Improvement Project.

16. Which bank recently signed an MoU with SIDBI enabling MSME customers to apply online for one-time restructuring (OTR), in January 2021?

- 1) Bank of Baroda
- 2) Canara Bank
- 3) Bank of India
- 4) Bandhan Bank
- 5) Union Bank of India

Answer- 1) Bank of Baroda

Explanation:

On January 6, 2021, Bank of Baroda (BoB) has signed an MoU with the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to enable micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) customers of the former to apply online for one-time restructuring (OTR). With this, the eligible MSME entities can get credit exposure up to Rs 25 crore. The MSME Customer can now access the web-based portal, "Asset Restructuring Module for MSMEs (ARM-MSME)".

17. Which Urban Co-operative Bank became the 1st to voluntarily convert into a scheduled commercial bank, under RBI's 'Scheme on voluntary transition of Urban Co-operative Bank(UCB) into a Small Finance Bank'?

- 1) Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank
- 2) Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank
- 3) Janalaxmi Co-operative Bank
- 4) Indian Mercantile Co-operative Bank
- 5) Nasik Merchant's Co-operative Bank

Answer- 1) Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India(RBI) has issued a scheduled commercial banking license to Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank (SMCB) Ltd to carry on business as a Small Finance Bank(SFB) under its 'Scheme on voluntary transition of Urban Co-operative Bank(UCB) into a Small Finance Bank'. It is the 1st UCB in India to transit to SFB under the scheme. SMCB is renamed as Shivalik Small Finance Bank (SSFB). The bank expects to commence business as a SFB by April 2021.

18. On which field did IRDAI recently mandate all General Insurance companies to offer 3 new standard Insurance Products, in January, 2021?

- 1) Health insurance
- 2) Fire insurance
- 3) Travel insurance
- 4) Property insurance
- 5) Bite-size insurance

Answer- 2) Fire insurance

Explanation:

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has mandated General Insurance Companies to offer 3 standard Insurance Products namely – Bharat Griha Raksha, Bharat Sookshma Udyam Suraksha & Bharat Laghu Udyam Suraksha to cover risk of fire & allied perils from April 1, 2021. The 3 policies will replace the Standard Fire and Special Perils (SFSP) Policy. IRDAI has stated that the process of bringing Fire and Allied Perils Insurance business out of All India Fire Tariff, 2001 will be completed by April 1, 2021.

19. Which organisation recently partnered with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Co Ltd to launch Term Life Insurance plans on its platform, in January, 2021?

- 1) Paytm
- 2) Jio
- 3) PhonePe
- 4) PayPal
- 5) PayU

Answer- 3) PhonePe

Explanation:

On January 6, 2021 PhonePe in partnership with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Co Ltd launched Term Life Insurance plans on its platform. This policy can be availed by PhonePe users instantly on PhonePe app through an all-digital process without the need of any health check-ups and paperwork This plan enables PhonePe users to protect their families from financial turmoil in case of an untimely demise of them.

20. Which bank recently partnered with IIT Kanpur and Foundation for Innovation & Research in Science & Technology (FIRST) to jointly set up 'Fintech Innovation Centre (FIC)', in January, 2021?

- 1) State Bank of India

- 2) Canara Bank
- 3) Punjab National Bank
- 4) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- 5) Union Bank of India

Answer- 3) Punjab National Bank

Explanation:

On January 7, 2021 Punjab National Bank (PNB) partnered with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur and Foundation for Innovation & Research in Science & Technology (FIRST) to jointly set up 'Fintech Innovation Centre (FIC)', the Punjab National Bank – IIT Kanpur Innovation Centre at the IIT Kanpur campus. PNB will provide problem statements and also guidance regarding banking regulations.

21. Which Bank signed a MoU with NABFOUNDATION to provide working capital for Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to undertake 'My Pad My Right' project, as of January, 2021?

- 1) Central Bank of India
- 2) Union Bank of India
- 3) United Bank of India
- 4) Indian Overseas Bank
- 5) Bank of Maharashtra

Answer- 1) Central Bank of India

Explanation:

On January 7, 2021 Central Bank of India (CBoI) signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NABFOUNDATION to provide working capital for Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to undertake 'My Pad My Right' project. The project is sponsored by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) & enables SHG's to manufacture sanitary pads. Smriti Irani, Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Textiles launched "My Pad My Right" on October 15, 2020.

22. Which Bank partnered with Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) to provide contactless card for fuel purchase anywhere in India, in January 2021?

- 1) State Bank of India
- 2) Canara Bank
- 3) Punjab National Bank
- 4) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- 5) Union Bank of India

Answer- 1) State Bank of India

Explanation:

On January 7, 2021 Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) in partnership with State Bank of India (SBI) launched 'IndianOil – SBI co-branded RuPay Debit Card'. This contactless card can be used anywhere in India. The card holder can earn 6X reward points for every Rs. 200 spent at IndianOil fuel stations. In addition to this, reward points can also be earned on spending on dining, movies, etc.,

23. Which organisation(s) has initiated the Comprehensive Insurance Cover for the customers of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh, in January, 2021?

- 1) Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Finance Corporation (JKIDFC)
- 2) Universal Sampo General Insurance Company Limited
- 3) Acko General Insurance
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) Only 1, 2 & 3

Answer- 4) Only 1 & 2

Explanation:

On January 7, 2021, Universal Sampo General Insurance Company Limited has joined hands with Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Finance Corporation (JKIDFC) to initiate comprehensive insurance covers for the customers of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. JKIDFC is operational in the entire territory of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh and works towards enhancing industrial growth in this area by providing financial assistance to various Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) besides others.

24. Which country recently signed a loan agreement worth Rs 2,113 crore to India, in January, 2021?

- | | |
|--------------|-------------------|
| 1) Australia | 2) China |
| 3) USA | 4) European Union |
| 5) Japan | |

Answer- 5) Japan

Explanation:

On January 8, 2020, a loan agreement was signed between India and Japan for JPY (Japanese yen) 30 billion (Rs 2,113 crore) to support India's efforts at providing social assistance to the poor and vulnerable households severely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. It is named as Covid-19 Crisis Response Support Loan for Social Protection. With this, Japan's Covid-related assistance to India amounts to more than Rs 5,800 crore.

25. Which bank's licence was recently cancelled by RBI due to its poor financial status and unable to fully pay its present depositors, in January 2021?

- 1) Vasantdada Nagari Sahakari Bank
- 2) Shivalik Small Finance Bank
- 3) Karad Janata Sahakari Bank
- 4) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- 5) Subhadra Local Area Bank

Answer- 1) Vasantdada Nagari Sahakari Bank

Explanation:

On January 8, 2021, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the licence of Osmanabad (Maharashtra)-based Vasantdada Nagari Sahakari Bank Ltd. to carry on banking business with immediate effect under Section 22(1) of Banking Regulation (BR) Act, 1949. This decision

has been taken to protect the interest of depositors as the present financial position would be unable to pay its present depositors in full.

26. What was the predicted Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPAs) by September 2021 as per the 22nd bi-annual Financial Stability Report (FSR) 2021 of RBI?

- 1) 7.5%
- 2) 13.5%
- 3) 14.8%
- 4) 7.7%
- 5) 8.6%

Answer- 2) 13.5%

Explanation:

On January 11, 2021, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the 22nd issue of its bi-annual Financial Stability Report (FSR) 2021. It stated that gross non-performing assets (GNPAs) may rise to 13.5% by September 2021, from 7.5% in September 2020 under the baseline scenario. In case of severe stress scenario, it is projected that the GNPA ratio will rise to 14.8% which would be 24-year high.

27. Which Bank recently signed an MoU with Jai Kisan, a rural-focused fintech platform to provide financial services to farm and non-farm entrepreneurs, in January, 2021?

- 1) Seva Vikas Co-Op Bank
- 2) Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank
- 3) Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank
- 4) Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank
- 5) Assam Gramin Vikash Bank

Answer- 4) Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank

Explanation:

On January 12, 2021 Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB) has signed an MoU with Jai Kisan, a rural-focused fintech platform of Greenizon Agritech Consultancy Pvt Ltd to expand access to financial services for individuals and businesses in Karnataka, including farm and non-farm entrepreneurs. Jai Kisan will procure a wide range of clients for KVGB enabling end-to-end operations and facilitation of credit and other financial services for customers through its technology capabilities.

28. Which Payment Bank recently collaborated with Financial Software and Systems (FSS) to promote Financial Inclusion in underserved segments using FSS' Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS), as of January, 2021?

- 1) India Post Payments Bank
- 2) Fino Payments Bank
- 3) Paytm Payments Bank
- 4) NSDL Payments Bank
- 5) Airtel Payments Bank.

Answer- 1) India Post Payments Bank

Explanation:

On January 12, 2021, India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has collaborated with the leading payment

processor and provider of integrated payment products, Financial Software and Systems (FSS) to promote Financial Inclusion in underserved and unbanked segments of India. To attain this purpose, IPPB will use FSS' Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS). After this collaboration, IPPB bank has become the single-largest platform in India for providing interoperable banking services to customers of any bank.

29. Which bank recently signed an MoU with Mahindra Lifespace Developers to offer special discounts to customers and employees of both the companies, in January, 2021?

- 1) ICICI Bank
- 2) HDFC Bank
- 3) Indian Overseas Bank
- 4) Union Bank of India
- 5) State Bank of India

Answer- 5) State Bank of India

Explanation:

On January 12, 2021, Mahindra Lifespace Developers has signed an memorandum of understanding (MoU) with State Bank of India (SBI) to speed up the home loan approvals as well as offer special discounts to customers and employees of both the companies. It provides various co-promotional activities and outreach initiatives, customers and employees of SBI and Mahindra Lifespaces.

30. Which bank was fined with ₹2-crore monetary penalty by RBI for non-compliance with RBI's (Interest Rate on Deposits) Directions, 2016, in January 2021?

- 1) Deutsche Bank
- 2) Bandhan Bank
- 3) Federal Bank
- 4) Commerzbank
- 5) DCB Bank

Answer- 1) Deutsche Bank

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed ₹2-crore monetary penalty on Deutsche Bank for non-compliance with certain provisions of directions relating to 'Reserve Bank of India (Interest Rate on Deposits) Directions, 2016'. The central bank, said this action is based on the deficiencies in regulatory compliance, and is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the bank with its customers.

31. Who will chair the 6-member Working Group (WG) framed by RBI that study all aspects of digital lending activities in the regulated & unregulated financial sector, as of January 2021?

- 1) M. Rajeshwar Rao
- 2) Jayant Kumar Dash
- 3) Raguram Rajan
- 4) M K Jain
- 5) B P Kanungo

Answer- 2) Jayant Kumar Dash

Explanation:

On January 13, 2021, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), has formulated a 6-member Working Group (WG) to study all aspects of digital lending activities in the regulated financial sector as well as by unregulated players so that an appropriate regulatory approach can be put in place. The group will be chaired by Jayant Kumar Dash, Executive Director, RBI and will submit its report within three months.

32. Which Organisation(s) collaborated with ICICI Bank to issue prepaid card "ICICI Bank Niyo Bharat Payroll Card" benefitting Workers under MSME sector?

- 1) Niyo
- 2) Bharat Electronics
- 3) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- 4) Bharat Dynamics
- 5) All the Above

Answer- 1) Niyo

Explanation:

On January 14, 2021, Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) Bank collaborated with Niyo, a new age fintech to issue prepaid card "ICICI Bank Niyo Bharat Payroll Card" to the blue-collar workers of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). This will enable MSMEs to upload the salaries of their workers on the card, which the workers can then utilise as per their need. The card also allows an individual to receive funds upto 1 lakh into the card account. The cardholders also get a free accidental death insurance cover.

33. Which Asset Management Company recently became a signatory to Climate Action 100+ to achieve the Paris Agreement's goals, in January 2021?

- 1) HDFC Asset Management Company Ltd
- 2) Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company Ltd
- 3) Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management Ltd
- 4) UTI Asset Management Company Ltd
- 5) SBI Funds Management Private Ltd

Answer- 2) Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company Ltd

Explanation:

Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company (KMAMC) has become a signatory to Climate Action 100+, which focuses on clean energy transition, and reduces greenhouse gas emission to achieve the Paris Agreement's goals. Climate Action 100+ was initiated in 2018, It is an investor-led initiative to ensure the world's largest corporate greenhouse gas emitters take necessary action on climate change. It will continue till 2023.

34. Which organisation partnered with YES Bank to launch 'YES Bank Wellness' and 'YES Bank Wellness Plus' themed Credit Cards to

encourage self-care and fitness of consumers, in January 2021?

- 1) TotalWellness Health
- 2) Asclepius Wellness Pvt Ltd
- 3) American Speciality Health
- 4) Aditya Birla Wellness Pvt Ltd
- 5) Elevation Corporate Health

Answer- 4) Aditya Birla Wellness Pvt Ltd

Explanation:

On January 13, 2021 YES Bank partnered with Aditya Birla Wellness Private Limited to launch 'YES Bank Wellness' and 'YES Bank Wellness Plus' Credit Cards. This co-branded wellness themed credit cards encourages self-care and fitness of consumers. The Launch will encourage & promote holistic health (mental and physical) and wellness of consumers. Consumers by registering on the Aditya Birla Multiply app can benefit from the bouquet of complimentary health benefits

35. Which bank recently launched an Initiative to strengthen MSMEs with speed and easy access to funds, knowledge partnerships and digital solutions, as of January 2021?

- 1) State Bank of India
- 2) Indian Overseas Bank
- 3) YES Bank
- 4) IDFC FIRST Bank
- 5) Axis Bank

Answer- 3) YES Bank

Explanation:

On January 18, 2021 Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) virtually launched YES Bank's YES MSME. It is a comprehensive proposition to strengthen MSMEs with speed and easy access to funds, knowledge partnerships and digital solutions. Under YES MSME, curated offerings are provided to cater the business and individual needs of MSMEs, nurture new age entrepreneurs and also to enhance their potential.

36. Which financial institution collaborated with IIFL Home Finance Ltd into a co-lending arrangement (in January 2021) to extend credit to MSME loans?

- 1) Citibank
- 2) DBS Bank
- 3) Deutsche Bank
- 4) State Bank of India
- 5) Standard Chartered Bank

Answer- 5) Standard Chartered Bank

Explanation:

On January 16, 2021 IIFL Home Finance Ltd and Standard Chartered Bank entered into a co-lending arrangement to extend credit to MSME loans (loan against property). It is to be noted that this is one of the 1st co-lending arrangements in industry after Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched Co-Lending Model (CLM). RBI revised the loan scheme of the Co-Originiation Model

between Banks and Non-Banking Financial Companies – Non-Deposit taking – Systemically Important (NBFC-ND-SIs) launched in September 2018 and renamed as Co-Lending Model (CLM).

37. RBI released the 2020 list of Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) that included SBI, ICICI & HDFC Banks in the list. What should be the bank's asset to be listed as D-SIB?

- 1) Greater than 100 Crore
- 2) More than 200 Crore
- 3) Maintain a turnover of 200 Crore for 3 consecutive years
- 4) Equal to 5 % of GDP
- 5) Greater than 2% of GDP

Answer- 5) Greater than 2% of GDP

Explanation:

On January 19, 2021, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the 2020 list of Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) on the basis of data collected from banks as on March 31, 2020. As per the list SBI (State Bank of India), ICICI (Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India), and HDFC (Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited) continue to be D-SIBs or institutions which are 'too big to fail (TBTF)'. The assets of the bank exceeding 2% of GDP (Gross Domestic Product) are considered part of this group.

38. Which bank became the 1st in India to offer digital validation of KYC for its Forex partners through its mobile app, 'InstaFX'?

- 1) HDFC Bank
- 2) State Bank of India
- 3) ICICI Bank
- 4) Citibank
- 5) Axis Bank

Answer- 3) ICICI Bank

Explanation:

On January 20, 2021 ICICI Bank launched a mobile app, 'InstaFX' that allows authorised money changers, who are the partners of the bank to help customers of any bank to obtain 'ICICI Bank Forex Prepaid Card' quickly. Through this app, the forex partners can complete the Know Your Customer(KYC) verification & validation of customers digitally and on a real-time basis. ICICI Bank becomes the 1st bank in India to offer such facility to money changer.

39. Which of the following was the Credit Card recently (in Jan 2021) launched by Axis Bank to provide Health and Wellness benefits to its customers?

- 1) Ka-ching
- 2) iBox
- 3) IKEA Family
- 4) AURA
- 5) Axis Health

Answer- 4) AURA

Explanation:

On January 19, 2021 Axis Bank Ltd launched 'AURA', a credit card with health and wellness benefits at an affordable price for its individual users. The features of the card are powered by Poshvine, Decathlon, Practo, Fitternity, IndushealthPlus, 1MG etc., Cardholders will can get discount on annual medical checkup through IndushealthPlus. It offers upto 4 free online video consultations for a month, with round the clock access to doctors on all 21 specialties. This is offered by Procto.

40. Which Payment Bank recently (in Jan 2021) partnered with Suryoday Small Finance Bank(SFB) to enable fixed deposit services to its customers?

- 1) Paytm Payments Bank Ltd
- 2) Airtel Payments Bank
- 3) India Post Payments Bank
- 4) Fino Payments Bank
- 5) Jio Payments Bank

Answer- 1) Paytm Payments Bank Ltd

Explanation:

On January 19, 2021 Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) partnered with Suryoday Small Finance Bank(SFB) Ltd to enable its account holders to avail Fixed Deposit(FD) services. PPBL with the partnership with Suryoday SFB has become the 1st payments bank in India to launch the multi-partner FD service. Through this service an account holder can select the partnered bank as per their preference. PPBL has recently enabled banking services through Aadhaar by integrating Aadhaar enabled Payment System (AePS).

41. What was the maximum period for dispute resolution prescribed under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) for a corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRPs)?

- 1) 433 days
- 2) 90 days
- 3) 120 days
- 4) 210 days
- 5) 330 days

Answer- 5) 330 days

Explanation:

As per the financial stability report released by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRPs), which yielded resolution, took an average of 433 days as of September 2020. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), prescribes a maximum period of 330 days for a resolution as per an amendment introduced in 2019.

42. Which organisation released the article 'Small Finance Banks: Balancing Financial Inclusion and Viability' that measured the assets of small finance banks (SMBs) for FY 2019-20?

- 1) ICRA
- 2) CRISIL
- 3) RBI
- 4) State Bank of India
- 5) TransUnion CIBIL

Answer- 3) RBI

Explanation:

In accordance with an article 'Small Finance Banks: Balancing Financial Inclusion and Viability' published in Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) monthly bulletin on January 21, 2021, the assets of small finance banks (SMBs) between financial years (FY) 2017-18 and 2019-20 have grown 150% annually. In March 2020, 99.9% and 83% of SFBs total loan accounts and total loan amount, respectively, had a credit limit of up to Rs 25 lakh. It should be noted that RBI guidelines specify that SFBs must have at least 50% of their loan book in the Rs 25-lakh category.

43. Which bank recently (in Jan 2021), executed two inter-bank short term money market deals with pricing linked to SOFR (Secured Overnight Financing Rate)?

- 1) Indian Bank
- 2) State Bank of India
- 3) Canara Bank
- 4) Indian Overseas Bank
- 5) SBM India

Answer- 2) State Bank of India

Explanation:

On January 21, 2021, the State Bank of India (SBI) has executed two inter-bank short term money market deals with pricing linked to SOFR (Secured Overnight Financing Rate) through its Hong Kong (China) branch. The transaction states the growth of SBI in Alternate Reference Rates (ARRs). ARR's are overnight rates which are published at the end of the overnight borrowing period. This means they are "backward-looking." SOFR is a benchmark interest rate that banks use to price dollar-denominated derivatives and loans. Notably, SOFR will replace USD LIBOR (London Inter Bank Offered Rate) by December 2021.

44. Which bank partnered with the GrayQuest to provide access to affordable funds to parents for their child's education fees, as of January 2021?

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| 1) SBM India | 2) SBI |
| 3) HDFC Bank | 4) ICICI Bank |
| 5) Deutsche Bank | |

Answer- 1) SBM India

Explanation:

On January 22, 2021 GrayQuest partnered with SBM Bank (India) Limited to help its clients to access affordable funds to pay their children's education fees in monthly payments. GrayQuest has partnered with over 2000 leading schools, colleges and universities across India to enable this kind of payment. The parents who signed up in GrayQuest platform will get benefits like complimentary insurance cover and access to more than 50 exclusive rewards for their children.

45. In January 2021, Government of India approved to increase the Share Capital of _____ from Rs. 3000 Cr to Rs. 10,000 Cr.

- 1) United Bank of India
- 2) Oriental Bank of Commerce
- 3) Allahabad Bank
- 4) Punjab & Sind bank
- 5) Central Bank of India

Answer- 4) Punjab & Sind bank

Explanation:

Government of India has increased the authorised share capital of Punjab & Sind bank to Rs 10,000 crore from Rs 3,000 crore. The government in 2020 had approved to infuse Rs 5,500 crore capital into the bank by preferential allotment of shares. The fund was approved from Rs 20,000 crore cleared by the Parliament in September 2020 to infuse capital in Public Sector Banks (PSBs) as part of the 1st batch of Supplementary Demands for Grants for 2020-21.

46. Which bank recently (in Jan 2021), was fined with a penalty of Rs 2 crore by RBI for delays in reporting of frauds to RBI?

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|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1) SBM India | 2) Citibank |
| 3) DBS Bank | |
| 4) Standard Chartered Bank-India | |
| 5) ICICI Bank | |

Answer- 4) Standard Chartered Bank-India

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank on Thursday imposed a penalty of Rs 2 crore on Standard Chartered Bank India for delays in reporting of frauds to it. The monetary penalty has been imposed on the bank for non-compliance with certain directions contained in the 'Reserve Bank of India (Frauds - Classification and Reporting by commercial banks and select FIs) Directions 2016'.

47. Which organisations will be benefited through the revised regulatory framework announced by RBI in a Discussion Paper released in January 2021?

- 1) Small Finance Bank
- 2) Urban Cooperative Bank
- 3) Non-Banking Financial Company
- 4) Payment Banks
- 5) Micro finance Institutions

Answer- 3) Non-Banking Financial Company(NBFC)

Explanation:

On January 22, 2021, the RBI released a Discussion Paper on "Revised Regulatory Framework for NBFCs- A Scale-Based Approach" on the lines of the announcement made in the Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies on December 4, 2020. As per the new framework, the NBFCs will be grouped into four-layers viz. Base Layer (BL), Middle Layer (ML), Upper Layer (UL) and a possible Top Layer (TL). This grouping is in the form of

pyramid which states that there will be least regulatory intervention for NBFCs in BL.

48. Which payment bank recently (in Jan 2021) launched a 'Safe Pay' security feature to its customers to make secured digital transactions?

- 1) Airtel Payments Bank
- 2) Paytm Payments Bank
- 3) India Post Payments Bank
- 4) Fino Payments Bank
- 5) Jio Payments Bank

Answer- 1) Airtel Payments Bank

Explanation:

Airtel Payments Bank has launched 'Airtel Safe Pay' to protect the customers when they make digital transactions through Unified Payment Interface (UPI) or net-banking using the Airtel Payments Bank. This safe payment gateway is free of cost, will and offers protection against phishing, stolen credentials or passwords, and phone cloning. Airtel Payments Bank account can be opened through a video call using the Airtel Thanks application.

49. Which company was India's biggest Overseas investor, as per RBI's data (as of Jan 2021)?

- 1) ONGC Videsh Ltd
- 2) Tata Consultancy Services
- 3) Coal India Ltd
- 4) Reliance Industries
- 5) Steel Authority of India Ltd

Answer- 1) ONGC Videsh Ltd

Explanation:

In accordance with the RBI data, overseas investment by domestic firms fell by over 42% to USD 1.45 billion in December 2020 in comparison to USD 2.51 billion in December 2019. Major Overseas Investors of India: ONGC Videsh Ltd invested a total of USD 131.85 million, Intas Pharmaceuticals invested USD 75.22 million, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) invested USD 27.77 million. The apex bank released the 3rd "Booklet on Payment Systems" covering the journey of Payment and Settlement Systems in India from the beginning of 2010 till the end of 2020.

50. Which Insurance company launched the 'Krishi Sakha App', that provides Farming related information's?

- 1) New India Assurance
- 2) HDFC Life Insurance
- 3) Bharti AXA General Insurance
- 4) Life Insurance Corporation of India
- 5) The Oriental Insurance Company

Answer- 3) Bharti AXA General Insurance

Explanation:

On January 27, 2021, Bharti AXA General Insurance launched Krishi Sakha App, a one-stop-shop for Indian farmers that offers them relevant information

to cater their daily farming needs. It also provides guidance to farmers to adopt best farming practices and enhance their productivity. The farmers through this app will also have access to the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) portal for crop insurance related information. Bharti AXA General Insurance is a joint venture company has a 51% stake from Bharti Enterprises and 49% stake of the AXA Group.

51. Which bank recently (in Jan 2021) entered into the Credit Card business?

- 1) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- 2) IDFC First Bank
- 3) IndusInd Bank
- 4) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- 5) Lakshmi Vilas Bank

Answer- 2) IDFC First Bank

Explanation:

IDFC First Bank has entered the credit card business. The bank will charge interest between 9% and 36% on revolving credit, based on the customer's track record, credit score, relationship with the bank and internal scoring. In India the credit card businesses charge about 40% interest per annum on revolving credit which is about 3.5% per month. It will not charge interest on cash withdrawals during the 45-day free credit period.

52. Which Section under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) provides immunity to corporate debtors from investigation agencies?

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| 1) Section 15 | 2) Section 21 A |
| 3) Section 44 AA | 4) Section 32 A |
| 5) Section 29 | |

Answer- 4) Section 32 A

Explanation:

Under Section 32 A of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), bidders for a corporate debtor are immune from any investigations being conducted either by any investigating agencies such as the ED or other statutory bodies such as SEBI. Section 32 A of IBC, is important for the IBC to attract bidders who would offer reasonable and fair value for the corporate debtor to ensure the timely completion of corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP).

53. Which bank was recently (in Jan 2021) imposed with a penalty of Rs 1 crore for invoking pledge of securities by violating the interim directions of Sebi?

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|--------------|---------------|
| 1) HDFC Bank | 2) ICICI Bank |
| 3) SBI | 4) Citibank |
| 5) Axis Bank | |

Answer- 1) HDFC Bank

Explanation:

Sebi imposed a penalty of Rs 1 crore on HDFC Bank for invoking securities pledged by stock broker BRH Wealth Kreamers in violation of the regulator's interim

directions. In addition, the bank has been directed to transfer Rs 158.68 crore along with 7 per cent interest per annum into an escrow account till the issue of settlement of clients' securities is reconciled.

54. Which organisation released the framework, 'Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies'?

- 1) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- 2) Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)
- 3) National Stock Exchange (NSE)
- 4) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA)
- 5) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

Answer- 1) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

Explanation:

On January 27, 2020, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced a comprehensive framework to strengthen the grievance redress mechanism in banks. This newly introduced framework is on the lines of 'Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies' issued as part of the Monetary Policy statement on December 4, 2020. The grievance redressed process through Offices of Banking Ombudsman (OBOs) will continue to remain free for the banks and customers under BO Scheme, 2006 (BOS).

55. Which bank recently (in Jan 2021), partnered with CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd to launch EMI service that allows Business Correspondents (BCs) to collect EMIs at CSCs across India?

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|----------------|--------------|
| 1) SBI | 2) HDFC Bank |
| 3) ICICI Bank | 4) UCO Bank |
| 5) Canara Bank | |

Answer- 2) HDFC Bank

Explanation:

On January 28, 2021 HDFC Bank and CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd, a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) under the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) has entered into partnership to launch Equated Monthly Installment(EMI) service that allows Business Correspondents(BCs) to collect HDFC Bank's EMIs at CSCs across India. This partnership will enable people in remote areas to access banking and financial services at their doorstep through the bank's network of over 1 lakh VLEs.

56. Which bank partnered with StashFin (in Jan 2021) to launch a co-branded prepaid card, that enables customers to take overdraft loans up to Rs. 5 lakhs?

- 1) Deutsche Bank India
- 2) DBS Bank
- 3) SBM Bank (India) Ltd
- 4) United Overseas Bank
- 5) HSBC Bank India

Answer- 3) SBM Bank (India) Ltd

Explanation:

On January 28, 2021 StashFin entered into partnership with SBM Bank (India) Ltd to launch their co-branded prepaid card, 'StashFin SBM card'. The card is powered by Visa and has a contactless Europay, MasterCard, and Visa(EMV) chip, enabling cardholders to have 24x7 access to funds. It acts as a personal overdraft facility, enabling customers to take loans up to Rs 5 Lakhs. The card users have an option to convert all their purchases into EMIs.

ECONOMY AND BUSINESS

1. Which was the only authorised bank in India to issue the Electoral bonds, as of December 2020?

- 1) Reserve Bank of India
- 2) Indian Overseas Bank
- 3) State Bank of India
- 4) NABARD
- 5) Punjab National Bank

Answer- 3) State Bank of India

Explanation:

Government of India announced that electoral bonds will be issued by the state-run lender's 29 authorised branches of State Bank of India across the country from 1-10 January, 2021. The electoral bonds shall be encashed by an eligible political party only through a bank account with the authorised bank. A person being an individual can buy Electoral Bonds, either singly or jointly with other individuals. The bonds shall be valid for

15 calendar days from the date of issue and no payment shall be made to any payee political party after that.

2. As per the data released by the Controller General of Accounts, India's fiscal deficit was _____ of the estimated budget for FY21, as of January, 2021.

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|-----------|-----------|
| 1) 180.8% | 2) 253.4% |
| 3) 135.1% | 4) 96.5% |
| 5) 212.2% | |

Answer- 3) 135.1%

Explanation:

In accordance with the data released by the Controller General of Accounts, India's fiscal deficit stood at Rs 10.75 lakh crore at the end of November 2020 which is 135.1% of the budget estimate for FY21. The Net tax receipts were 6.88 trillion rupees, while total expenditure came to Rs 19.06 trillion.

3. What was the annual interest rate of Public Provident Fund (PPF) set by Finance Ministry

for 4th quarter of 2020-21 remain unchanged from those notified for the third quarter (October 1-December 31, 2020)?

- 1) 6.8%
- 2) 6.9%
- 3) 6.5%
- 4) 7.1%
- 5) 7.2%

Answer- 4) 7.1%

Explanation:

The finance ministry notified that the interest rates on small savings schemes including Public Provident Fund (PPF) and National Savings Certificate (NSC) for 4th quarter of 2020-21 (January 1 to March 31, 2021) will remain unchanged from those notified for the third quarter (October 1-December 31, 2020). The interest rates are as follows: Annual Interest Rate- PPF (7.1%), NSC (6.8 %), Kisan Vikas Patra-KVP (6.9 %).

4. What was the interest rate set by Labour Ministry for Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts of over six crore subscribers of retirement fund body EPFO for 2019-20, as of January, 2021?

- 1) 8.3%
- 2) 8.15%
- 3) 8.5%
- 4) 9.2%
- 5) 8.9%

Answer- 3) 8.5%

Explanation:

The Labour Ministry decided to notify 8.5 per cent rate of interest on employees' provident fund (EPF) accounts of over six crore subscribers of retirement fund body EPFO for 2019-20 after receiving the finance ministry's concurrence

5. Which months' GST collection touched a record high of over Rs. 1.15 lakh crore as of December 2020?

- 1) November, 2020
- 2) October, 2020
- 3) February, 2020
- 4) December, 2020 Assam
- 5) September, 2020

Answer- 4) December, 2020

Explanation:

The gross Goods and Services Tax collections touched a record high of over Rs 1.15 lakh crore in December — the highest since the implementation of the regime. The collection indicates that the economy continues to show signs of recovery after a stringent lockdown last year.

6. What was the projected growth rate of India for FY 2021-22 in the Global Economic Prospects report released by World Bank, on January, 2021?

- 1) 5.2%
- 2) 7.77%
- 3) 8.3%
- 4) 5.4%
- 5) 7.6%

Answer- 4) 5.4%

Explanation:

According to the Global Economic Prospects (GEP-January 2021) report released by the World Bank (WB), India is expected to grow at 5.4% in the Financial Year (FY) 2021-22 & 5.2% in FY 2022-23 after an expected contraction of 9.6% in FY 2020/21. The report also highlighted that the Global Economy is expected to expand by 4% in 2021. India's debt is expected to rise by 17% points of GDP owing to severe output contraction of more than 9%.

7. What was the approximate FDI equity inflow (in Crores) into India during April-October 2020?

- 1) Rs 150 lakh crores
- 2) Rs 15 lakh crores
- 3) Rs 250 lakh crores
- 4) Rs 25 lakh crores
- 5) Rs 2.5 lakh crores

Answer- 5) Rs 2.5 lakh crores

Explanation:

As per the official data of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Foreign direct investment (FDI) equity inflows into India grew 21% to USD 35.33 billion (Rs 2.5 lakh crore) during April-October 2020. In 2019, FDI equity inflows were USD 29.31 billion. India attracted maximum funds from Singapore, the US, Mauritius, the Netherlands, the UK, France and Japan.

8. What was the GDP growth of India for FY 2020-21, a First Advance Estimates of National Income by National Statistical Office (NSO)?

- 1) - 7.2%
- 2) - 6.6%
- 3) - 8.2%
- 4) - 7.7%
- 5) - 8.9%

Answer- 4) - 7.7%

Explanation:

On January 7, 2021, the National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released the First Advance Estimates of National Income at both Constant (2011-12) and Current Prices, for FY 2020-21. The growth in real GDP during 2020-21 is estimated at -7.7% as compared to the growth rate of 4.2% in 2019-20.

9. What was India's economic growth rate in the last five years i.e. 2015-20, as per India's 7th Trade Policy Review (TPR) concluded at WTO, in January, 2021?

- 1) 7.8%
- 2) 8%
- 3) 8.2%
- 4) 7.4%
- 5) 5.4%

Answer- 4) 7.4%

Explanation:

On January 6, 2021, India's 7th Trade Policy Review (TPR) initiated at the World Trade Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. India's official delegation for the TPR is headed by the Commerce Secretary, Dr. Anup

Wadhawan. India's 6th TPR took place in 2015. During the TPR, a comprehensive Report issued by the WTO Secretariat which acknowledged India's strong economic growth at 7.4% during in the last five years i.e. 2015-20.

10. What was the GDP growth rate for 2022 as per the predictions of ICRA, in January, 2021?

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|-----------|-----------|
| 1) 1.1% | 2) – 6.3% |
| 3) – 3.6% | 4) 10.1% |
| 5) 4.6% | |

Answer- 4) 10.1%

Explanation:

In accordance with the report by rating agency ICRA (formerly Investment Information and Credit Rating Agency of India Limited), India's real GDP (Gross Domestic Product) will expand by 10.1% in FY2022 with multi-speed recovery. However, in absolute terms India's GDP will "mildly" surpass the levels of FY20. The rating agency had projected an 8% contraction for FY21.

11. Which organisation recently registered itself as a private company with the Registrar of Companies in Bengaluru, Karnataka, as a first step to establish a Research & Development (R&D) unit in India in January, 2021?

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|--------------|-------------|
| 1) Tesla Inc | 2) OneWeb |
| 3) SpeedCast | 4) 7-Eleven |
| 5) SpaceX | |

Answer- 1) Tesla Inc

Explanation:

Tesla Inc, United States based Electric car maker has incorporated a fully owned subsidiary in Bengaluru, Karnataka as a first step to establish a Research & Development (R&D) unit in India. It has registered with the Registrar of Companies in Bengaluru, Karnataka as 'Tesla India Motors and Energy Private Limited'. It has registered itself as a private company with an authorised capital of Rs 15 lakh.

12. What was the projected fiscal deficit for FY-21 as per credit rating agency CARE Ratings, as of January, 2021?

- | | |
|---------|---------|
| 1) 8.4% | 2) 7.4% |
| 3) 9% | 4) 9.5% |
| 5) 7.8% | |

Answer- 5) 7.8%

Explanation:

On January 13, 2021, CARE Ratings has downgraded its projection of the Centre's fiscal deficit to 7.8% of GDP (Gross Domestic Product) during FY21 against its earlier estimate of 9-9.5%. As per this the Fiscal deficit is likely to be around Rs 15.3 lakh crs. This revision followed the release of the first advance estimate of GDP for FY21 by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI). It should be noted that, if borrowings of Rs 1.1 lakh crs for GST shortfall is added separately, the fiscal deficit could widen to 8.4% of GDP.

13. What was India's GDP rate for FY-22 as per the projections of rating agency, Fitch, as of January, 2021?

- | | |
|-----------|-----------|
| 1) – 9.4% | 2) – 7.7% |
| 3) 7.7% | 4) 11% |
| 5) 4.2% | |

Answer- 4) 11%

Explanation:

Fitch in its report titled, 'India Set for Slow Medium-Term Recovery' has projected that India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) will expand by 11% in 2021-22 in contrary to the down gradation by 9.4%(-9.4%) in the FY21 fiscal (April 2020 – March 2021). Though the expansion is there, the level of GDP remains well below its pre-pandemic scenario. This is due to the decrease in GDP growth more than ten-year low of 4.2% in 2019. Fitch also projected that the medium-term recovery will be slowdown to 6.5% from FY23-FY26.

14. What was India's GDP rate for 2020-21 as per the projections of Nomura Securities, as of January, 2021?

- | | |
|-----------|-----------|
| 1) – 7.7% | 2) – 6.7% |
| 3) 4.2% | 4) 11% |
| 5) – 9.4% | |

Answer- 2) – 6.7%

Explanation:

The Japanese brokerage, Nomura Securities has upgraded the GDP forecast for India in 2020-21 to -6.7% from earlier -7.7%. It further projected the GDP of India rise to 13.5% in FY22. There will be strong recovery in Q4FY21.

15. Which payment company launched Digital Acceleration for Small Businesses Microsite (in Jan 2021) across most of its Asia Pacific websites?

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------|
| 1) Visa | 2) Maestro |
| 3) Google | 4) MasterCard |
| 5) American Express | |

Answer- 4) MasterCard

Explanation:

On January 18, 2021 Mastercard launched Digital Acceleration for Small Businesses Microsite across most of its Asia Pacific websites. The one-stop resource site provides information and resources for Small and Medium Enterprises(SMEs) to digitize and operate their business more efficiently. Mastercard has partnered with Wix and Zoho to enhance the resources for SMEs. The center has been launched throughout the Mastercard's English-language websites for Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Hong Kong, India and Southeast Asia.

16. In January 2021, RBI drained _____ rupees from the banking system, as a push to money-market rates that crashed below the reverse repo rate.

- 1) 10 trillion 2) 10 billion
 3) 5 trillion 4) 2 trillion
 5) 50 billion

Answer- 4) 2 trillion

Explanation:

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) drained 2 trillion rupees (\$27.4 billion) from the banking system, as it seeks to push up money-market rates that had crashed below the reverse repo rate. The cutoff for the 14-day reverse repurchase operation was set at 3.55%, 20 basis points higher than the central bank's reverse repo rate of 3.35%.

17. Which organisation released the World Economic Outlook, titled 'Policy Support and Vaccines Expected to Lift Activity', that projected India's GDP to contract by 8%(-8%) in FY20-21?

- 1) World Economic Forum
 2) Oxfam
 3) World Bank
 4) International Monetary Fund
 5) New Development Bank

Answer- 4) International Monetary Fund

Explanation:

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) in its latest World Economic Outlook, titled 'Policy Support and Vaccines Expected to Lift Activity' has projected India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to contract by 8%(-8%) in FY20-21. Earlier in its October's forecast, this estimate was -10.3%. It also projected India's GDP growth at 11.5% in FY 21-22. On the global front, the economy is projected to grow by 5.5% in 2021.

18. What was India's projected GDP for 2020-21 in FICCI's recent (Jan 2021) Economic Outlook Survey?

- 1) - 8.8 % 2) - 7.7 %
 3) - 9 % 4) - 7 %
 5) - 8 %

Answer- 5) - 8 %

Explanation:

As per The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)'s recent Economic Outlook Survey, India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is expected to contract by 8 in (-8%) in 2020-21. It is to be noted that Agriculture is the only sector among three main sectors of Indian economy namely, Industry and services that has registered a growth in 2020-21. The survey projected the Fiscal deficit for 2020-21 at 5%.

19. Which country has the world's largest current account surplus, as of January 2021?

- 1) China 2) Japan
 3) USA 4) France
 5) Germany

Answer- 1) China

Explanation:

Germany's current account surplus shrank for the fifth year in a row in 2020 as China overtook Europe's biggest economy during the COVID-19 pandemic to run the world's largest current account surplus. China's current account surplus doubled to \$310 billion, Germany's current account surplus shrank to \$261 billion while Japan came in third with a current account surplus of \$158 billion.

20. What was India's projected growth rate for 2021, as per UN-DESA's, "World Economic Situation and Prospects 2021" report?

- 1) - 9.6 % 2) - 5.8 %
 3) 7.3 % 4) 7.7 %
 5) 5.8 %

Answer- 3) 7.3 %

Explanation:

In accordance with the report, titled "World Economic Situation and Prospects 2021" by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA), India's economy is estimated to contract by 9.6% in 2020, while it is projected to grow at 7.3% in 2021. This projection is highest among major economies of the world. Earlier, the International Labour Organization (ILO) released its 7th edition of "ILO Monitor: COVID-19 and the world of work" which states that in 2020, the world faced a 255 mn jobs loss where South Asia accounted for 80 mn.

21. Which period recorded the highest ever FDI equity inflow into India for the first 8 months of a Financial Year?

- 1) January - August 2020
 2) May - December 2019
 3) April-November 2020
 4) January - August 2019
 5) June 2020 - December 2021

Answer- 3) April-November 2020

In accordance with the data by Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Foreign direct investment (FDI) equity inflow into India was increased by 37% to USD 43.85 billion during April-November 2020 (FY21). It was the highest ever for the first 8 months of a financial year and also 37% more compared to the first 8 months of FY20 (US\$ 32.11 billion).

22. What was the Global public debt at the end of 2020 as per IMF data?

- 1) 89 % of GDP 2) 84 % of GDP
 3) 104 % of GDP 4) 98 % of GDP
 5) 83 % of GDP

Answer- 4) 98 % of GDP

Explanation:

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) in its latest fiscal monitor update on January 28, 2021 has projected Global public debt to touch 98% of GDP (Gross Domestic Product) at the end of 2020 due to severe challenges imposed to public finances amid COVID-19. It was 84%

before COVID-19. In this regard, Indian government debt will also be elevated at 83% of GDP. The fiscal monitor was released by Vitor Gaspar, Director of the IMF's Fiscal Affairs Department.

23. What was India's GDP growth for FY20, as predicted in the National Statistical Office (NSO)'s, First Revised Estimates (FRE)?

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|------------|------------|
| 1) 4.2 % | 2) 4% |
| 3) - 7.7 % | 4) - 4.2 % |
| 5) 6 % | |

Answer- 2) 4%

Explanation:

On January 29, 2021, the National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released the First Revised Estimates (FRE) which stated that the growth rate of Indian economy was 4% in FY2019-20. This growth estimate is lower than the provisional estimates (PE) of FY20 growth at 4.2% released in May 2020.

Year	GDP
FY20 (PE)	4.20%
FY20 (FRE)	4 %
FY21 (AE)	-7.70%

MoUs AND AGREEMENTS

1. Recently Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has signed an MoU with 7 Asian Countries for cooperation in Maritime Search and Rescue (M-SAR) Operations on December, 2020, Which of the following country does not belong to the group?

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|----------------|--------------|
| 1) Sri Lanka | 2) Myanmar |
| 3) South Korea | 4) Indonesia |
| 5) Philippines | |

Answer- 3) South Korea

Explanation:

Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with 7 Asian Countries – Japan, Philippines, Thailand, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Indonesia & Vietnam for cooperation in Maritime Search and Rescue (M-SAR) Operations. ICG is conducting Maritime Exercises & Training Activities regularly with these countries. ICG-Karnataka is the coordinator of Maritime Search and Rescue (M-SAR) for the Indian Coast.

2. Which country's MoU with Indian government for cooperation in the peaceful use of outer space got approved by the Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi on December, 2020?

- | | |
|--------------|-----------|
| 1) Nepal | 2) Japan |
| 3) Sri Lanka | 4) Bhutan |
| 5) China | |

Answer- 4) Bhutan

Explanation:

On December 30, 2020, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the MoU between Indian Government and Royal Government of Bhutan on Cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space which was signed on November 19, 2020 by both sides at Bangalore/Thimphu. Through this MoU both nations will cooperate in potential interest areas, such as remote sensing of the earth; satellite communication and satellite based navigation; Space science and planetary exploration; use of spacecraft and space systems and ground system; and application of space technology.

3. Which organisation has signed an agreement with Delhi Government & Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to solarise schools in Delhi, as of December, 2020?

- 1) Hero Future Energies
- 2) Mainframe Energy Solutions
- 3) Oakridge Energy
- 4) Virtuous Energy
- 5) Volks Energie

Answer- 3) Oakridge Energy

Explanation:

Oakridge Energy, a Solar energy firm has signed agreements with Delhi Government & Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to solarise schools in Delhi. The project will be developed by Oakridge & subsidised under the

Ministry of New & Renewable Energy's (MNRE) capital subsidy scheme for Government Buildings. The installation of solar plants will help in making institutions energy independent, reduce their electricity bills and generate additional income through sale of surplus power. Oakridge has set a target to solarise 1, 000 schools & educational institutions by 2022.

4. TRIFED and Deen Dayal Antyodaya-NRLM signed a MoU for undertaking economic support programmes to boost the livelihoods of Tribal populations and _____ in the country.

- 1) Forest Conservation
- 2) Women Self Help Group
- 3) Forest Produce Marketing
- 4) Development of Schools in Tribal area
- 5) Agricultural Activities

Answer- 2) Women Self Help Group

Explanation:

On December 31, 2020, TRIFED (Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India) the commercial wing of Ministry of Tribal Affairs has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Deen Dayal Antyodaya-National Rural Livelihood Mission

(DAY-NRLM) for undertaking economic support programmes to boost the livelihoods of Tribal populations of the country & Women Self Help Groups (SHGs).

5. Which organisation has signed an agreement with Indian Army for developing 12 high-performance patrol boats for surveillance in major water bodies like Pangong Tso in Eastern Ladakh, on January, 2021?

- 1) Mishra Dhatu Nigam
- 2) Hindustan Shipyard
- 3) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
- 4) Cochin Shipyard
- 5) Goa Shipyard Limited

Answer- 5) Goa Shipyard Limited(GSL)

Explanation:

On January 1 2021, Indian Army has signed an agreement with Goa Shipyard Ltd(GSL), a state-run public sector, to procure the 12 high-performance patrol boats to boost its surveillance of major water bodies like Pangong Tso or Pangong Lake in eastern Ladakh and its surroundings including those in high altitude areas. All these patrol boats expect to be delivered from May 2021.

6. Which State/Union Territory recently signed an MoU with National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) for marketing Horticulture Produce on January, 2021?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Ladakh
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Himachal Pradesh
- 5) Jammu & Kashmir

Answer- 5) Jammu & Kashmir

Explanation:

On January 1, 2021, The Union Territory Administration of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED). The agreement will give a major thrust for marketing the Horticulture Produce. As part of the agreement, NAFED will invest INR 1700 Crores for Implementing High Density Plantations across 5500 Hectares in the next 5 years (2021-25). For the purpose of Branding & Marketing, NAFED will ensure Geographical Indications Tags (GI Tags) for fruit crops like Apple, Walnut, Cherry, Olive, Litchi.

7. Which state/UT's Power Development Department (PDD) and Power Development Corporation recently signed an MoU with NHPC Ltd to implement & execute mega hydro power projects, on January, 2021?

- 1) Ladakh
- 2) Jammu and Kashmir
- 3) Diu & Daman
- 4) Uttarakhand

5) Himachal Pradesh

Answer- 2) Jammu and Kashmir

Explanation:

On January 3, 2021 The Power Development Department (PDD), Jammu and Kashmir(J&K); National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) Ltd and J&K Power Development Corporation signed many Memorandum of Understandings(MoUs) to implement & execute mega hydro power projects in J&K.

8. Which organisation recently signed a MoU with JK IT Infrastructure Development Company for establishing Information Technology (IT) towers in Jammu and Srinagar, as of January, 2021?

- 1) National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited (NBCC)
- 2) Engineers India Limited (EIL)
- 3) Larsen and Toubro (L&T) Limited
- 4) Infosys
- 5) Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)

Answer- 1) National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited (NBCC)

Explanation:

On January 4, 2020, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between NBCC (formerly National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited) and JK IT Infrastructure Development Company for establishing Information Technology (IT) towers in Jammu and Srinagar, Capital city of Jammu & Kashmir at a cost of Rs 50 crore each in 15 months and 17 months respectively.

9. Which Metro Rail Corporation signed an MoU with DRDO for implementing DRDO's advanced biodigester Mk-II technology for treatment of human waste in the metro rail network, on January, 2021?

- 1) Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation
- 2) Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation
- 3) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation
- 4) Namma Metro
- 5) Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation

Answer- 1) Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation

Explanation:

On January 5, 2021, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) & Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) through which DRDO will provide technical support for the implementation of advanced biodigester Mk-II technology for treatment of human waste (night soil) in the metro rail network. The biodigester units (a non-sewered sanitation technology) will help in conserving water & protecting the environment.

10. Which country has signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) with India to grant residence status for “Specified Skilled Worker” to i, that got approval from Union Cabinet on January, 2021?

- 1) USA
- 2) Japan
- 3) Canada
- 4) Germany
- 5) South Korea

Answer- 2) Japan

Explanation:

On January 6, 2021, The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between the Indian and Japan that pertains to sending Indian “Specified Skilled Worker” to Japan. As per MoC the Indian workers, who qualify the required skill and Japanese language test can work in 14 specified sectors in Japan. These Indian workers will also be granted a new status of residence of ‘Specified Skilled Worker’ by the Japanese Government.

11. Which institution recently signed an MoU with Indian Air Force (IAF) enabling IAF officers for higher studies under IAF’s Project Akashdeep, in January, 2021?

- 1) Department of Defence and Strategic Studies (DDSS), University of Madras
- 2) Institute of Defence Studies and Research (IDSR), Gujarat University
- 3) Department of Defense & National Security Studies (DDNSS), Panjab University
- 4) Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA), New Delhi
- 5) Institute of Defence & Strategic Studies (IDSS), Allahabad State University

Answer- 2) Institute of Defence Studies and Research (IDSR), Gujarat University

Explanation:

Indian Air Force (IAF) and Institute of Defence Studies and Research (IDSR), Autonomous Institution of Gujarat University have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enable IAF officers to enroll for higher studies in the IDSR Institute. The MoU has been signed as part of IAF’s Project Akashdeep. The Partnership will help the officers to develop strategic knowledge & intellectual skills, which will contribute towards formulation of strategic plan and policies in the advent of hybrid Military Operations.

12. Which organisation signed an MoU with Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) for supply of 1.72 Lakh Cotton durries every year, as of January, 2021?

- 1) Indo-Tibet Border Police (ITBP)
- 2) National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)
- 3) National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI)
- 4) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)

- 5) Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CNSMS)

Answer- 1) Indo-Tibet Border Police (ITBP)

Explanation:

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indo-Tibet Border Police (ITBP) for supply of 1.72 Lakh Cotton durries every year, which is valued around INR 8.74 crore. The agreement has been signed for one year and will be renewed hereafter.

13. Which organisation recently signed an MoU with Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA) providing technical expertise for renewable energy projects, in January, 2021?

- 1) NHPC Limited
- 2) Power Grid Corporation of India
- 3) Coal India
- 4) NTPC Limited
- 5) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

Answer- 1) NHPC Limited

Explanation:

On January 8, 2021, Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA) virtually signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NHPC Limited (formerly known as National Hydroelectric Power Corporation), to provide its technical expertise for developing renewable energy projects for the next 5 years. The MoU will facilitate knowledge & technology transfer providing consultancy & research services between the two companies.

14. Which state government recently signed an MoU with Cambridge University to improve the English proficiency of teachers & students through training programs, in January, 2021?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Odisha
- 5) Karnataka

Answer- 3) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

On January 8, 2021 The Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MAUD) Department, Govt of Andhra Pradesh (AP) signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with University of Cambridge. As part of the MoU, the university will offer training to teachers and students of state municipal schools to improve their proficiency in the English language.

15. Which organisation recently signed an MoU with National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for establishing Clean & Energy Efficient Interventions at NHAI Establishments, in January, 2021?

- 1) Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)
- 2) Nuclear Power Corporation of India (NPCI)

- 3) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA)
- 4) Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)
- 5) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

Answer- 1) Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)

Explanation:

On January 8, 2021, Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish Clean & Energy Efficient Interventions at NHAI Establishments. EESL will set up Solar Power Projects, energy efficient LED lighting and EV Charging stations at NHAI establishments. This will reduce dependence on fossil fuel, reduce emissions & achieve sustainable development across Toll Plazas, highway lighting & other NHAI establishments.

16. Which organisation recently signed an MoU with National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) for the digital transformation of MSMEs, in January, 2021?

- 1) BSNL
- 2) Google
- 3) Samsung
- 4) Bharti Airtel
- 5) Microsoft

Answer- 4) Bharti Airtel

Explanation:

Bharti Airtel signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) for the digital transformation of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in order to achieve the goal of "Atma Nirbhar Bharat". With this MSMEs will be served with business automation and connectivity needs viz. data/voice connectivity, marketing solutions, cloud security and collaboration. MSMEs are an important part of Indian economy with over 60 million business units, contributing upto 29% of India's GDP.

17. Which organisation virtually signed an MoU with CSIR-NIO of Goa & CSIR-NGRI of Hyderabad for cooperation in Marine Science & Technology, in January, 2021?

- 1) North Pacific Marine Science Organization
- 2) MAST (Marine Science and Technology) Programme
- 3) Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology
- 4) V.I. Il'ichev Pacific Oceanological Institute
- 5) Pacific Research Fisheries Center

Answer- 4) V.I. Il'ichev Pacific Oceanological Institute

Explanation:

CSIR-NIO of Goa (Council of Scientific & Industrial Research-National Institute of Oceanography) & CSIR-NGRI of Hyderabad (National Geophysical

Research Institute) virtually signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with V.I. Il'ichev Pacific Oceanological Institute, Far Eastern Branch, Russian Academy of Sciences (POI FEB RAS) in the field of Marine Sciences and Technology. The MoU enables Sharing of Knowledge & expertise in the field of sustainable development for development of National Economic Interests of both countries.

18. Which State or Union Territory signed an MoU with North East Cane and Bamboo Development Council (NECBDC) to promote Bamboo Cultivation, in January, 2021?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Ladakh
- 3) Jammu & Kashmir
- 4) Sikkim
- 5) Goa

Answer- 3) Jammu & Kashmir

Explanation:

On 13th January, 2021, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the North East Cane and Bamboo Development Council (NECBDC) to promote Bamboo Cultivation and related entrepreneurship in the region. NECBDC will provide technical guidance in cultivating various species of Bamboo in the region. Currently, India stands second in Bamboo production only after China. Yet the annual import of bamboo based products worth Rs. 213 Crores.

19. Which country signed an MoU with Indian Government to boost cooperation in Information & Communication Technology (ICT), in January 2021?

- 1) France
- 2) USA
- 3) Britain
- 4) Japan
- 5) Germany

Answer- 4) Japan

Explanation:

On January 15, 2021, India & Japan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to boost cooperation in the field of Information & Communication Technology (ICT) which includes 5G technologies, Smart Cities, Telecom Security among others. During the event, Ravi Shankar Prasad highlighted Japan's contribution towards the timely execution of connecting Andaman & Nicobar Islands with submarine optical fiber cable.

20. Which Institutes signed a Tripartite MoU with National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for traffic management in National Highways across India, in January 2021?

- 1) Institute for Road Traffic Education (IRTE)
- 2) Institute for Development and Communication (IDC)
- 3) Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID)
- 4) Only 1 & 2

5) Only 1 & 3

Answer- 4) Only 1 & 2

Explanation:

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has signed a Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Institute for Road Traffic Education (IRTE) and Institute for Development and Communication, Chandigarh (IDC) for promotion of road safety & collaborate in areas of traffic management under the programme "Capacity building of Road Safety Management through the Safe Systems Approach Programme". The agreement will be effective for a period of 2 years.

21. Which organisation recently signed an MoU with Tribal Co-operative Marketing Federation of India (TRIFED) to promote Livelihood Generation of Tribal People, in January 2021?

- 1) Indian Farm Forestry Development Co-operative ltd (IFFDC)
- 2) IIT Madras
- 3) Tata Group
- 4) Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER)
- 5) Art of Living (AOL)

Answer- 1) Indian Farm Forestry Development Co-operative ltd (IFFDC)

Explanation:

Tribal Co-operative Marketing Federation of India (TRIFED), the commercial wing of Ministry of Tribal Affairs has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Farm Forestry Development Co-operative ltd (IFFDC) to promote Livelihood Generation of Tribal People. The 2 organisations will organise training programme for Tribal Artisans to develop their entrepreneurship skill & business development. IFFDC will assist TRIFED in the promotion of Tribal Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs).

22. Which country recently signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) with India to grant employment opportunities for "Specified Skilled Worker", in January, 2021?

- 1) USA
- 2) Japan
- 3) Canada
- 4) Germany
- 5) South Korea

Answer- 2) Japan

Explanation:

In order to enhance cooperation in skills development, India and Japan have signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) on January 18, 2021 for operation of the 'specified skilled worker' (SSW) system. This MoC paves the way for Indian workers with required skills and pass Japanese language tests to get employment in Japan on a contractual basis. A total of 14

fields are covered under this agreement. Both sides will set up a joint working group (JWG) of officials for the implementation of the programme. The 14 fields covered by the agreement.

23. Which organisation signed an MoU with DRDO (in January 2020) for technical exchange & cooperation on sustainable Geo-hazard management?

- 1) National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM)
- 2) United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)
- 3) Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH)
- 4) National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)
- 5) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)

Answer- 3) Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH)

Explanation:

Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) & Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to boost collaboration in the field of technical exchange & cooperation on sustainable Geo-hazard management. The main objective behind the Agreement is to ensure the safety of road users on National Highways (NHs) in India against adverse effects of landslides & other natural calamities. They will cooperate in areas of Conceptual planning of Integrated avalanche/landslide protection schemes for all weather connectivity in snow bound areas of India

24. Which state signed an MoU with BSE to spread awareness about listing of Small & Medium scale Enterprises (SMEs), in January 2021?

- 1) Bihar
- 2) Punjab
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Rajasthan

Answer- 3) Maharashtra

Explanation:

BSE (formerly Bombay Stock Exchange) & Government of Maharashtra have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to spread awareness about listing among Small & Medium scale Enterprises (SMEs) of Maharashtra.

Benefits of Listing:

The listing will help SMEs to raise capital from the public capital market.

Stimulates liquidity & ready marketability of securities. Helps in getting Fair Price for the Securities.

Improves Company's visibility & Credibility besides ensuring transparency while conducting operations.

25. Which organisation signed an MoU (in Jan 2021) with Jammu & Kashmir's Department of

Skill Development that will promote institutional exchange between the them?

- 1) Institute of Company Secretaries of India
- 2) Department of Higher Education, J&K
- 3) IIT Jammu
- 4) NITI Aayog
- 5) IIT Madras

Answer- 3) IIT Jammu

Explanation:

On January 19, 2021, Jammu & Kashmir's Department of Skill Development signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu whereas Department of Higher Education signed an MoU with Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI). The agreement promotes institutional exchange between the institutions to use their infrastructure, labs & workshops for research works.

26. Which organisation signed an MoU with Indian Army for Defence equipment manufacturing, in January 2021?

- 1) DRDO
- 2) Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers
- 3) Bharat Electronics Limited
- 4) Dassault Systèmes
- 5) Honeywell International

Answer- 2) Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers

Explanation:

On the occasion of 25 Years of Army-Industry Partnership with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) i.e. on January 21, 2021, Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM), a company of CII organized a seminar on Army-industry partnership in New Delhi. The MoU will accelerate indigenisation and innovation under Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative to reduce dependence on foreign origin equipment. 75% of Indian Army 's projects in the 13th Army plan, costing over Rs 1,50,000 crore are supporting efforts towards the Make in India programme.

27. Which of the following was recently (in Jan 2021), signed an MoU with IIT Roorkee to retain its Professorial Chair in the institute?

- 1) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- 2) FSSAI
- 3) Indian Railways
- 4) Central Pollution Control Board
- 5) Food Corporation of India

Answer- 1) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

Explanation:

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) & IIT Roorkee (IITR) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Strengthening Research & Development (R&D) sectors in Road Sector & continuing

of MoRTH Professorial Chair at IIT Roorkee. The Chair focuses on R&D, training & teaching in the Development of Highway Infrastructure. The Professorial Chair will provide Guidance regarding, Acceleration of Innovation, Research & Development in highway sector Undertaking studies on Environment & Social Impacts of highway development projects.

28. Which University recently (in Jan 2021), partnered with National Skill Development Corporation(NSDC) to provide e-learning courses through NSDC's eSkillIndia platform?

- 1) Yale University
- 2) Stanford University
- 3) University of Chicago
- 4) California State University
- 5) Columbia University

Answer- 4) California State University

Explanation:

On 21st January 2021, the National Skill Development Corporation(NSDC) partnered with California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) to fulfill the increasing demand for a digitally skilled workforce in India. The initiative is led by eSkillIndia, the digital skilling unit of NSDC. Under this partnership, the platform of CSULB – SkillsCommons and Multimedia Education Resource for Learning and Online Teaching (MERLOT) will be integrated with NSDC's eSkillindia.org, to encourage e-learning among the youths of India.

29. Which state/UT's Industrial Development Corporation recently (in Jan 2021) signed an MoU with IIM Indore to build a roadmap in achieving the Atmanirbhar goals?

- 1) Jharkhand
- 2) Delhi
- 3) Ladakh
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) Bihar

Answer- 4) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

On January 22 2021, Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Indore & Madhya Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation (MPIDC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to build a roadmap to achieve MP's goal of 'Atmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh', the agreement will be valid for a period of three years. The MoU will facilitate a study for evaluation of 'Ease of Doing Business' parameters in the state, Policy Research on existing Industrial Policy of MP.

30. Which country signed an MoU (in Jan 2021) with SpaceKidz India to design & launch the Pupil Satellite TV for PC?

- 1) Sri Lanka
- 2) Maldives
- 3) Seychelles
- 4) Bangladesh
- 5) Indonesia

Answer- 4) Bangladesh

Explanation:

In order to celebrate the 50 years of India-Bangladesh friendship & the 100th Birth Anniversary of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, India & Bangladesh have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to design & launch the Pupil Satellite TV for PC to be completely developed by Students from both countries. The MoU was signed between SpaceKidz India (SKI) on behalf of India & Global Law Thinkers Society, a Global Youth Organization of Bangladesh on behalf of Bangladesh.

31. Recently (in Jan 2021), India's Ministry of Textiles signed an MoU with M/s. Nissenken Quality Evaluation Centre. Which country will import Indian textile products as a result of this MoU?

- 1) Germany
- 2) Italy
- 3) France
- 4) Japan
- 5) Mauritius

Answer- 4) Japan

Explanation:

On January 27, 2021 The Textile Committee, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India signed Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) with M/s. Nissenken Quality Evaluation Centre, Japan through video conferencing to increase export of Textile and Apparel (T&A) to the Japan market. In 2019, Japan was the 3rd largest market for T&A products in the world. While India was the sixth largest exporter of T&A to the world.

32. Which organisation signed a Framework for Strategic partnership agreement with India to enhance global energy security, in January 2021?

- 1) Energy Information Administration (EIA)
- 2) International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
- 3) International Energy Agency (IEA)
- 4) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- 5) International Energy Forum (IEF)

Answer- 3) International Energy Agency (IEA)

Explanation:

On 27th January 2021, Government of India has signed a Framework for Strategic partnership agreement with the International Energy Agency (IEA) that will play a crucial role in enhancing global energy security. This initiative will pave the way for India to become a full

time member of IEA. Strategic cooperation in IEA's Clean Energy Transitions Programme (CETP) – Energy Security, Stability & Sustainability, Enhancing Petroleum storage capacity in India etc.

33. Which state government recently (in Jan 2021), signed an MoU with Amazon India to boost the exports of MSME products in the state?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) West Bengal

Answer- 2) Karnataka

Explanation:

On January 28, 2021 Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Karnataka and Amazon India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to help enhance e-commerce exports from the state and also to elevate MSMEs in state to a global level through Amazon Global Selling, an exports program of Amazon. As part of the MoU, Amazon will conduct webinars and workshops for exporters from key MSME clusters like Bellary, Mysore, Channapatna and others.

34. Which organisation recently (in Jan 2021), signed MoU with Ladakh to speed up its development using Science & Technology(S&T) interventions?

- 1) Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)
- 2) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)
- 3) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)
- 4) Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)
- 5) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

Answer- 5) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

Explanation:

On January 29, 2021 Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has signed MoU with Ladakh Union Territory-UT to speed up the development of Ladakh using Science & Technology(S&T) interventions. On the basis of their core competencies, different CSIR institutes will begin Research & Development(R&D), extension and societal projects. In the 1st phase, 6 institutes will provide extensive knowledge and technological support.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

1. Who got extension of 1 year as the Secretary of Department of Space and Chairman of space commission from the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) on December, 2020?

- 1) Ashutosh Sharma

- 2) Durga Shanker Mishra
- 3) AK Kiran Kumar
- 4) K Sivan
- 5) Ajay Kumar

Answer- 4) K Sivan

Explanation:

On December 30, 2020 The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet(ACC) approved a 1 year extension of Kailasavadivoo(K) Sivan, Secretary of Department of Space, Govt of India and Chairman of space commission from January 14, 2021, i.e. upto January 14, 2022 or until further orders, whichever is earlier. He is currently the chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation(ISRO). He took charge in January 2018, succeeding, AK Kiran Kumar.

2. For which state, IAS officer P Ravi Kumar was appointed as the new Chief Secretary on December, 2020?

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| 1) Kerala | 2) Karnataka |
| 3) Bihar | 4) Assam |
| 5) Uttarakhand | |

Answer- 2) Karnataka

Explanation:

On December 31, 2020 IAS officer P Ravi Kumar was appointed as the 38th Chief Secretary of Karnataka. He will succeed T.M. Vijay Bhaskar who will superannuate on December 31 2020. P Ravi Kumar will hold this post until May 2022, i.e., till he attains the age of 60. Prior to his appointment, P Ravi Kumar was the Additional Chief Secretary(ACS) of Karnataka govt and was ACS of Karnataka CM, BS Yediyurappa.

3. Who was recently appointed as the New Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Railway Board under the Ministry of Railways, on January, 2021?

- 1) Vinod Kumar Yadav
- 2) Ajay Tyagi
- 3) Harsh Kumar Bhanwala
- 4) Suneet Sharma
- 5) Rekha Sharma

Answer- 4) Suneet Sharma

Explanation:

On 31st December 2020, The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of Suneet Sharma as the New Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Railway Board under the Ministry of Railways. He takes over the charge from the incumbent VK Yadav upon the completion of his term as the Chairman and CEO of the board on 31st December 2020.

4. Who became the 1st woman Chairperson of SAIL on January, 2021?

- 1) Anil K Chaudhary
- 2) Soma Mondal
- 3) Chanda Kochhar
- 4) Rekha Sharma
- 5) Arundhati Bhattacharya

Answer- 2) Soma Mondal

Explanation:

On January 1, 2021 Soma Mondal took charge as the chairman of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL). She

becomes the 1st woman chairperson of SAIL. She succeeds Anil Kumar Chaudhary who superannuated on December 31, 2020. Prior to this appointment Soma Mondal was serving as the Director (Commercial) of SAIL. SAIL is one of the largest steel-making companies in India. It is the Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprises(CPSE).

5. Who heads the 7-member committee set by UGC to review the feasibility of holding the Common Entrance Test(CET) at undergraduate level from the August, 2021 in central universities?

- 1) Jagadish Kumar
- 2) Gurmeet Singh
- 3) Rakesh Bhatnagar
- 4) Raghavendra P Tiwari
- 5) Yashwanth Dongre

Answer- 4) Raghavendra P Tiwari

Explanation:

On December 23, 2020 University Grants Commission(UGC) has set up a 7-member committee to look at the possibility and review the feasibility of holding the Common Entrance Test(CET) at undergraduate level from the next academic year(august) in central universities. The committee is headed by Raghavendra (R) P Tiwari, Vice-Chancellor of Central University of Punjab.

6. Who was appointed as the 1st Additional Director General-ADG (Human Rights-HR) in the newly created Human Rights Cell of Indian Army?

- 1) Gautam Chauhan
- 2) Manoj Mukund Naravane
- 3) Anil Chauhan
- 4) Yogesh Kumar Joshi
- 5) Bipin Rawat

Answer- 1) Gautam Chauhan

Explanation:

Indian Army has created a new human right cell at its headquarters (New Delhi). Major General Gautam Chauhan has been appointed as the 1st Additional Director General-ADG (Human Rights-HR). He will function under the Indian Army Vice Chief Lieutenant General SK Saini. This is the 1st time, Indian army has appointed a major general rank officer to examine the human rights issue and suggest means to better the track record of the force. This appointment is part of the ongoing restructuring of Indian Army headquarters.

7. Who will head the high-level group, "South Asia Group for Energy (SAGE)" by Indian Government for the development of South Asia energy security architecture?

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1) Ram Vinay Shahi | 2) Anil Sardana |
| 3) Rakesh Nath | 4) Preeti Saran |
| 5) Amar Sinha | |

Answer- 1) Ram Vinay Shahi

Explanation:

On January 5, 2021, the Central Government of India has set up high-level group named "South Asia Group for Energy (SAGE)" headed by Ram Vinay Shahi for the development of South Asia energy security architecture. It has been set up under the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)-run think tank Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS).

8. Who was appointed as the 1st Deputy General Secretary of All India Football Federation (AIFF)?

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 1) P. K. Banerjee | 2) I.M. Vijayan |
| 3) Abhishek Yadav | 4) Chuni Goswami |
| 5) Pronay Halder | |

Answer- 3) Abhishek Yadav

Explanation:

On January 5, 2021 Abhishek Yadav, Former Indian footballer appointed as the 1st Deputy General Secretary of All India Football Federation (AIFF). It is the first time that a former national player has been appointed at a high-ranked position at AIFF. He was the member of AIFF and has been serving as national team's director since January 2018. It is to be recalled that AIFF decided to create a new deputy general secretary post in its hierarchy

9. Who recently got elected as the president of the Central African Republic, on January, 2021?

- 1) François Bozizé
- 2) Faustin-Archange Touadéra
- 3) Ludovic Orban
- 4) Klaus Iohannis
- 5) Nana Akufo-Addo

Answer- 2) Faustin-Archange Touadéra

Explanation:

Faustin-Archange Touadéra has been elected as the president of the Central African Republic after securing 53.9% votes, an absolute majority of votes in the first round. This is his 2nd term as president of the country. He belongs to the United Hearts Movement, which is led by him.

10. Who was appointed as the 1st full-time Director of RBI's the College of Supervisors (CoS)?

- 1) NS Viswanathan
- 2) Rabi Narayan Mishra
- 3) BP Kanungo
- 4) Raghuram Rajan
- 5) D. Subbarao

Answer- 2) Rabi Narayan Mishra

Explanation:

On January 6, 2020, the College of Supervisors (CoS), which was set up by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in May 2020, has now been fully operationalized for

effective supervision of the regulated entities. It was functioning in a limited way in virtual mode since May 2020. CoS will have a full-time Director. RBI has appointed Rabi Narayan Mishra, its former Executive Director as the Director of CoS. The Academic Advisory Council (AAC) was Chaired by NS Viswanathan, former Deputy Governor, RBI.

11. Who was appointed as the head of the committee to protect the language, culture and land of the Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh, in January, 2021?

- 1) Gangapuram Kishan Reddy
- 2) Radha Krishna Mathur
- 3) Jamyang Tsering Namgyal
- 4) Mehbooba Mufti
- 5) Jitendra Singh

Answer- 1) Gangapuram Kishan Reddy

Explanation:

On January 6, 2021, the Central Government decided to form a committee to protect the language, culture and land of the Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh. The committee will be headed by the Minister of State (MoS) Gangapuram Kishan Reddy and will include elected representatives from Ladakh, members of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) and ex-officio members representing the Government of India and the Ladakh administration.

12. Who recently became the youngest President of All India Chess Federation (AICF), in January, 2021?

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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1) Naresh Sharma | 2) Bharat Singh |
| 3) Sanjay Kapoor | |
| 4) PR Venketrama Raja | |
| 5) PC Lallianthanga | |

Answer- 3) Sanjay Kapoor

Explanation:

Sanjay Kapoor, representing Uttar Pradesh Chess Sports Association, was elected as the president of the All India Chess Federation (AICF) and became the youngest president of the federation. He succeeds PR Venketrama Raja of Tamil Nadu. Along with him a secretary, Treasurer, Vice Presidents, joint secretaries and treasurer also was elected

13. Justice Arup Kumar Goswami was recently sworn in as the Chief Justice of _____, in January, 2021.

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 1) Sikkim | 2) Allahabad |
| 3) Rajasthan | 4) Madras |
| 5) Andhra Pradesh | |

Answer- 5) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

On January 6, 2021 Arup Kumar(A.K.) Goswami was sworn in as the Chief Justice (CJ) of Andhra Pradesh(AP) High Court(HC) administered by AP Governor Biswab Bushan Harichandan in Tummalapalli

Kalakshetram, Vijayawada, AP. He succeeds Jitendra Kumar(JK) Maheshwari who is now appointed as the CJ of Sikkim HC.

14. Recently Justice Raghvendra Singh (R S) Chauhan was sworn in as the Chief Justice(CJ) of _____ High Court (HC), in January, 2021.

- | | |
|----------------|------------|
| 1) Uttarakhand | 2) Madras |
| 3) Allahabad | 4) Guahati |
| 5) Bombay | |

Answer- 1) Uttarakhand

Explanation:

On January 7, 2021 Justice Raghvendra Singh (R S) Chauhan was sworn in as the Chief Justice(CJ) of Uttarakhand High Court (HC). He was transferred from Telangana HC to Uttarakhand HC. The President of India in exercise of the power conferred by clause (1) of Article 222 of the Constitution of India transfer the CJ of HC to another.

15. Recently Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia was sworn in as the Chief Justice(CJ) of _____ High Court (HC), in January, 2021.

- | | |
|----------------|------------|
| 1) Uttarakhand | 2) Madras |
| 3) Allahabad | 4) Guahati |
| 5) Bombay | |

Answer- 4) Guahati

Explanation:

On January 7, 2021 Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia was appointed as the CJ of Gauhati HC. Prior to his appointment as CJ of Gauhati HC, he was a judge of the Uttarakhand HC. The Chief Justice and Judges of the High Courts are appointed by the President under clause (1) of Article 217 of the Constitution.

16. Who was appointed as the Head of 10-member empowered committee for administration of COVID-19 vaccine, in January, 2021?

- 1) Rajkiran Rai
- 2) Madhabi Puri Buch
- 3) RS Sharma
- 4) VC Rajiv Kumar
- 5) Harsh Vardhan

Answer- 3) RS Sharma

Explanation:

On January 9, 2021 Government of India appointed RS Sharma, former chief of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India(TRAI)as head of a 10-member empowered committee for administration of COVID-19 vaccine. On January 16, 2021 India will start its mega vaccination drive against coronavirus, the world's largest inoculation programme. In the 1st phase, 3 crore healthcare and frontline workers will be vaccinated.

17. Who recently got elected as the President of Kyrgyzstan, in January 2021?

- 1) Japarov Sadyr Nurgojoevich
- 2) Tsai Ing-wen

- 3) Adakhan Madumarov
- 4) Robert Abela
- 5) Zoran Milanovic

Answer- 1) Japarov Sadyr Nurgojoevich

Explanation:

Japarov Sadyr Nurgojoevich was elected as the president of Kyrgyzstan after securing nearly 80% votes. He belongs to the 'Patriotic' Political Party. He served as the Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan till 14th November 2020 after which his official powers in office are suspended due to the pending results of the January 2021 presidential election.

18. Who will head the high level committee that was constituted to commemorate the 125th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose?

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Amit Shah
- 3) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 4) Manmohan Singh
- 5) Om Birla

Answer- 1) Narendra Modi

Explanation:

A High Level Committee headed by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi has been constituted to commemorate the 125th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The 1-year long celebrations will begin from 23rd January, 2021. The celebrations will take place in Delhi, Kolkata & other places associated with Azad Hind Fauj (INA), both in India & overseas.

19. Who was appointed as the head of the Technical Expert Group that was setup to examine the findings of the National Family Health Survey-5 (NFHS-5), 2019-20?

- 1) Harsh Vardhan
- 2) Preeti Pant
- 3) Chandra Shekhar
- 4) Ajit Kumar
- 5) Abhijit Sen

Answer- 2) Preeti Pant

Explanation:

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) has set up a Technical Expert Group under Preeti Pant, Joint Secretary, MoHFW to examine the findings from the National Family Health Survey-5 (NFHS-5), 2019-20. The committee will provide suggestions and policy interventions to improve indicators regarding Malnutrition, Stunting, Anaemia, and C-section. International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai is the national nodal agency that conducted the survey which has information on 131 Key Indicators.

20. Who was recently appointed as the full-time President of the United Nations COP26

climate conference to be held in Glasgow, in January 2021?

- 1) Rishi Sunak
- 2) Ben Wallace
- 3) Alok Sharma
- 4) Dominic Raab
- 5) Michael Gove

Answer- 3) Alok Sharma

Explanation:

Britain had appointed its business minister Alok Sharma as the full-time President of the United Nations COP26 climate conference to be held in Glasgow. The two-week summit, which was postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic, aims to galvanise a renewed international commitment to an accord brokered in Paris in 2015 aimed at stabilising the Earth's climate.

21. Who recently got appointed as the director general of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), in January 2021?

- 1) Subodh Kumar Jaiswal
- 2) M M Bhagwat
- 3) M S Sharma
- 4) Arif Sheikh
- 5) Asra Garg

Answer- 1) Subodh Kumar Jaiswal

Explanation:

Maharashtra police chief Subodh Kumar Jaiswal has been appointed the director general of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF). Jaiswal is a 1985-batch IPS officer of Maharashtra cadre. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved appointment of Jaiswal to the post of Director General, CISF from the date of joining the post and up to September 30, 2022 i.e. date of his superannuation.

22. Who will chair the 10-member advisory committee formulated by Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India to improve the product quality and coverage of the health insurance?

- 1) V S Narendran
- 2) G R Surya Kumar
- 3) Rajinish Kumar
- 4) Subhash Chandra Khuntia
- 5) Dinesh Kumar Khara

Answer- 4) Subhash Chandra Khuntia

Explanation:

India's insurance regulator IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India) formulated a 10-member advisory committee to improve the product quality and coverage of the health insurance in the country. The committee will be chaired by Dr. Subhash Chandra Khuntia, IRDAI chairman and will have tenure of 1 year.

23. Prime Minister Jüri Ratas, resigned from office amid corruption allegations. He served as the PM of _____.

- 1) Egypt
- 2) Poland

3) Democratic Republic of Congo

4) Estonia

5) South Africa

Answer- 4) Estonia

Explanation:

On 13th January 2021, Jüri Ratas, Prime Minister (PM) of Estonia and the leader of the Centre Party resigned following the Party's corruption allegations involving the pandemic relief fund. Kersti Kaljulaid, President of Estonia has nominated Kaja Kallas, the leader of the opposition centre right Reform party as a candidate for the next Prime Minister of Estonia. Kaja Kallas will become the first Female Prime Minister, if she forms the next government.

24. Who recently got appointed as the chairman of Telecom Equipment and Services Export Promotion Council (TEPC) in January 2021?

- 1) Shyamal Ghosh
- 2) Sandeep Aggarwal
- 3) Pravin Kumar Purwar
- 4) RS Sharma
- 5) PD Vaghela

Answer- 2) Sandeep Aggarwal

Explanation:

Sandeep Aggarwal, the Managing Director (MD) and Promoter of Paramount Communications Limited, has been elected as the new chairman of Telecom Equipment and Services Export Promotion Council (TEPC). He will take over from Shyamal Ghosh, former Telecom Secretary. Sandeep Aggarwal is also the Chief Mentor of Telecom committee of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI).

25. Who recently got elected as the President of Uganda, in January 2021?

- 1) Yoweri Kaguta Museveni
- 2) Nana Akufo- Addo
- 3) Hashim Thaçi
- 4) Maia Sandu
- 5) Ludovic Orban

Answer- 1) Yoweri Kaguta Museveni

Explanation:

Yoweri Kaguta Museveni has been re-elected as the president of Uganda for the 6th term. He has been president of the country since 29th January 1986, i.e., for about 35 years and becomes one of Africa's longest-serving leaders. He belongs to the National Resistance Movement (NRM) political party. He received many awards including the Global Peace Award from the Global Peace Foundation.

26. Who recently got tenure extension from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs to hold the post of Chairman of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), in January 2021?

- 1) H. J. Kania
- 2) Bansi Lal Bhat
- 3) N. V. Ramana
- 4) Uday Lalit

5) Vineet Saran

Answer- 2) Bansi Lal Bhat

Explanation:

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India has again extended the tenure of Justice Bansi Lal Bhat as the officiating Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal(NCLAT). His tenure has been extended till his attaining the age of 67 or until further orders. His current tenure was scheduled to end on 31st December 2020. This is the 4th exertion to Justice Bhat since his appointment as the Chairperson on 15th March 2020 for a period of 3 months.

27. Who will coach the Indian athletics team for middle- and long-distance runners for Olympic games, as of January 2021?

- 1) Avinash Sable
- 2) Nikolai Snesev
- 3) Adille Sumariwalla
- 4) Dutee Chand
- 5) Balwinder Singh

Answer- 2) Nikolai Snesev

Explanation:

Indian Government has approved the appointment of Belarussian coach Nikolai Snesev as the middle- and long-distance coach of the Indian athletics team. The 72-year-old has been appointed till the end of September, a period which will coincide with the Tokyo Olympics scheduled to take place in July-August. He will be coaching 3000m steeplechaser Avinash Sable, who has already qualified for the Olympics, and other middle- and long-distance runners, as they aim to qualify for the Olympic Games.

28. Who was recently nominated as a board member of the stakeholder panel, Commonwealth Youth Innovation Hub for a two-year term, in January 2021?

- 1) Priyanka Chaturvedi
- 2) Smriti Irani
- 3) Priyanka Chopra
- 4) Akhilesh Yadav
- 5) Priyanka Gandhi

Answer- 1) Priyanka Chaturvedi

Explanation:

Rajya Sabha MP from Maharashtra Priyanka Chaturvedi has been nominated as a board member of the stakeholder panel, Commonwealth Youth Innovation Hub for a two-year term beginning January 14. The Commonwealth Youth Innovation Hub is a platform to develop human capital to drive economic and societal innovation, foster unity and transform societies through sustainable impact, the statement from the hub said. The hub was launched by the Prince of Wales during the 2017 Commonwealth Youth Summit in Malaysia.

29. Who recently got approval from RBI for appointment as MD & CEO of RBL Bank for 3 years, starting from June 30, 2021?

- 1) Vishwavir Ahuja
- 2) Anup Kumar Sinha
- 3) Chandra Shekhar Ghosh

4) Aditya Puri

5) Samit Ghosh

Answer- 1) Vishwavir Ahuja

Explanation:

On January 18, 2021, The Board of Directors of RBL Bank approved the re-appointment of Vishwavir Ahuja as the Managing Director(MD) & Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of the Bank for three years, with effect from June 30, 2021 to June 29, 2024. The bank has recommended this re-appointment to the Reserve Bank of India(RBI) for approval. He has been the MD& CEO of RBL bank since June 30, 2010.

30. Who was temporarily appointed as the Union Minister of State(MoS) for the Ministry of AYUSH, in January 2021?

- 1) Pralhad Joshi
- 2) Dharmendra Pradhan
- 3) Shripad Yesso Naik
- 4) Piyush Goyal
- 5) Kiren Rijiju

Answer- 5) Kiren Rijiju

Explanation:

On January 19, 2021 President Ram Nath Kovind, as advised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, temporarily appointed Union Minister of State(MoS) Kiren Rijiju with additional charge of the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy (AYUSH) following the hospitalisation and treatment of Shripad Yesso Naik. Kiren Rijiju is currently serving as MoS (Independent Charge-I/C) of Youth Affairs and Sports and MoS of Minority Affairs.

31. Who got approval from the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) (in Jan 2021) to become the New MD of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)?

- 1) TC Susheel Kumar
- 2) Siddhartha Mohanty
- 3) Subhash Chandra Khuntia
- 4) Sanjeev Kumar
- 5) Kamlesh Rao

Answer- 2) Siddhartha Mohanty

Explanation:

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved the appointment of Siddhartha Mohanty as Managing Director(MD) of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC). He succeeds TC Susheel Kumar who will retire on 31 January, 2021. Siddhartha Mohanty currently serves as the MD and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of LIC Housing Finance. Meanwhile, Sanjeev Kumar has been appointed as the chairman & MD of Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd(TCIL).

32. Who was appointed as the chairman of Somnath Trust, in January 2021?

- 1) Mohan Bhagwat
- 2) Narendra Modi
- 3) Vijay Rupani
- 4) Amit Shah

5) Keshubhai Patel

Answer- 2) Narendra Modi

Explanation:

On January 18, 2021 Prime Minister Narendra Modi was appointed as the chairman of Somnath Trust. He succeeds former Gujarat Chief Minister late Keshubhai Patel. The trust manages the world famous Somnath Temple at Prabhas Patan town in Gujarat's Gir-Somnath district. Narendra Modi is the second Prime Minister who has been appointed the chairman of the temple trust after former PM Morarji Desai.

33. Who will become the new CEO of Intel, as of January 2021?

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1) Michael Dell | 2) Pat Gelsinger |
| 3) Bob Swan | 4) Arvind Krishna |
| 5) Nimesh Arora | |

Answer- 2) Pat Gelsinger

Explanation:

Chip giant Intel has announced that tech leader Pat Gelsinger will become its new CEO. Gelsinger most recently served as CEO of software company VMWare, where he is said to have transformed the company into a global leader in cloud infrastructure, enterprise mobility and cybersecurity, almost tripling the company's annual revenues. Bob Swan will serve as the CEO of Intel till February 28, 2021.

34. Recently (in Jan 2021), Joe Biden took oath as the _____ President of the United States of America(USA).

- | | |
|---------|---------|
| 1) 40th | 2) 35th |
| 3) 42nd | 4) 46th |
| 5) 49th | |

Answer- 4) 46th

Explanation:

On 20th January 2021, Joseph R. Biden Jr. (Joe Biden) took oath as the 46th President of the United States of America(USA) at a ceremony organised at the West Front of the US Capitol building, Washington, USA. 78-year-old Joe Biden became the oldest President in the history of the USA. He was sworn in by Chief Justice John Roberts. He belongs to Democratic Political Party. Kamala Harris took oath as the 49th Vice President.

She is the first woman and first person with south Asian origin to take the office of Vice President of the USA.

35. In January 2021, Tenzin Lekphell was appointed as the Secretary General of BIMSTEC to _____.

- | | |
|--------------|---------------|
| 1) China | 2) Bangladesh |
| 3) India | 4) Bhutan |
| 5) Singapore | |

Answer- 2) Bangladesh

Explanation:

Bangladesh receives newly appointed Secretary General of BIMSTEC Tenzin Lekphell. the Secretary

General will be able to play a pivotal role as a bridge among member states by thriving hard to achieve goals through effective implementation of the necessary agreement. Bangladesh, as the BIMSTEC lead country for Trade, Investment and Development, is strongly committed to strengthen BIMSTEC Cooperation in this important field.

36. Who recently (in Jan 2021), got appointed as India's next Ambassador to ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta?

- 1) Jayant N Khobragade
- 2) Uday Shankar
- 3) Suresh Chandra Mohapatra
- 4) Kuldeep Handoo
- 5) Anil Soni

Answer- 1) Jayant N Khobragade

Explanation:

On January 21, 2021 Jayant N Khobragade has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia. He will shortly take charge of the position. He is an Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer of the 1995 batch and currently serves as joint secretary in External Affairs Ministry, Government of India. The ASEAN region and India together have a population of 1.85 billion people, a quarter of the world's population and their combined GDP has been estimated at over USD 3.8 trillion.

37. Recently (in Jan 2021), PM Ukhnaa Khurelsukh resigned from office after public agitation against the COVID-19 control measures of his Government. He was the PM of _____.

- | | |
|---------------|--------------|
| 1) Malaysia | 2) Indonesia |
| 3) Kazakhstan | 4) Georgia |
| 5) Mongolia | |

Answer- 5) Mongolia

Explanation:

On 21st January 2021, Ukhnaa Khurelsukh, Prime Minister of Mongolia resigned following the public protest against the COVID-19 control measures of the Government. Submitting the resignation, he has also proposed to dissolve his government. The mongolian parliament dominated by Ukhnaa Khurelsukh's

Mongolian People's Party voted to accept the resignation. 60 parliamentarians out of the 63 who attended the session approved the resignation.

38. PM Mark Rutte and his entire Cabinet resigned in January 2021, to take political responsibility for a scandal involving investigations into child welfare payments. He was the PM of _____.

- | | |
|------------|----------------|
| 1) Italy | 2) Netherlands |
| 3) Estonia | 4) Sweden |
| 5) Denmark | |

Answer- 2) Netherlands

Explanation:

Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte and his entire Cabinet resigned in January 2021, to take political responsibility for a scandal involving investigations into child welfare payments that wrongly labeled thousands of parents as fraudsters. The Netherlands is the third European country thrown into political uncertainty in the midst of the coronavirus crisis after Estonia, and Italy.

39. Name the justice who (in Jan 2021) became the 1st woman chairperson of Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (BCCC).

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 1) Manjula Chellur | 2) Indu Malhotra |
| 3) Indira Banerjee | 4) Geeta Mittal |
| 5) Vijaya Kamlesh Tahilramani | |

Answer- 4) Geeta Mittal

Explanation:

Justice Geeta Mittal has been appointed as the new chairperson of Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (BCCC) and becomes the 1st woman chairperson of this council. She succeeds Justice Vikramajit Sen. She served as the 1st woman Chief Justice(CJ) of J&K High Court. BCCC is the independent self-regulatory body set up by the Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF) in June 2011 to examine content related complaints of all non-news general entertainment channels in India.

40. Recently (in Jan 2021), Govt. of India has nominated 28 non-official members to NSAC. What does NSAC stand for?

- 1) Native Startup Allocation Company
- 2) National Startup Allocation Company
- 3) New Startup Allocation Council
- 4) National Startup Advisory Council
- 5) New Startup Advisory Council

Answer- 4) National Startup Advisory Council

Explanation:

The National Startup Advisory Council (NSAC) has nominated 28 non-official members on the committee to advise the government on efforts needed to build a strong startup ecosystem. As per a statement issued by the government, the members of this council include founders of startups like BYJU'S, Ola, Zoho, and Snapdeal. Members of the venture capital community from firms like Aarin Capital, Kalaari Capital, Accel, Sequoia Capital India, and Softbank India are also included in this council.

41. Who was nominated as the MD of Sundaram Finance Ltd, in January 2021?

- 1) T.T. Srinivasaraghavan
- 2) Harsha Viji
- 3) Rajiv Lochan
- 4) S Viji
- 5) Vijay Kothari

Answer- 3) Rajiv Lochan

Explanation:

The board of Sundaram Finance named Rajiv Lochan (director Strategy) as managing director with effect from April 1. Sundaram Finance Ltd has made top level changes as the current managing director T.T. Srinivasaraghavan will be retiring on March 31, 2021, while the current deputy managing director Harsha Viji, will assume the office of executive vice chairman, and take responsibility for the overall strategy and direction of Sundaram Finance Ltd., and other group companies in financial services.

42. Recently (in Jan 2021), Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa has been re-elected as the President of _____ for the 2nd consecutive term.

- | | |
|-------------|------------|
| 1) Hungary | 2) Belgium |
| 3) Poland | 4) Spain |
| 5) Portugal | |

Answer- 5) Portugal

Explanation:

Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa (72 years old) has been re-elected as the president of Portugal for the 2nd term after securing over 60% of the votes in the election held on January 24, 2021. He belongs to Social Democratic Party (Partido Social Democrata-PSD). He was elected as the president for 1st term in 2016.

43. Who was appointed to the UN's High-level Advisory Board (HLAB) on Economic and Social Affairs, in January 2021?

- | | |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1) Abhijit Sen | 2) Jayati Ghosh |
| 3) Utsa Patnaik | 4) Raguram Rajan |
| 5) Gita Gopinath | |

Answer- 2) Jayati Ghosh

Explanation:

Jayati Ghosh, Indian development economist has been appointed by the United Nations to its 2nd term of High-level Advisory Board (HLAB-II) on Economic and Social Affairs. She has been appointed for a 2-year term on the board of 20 prominent individuals which will provide recommendations for the U.N. Secretary-General to respond to the current and future socio-economic challenges in the post-COVID-19 world.

44. Recently (in Jan 2021), Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte resigned from office due to mishandling COVID – 19 pandemic. He served as the PM of _____.

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| 1) Spain | 2) Poland |
| 3) Czech Republic | 4) Azerbaijan |
| 5) Italy | |

Answer- 5) Italy

Explanation:

On 26th January 2021, Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte, an independent technocrat, resigned after losing the overall majority in the senate(upper house of the parliament) following the dispute regarding

the spending during the COVID-19 pandemic. The parties were divided over spending in the coronavirus crisis, which resulted in the lack of majority in the senate.

45. Who recently (in Jan 2021), got appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of State Bank of India?

- 1) Swaminathan Janakiraman
- 2) Ashwini Kumar Tewari
- 3) Ashwani Bhatia
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

Answer- 4) Only 1 & 2

Explanation:

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Swaminathan Janakiraman and Ashwini Kumar Tewari as new Managing Directors(MDs) of State Bank of India (SBI) for a period of 3 years. Swaminthan Janakiraman was serving as the deputy MD(finance) of SBI. Ashwini Kumar Tewari was serving as MD and Chief Executive Officer(CEO)of SBI Card, a subsidiary of SBI.

46. Who recently (in Jan 2021), became the 1st Female Prime Minister of Estonia?

- 1) Kaja Kallas
- 2) Jüri Ratas
- 3) Helen Clark
- 4) Tarja Halonen
- 5) Laura Chinchilla

Answer- 1) Kaja Kallas

Explanation:

On January 26, 2021 Estonia President Kersti Kaljulaid appointed Kaja Kallas as the Prime Minister(PM) of the country and became the 1st female PM of the country since the nation regained independence in 1991. She succeeds Jüri Ratas. She is the leader of the Reform party. The 15-member Cabinet of Prime Minister Kaja Kallas is a coalition of 2 parties namely, Reform Party & Centre Party.

47. Who will become the new vice-chief of Army staff, on February 1, 2021?

- 1) Satinder Kumar Saini
- 2) Chandi Prasad Mohanty
- 3) Ved Prakash Malik
- 4) Ranbir Singh
- 5) Devraj Anbu

Answer- 2) Chandi Prasad Mohanty

Explanation:

Lieutenant General Chandi Prasad Mohanty will take over as the new vice-chief of Army staff on February 1. He is a graduate of Defence Services Staff College (DSSC), Wellington and also an alumnus of prestigious National Defence College, Delhi. He will replace the outgoing Lieutenant General Satinder Kumar Saini.

48. Who recently (in Jan 2021), got appointed as the MD & CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank?

- 1) Sunil Gurbaxani
- 2) S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao
- 3) JK Shivan
- 4) Atul Kumar Goel
- 5) Shyam Srinivasan

Answer- 3) JK Shivan

Explanation:

On January 28, 2021 Dhanlaxmi Bank appointed JK Shivan as Managing director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) for a period of 3 years. The appointment is made with the approval of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). It is to be recalled that Sunil Gurbaxani was the MD & CEO of the bank. JK Shivan is expected to take charge by February 1, 2021.

49. Recently (in Jan 2021), Sylvestre Ilunga Ilunkamba, resigned from the post of Prime Minister(PM), after losing majority vote in the Parliament. He served as the PM of _____.

- 1) Central African Republic
- 2) Zimbabwe
- 3) Democratic Republic of the Congo
- 4) Ethiopia
- 5) Cameroon

Answer- 3) Democratic Republic of the Congo

Explanation:

On 29th January 2021, Sylvestre Ilunga Ilunkamba, Prime Minister(PM) of Democratic Republic of the Congo(DRC) tendered his resignation to Felix Tshisekedi, President of DRC. The lawmakers of the DRC voted and approved the motion of censure against PM Ilunkamba and his coalition government by 367 to 7 votes during the session held on 27th January 2021.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1. Who received the Tansen Samman 2020 award on the occasion of 96th edition of Tansen Sangeet Samaroh, the annual music festival held at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh?

- 1) Siddheshwari Devi
- 2) Gayatri Asokan
- 3) Shiv Kumar Sharma
- 4) Pt Satish Vyas
- 5) Rahul Sharma

Answer- 4) Pt Satish Vyas

Explanation:

The 5 day Tansen Sangeet Samaroh 2020, 96th edition of the annual music festival organized to pay tribute to the Great Indian Musical Maestro Tansen was held in Behat Village, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh (MP) from 26th December to 30th December 2020. Pt Satish Vyas conferred with prestigious Tansen Samman 2020. Tansen award is provided, which carries sum Rs. 1,00,000. The award is given for Hindustani Music.

2. Which portal has won the platinum icon award under “Innovation in Pandemic” category on the 6th Digital India Awards (DIA) 2020 conferred virtually by President Ram Nath Kovind?

- 1) eSanjeevani
- 2) e-Committee, Supreme Court of India
- 3) Aarogya Setu
- 4) Aapda Sampoori Portal
- 5) Pravasi Shramik and Rojgar Setu Portal

Answer- 1) eSanjeevani

Explanation:

On December 30, 2020 President of India, Ram Nath Kovind conferred 6th Digital India Awards(DIA) 2020 through video conferencing in a virtual awards ceremony. The National Informatics Centre(NIC) under the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) organized the awards online. It is a biennial award. 2 New categories have been introduced namely, Innovation in Pandemic category and Exemplary Product category in DIA 2020.

3. Which among the following was NOT among the 4 Asian Tea Cultivation Sites that got recognized as Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) by Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO) on December, 2020?

- 1) Traditional Hadong Tea Agrosystem, South Korea
- 2) Traditional tea-grass integrated system, Japan
- 3) Glenburn Tea Estate, India
- 4) Fuzhou Jasmine & Tea Culture System, China
- 5) Pu'er Traditional Tea Agrosystem, China

Answer- 3) Glenburn Tea Estate, India

Explanation:

The Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations has named 4 Asian Tea Cultivation Sites – 2 from China & 1 each from South Korea & Japan as Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS).

Site	Country
The Pu'er Traditional Tea Agrosystem	China
Fuzhou Jasmine & Tea Culture System	China
Traditional tea-grass integrated system in Shizuoka	Japan
Traditional Hadong Tea Agrosystem in Hwangae-myeon	South Korea

4. Who received 2020’s “Eminent Engineer Award” presented by The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET)?

- 1) Vinod Kumar Yadav
- 2) Prabhakar Singh
- 3) K. Sivan
- 4) A. S. Kiran Kumar

5) B. N. Suresh

Answer- 1) Vinod Kumar Yadav , Chairman & CEO of the Railway Board

Explanation:

Vinod Kumar Yadav, Chairman & CEO of the Railway Board, Ministry of Railways received the “Eminent Engineer Award for the year 2020” for his contribution towards modernisation and reforms in Indian Railways. The award was presented by The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET).

5. Which state has won the Best Performing State award in the annual event of “Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) Awards-2019”, awarded by PM Modi on January, 2021?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) Telangana

Answer- 1) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

PM Modi gave away annual “Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) Awards-2019” for excellence in six categories for the implementation of PMAY-U. The PMAY(U) awards were instituted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) in 2019.

6. Who was honoured with ‘OBE-Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire’ in Queen Elizabeth II’s 2021 New year’s Honours list?

- 1) Dr. Yog Raj Sharma
- 2) Dr. Raghu Ram Pillarisetti
- 3) Pranab Mukherjee
- 4) Narendra Modi
- 5) Dr. Saumitra Rawat

Answer- 2) Dr. Raghu Ram Pillarisetti

Explanation:

India’s Dr. Raghu Ram Pillarisetti (54 years old), Director and Consultant Breast Surgeon, KIMS-USHALAKSHMI Centre for Breast Diseases has been honoured with ‘OBE-Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire’ in Queen Elizabeth II’s 2021 New year’s Honours list. The award was instituted in 1917 by King George V.

7. Which organisation received DRDO’s prestigious Defence Technology Absorption Award in January, 2021?

- 1) Kirloskar Electric Co. Ltd
- 2) Centum Electronics Ltd
- 3) Bharat Electronics
- 4) Sterlite Technologies
- 5) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd

Answer- 2) Centum Electronics Ltd

Explanation:

Bangalore-based Centum Electronics Limited, the leading Electronics Company, was awarded the

prestigious Defence Technology Absorption Award by DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organization). They received the award for their contribution towards the absorption of critical technology in defence space systems and pioneering the development of Space Grade Hardware of onboard Satellite based Electronic Warfare Payload for the Satellite Mission Kautilya.

8. Which state received the 1st Prize in the State Designated Agencies Category for its effective energy conservation programme at the 30th National Energy Conservation Awards 2020?

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Assam
- 5) Kerala

Answer- 5) Kerala

Explanation:

On 11th January 2021, the Ministry of Power in association with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) organized the 30th National Energy Conservation Awards 2020 (NECA 2020). R.K. Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Power and New & Renewable Energy was the Chief Guest of the event. Energy Management Centre, Kerala bagged the 1st Prize in the State Designated Agencies Category for its effective energy conservation programme.

9. Who was one among the 6-member winning team of NASA Artemis Next-Gen STEM, in January 2021?

- 1) Aryan Jain
- 2) Akrit Jaswal
- 3) Balu Natarajan
- 4) Ananya Vinay
- 5) Karthik Nemmani

Answer- 1) Aryan Jain

Explanation:

Aryan Jain, a high school student Gurugram is part of the 6-member winning team of National Aeronautics & Space Administration's (NASA) Artemis Next-Gen STEM – Moon to Mars App Development Challenge. The challenge was to develop an app to visualize the Lunar South Pole to assist in mission planning and exploration activities.

10. Recently, in January 2021, the 5th National Kayakalp Awards for the year 2019-20 was awarded virtually by Union Minister Harsh Vardhan. Under which scheme was the National Initiative 'Kayakalp' launched?

- 1) PM Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY)
- 2) PM Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)
- 3) Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM)
- 4) Menstrual Hygiene Schemes (MHS)
- 5) PM Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)

Answer- 3) Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM)

Explanation:

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) launched the National Initiative 'Kayakalp' under

Swachh Bharat Mission in 2015 to ensure Hygiene, Sanitation & Cleanliness in Public Health Facilities in India. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare Virtually inaugurated the 5th National Kayakalp Awards for the year 2019-20. District Hospital Reasi of Jammu and Kashmir was awarded the First Prize of INR 50 Lakhs, JIPMER, Pondicherry was awarded the second price.

11. Which was India's highest valued company as per the 2020 Hurun Global 500 list that was released in January, 2021?

- 1) HDFC Bank
- 2) Tata Consultancy Services
- 3) Infosys
- 4) Reliance Industries
- 5) Indian Oil Corporation

Answer- 4) Reliance Industries

Explanation:

2020 Hurun Global 500 list – a list of 500 most valuable companies across the globe, of Hurun Research features a total of 11 Indian companies. According to the report India secured the 10th rank with 11 companies whose total values grew 14% and reached 805 billion USD (around one third of Indian GDP). Topped by United States with 242 companies.

Rank	Company Name	Value(billion USD)	% Change	Country
1	Apple	2120	89%	USA
54	Reliance Industries	168.8	21%	India
73	Tata Consultancy Services	139	30%	India
105	HDFC Bank	107.5	11.50%	India

12. Which Organisation has won the United Nations(UN) Women 2020 Asia-Pacific Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs) Regional award under Gender-inclusive Workplace category?

- 1) Google India
- 2) Acer India Pvt Ltd
- 3) HCL Technologies
- 4) IKEA India Pvt Ltd
- 5) Grindwell Norton Ltd.

Answer- 4) IKEA India Pvt Ltd

Explanation:

The 1st United Nations(UN) Women 2020 Asia-Pacific Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs) Regional award winners were announced in a ceremony on December 15, 2020 in Bangkok, Thailand. IKEA India

Pvt Ltd won this award in Gender-inclusive Workplace category. It is the only winner from India.

13. Which state received the Best Overall Performance Award for State Govt. under Big State category in the Saksham 2021 Awards for Oil & Gas Conservation?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Punjab
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Rajasthan

Answer- 3) Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

The New Delhi-based Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) launched a month long Pan-India campaign 'SAKSHAM 2021' from January 16, 2021 to February 15 2021 to create awareness about the adverse impact of fossil fuels on health and environment, and to convince the consumers of fossil fuels to switch towards cleaner fuels.

14. Who was honoured with the Sahitya Gaurav Samman 2021 award from Hindi Writers Guild of Canada?

- 1) Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'
- 2) Narendra Modi
- 3) Kashinath Singh
- 4) Narendra Kohli
- 5) Mridula Garg

Answer- 1) Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'

Explanation:

On January 16, 2021 Hindi Writers Guild of Canada honoured Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' with the Sahitya Gaurav Samman 2021 for his writings and literature through a virtual programme. He has authored over 75 books that have been translated into many national and foreign languages. His books include Dreams that Don't Let You Sleep: Based on the Life Skills Management of Dr. Kalam, sakaratmak soch Swami Vivekananda, Life Trials among others.

15. Which organisation received the Best Performance in e-Governance in the 70th SKOCH Challenger Award, held in January 2021?

- 1) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- 2) Southern Railways
- 3) Department of Income Tax
- 4) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- 5) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

Answer- 1) Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Explanation:

On January 16, 2021, the 70th SKOCH Summit (SKOCH Public Policy Forum) was held in New Delhi during which SKOCH Awards 2021 were presented to different ministries. The SKOCH Challenger Award-Best Performance in e-Governance was presented to Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA). The Ministry also received 3 Gold Awards for its initiatives. The "SKOCH Challenger

Award- Transparency in Governance" was conferred to Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR). Southern Railway was presented the SKOCH Silver Award under the category of excellence in response to Covid-19.

16. Who was the 1st Recipient of Mullagh Medal?

- 1) Steve Smith
- 2) Virat Kohli
- 3) MS Dhoni
- 4) Ajinkya Rahane
- 5) Pat Cummins

Answer- 4) Ajinkya Rahane

Explanation:

India's Stand-in Captain Ajinkya Rahane became the 1st Recipient of Mullagh Medal after he won Man of the Match at the Boxing Day Test held at MCG. Mullagh is the name of former Australian Cricket Team Captain Johnny Mullagh, He was the 1st cricketer who captained the 1868 Aboriginal Cricket Tour of England. Cricket Australia had earlier announced that the Player of the match of the Boxing Day Test will be awarded the Mullagh Medal. Boxing Day Test is a Test Match held annually at the MCG, Australia on 26th December. It involves the Australian Cricket Team and the Touring Team.

17. Who was awarded the "Nelson Mandela" World Humanitarian Award?

- 1) Mayerlin Vergara Perez
- 2) Khadija Farah
- 3) Ravi Gaikwad
- 4) Narendra Modi
- 5) Abiy Ahmed

Answer- 3) Ravi Gaikwad

Explanation:

Ravi Gaikwad, a Philanthropist & Chief of Regional Transport Office, Thane & Konkan Region has been awarded the "Nelson Mandela" World Humanitarian Award for his dedication & service to humanity.

18. Which organisation(s) was awarded the 'Coal Minister's Award 2020' for adopting the best & sustainable practices for coal mining in India?

- 1) Central Coalfields Ltd (CCL)
- 2) Northern Coalfields Ltd (NCL)
- 3) Western Coalfields Ltd (WCL)
- 4) Only 1 & 3
- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

Answer- 5) All 1, 2 & 3

Explanation:

On January 21, 2021, the Ministry of Coal had conducted three events in New Delhi. Presented Coal Minister's Awards 2020, Inaugurated New Coal Handling Plant (CHP), and Launched Project Passion' – Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) of CIL. Three units of Coal India Ltd (CIL) namely Northern Coalfields Ltd (NCL) in Madhya Pradesh, Central Coalfields Ltd (CCL) in Jharkhand & Western Coalfields Ltd (WCL) in Maharashtra have bagged the 'Coal Minister's Award 2020' for adopting the best & sustainable practices for

coal mining in India. The awards were presented by Pralhad Joshi, Union Minister of Coal & Mines during a function held in New Delhi.

19. Which was named as the world's largest derivatives exchange by Futures Industry Association (FIA), in January 2021?

- 1) Bombay Stock Exchange
- 2) U.S. Futures Exchange
- 3) National Stock Exchange of India
- 4) New York Stock Exchange
- 5) Eurex Exchange

Answer- 3) National Stock Exchange of India
Explanation:

In accordance with the Futures Industry Association (FIA), National Stock Exchange of India Ltd (NSE) remained the world's largest derivatives exchange for the second consecutive year in 2020 in terms of number of contracts traded. On the other hand, World Federation of Exchanges (WFE) has ranked it 4th in terms of cash equities by number of trades for calendar year 2020. In the commodity derivatives segment, NSE launched its first commodity options contract on gold, followed by silver. There were 70 lakh new registrations in 2020, the highest in a calendar year.

20. Who was the one among the recipient of Michael and Sheila Held Prize 2021, for his outstanding contribution towards Mathematics?

- 1) Amalendu Krishna
- 2) Nikhil Srivastava
- 3) Shai Evra
- 4) Manjul Bhargava
- 5) Kannan Soundararajan

Answer- 2) Nikhil Srivastava
Explanation:

Indian mathematician Nikhil Srivastava has been named as winner of Michael and Sheila Held Prize 2021 along with 2 other mathematicians namely Adam W. Marcus(American)and Daniel Alan Spielman(US). The National Academy of Science(NAS) will award the USD 100,000 prize at 158th NAS Annual Meeting. They solved the long standing questions on the Kadison-Singer problem and on Ramanujan graphs.

21. Which film won the Golden Peacock Award in the 51st IFFI awards?

- 1) Parasite
- 2) The Irishman
- 3) Joker
- 4) Into the Darkness
- 5) Article 15

Answer- 4) Into the Darkness

22. Which was the 'country of focus section' in the 51st International Film Festival of India (IFFI)?

- 1) South Korea
- 2) Italy

- 3) Bangladesh
- 4) Vietnam
- 5) Taiwan

Answer- 3) Bangladesh

Explanation:

The 51st International Film Festival of India (IFFI) was held from 16 to 24 January 2021 at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium in Panaji, Goa. This year the 'country of focus section' was Bangladesh marking its 50th anniversary of liberation. Its 4 films were screened under this category viz. The Country of Focus is a special segment that recognizes the cinematic excellence and contributions of the country.

23. Who was the chairman of the IFFI 51 International Jury panel?

- 1) Pablo Cesar
- 2) Abu Bakr Shawky
- 3) Priyadarshan
- 4) Rubaiyat Hossain
- 5) Prasanna Vithanage

Answer- 1) Pablo Cesar

Explanation:

The Awards have been decided by the IFFI 51 International Jury comprising eminent filmmakers from across the world, with Pablo Cesar (Argentina) as its Chairman. The members are: Prasanna Vithanage (Sri Lanka), filmmaker Abu Bakr Shawky (Austria), writer and director Priyadarshan (India), director, screenwriter and producer Rubaiyat Hossain (Bangladesh), director, writer and producer.

24. Who was awarded the prestigious 'Lifetime Achievement Award' at the 51st IFFI awards?

- 1) Priyadarshan
- 2) Vittorio Storaro
- 3) Satyajit Ray
- 4) Biswajit Chatterjee
- 5) Kiyoshi Kurosawa

Answer- 2) Vittorio Storaro

Explanation:

A tribute was also paid to filmmaker Satyajit Ray marking his birth centenary by screening his classic works.

25. Who received "Indian Personality of the Year Award" in the 51st IFFI awards?

- 1) Biswajit Chatterjee
- 2) Satyajit Ray
- 3) Priyadarshan
- 4) Kripal Kalita
- 5) Anil Sharma

Answer- 1) Biswajit Chatterjee

Explanation:

Indian Personality of the Year Award	Biswajit Chatterjee	India
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A tribute was paid to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on the occasion of commemoration of his 125th birth

anniversary by screening the film Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose: The Forgotten Hero by Shyam Benegal.

26. Which institution received the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2021 award for their contribution in disaster management?

- 1) People in Need
- 2) Human Empowerment Organisation
- 3) UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
- 4) Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society (SEEDS)
- 5) Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)

Answer- 4) Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society (SEEDS)

Explanation:

On January 23, 2021 the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2021 was awarded to Dr. Rajendra Kumar Bhandari under Individual category, while Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society (SEEDS) received the award under Institutional category for their contribution in disaster management. The award was given by Government of India and it is administered by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) to recognise and honour their contribution and selfless services in the field of disaster management.

27. 32 children were awarded with Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar(PMRBP) for 2021. In how many categories the awards are issued?

- 1) 9
- 2) 10
- 3) 4
- 4) 7
- 5) 6

Answer- 5) 6

Explanation:

On January 25, 2021 The Government of India conferred Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar(PMRBP) 2021 to 32 children under 6 categories, namely innovation, scholastic, sports, arts & culture, social service and bravery. This award was instituted by the Ministry of Women and Child Development(MoWCD), Government of India in 1996. 7 Awards- Art & Culture; 9 awards- Innovation; 5 awards- Scholastic; 7 awards- sports; 3 awards- bravery; 1 award- social service

28. Who was the only foreigner to receive Padma Vibhushan Award in 2021?

- 1) Recep Tayyip Erdogan
- 2) Donald Trump
- 3) Shinzo Abe
- 4) Boris Johnson
- 5) Angela Merkel

Answer- 3) Shinzo Abe

Explanation:

On January 25, 2021 Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India announced the Padma Awards

2021. This year a total of 119 Padma awards including 1 duo case were awarded.

Field	Name	Country
Public Affairs	Shinzo Abe	Japan
Medicine	Dr. Belle Monappa Hegde	Karnataka, India
Others- Spiritualism	Maulana Wahiduddin Khan	Delhi, India
Others- Archaeology	B. B. Lal	

29. Sudarshan Sahoo received Padma Vibhushan Award for 2021. He was India's renowned _____.

- 1) Entrepreneur
- 2) Sand Artist
- 3) Scientist
- 4) Musician
- 5) Mountaineer

Answer- 2) Sand Artist

Explanation:

Sudarshan Sahoo received Padma Vibhushan Award for 2021. He was India's renowned Sand Artist.

30. Recently, Ms. Krishnan Nair Shantakumari Chithra was awarded Padma Bhushan award for her distinguished service in _____.

- 1) Public Affairs
- 2) Civil Service
- 3) Literature and Education
- 4) Spiritualism
- 5) Art

Answer- 5) Art

Explanation:

Padma Bhushan is the third-highest civilian award and is conferred for distinguished service of a high order.

31. How many women were awarded during the Padma Awards 2021?

- 1) 10
- 2) 29
- 3) 54
- 4) 33
- 5) 14

Answer- 2) 29

Explanation:

Padma Awards 2021 were awarded in which, 7 receives Padma Vibhushan, 10 receives Padma Bhushan and 102 receives Padma Shri Awards. The list includes 29 women awardees, 10 persons from the category of Foreigners/Non resident Indian- NRI/Person of Indian Origin- PIO/Overseas Citizen Of India- OCI, 16 posthumous awardees and 1 transgender awardees.

32. Which book received the Romain Rolland Book Prize 2021?

- 1) Ullasa Thirumanam
- 2) One Arranged Murder
- 3) Ibnebatuti

- 4) Low
5) Baaghi Ballia

Answer- 1) Ullasa Thirumanam

Explanation:

On January 24, 2021, The Tamil translation of a French novel, 'Le mariage de plaisir' bagged the Romain Rolland Book Prize 2021 at the Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival. 'Le mariage de plaisir', the French Novel was authored by Tahar Ben Jelloun-And it was translated by Dr Vengada Soupraya Nayagar in Tamil with title "Ullasa Thirumanam". The winning publisher and translator will be invited by the French Institute in India to the Paris Book Fair 2021, where India will be the guest of honour.

33. Recently (in Jan 2021), Which award was introduced by ICC?

- 1) Women's Test Player of the Century
2) Test Champion of the Decade
3) Wicket keeper of the Month
4) Player of the Month
5) Wicket keeper of the Decade

Answer- 4) Player of the Month

Explanation:

On January 27, 2021 The International Cricket Council (ICC) introduced the ICC Player of the Month awards for both male and female cricketers across all forms of international cricket. Every 2nd Monday of the month, the winners will be announced on the ICC's digital channels. The ICC Voting Academy comprises former players, broadcasters, and journalism from across the world.

34. Who authored the book, "Big Billion Startup: The Untold Flipkart Story", that won the Gaja Capital Business Book Prize 2020?

- 1) Vinod Mehta 2) Prem Prakash
3) O. V. Vijayan 4) Mihir Dalal
5) Chitra Subramaniam

Answer- 4) Mihir Dalal

Explanation:

"Big Billion Startup: The Untold Flipkart Story", written by investigative journalist Mihir Dalal, is a definitive account of the biggest start-up that redefined India's e-commerce. The book was announced as the winner of the Gaja Capital Business Book Prize 2020.

35. Which State/ UT received the Best Electoral Practices Award 2020 under the Accessible Election category during the 11th National Voters Day event?

- 1) Chandigarh 2) Punjab
3) Kerala 4) Gujarat
5) Delhi

Answer- 5) Delhi

Explanation:

On 25th January 2021, at the event organised for the 11th National Voters Day(NVD) Delhi won the national Best Electoral Practices Award 2020 under the Accessible Election category for ensuring greater accessibility during the assembly polls in Delhi during February 2020. Delhi has also achieved error free electoral roll and increased its number of 3rd gender electors. The Office of Chief Electoral Office(CEO), Meghalaya received the special award for its Information Technology(IT) applications in Elections.

36. Who received the Business Standard Banker of the year award for 2019-20?

- 1) Chanda Kochhar 2) Shikha Sharma
3) Shyam Srinivasan
4) Arundhati Bhattacharya
5) Sandeep Bakhshi

Answer- 3) Shyam Srinivasan

Explanation:

Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Federal Bank, Shyam Srinivasan, was awarded with the Business Standard Banker of the year for 2019-20. The high level 5-member Jury panel of Business Standard's chaired by former Reserve Bank of India deputy governor S S Mundra, unanimously selected Shyam Srinivasan for the award.

SUMMITS, CONFERENCES

1. Who represented India in the annual India and France Strategic Dialogue 2021 that was held at New Delhi in January, 2021?

- 1) Bipin Rawat 2) Ajit Doval
3) Rajnath Singh 4) S. Jaishankar
5) Narendra Modi

Answer- 2) Ajit Doval

Explanation:

On January 7, 2021, the annual India and France Strategic Dialogue 2021 to discuss regional and global issues was held at New Delhi where Indian delegation was led by National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and French delegation was represented by Emmanuel Bonne,

Diplomatic Advisor to the French President. Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' addressed the 'International Monolithic conference' organised by CUPB.

2. What was the theme of 4th edition of One Planet Summit (OPS) 2021 that was virtually organised by France?

- 1) Attaining the 2030 Agenda: Delivering on our Promise
2) Green Economy towards Poverty Eradication
3) Towards 2030 Goals: Making the Decade Count
4) Let's act together for nature!
5) Climate Change in the time of Pandemic

Answer- 4) Let's act together for nature!

Explanation:

On January 11, 2021, 4th edition of One Planet Summit (OPS) 2021 was virtually organized by France, the United Nations (UN) and the World Bank from Paris (France) to prepare negotiations for setting global biodiversity targets in order to protect nature in the next decade. The theme of the summit is "Let's act together for nature!". These negotiations will be utilized at a UN conference on biodiversity to be held in China in October 2021. The summit was not attended by India, Brazil, Russia, and the United States (US).

3. What was the theme of 15th India Digital Summit 2021 (IDS 2021), virtually organized by Internet & Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) in January 2021?

- 1) Aatmanirbhar Bharat – Start of New Decade
- 2) Enabling The New Normal
- 3) Digital India: Success to Excellence
- 4) Emerging Enterprise Technologies
- 5) Innovative Green Models for Profitability & Sustainability

Answer- 1) Aatmanirbhar Bharat – Start of New Decade

Explanation:

The 15th Edition of India Digital Summit 2021 (IDS 2021) organized by Internet & Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) took place virtually from January 19-20, 2021. It was inaugurated by Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union

Minister of Electronics & Information Technology. Theme – 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat – Start of New Decade'. During the event, the 11th India Digital Awards 2021 were also announced.

Digital Person of the year – Sanjeev Bikhchandani, Info Edge

Digital Startup of the year – Khatabook

Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Limited (AMUL) bagged 4 awards

4. Which country participated with India in the 2nd Consular Dialogue 2021 that was held at New Delhi?

- 1) Sri Lanka
- 2) Japan
- 3) Cambodia
- 4) Indonesia
- 5) Bangladesh

Answer- 5) Bangladesh

Explanation:

On January 28, 2021, the 2nd India-Bangladesh Consular Dialogue 2021 was held in New Delhi to discuss issues related to consular, visa, and mutual legal assistance matters. Notably, the bilateral diplomatic ties between both nations have completed 50 years. The next Consular Dialogue will be scheduled in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The dialogue was initiated in 2017. Both side agreed to enhance ease of travel by liberalizing visa & deal with terrorism and cross-boundary crimes and on legal assistance.

COMMITTEE AND MEETING

1. Who chaired the 34th PRAGATI that reviewed various projects and programmes in 10 states and Union Territories?

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Amit Shah
- 3) Rajnath Singh
- 4) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 5) Ajit Doval

Answer- 1) Narendra Modi

Explanation:

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired the thirty-fourth PRAGATI interaction. In the meeting, various projects, programmes and grievances were reviewed. Projects of the Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs were discussed. These projects, with a total cost of about Rs 1 lakh crore, pertained to ten states and Union Territories.

2. Who chaired the committee that made recommendations on the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme?

- 1) G.K. Pillai
- 2) Anurag Thakur
- 3) Inderjeet Arora
- 4) Nirmala Sitharaman

5) Ajay Bhushan Pandey

Answer- 1) G.K. Pillai

Explanation:

The Ministry of finance has notified that Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme will be implemented from January 1, 2021. The benefits of the reimbursement scheme are extended to all export goods. The Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry will notify the RoDTEP rates shortly on the basis of the recommendation made by a committee chaired by Dr. G.K. Pillai, former Commerce and Home Secretary.

3. Where will the 1st meeting of High-Level Project monitoring committee to review the progress of projects funded by the Indian LOC in Bangladesh be held?

- 1) Dhaka
- 2) Dispur
- 3) New Delhi
- 4) Chattogram
- 5) Kolkata

Answer- 1) Dhaka

Explanation:

First meeting of High Level Project monitoring committee to review the progress of projects funded by the Indian Line of Credit (LOC) in Bangladesh has

decided to take steps to ease the tendering process to speed up the implementation of the projects will be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

4. Who was the Chairman of Parliamentary Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, that framed the 'New Foreign Trade Policy 2021-26' of India?

- 1) Hardeep Singh Puri
- 2) Ramesh Pokhriyal
- 3) Piyush Goyal
- 4) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 5) Nitin Gadkari

Answer- 3) Piyush Goyal

Explanation:

Union Ministry of Commerce & Industry has stated that the 'New Foreign Trade Policy 2021-26' of India will come into effect from April 1, 2021. The main mission of the policy would be to make India a leader in International Trade in the next 5 years. The policy aims to make India an USD 5 Trillion economy by boosting exports from both services & merchandise sectors. Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Piyush Goyal is the Chairman of Parliamentary Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

5. Who chaired the Sub-Committee of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) that reviewed the stability of Financial Market, in January 2021?

- 1) Viral Acharya
- 2) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 3) Gita Gopinath
- 4) Shaktikanta Das
- 5) Bimal Jalan

Answer- 4) Shaktikanta Das

Explanation:

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das Headed Sub-Committee of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) that reviewed the major developments in the global and domestic economy as well as financial markets that impact financial stability. The virtual meeting of the Sub-Committee of was attended by various regulators, including Sebi and Irda.

6. Who Chaired the 69th North Eastern Council (NEC) that was held at Shillong, Meghalaya in January 2021?

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Amit Shah
- 3) Rajnath Singh
- 4) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 5) Arjun Munda

Answer- 2) Amit Shah

Explanation:

On January 23, 2021, Union Minister Amit Shah, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) inaugurated and chaired the 2 day 69th meeting of the North Eastern Council (NEC) in Shillong, Meghalaya. It was notified that 30% of the Central Government 's budget will be

used for the development of underdeveloped areas. North Eastern Council (NEC) was Constituted in 1971 by an Act of Parliament, NEC is the nodal agency for the economic and social development of the North Eastern Region

7. Where was the 19th meeting of the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) on India Bangladesh cooperation in the energy sector held?

- 1) New Delhi
- 2) Dhaka
- 3) Kolkata
- 4) Chattogram
- 5) Guwahati

Answer- 2) Dhaka

Explanation:

On January 23, 2021, the 19th meeting of the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) on India Bangladesh cooperation in the energy sector was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh where Indian delegation was led by the Power Secretary Sanjiv Nandan Sahai while Power Secretary Md. Habibur Rahman represented the Bangladesh side. Discussions were also held on the status of 1320 MW Maitree Super Thermal Power Project at Rampal, Bangladesh.

8. Which country participated with in India in the 14th Joint Working Group (JWC) meeting on Counter-Terrorism, in January 2021?

- 1) Australia
- 2) Russia
- 3) Japan
- 4) France
- 5) United Kingdom

Answer- 5) United Kingdom

Explanation:

14th meeting of the India-United Kingdom Joint Working Group (JWC) on Counter-Terrorism 2021 was held virtually on 21st and 22nd January, 2021 where both nations emphasised for strengthening international cooperation to combat the global menace of terrorism. Discussions were held to combat terrorism during the COVID-19 pandemic. Both nations reviewed the threats posed by UN-proscribed terrorists and terrorist entities and discussed ways to counter them.

9. Which country virtually hosted the 17th Ministerial Meeting of Asia Cooperation Dialogue 2021?

- 1) India
- 2) Germany
- 3) Turkey
- 4) Japan
- 5) Indonesia

Answer- 3) Turkey

Explanation:

On 21st January, 2021, Present Chair of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD), Government of Turkey hosted the 17th Ministerial Meeting of Asia Cooperation Dialogue 2021 virtually under the theme "The New Normal and Safe and Healthy Tourism". During the meeting, it was highlighted that India is focusing on tourism promotion as a part of 3T's strategy which includes "Trade, Tourism and Technology". During the

meeting, "Ankara Declaration" was adopted by all the member countries.

10. Which country finalised its Sustainable Development of the Northeast Region of India initiative with India, in its 5th Joint Meeting of Act East Forum (AEF)?

- 1) Indonesia 2) South Korea
3) Japan 4) Laos
5) Vietnam

Answer- 3) Japan

Explanation:

On January 28, 2021, India & Japan held the 5th Joint Meeting of the India-Japan Act East Forum (AEF) at New Delhi. Harsh Vardhan, Foreign Secretary of India & Suzuki Satoshi, Ambassador of Japan to India were the co-chairs of the meeting. Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) to the NE region is INR 1600 crores. Both Countries are also set to finalize the India-Japan Initiative for Sustainable Development of the Northeast Region of India.

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1. Who replaced India's Mukesh Ambani to become Asia's richest man as per the Bloomberg Billionaires Index 2021 as on January 2021?

- 1) Zhong Shanshan 2) Hui Ka Yan
3) Jack Ma 4) Ding Lei
5) Ma Huateng

Answer- 1) Zhong Shanshan referred to as "Lone Wolf"

Explanation:

India's richest man Mukesh Ambani, the chairman and Managing Director of Reliance Industries limited (RIL) dropped down to 12th spot in the Bloomberg Billionaires Index 2021 (as on 2nd January 2021). Zhong Shanshan, referred to as "Lone Wolf", has replaced Ambani as Asia's richest person, he is one of the fastest in the history to achieve the feat.

Rank	Name	Net Worth
1	Jeff Bezos	190 Billion USD
2	Elon R Musk	170 Billion USD
3	Bill Gates	132 Billion USD

2. What was India's rank in the 3rd edition of Digital Evolution Scorecard 2020 developed by Tufts University's Fletcher School in partnership with Mastercard?

- 1) 3rd 2) 9th
3) 8th 4) 7th
5) 4th

Answer- 5) 4th

Explanation:

On January 11, 2021, the 3rd edition of Digital Evolution Scorecard 2020 developed by Tufts University's Fletcher School in partnership with Mastercard was released in which India ranked 4th. The scorecard is topped by China followed by Azerbaijan, Indonesia. It should be noted that India doubled its mobile internet connectivity in the last four years. It will add 350 million smartphones by 2023. Its objective is to help governments, businesses and investors understand what they need to emerge ahead of the competition.

3. What was India's actual collected e-Waste compared to its total e-waste generated during

2018-19, as per the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) report?

- 1) 3% 2) 3.5%
3) 7% 4) 10%
5) 12.5%

Answer- 4) 10%

Explanation:

According to a report by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), India generated 771, 215 tonnes of Electronic waste (e-waste) in 2018-19, of which only 10% were collected.

Collection Target	Actual Collection achieved
35, 422 Tonnes for 2017-18	25, 325 Tonnes
1, 54, 242 Tonnes for 2018-19	78, 281 Tonnes

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) notified the E-Waste Management Rules, 2016. It holds the producers responsible for collection of end-of-life electronic products as part of the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).

4. Which organisation(s) prepared the Adaptation Gap Report 2020?

- 1) UNEP
2) UN-HABITAT
3) World Adaptation Science Programme
4) Only 1 & 3
5) Only 1, 2 & 3

Answer- 4) Only 1 & 3

Explanation:

On January 14, 2021, the 5th edition of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Adaptation Gap Report 2020 was launched during a high-level online press event. The report was produced by UNEP in collaboration with UNEP DTU Partnership (UDP) and the World Adaptation Science Programme (WASP). Notably, the annual cost of adaptation to the effects of climate change for developing countries is estimated to at least quadruple by 2050.

5. Which country has the World's Largest Transnational Community as per UN DESA's 'International Migration 2020' report?

- 1) Russia
- 2) Mexico
- 3) India
- 4) China
- 5) Syrian Arab Republic

Answer- 3) India

Explanation:

According to the 'International Migration 2020' report released by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), In 2020, 18 Million persons from India were living outside of their country of birth thus making it the World's Largest Transnational Community. India is followed by Mexico & Russia (11 Million each), China (10 Million) & the Syrian Arab Republic (8 Million). Low and Middle-income countries have hosted about 80% of the world's refugees and asylum seekers.

6. Which organisation released the report titled 'Working from home from invisibility to decent work' that highlighted the need to adopt Global Labour Standards for home-based workers?

- 1) World Trade Organization (WTO)
- 2) International Labour Organization (ILO)
- 3) World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU)
- 4) Socialist International
- 5) United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UN-IDO)

Answer- 2) International Labour Organization (ILO)

Explanation:

The International Labour Organization (ILO) in its report titled 'Working from home from invisibility to decent work' has highlighted the need to adopt Global Labour Standards and improve national-level labour registries for home-based workers (Industrial home-based workers, Teleworkers, Digital Platform workers) & organisations. Prior to COVID-19 crisis i.e 2019, there were 260 Million home-based workers, which represents 7.9% of Global employment and 56% of them were women. The report also highlighted the plight of 2.5 Million women rolling beedis (Leaf Cigarettes) in India

7. Which organisation released the Global Risks Report 2021 based on its Global Risks Perception Survey (GRPS)?

- 1) World Economic Forum (WEF)
- 2) Financial Reporting Council (FRC)
- 3) United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)
- 4) World Vision International (WVI)
- 5) Amnesty International

Answer- 1) World Economic Forum (WEF)

Explanation:

The World Economic Forum (WEF) has released the Global Risks Report 2021, 16th Edition. The findings of the report are based on the Global Risks Perception Survey (GRPS) undertaken by over 650 members of WEF's diverse leadership communities.

8. Which state topped in the 2nd Edition of Indian Innovation Index 2020 under Major States Category?

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Kerala
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Punjab

Answer- 3) Karnataka

Explanation:

On January 20, 2021, NITI Aayog, along with the Institute for Competitiveness virtually released the 2nd Edition of Indian Innovation Index 2020. Karnataka topped the Index in the Major States Category, Delhi topped among the Union Territories (UT) and Himachal Pradesh among North-Eastern and Hilly States.

Rank	Major States	Score
1	Karnataka	42.5
2	Maharashtra	38.03
3	Tamil Nadu	37.91

9. Which organisation released the report 'Asia and the Pacific Regional Overview of Food Security and Nutrition 2020: Maternal and child diets at the heart of improving nutrition'?

- 1) World Health Organization (WHO)
- 2) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- 3) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- 4) World Food Programme (WFP)
- 5) All the Above

Answer- 5) All the Above

Explanation:

According to the report 'Asia and the Pacific Regional Overview of Food Security and Nutrition 2020: Maternal and child diets at the heart of improving nutrition', based on Global estimates the number of people facing severe food insecurity was estimated to double to 265 Million by the end of 2020 due to pandemic. The report was jointly released by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Food Programme (WFP) and World Health Organization (WHO).

10. What was India's rank in the '2021 Military Strength Ranking' listed by Global Firepower?

- 1) 3rd
- 2) 2nd
- 3) 8th
- 4) 7th
- 5) 4th

Answer- 5) 4th

Explanation:

In the '2021 Military Strength Ranking' an annually updated list of 138 modern military nations by a defence analytics website Global Firepower, India is ranked 4th

with PwrIndx (Power Index) rating of 0.1214 where 0.0000 rating is considered as 'perfect'. The ranking has been topped by the United States of America (USA). Among regions the index is topped by Asia and followed by Asia-Pacific, Middle East and European Union (EU) at 2nd, 3rd, and 4th respectively.

11. What was the average life expectancy of a dam, as per the UN University – INWEH's report, 'Ageing Water Storage Infrastructure: An Emerging Global Risk'?

- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| 1) 100 years | 2) 75 years |
| 3) 60 years | 4) 150 years |
| 5) 50 years | |

Answer- 5) 50 years

Explanation:

United Nations University – Institute for Water, Environment & Health (UNU-INWEH) released a report called 'Ageing Water Storage Infrastructure: An Emerging Global Risk', the report states that ageing of large dams is an emerging Global Development issue as they pose threats to human safety & environment. Average life expectancy of a dam is around 50 years. In India, around 1, 115 large dams are set to reach the ~50 years' mark by 2025.

12. What was the rank of Indian Business man, Mukesh Ambani in Bloomberg Billionaire Index, as of January, 2021?

- | | |
|---------|---------|
| 1) 7th | 2) 9th |
| 3) 13th | 4) 11th |
| 5) 8th | |

Answer- 4) 11th

Explanation:

In accordance with the latest data by Bloomberg Billionaire Index, as of January 22, 2021, Mukesh Ambani has now moved up to 11th spot from 13th spot with a total net worth of \$79.2 billion (5.78 lakh crore).

The top 3 billionaires of the world, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index are:

- Elon R Musk \$202 billion
- Jeff Bezos \$192 billion
- Bill Gates \$133 billion

13. What was India's rank among the countries where billionaires increased their wealth in COVID times, as per the "The Inequality Virus" report released by Oxfam?

- | | |
|--------|--------|
| 1) 1st | 2) 5th |
| 3) 4th | 4) 3rd |
| 5) 6th | |

Answer- 5) 6th

Explanation:

In accordance with the Indian supplement of Oxfam report "The Inequality Virus", the top 100 Indian billionaires increased their wealth by 35% during the lockdown to Rs 12,97,822 crore. India ranked 6th in the world after the United States (US), China, Germany,

Russia, and France where billionaires increased their wealth in COVID times. India has the world's fourth lowest health budget in terms of its share of government expenditure.

14. What is India's rank among the worst-hit countries due to extreme weather events, as per the 16th edition of "Global Climate Risk Index (CRI) 2021"?

- | | |
|---------|--------|
| 1) 4th | 2) 7th |
| 3) 3rd | 4) 9th |
| 5) 11th | |

Answer- 2) 7th

Explanation:

India has improved its ranking to 7th in the 16th edition of "Global Climate Risk Index (CRI) 2021- Who suffers Most from Extreme Weather Events? Weather-related Loss Events in 2019 and 2000 to 2019" from 5th in CRI 2020, which has been released by Germany-based think tank Germanwatch. The list has been topped by Mozambique followed by Zimbabwe, and Bahamas. The index provides a list of worst-hit countries due to extreme weather events in 2000-2019.

15. Which state topped in the 2nd Edition of India Justice Report (IJR) 2020, that was released by Tata Trusts?

- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1) Maharashtra | 2) Tamil Nadu |
| 3) Telangana | 4) Kerala |
| 5) West Bengal | |

Answer- 1) Maharashtra

Explanation:

According to the 2nd Edition of India Justice Report (IJR) 2020, Maharashtra (with 5.77 points) regained the Top spot for Better Justice Delivery among 18 Large and mid-sized states (Population over one crore each), it was followed by Tamil Nadu (with 5.73 points) & Telangana (5.64 points). In the Category of 7 small states, Tripura topped the list followed by Sikkim (4.48 points) & Goa (4.42 points). The report was released by Tata Trusts.

16. What was India's rank globally in Scientific publications as per the data released by the National Science Foundation (NSF)?

- | | |
|--------|--------|
| 1) 5th | 2) 2nd |
| 3) 9th | 4) 8th |
| 5) 3rd | |

Answer- 5) 3rd

Explanation:

The Department of Science and Technology (DST), Ministry of Science and Technology has announced that India is currently in 3rd position globally in scientific publication after China and the United States, with 1,35,788 scientific articles in the year 2018. The data is provided by the US agency, the National Science Foundation (NSF). India has recorded the fastest average annual growth rate of publications between 2008 and 2018 with 10.73%.

17. What was India's rank in the 2020 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI), released by Transparency International?

- 1) 80th
- 2) 86th
- 3) 41st
- 4) 40th
- 5) 88th

Answer- 2) 86th

Explanation:

On January 28, 2021, the Transparency International released the 2020 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) where India's rank slipped to 86th with a score of 40 from 80th rank with score of 41 in 2019. The list has been topped by New Zealand and Denmark rank at the first position with scores of 88 stating minimum corruption levels. Contrarily, Somalia and South Sudan rank lowest at 179th position with scores of 12.

18. What was India's rank in 'Asia-Pacific Personalised Health Index 2020' report?

- 1) 10th
- 2) 11th
- 3) 1st
- 4) 5th
- 5) 9th

Answer- 1) 10th

Explanation:

According to the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) report 'Asia-Pacific Personalised Health Index 2020' developed by the Copenhagen Institute for Future Studies in partnership with Roche, India with a score of 36 was ranked at 10 out of 11 Asia Pacific Countries in terms of adopting personalised healthcare & steps taken to provide right care to the needed person at the right time. Singapore topped the Index followed by Taiwan & Japan at 2nd & 3rd positions respectively.

ACQUISITION AND MERGERS

1. Which insurance company bought 23% stake of IDBI Federal Life Insurance Company Limited (IFLI) from IDBI Bank on December, 2020?

- 1) Apollo Munich Health Insurance
- 2) Ageas Insurance International NV
- 3) Acko General Insurance
- 4) Edelweiss General Insurance
- 5) Go Digit General Insurance

Answer- 2) Ageas Insurance International NV

Explanation:

IDBI Bank has entered into the final stage of selling the 23% stake in IDBI Federal Life Insurance Company Limited (IFLI) to Ageas Insurance International NV. The deal is expected to be completed by December 31, 2020. On purchasing the stake, Ageas Insurance International NV will hold 49% stake in IFLI earlier from 26%. While IDBI Bank's stake in IFLI will be reduced to 25% from 48%.

2. Which company got approval from the Competition Commission of India (CCI) to acquire 51% shares of Mukand Sumi Special Steel Ltd (MSSSL), on December, 2020?

- 1) Jamnalal Sons Private Ltd (JSPL)
- 2) J.P. Morgan & Co.
- 3) V SF Markets Pte. Ltd
- 4) Morgan Stanley Wealth Management.
- 5) UBS Wealth Management

Answer- 1) Jamnalal Sons Private Ltd (JSPL)

Explanation:

On December 30, 2020 The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the following acquisition under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.

- CCI gave approval to the acquisition of 51% of equity share capital of Mukand Sumi Special Steel Ltd (MSSSL) by Jamnalal Sons Private Ltd (JSPL)

- CCI gave the approval to the acquisition of about 8% equity shareholding in API Holdings Private Limited by TPG Growth V SF Markets Pte. Ltd.

3. Which organisation recently increased its shares in CSB Bank Ltd to 5.01%, on January, 2021?

- 1) SBI Mutual Fund
- 2) ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund
- 3) Life Insurance Corporation
- 4) United India Insurance
- 5) Kotak Mutual Fund

Answer- 1) SBI Mutual Fund

Explanation:

On January 1, 2021 SBI Mutual Fund has acquired an additional 86,993 shares in CSB Bank Ltd (formerly The Catholic Syrian Bank Ltd), which consequently raised its stake in the bank to 5.01% from 4.96% earlier. The acquisition was made through open market purchase. CSB Bank Ltd is currently the oldest private sector bank in Kerala.

4. Which organisation got approval from the Competition Commission of India (CCI) in January, 2021 to acquire 100% shareholding of Columbia Asia Hospitals Private Limited(CAHPL)?

- 1) Dr. Lal PathLabs Limited
- 2) Apollo Hospitals
- 3) Manipal Health Enterprises Private Limited
- 4) Fortis Healthcare Limited
- 5) Medanta

Answer- 3) Manipal Health Enterprises Private Limited

Explanation:

On January 8, 2021 The Competition Commission of India (CCI) gave approval to the acquisition of 100% shareholding of Columbia Asia Hospitals Private

Limited(CAHP) by Manipal Health Enterprises Private Limited(MHEPL). After this acquisition MHEPL will become India's 2nd largest healthcare chain, after Apollo Hospitals. The combined entity will have 27 hospitals across 15 cities with more than 4000 doctors and over 10,000 employees.

5. Which organisation's 5.46% stake was sold in open market by Sipadan Investments (Mauritius) Ltd, in January, 2021?

- 1) Capital First Ltd
- 2) IDFC Ltd
- 3) Bajaj Finserv Ltd
- 4) Eicher Motors Ltd
- 5) Tata Capital Ltd

Answer- 2) IDFC Ltd

Explanation:

Sipadan Investments (Mauritius) Ltd has sold its remaining 5.46 per cent stake in IDFC Ltd in the open market. IDFC operates a 'NBFC – Investment Company', mainly holding investments in IDFC Financial Holding Company Ltd (IDFC FHCL). IDFC FHCL, in turn, holds investments in IDFC FIRST Bank and IDFC Asset Management Company.

6. Which organisation has acquired 100% stake of Ansal IT City Park (SEZ) Tech Zone, Greater Noida, in January, 2021?

- 1) Gaurs Group
- 2) HDFC Bank
- 3) Ajnara India Ltd
- 4) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- 5) Migsun Group

Answer- 5) Migsun Group

Explanation:

Migsun Group, one of the names in Delhi NCR real estate to reckon with, has announced acquisition of HDFC and Ansal's stake in Ansal IT City Park (SEZ) Tech Zone, Greater Noida. The group now plans to develop the 37.5-acre mixed-use project with Commercial, IT, and Industrial. With the latest announcement, Migsun Group will have 100 percent stake after acquiring HDFC's 37% stake.

7. Which organisation recently got approval from Competition Commission of India (CCI) to acquire minority shares of Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL), in January, 2021?

- 1) BP plc
- 2) Total SE
- 3) Sanofi
- 4) Veolia
- 5) Orange S.A.

Answer- 2) Total SE

Explanation:

In January 2021, Competition Commission of India (CCI) gave approval under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002 to the minority share capital acquisition in Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL), the renewable energy arm of the Adani Group by Total SE.

CCI also gave approval for 2 other acquisition,

- PG Esmeralda Pte. Ltd Acquires Stake in Ecom Express Private Ltd.

- BPEA, GIC Investor, CPPIB Investor Acquires 100% Equity Interest and Joint Control in Virtusa Corporation.

8. Which organisation will acquire 100% shares of Hong Kong based Payments Technology Service Ltd (PTSL) based on an already signed MoU between the companies?

- 1) Tech Mahindra
- 2) Accenture
- 3) Infosys
- 4) Wipro
- 5) Tata Consultancy Services

Answer- 1) Tech Mahindra

Explanation:

Tech Mahindra is set to acquire 100% share of Hong Kong based Payments Technology Service Ltd (PTSL) a subsidiary of Fidelity Information Services (FIS) for \$9 million (about Rs.66 Crore) to scale its enterprise payments and banking capabilities. In regard to this acquisition, Tech Mahindra had signed an memorandum of understanding (MoU) with FIS. The acquisition will give Tech Mahindra access to Internet Protocol (IP) and licenses for two products – Open Payment Framework (OPF) and Multi-Bank System (MBS).

9. In which organisation did Singapore-based Investment Opportunities V Pte Ltd increased its share holdings to 9.92% during Q3FY21 (Ended December 2020)?

- 1) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- 2) Dewan Housing Finance Corporation
- 3) Bajaj Finserv Limited
- 4) ICICI Home Finance Limited
- 5) PNB Housing Finance Limited

Answer- 5) PNB Housing Finance Limited

Explanation:

Singapore-based Investment Opportunities V Pte Ltd raised its holdings in PNB Housing Finance from 8.19% to 9.92% during Q3FY21 (Ended December 2020). With this increase, V Pte Ltd now hold 1.67 crore equity shares in PNB Housing Finance at the end of December, against 1.38 crore shares held three months back. All foreign portfolio investors taken together have 24.55% holdings in PNB at the end of December 31, 2020.

10. Government of India has decided to sell 10% stake of _____, as of January, 2021.

- 1) SBI
- 2) LIC
- 3) NTPC
- 4) GAIL
- 5) SAIL

Answer- 5) SAIL

Explanation:

Government of India to sell 10% stake in Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) through an Offer for Sale (OFS) route to raise Rs 2,600 crore as part of its disinvestment drive. The Govt sells 206.5 million shares

or 5% equity with a 5% greenshoe option. After selling of stake the government will hold 65% from 75%.

11. Which company signed an USD 2.5 billion deal with Adani Groups to acquire 20% stake in Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL), in January 2021?

- 1) Veolia
- 2) Canadian Natural Resources Ltd
- 3) Total SE
- 4) Equinor
- 5) ExxonMobil

Answer- 3) Total SE

Explanation:

Adani Group and Total SE signed USD 2.5 billion (about Rs 18,000 crore) Deal. Under this agreement, Total SE will receive 20% stake in Adani Green Energy Ltd(AGEL). In addition to this, Total SE will get seats on AGEL Board of Directors and Total SE will acquire 50% in a 2.35-gigawatt portfolio of operating solar assets owned by AGEL. This is the third partnership between Total SE and the Adani group.

12. Which company's resolution bid amount was accepted by the committee of creditors (CoC) to acquire Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd (DHFL), as of January 2021?

- 1) TPG Capital
- 2) Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Ltd
- 3) Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Ltd
- 4) Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd
- 5) Oaktree Capital Management

Answer- 2) Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Ltd

Explanation:

The creditors of beleaguered mortgage lender Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd (DHFL) have approved the resolution bid submitted by Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Limited. The decision was taken at the 18th committee of creditors (CoC) meeting held on January 15, 2021.

13. Which bank approved the transfer of its 8.23% stake held by J&K government to the Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh, in January 2021?

- 1) J&K Grameen Bank
- 2) J&K State Cooperative Bank
- 3) Jammu & Kashmir Bank
- 4) State Bank of India
- 5) Jammu Central Co-Operative Bank

Answer- 3) Jammu & Kashmir Bank

Explanation:

The board of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) Bank has given its consent to transfer 8.23% J&K government's stake, as on October 31, 2019, to the Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh. This decision is on the lines of implementation of the General Administration Department, Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir notification on October 30, 2020. It

should be noted that the government of J&K is a designated promoter of the bank. As on December 30, 2020, it holds 68.18% in the bank.

14. Which insurance company's share will be bought by Axis Bank Ltd, Axis Capital Ltd and Axis Securities Ltd as the deal got approval from Competition Commission of India (CCI), in January 2021?

- 1) Max Life Insurance
- 2) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- 3) Aegon Life Insurance
- 4) Bharti Axa General Insurance
- 5) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance

Answer- 1) Max Life Insurance

Explanation:

On January 20, 2021 Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the following deal. CCI has given approval to the deal between Max Life Insurance Company Ltd and Axis entities (Axis bank Ltd, Axis Capital Ltd and Axis Securities Ltd). Under the Proposed Combination 9% stake in Max life insurance will be acquired by Axis Bank. Axis Capital and Axis Securities will acquire 2% and 1% stake respectively in Max Life Insurance. CCI also gave approval for the acquisition of 7.8% minority stake in Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Limited (ABFRL) by Flipkart Investments Private Limited (FIPL) on a fully diluted basis. The deal is worth Rs 1,500 crore.

15. Which organisation recently (in Jan 2021) got approval from SEBI to acquire retail, wholesale, logistics and warehouse businesses from "Future Group"?

- 1) Adani Logistics Company Ltd
- 2) Transport Corporation of India Ltd
- 3) Infiniti Retail Ltd
- 4) Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd
- 5) Avenue Supermarts Ltd

Answer- 4) Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd

Explanation:

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has given approval to the deal between Future Group and Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd(RRVL), where Future group will sell its retail, wholesale, logistics and warehouse businesses to Reliance Retail for Rs 24,713 crore. This deal was earlier approved by Competition Commission of India(CCI). The retail & wholesale undertaking will be transferred to Reliance Retail and the Fashion Lifestyle Limited (RRFLL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of RRVL.

16. Which organisation announced (in Jan 2021), to sell its 24.48% stake in Good Host Spaces Pvt. Ltd?

- 1) Reliance Industries Ltd
- 2) ITC Ltd
- 3) HDFC Ltd

- 4) State Bank of India
5) Hindustan Unilever
Answer- 3) HDFC Ltd
Explanation:

Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Ltd announced that it will sell its 24.48% stake (47,75,241 equity shares) in Good Host Spaces Pvt. Ltd for Rs 232.81 crore in 4 months. The details of the buyer are not disclosed. After the sale, Good Host Spaces Pvt Ltd will not be the associate company of HDFC.

In 2019 HDFC had acquired 25.01% stake in Good Host from Manipal Integrated Services Pvt Ltd for Rs 69.5 crore.

17. Which company recently (in Jan 2021) acquired 5 % stake in the Indian Gas Exchange (IGX)?

- 1) Indraprastha Gas 2) Adani Total Gas
3) Torrent Gas 4) Only 1 & 2
5) Only 2 & 3

Answer- 5) Only 2 & 3

Explanation:

Adani Total Gas & Torrent Gas has acquired 5% stake each in the Indian Gas Exchange (IGX). This is the

1st time stakes of IGX are sold, as it was wholly-owned by the Indian Energy Exchange (IEX). The total 10% stake has been sold for about Rs 7.38 crore. IGX is an online trading platform to make physical delivery of natural gas and provides a neutral and transparent marketplace to trade.

18. Which Bank's share worth Rs. 366 crores were sold in open market by UBS Principal Capital Asia Ltd, in January 2021?

- 1) Kotak Mahindra Bank
2) IDFC First Bank
3) IndusInd Bank
4) Equitas Small Finance Bank
5) Lakshmi Vilas Bank

Answer- 3) IndusInd Bank

Explanation:

UBS Principal Capital Asia Ltd sold nearly 40 lakh shares of IndusInd Bank Ltd worth over Rs 366 crore through an open market transaction. The shares of IndusInd Bank were purchased by BofA Securities Europe SA at the same price.

DEFENCE

1. Which company delivered the 8th & Final Ship of Landing Craft Utility (LCU) MK IV class vessel 'IN LCU L-58' (Yard 2099) to the Indian Navy?

- 1) Cochin Shipyard Limited
2) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
3) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited
4) Goa Shipyard Limited
5) Hindustan Shipyard Limited

Answer- 3) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE)

Explanation:

On December 31, 2020, Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE), Kolkata, West Bengal delivered the 8th & Final Ship of Landing Craft Utility (LCU) MK IV class vessel 'IN LCU L-58' (Yard 2099) to the Indian Navy (IN). The ship will serve in the Andaman & Nicobar Command (ANC), which is India's 1st & only tri-service command. LCU L-58 is the 106th Warship built & delivered by GRSE, which is the highest number of warships delivered by any Indian Shipyard.

2. Where was the Rafale fighter jets of India and France planned to carry out Exercise SKYROS, on January, 2021?

- 1) Thiruvananthapuram
2) Jodhpur
3) Jaipur
4) Hyderabad
5) Ghaziabad

Answer- 2) Jodhpur, Rajasthan

Explanation:

In a major development amid the ongoing border conflict with China, Rafale fighter jets of India and France will carry out wargames codenamed Exercise SKYROS in Jodhpur in the third week of January next year.

3. Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a contract with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for procurement of 4th generation 10 Lynx U2 for frontline warships of Indian Navy on January, 2021, What is 10 Lynx U2?

- 1) Satellite based Navigation System
2) Gun Fire Control System
3) Anti-Submarine Missile Unit
4) Naval Air Controller & Tracking Unit
5) Supersonic Missile System

Answer- 2) Gun Fire Control System

Explanation:

On December 31, 2020, Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed a contract with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for procurement of 4th generation 10 Lynx U2 Fire Control systems for frontline warships of Indian Navy at a cost of Rs 1,355 crore under Buy (Indian) category in New Delhi. These will be delivered by BEL over the next five years. LYNX U2 GFCS is a Naval Gun Fire Control System to acquire, track and engage targets amidst sea clutter.

4. Which organisation received INR 758 crores worth orders from Ministry of Defence (MoD) for supplying high-mobility vehicles to the Indian army, on January, 2021?

- 1) BHEL Ltd
- 2) BEML Ltd
- 3) Reliance Automobile Manufacturing Company
- 4) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd
- 5) Bharat Dynamics Ltd

Answer- 2) BEML Ltd

Explanation:

BEML Ltd (previously known as Bharat Earth Movers Limited) has received orders worth ~ INR 758 crores from the Ministry of Defence (MoD) for supplying high-mobility vehicles to the Indian army. The equipment will be manufactured at BEML's Palakkad Plant in Kerala and will be supplied to Indian Army in a period of 1 year.

5. Recently Indian army has relocated its troops from _____ in January, 2021.

- 1) Kargil
- 2) Jammu
- 3) Kashmir
- 4) Siachen Glacier
- 5) Pangong Tso

Answer- 1) Kargil

Explanation:

Fulfilling a long-pending demand of Ladakh's Kargil district, the Army decided to relocate from the plateaus of Kurbathang and Mulbekh, which will allow the township to expand in an organised manner. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Kargil, and the Army to evacuate the Kargil's lower plateau.

6. Which among of the following was the 2nd Edition of the Biennial Pan-India, Largest Coastal Defence Exercise coordinated by Indian Navy in January, 2021?

- 1) Ekuverin – 21
- 2) Surya Kiran – 21
- 3) Dharma Guardian
- 4) Sea Vigil – 21
- 5) Sampriti

Answer- 4) Sea Vigil – 21

Explanation:

The Second Edition of the Biennial Pan-India, Largest Coastal Defence Exercise 'Sea Vigil-21' coordinated by Indian Navy took place from January 12-13, 2021. It was conducted along the entire 7516 Km coastline & Exclusive Economic Zone of India. The exercise was conducted to assess the Strengths and Weaknesses of India's Coastal Defence & Maritime Security. 'Sea Vigil 21' is a build up towards the major Theatre level TROPEX (Theatre-level Readiness Operational Exercise) which Indian Navy conducts every 2 years.

7. Which country successfully test fired a Nuclear-Capable Surface-to-Surface Ballistic Missile, 'Shaheen-III', in January 2021?

- 1) Iran
- 2) North Korea
- 3) China
- 4) Bangladesh
- 5) Pakistan

Answer- 5) Pakistan

Explanation:

On January 20, 2021 Pakistan successfully Test Fired a Nuclear-Capable Surface-to-Surface 'Shaheen-III' Ballistic Missile. The Missile has a range of 2, 750 Kms and is the Longest-range missile developed in Pakistan. The test was carried out to revalidate several design & technical parameters of the weapon system. This is the 2nd Test of the Missile, the First Test was carried out in March, 2015.

8. Which country participated with Indian Air Force (IAF) in the 1st Bilateral Air Exercise, 'Exercise Desert Knight-21 (Ex DK-21)' held at Jodhpur?

- 1) Australia
- 2) Japan
- 3) France
- 4) Russia
- 5) USA

Answer- 3) France

Explanation:

Indian Air Force (IAF) and French Air and Space Force (FAF) participated in the 1st Edition of Bilateral Air Exercise 'Exercise Desert Knight-21 (Ex DK-21)' held at Air Force Station, Jodhpur for 5 days from January 20-24, 2021. The Bilateral 1st of its kind exercise involved the participation of Rafale fighter jets from both sides. India & France are also jointly set to conduct wargames codenamed Exercise SKYROS in January at Jodhpur. Other regular Defence Exercises between India & France are

- Varuna – Naval Exercise
- Garuda – Air Exercise
- Shakti – Army Exercise

9. Where was the Joint Tri-Service Amphibious Military Exercise 'AMPHEX-21' conducted by Indian Navy?

- 1) Andaman & Nicobar
- 2) Maldives
- 3) Rajasthan
- 4) Odisha
- 5) Goa

Answer- 1) Andaman & Nicobar

Explanation:

The Indian Navy conducted a Joint Tri-Service Amphibious Military Exercise 'AMPHEX-21' in Andaman & Nicobar group of Islands from January 21-25, 2021. Defence Exercise 'KAVACH' for defence of Andaman & Nicobar Islands was also a part of AMPHEX-21 exercise, both exercises witnessed participation from all service components of Indian Armed Forces – Indian Army, Air Force, Navy & Coast Guard. Corvettes, submarine & amphibious landing ships of Eastern Naval Command (ENC) and Amphibious

Brigade of Army's Southern Command participated in the exercise.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. Which organization alongside DRDO has conducted the maiden trial of 'SAHAYAK-NG' India's 1st indigenously Air Droppable Container on December, 2020?

- 1) Indian Air Force
- 2) Indian Coast Guard
- 3) ISRO
- 4) Indian Army
- 5) Indian Navy

Answer- 5) Indian Navy

Explanation:

On December 30, 2020, Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) & Indian Navy successfully conducted the maiden trial of 'SAHAYAK-NG' which is India's 1st indigenously designed and developed Air Droppable Container. It was dropped from IL 38SD aircraft of the Indian Navy at Coast of Goa. This is a first-of-its-kind trial involving mission critical systems.

2. Which entity became India's 1st Private company to design, develop & test a full solid-fueled rocket stage, named 'Kalam-5'?

- 1) Boeing India Pvt Ltd
- 2) Skyroot Aerospace Pvt Ltd
- 3) Lockheed Martin India Pvt Ltd
- 4) BrahMos Aerospace Pvt Ltd
- 5) Airnetz Aviation Pvt Ltd

Answer- 2) Skyroot Aerospace Pvt Ltd

Explanation:

Skyroot Aerospace, an Indian Space Startup successfully test fired a solid propulsion rocket engine named 'Kalam-5' from an Private Test Facility at Nagpur, Maharashtra. It is the 1st Private company of India to successfully design, develop & test a full solid-fueled rocket stage. It will now be used for propulsion of their maiden rocket 'Vikram-1' which is expected to be launched in December, 2021 with the help of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).

3. Which organisation(s) developed & manufactured 3 sets of 10-metre short span bridges for Indian Army, on December, 2020?

- 1) Defence Research and Development Organisation
- 2) Border Security Force
- 3) Larsen & Toubro Ltd
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 1 & 3

Answer- 5) Both 1 & 3

Explanation:

On December 30, 2020 Indian Army received 3 sets of 10-metre short span bridges developed &

manufactured by DRDO in partnership with Larsen & Toubro Ltd (L&T). The bridges were handed over to Indian Army at L&T's facility at Talegaon, Maharashtra. It will help the army to enhance its mobility by speedy bridging of gaps during operations. It is also a step towards making the armed forces to be self-dependent.

4. Where was Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' virtually laid the Foundation stone of India's 1st Testing hub for Autonomous Navigation & Data Acquisition Systems, 'TiHAN Foundation'?

- 1) IIT Delhi
- 2) IISc Bangalore
- 3) IIT Madras
- 4) IIT-BHU
- 5) IIT Hyderabad

Answer- 5) IIT Hyderabad

Explanation:

Union Minister for Education, Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' virtually laid the Foundation stone for 'TiHAN Foundation' – Technology Innovation Hub at the IIT Hyderabad (IITH). It will be India's 1st Testing hub for Autonomous Navigation & Data Acquisition Systems (Terrestrial and Aerial). Department of Science & Technology, Government of India sanctioned INR 135 Crore to IIT Hyderabad under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS) to establish 'TiHAN-IIT Hyderabad'.

5. Which country is planning to launch World's 1st wood-based space satellite by 2023 to combat the problem of space junk?

- 1) India
- 2) France
- 3) USA
- 4) Japan
- 5) China

Answer- 4) Japan

Explanation:

Japan's Sumitomo Forestry company and Kyoto University of Japan is all set to launch the world's first wood-based space satellite by 2023 to combat the problem of space junk. In this regard, several wooden materials are being tested by the research team to find a suitable one for space missions. According to the European Space Agency (ESA) statistical model, there are more than 130 million pieces of anthropogenic space debris due to human activities.

6. Which vaccine got approval from CDSCO for technology transfer with M/s Bharat Biotech's COVAXIN, in January, 2021?

- 1) Sputnik V
- 2) Convidicea
- 3) CoronaVac
- 4) Comirnaty
- 5) Covishield

Answer- 5) Covishield

Explanation:

The Committee of Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) gave approval to M/s Serum Institute of India (SII), Pune, Maharashtra for Covishield, a Recombinant Chimpanzee Adenovirus vector vaccine, it encoded the SARS-CoV-2 Spike (S) glycoprotein with technology transfer from AstraZeneca/Oxford University and to M/s Bharat Biotech for COVAXIN.

7. When will India's 1st Solar Mission expected to be launched as per ISRO's Plan for the Decade 2021-30?

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| 1) 2025 | 2) 2021 |
| 3) 2028 | 4) 2023 |
| 5) 2022 | |

Answer- 5) 2022

Explanation:

Sivan, Secretary of Department of Space (DoS) & Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has chalked out the plan for the Decade 2021-30. It has listed both Short-term vision & Long-term visions.

Important Short-term vision:

Third Lunar Mission of ISRO Chandrayaan-3 is expected to be launched by late 2021 or early 2022.

First Solar Mission of ISRO, Aditya-L1, is expected to be launched in 2022.

Launching of the First Indian Data Relay Satellite System (IDRSS) by early 2021.

The Gaganyaan Programme India's First unmanned flight is set to be launched in 2022.

8. Which country recently test fired 'Fatah-1' - Guided Multi Launch Rocket System (MLRS) that has range of 140 Kms, in January, 2021?

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|---------------|-------------|
| 1) China | 2) Iran |
| 3) Bangladesh | 4) Pakistan |
| 5) Sri Lanka | |

Answer- 4) Pakistan

Explanation:

On January 7, 2021, Pakistan successfully Test-Fired its indigenous 'Fatah-1' - Guided Multi Launch Rocket System (MLRS) which has capability of precision target engagement deep into the enemy territories. It is capable of carrying conventional warheads upto 140 Kilometres. In December, 2020 Pakistan tested its Ballistic Missile 'Ghaznavi' which has a range of 290 Kilometers.

9. Which country's 1st Indigenously developed satellite "Amazonia-1" will be launched by ISRO?

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|------------|-------------|
| 1) Mexico | 2) Colombia |
| 3) Ecuador | 4) Chile |
| 5) Brazil | |

Answer- 5) Brazil

Explanation:

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to launch Amazonia-1, the first satellite to have been developed completely in Brazil by the National Institute

for Space Research (INPE), the Brazil's apex space research body. Emirates SkyCargo, the freight division of Emirates airline, has executed a cargo charter to transport Amazonia-1 from Sao Jose dos Campos, Brazil to Chennai.

10. Which Coastal Research Vehicle (CRV) was launched by Union Minister Harsh Vardhan at Chennai Port, in January, 2021?

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|------------------|--------------------|
| 1) Sagar Kanya | 2) Sagar Anveshika |
| 3) Sagar Sampada | 4) Sagar Manusha |
| 5) Sagar Tara | |

Answer- 2) Sagar Anveshika

Explanation:

On January 9, 2021, Union Minister for Earth Sciences, Harsh Vardhan launched Coastal Research Vehicle (CRV) 'Sagar Anveshika' at the Chennai Port. The vehicle will be used to carry out environment indexing and bathymetric (mapping underwater features) in both coastal and offshore waters. It will be used for research purposes by National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT). NIOT already has 6 Research Vessels - Sagar Kanya, Sagar Sampada, Sagar Nidhi, Sagar Manusha, & Sagar Tara.

11. Which Unmanned Aerial Vehicle will get the DRDO's Indigenously developed Retractable Landing Gear (RLG) Systems as of January, 2021?

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| 1) Rustom-H MALE UAV |
| 2) TAI Aksungur |
| 3) Pegaz 011 |
| 4) Tapas BH-201 |
| 5) Rustom-1 UAV |

Answer- 4) Tapas BH-201

Explanation:

On January 10, 2021, the Retractable Landing Gear (RLG) Systems Indigenously developed by Combat Vehicles Research and Development of Establishment (CVRDE) (An DRDO Lab) for TAPAS (Tactical Airborne Platform for Aerial Surveillance-Beyond Horizon-201 or Tapas BH-201 also known as Rustom-II) & SWiFT (Stealth Wing Flying Testbed) Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs).

12. DRDO's Armament Research & Development Establishment (ARDE), in collaboration with the Indian Army has developed India's 1st indigenous machine pistol ASMI. Which branch of the Indian armed force received the pistol, in January 2021?

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|----------------------------------|
| 1) Indian Coast Guard |
| 2) Indian Navy |
| 3) Indian Army |
| 4) Central Reserved Police Force |
| 5) Indo-Tibetan Border Police |

Answer- 2) Indian Navy

Explanation:

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Armament Research & Development Establishment (ARDE), Pune (Maharashtra) in collaboration with the Indian Army has developed India's first indigenous machine pistol ASMI. It will replace the 9mm pistols used by defence forces. Notably it has been developed by a young officer 'Lt Col Prasad Bansod' from Infantry School, Mhow in a record time of four months. The pistol was handed over to the Indian Navy as a part of 'Atmanirbhar' programme

13. Which department under which SCTIMST of Kerala will procure India's 1st Indigenous Intracranial Flow Diverter Stents from National Aerospace Laboratories, Bangalore (CSIR-NAL), as of January 2021?

- 1) Department of Biotechnology
- 2) Indian Council of Medical Research
- 3) Department of Science and Technology
- 4) AIIMS, New Delhi
- 5) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research

Answer- 3) Department of Science and Technology

Explanation:

Department of Science & Technology (DST) has stated that India will soon get access to India's 1st Indigenous flow diverter stent for diverting blood away from Ballooning of Arteries in the brain & another device which will promote the better healing of the hole in the heart. Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala an autonomous institute of DST will procure an Atrial Septal Defect Occluder and an Intracranial Flow Diverter Stents from National Aerospace Laboratories, Bangalore (CSIR-NAL).

14. Which organisation recently (in Jan 2021) test fired the Indigenous Smart Anti Airfield Weapon (SAAW) from the Hawk-i aircraft near the coast of Odisha?

- 1) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd
- 2) DRDO
- 3) Ordnance Factory Board
- 4) Boeing India
- 5) Indian Navy

Answer- 1) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd

Explanation:

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) successfully Test Fired the Indigenous Smart Anti Airfield Weapon (SAAW) from the Hawk-i aircraft close to the coast of Odisha. It is the 1st Smart Weapon to be fired from an Indian Hawk-Mk132. It has been developed by Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Hyderabad of Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) under HAL's Hawk-i Program. SAAW is a precision strike weapon of 125 kg category, it has a range of 100 kms and can be used

to attack enemy assets like radars, bunkers, taxi tracks and runways.

15. Indian government provides instant feedback service for the COVID Vaccination drive, through RAS platform. What does 'A' stands for in RAS?

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| 1) Antibody | 2) Antibiotic |
| 3) Accreted | 4) Assemblage |
| 5) Assessment | |

Answer- 5) Assessment

Explanation:

Govt of India uses Rapid Assessment System (RAS) under the COVID Vaccination drive, the world's biggest vaccination drive to get feedback from those who get COVID-19 Vaccination. RAS was developed by National e-Governance Division (NeGD), a division of Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY). RAS platform enables to get online instant feedback for e-services (online as well as offline through counters) that are offered by the Government of India and State Governments.

16. Which CSIR institution has developed 1st ever Waste Water Treatment Technology Model, 'Aqua Rejuvenation Plant(ARP)'?

- 1) National Chemical Laboratory (NCL)
- 2) Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (IITR)
- 3) Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CMERI)
- 4) Central Salt Marine Chemicals Research Institute (CSMCRI)
- 5) Advanced Materials and Processes Research Institute (AMPRI)

Answer- 3) Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute(CMERI)

Explanation:

On January 23, 2021 The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)-Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute(CMERI) developed 1st ever Waste Water Treatment Technology Model, 'Aqua Rejuvenation Plant(ARP)'. The Integrated Waste Water Rejuvenation Model, ARP purifies wastewater for Irrigation/Farming purposes. This model does the Wastewater treatment on the basis of various purification parameters in 6 stages. About 24,000 liters of water can be rejuvenated using the ARP.

17. Which organisation created New World Record (in Jan 2021) by successfully launching 143 Satellites in a single mission?

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|--------------|-----------|
| 1) ISRO | 2) NASA |
| 3) JAXA | 4) SpaceX |
| 5) Roscosmos | |

Answer- 4) SpaceX

Explanation:

On January 24, 2021, SpaceX successfully created a New World Record by launching 143 Satellites in a single

mission. The satellites were launched using the Falcon 9 Reusable rockets from the Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida, United States of America. With this, SpaceX bettered Indian Space Research Organization's (ISRO) record of deploying 104 satellites in a single mission in February 2017. The Launch is also the first dedicated mission for SpaceX under SmallSat 'Rideshare' program called Transporter-1.

18. Which organisation will launch its new flagship rocket H3, by early 2021?

- 1) ISRO
- 2) NASA
- 3) JAXA
- 4) SpaceX
- 5) Roscosmos

Answer- 3) JAXA

Explanation:

Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) announced to launch its new flagship rocket H3 for paving the way for next-generation transportation technologies. The H3 launch vehicle is Japan's new flagship rocket aiming at achieving high flexibility, high reliability, and high-cost performance. Its maiden flight is set for Japanese Fiscal Year (JFY) 2020.

19. Where is DRDO's Integrated Weapons System Design Centre located?

- 1) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 2) Chandigarh
- 3) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- 4) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 5) Trivandrum, Kerala

Answer- 4) Hyderabad, Telangana

Explanation:

On January 25-26, 2021, DRDO successfully conducted the maiden launch of Akash-NG (New Generation) Surface to Air Missile from Integrated Test Range off the coast of Odisha, along with Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) & Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL). It has strike range of 30 km. Apart from the launch, Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the Integrated Weapons System Design Centre at DRDO's APJ Abdul Kalam Missile Complex in Hyderabad, Telangana.

20. Which was the Nano satellite designed by college students, that will be launched by ISRO in February, 2021?

- 1) Microsat
- 2) Bhaskara
- 3) Rohini
- 4) YouthSat
- 5) SriShaktiSat

Answer- 5) SriShaktiSat

Explanation:

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is planning to launch 'Sri Shakti Sat' a satellite that was developed by 12 college students with inputs from ISRO. This satellite will be launched into outer space on February 28, 2021. It is a Nano Satellite, weighing just 460 gms. It is used to Perform Internet of Things (IoT) in Space and Inter Satellite Communication.

21. What was the Visual Intelligence Tool recently (in Jan 2021) launched by MeitY turning data into analysis & visualizations for Government Officials?

- 1) BhuNaksha
- 2) Darpan
- 3) GePNIC
- 4) TEJAS
- 5) eOffice

Answer- 4) TEJAS

Explanation:

On January 28, 2021, National Informatics Centre Services Incorporated (NICS), a PSU under National Informatics Centre (NIC), Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) celebrated 25 Years of its inception. Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister for MeitY who attended the event as Chief Guest released,

TEJAS – A Visual Intelligence Tool will provide data analysis for turning data into analysis & visualizations for Government Officials; e-Auction India, Work from AnyWhere Portal (WAW), NIC Products Portfolio.

22. Recently (in Jan 2021), Indian Navy decommissioned its IN FAC T-81 vessel. What does FAC stand for?

- 1) Fighter Air Craft
- 2) Fighter Attack Craft
- 3) Fast Attack Craft
- 4) Fast Air Carrier
- 5) Fighter Attack Carrier

Answer- 3) Fast Attack Craft

Explanation:

On January 28, 2021 Indian Naval Fast Attack Craft (IN FAC) T-81 of the Super Dvora MK II class was decommissioned at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, Maharashtra. The 25 meters long vessel with 60 tonnes displacement has served India for more than 20 years. Rear Admiral V Srinivas, Flag Officer Commanding Maharashtra Naval Area was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

SPORTS

1. Which Indian Boxer recently got banned for 4 years by The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) on December, 2020?

- 1) Vijender Singh
- 2) Nishu
- 3) Manju Rani
- 4) Manish Kaushik

5) Nikhat Zareen

Answer- 2) Nishu

Explanation:

The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) imposed a four-year ban on boxer Nishu for doping. The player was

tested positive for prohibited substance Mentandienone (Anabolic-Androgenic Steroid) and the Anti Doping Disciplinary Panel (ADDP) has imposed four years of ineligibility on Nishu.

2. Who recently became India's 67th Chess Grandmaster (GM), on January, 2021?

- 1) G Akash
- 2) Raunak Sadhwani
- 3) Leon Mendonca
- 4) Girish Koushik
- 5) R Praggnanandhaa

Answer- 3) Leon Mendonca

Explanation:

14-year old Leon Mendonca from Goa became India's 67th Chess Grandmaster (GM) after winning his third & Final norm at the Vergani Cup, Italy. Mendonca is only the 2nd GM from Goa. He became the 29th Youngest GM in the world. Sergey Karjakin of Russia holds the record for the World's Youngest ever GM having qualified for the title at the age of 12 years and 7 months (achieved the title in 2003).

3. Who was named as Player of the Century at the 2020 Globe Soccer Awards?

- 1) Robert Lewandowski
- 2) Mohamed Salah
- 3) Lionel Messi
- 4) Cristiano Ronaldo
- 5) Ronaldinho

Answer- 4) Cristiano Ronaldo

Explanation:

Cristiano Ronaldo has been named as Player of the Century at the 2020 Globe Soccer Awards after he finished ahead of Lionel Messi, Ronaldinho and Mohamed Salah.

4. Which tennis player was recently banned for 12 years by the Tennis Integrity Unit (TIU) for match fixing, as of January, 2021?

- 1) Madison Keys
- 2) Dagmara Baskova
- 3) Sloane Stephens
- 4) Simona Halep
- 5) Angelique Kerber

Answer- 2) Dagmara Baskova, Slovakia

Explanation:

Slovakian tennis player Dagmara Baskova has been banned for a period of 12 years after an investigation by the Tennis Integrity Unit (TIU) uncovered five incidents of match-fixing by the player in 2017.

5. Which Uzbekistan tennis player was recently banned by Tennis Integrity Unit (TIU) for 7 years, in January, 2021?

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1) John McEnroe | 2) Stan Wawrinka |
| 3) Temur Ismailov | 4) Denis Istomin |
| 5) Andy Roddick | |

Answer- 3) Temur Ismailov

Explanation:

Uzbekistan's Temur Ismailov has been slapped with a 7-year ban from Tennis Integrity Unit (TIU) after being found guilty of match-fixing on three occasions in 2014, 2015 and 2019. He has represented his country on four occasions in the Davis Cup.

6. Where was North-Eastern India's 1st Sports School under Khelo India scheme launched?

- 1) Dispur, Assam
- 2) Kohima, Nagaland
- 3) Ukhrul, Manipur
- 4) Shillong, Meghalaya
- 5) Udaipur, Tripura

Answer- 4) Shillong, Meghalaya

Explanation:

Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju launched the Assam Rifles Public School in Shillong as a Khelo India Sports School. As of January, 2021, nine Sports Schools have been approved across the country, out of which five are managed by Defence and Paramilitary forces. In the North-East Region, Assam Rifles Public School is the first Sports School announced under Khelo India scheme.

7. Where was the Khelo India Ice Hockey Tournament conducted, in January 2021?

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|-------------|-----------|
| 1) Jammu | 2) Shimla |
| 3) Dehradun | 4) Kargil |
| 5) Manali | |

Answer- 4) Kargil

Explanation:

In Kargil Ladakh, Khelo India Ice Hockey Tournament is being organised at Chiktan by Zonal Physical Education Officer – Chiktan. For the first time the women team of Chiktan also participated in the Khelo India Games in Kargil district. There are 13 teams from different villages of Chiktan participating in the tournament, which include 11 men's teams and 2 women's teams.

8. Who won the Women's Singles title in the Yonex Thailand Open 2021, that took place in Bangkok, Thailand, in January 2021?

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1) Tai Tzu-ying | 2) Simona Halep |
| 3) Nozomi Okuhara | 4) Carolina Marin |
| 5) Greysia Polii | |

Answer- 4) Carolina Marin

Explanation:

The Yonex Thailand Open 2021 (Level – Super 1000), a Badminton Tournament took place at Impact arena, Bangkok, Thailand from January 12-17, 2021. It is the First Badminton Tournament of 2021.

9. Who ranked World Number 2 in Badminton Men's Category in the World Junior Rankings released by BWF, in January 2021?

- 1) Varun Kapur 2) Lakshya Sen
 3) Srikanth Kidambi 4) Chirag Shetty
 5) Chirag Sen

Answer- 1) Varun Kapur

Explanation:

In the Latest World Junior Rankings released by BWF post COVID, 6 Indians have featured in the Top-10 Spots. In the Men's Category, Varun Kapur (Maharashtra) attained his Career-best ranking of World Number 2. In the Women's Category, Samiya Imad Farooqi (Telangana) attained her Career-best ranking of World Number 2. While Tasnim Mir (4), Treesa Jolly (8) & Aditi Bhatt (10) are the other Indian shuttlers in the Top 10 of Female Singles Category.

10. Who became the new World Record holder (in Jan 2021) for dismissing the most number of Left-handed batsmen in Tests?

- 1) Moeen Ali
 2) Ravichandran Ashwin
 3) Ravindra Jadeja
 4) Nathan Lyon
 5) Rashid Khan

Answer- 2) Ravichandran Ashwin

Explanation:

During the Border- Gavaskar Test series, Ravichandran Ashwin set a new World Record for dismissing the most number of Left-handed batsmen in Tests: 192. With this, he surpassed Muttiah Muralitharan's World record of dismissing 191 left-handers in Tests.

11. Who was the 1st Female Match Official in a Men's Test Match?

- 1) Claire Polosak 2) Kim Cotton
 3) Vrinda Rathi 4) Sue Redfern
 5) Janani Narayanan

Answer- 1) Claire Polosak

Explanation:

Australia's Claire Polosak became the 1st Female Match Official in a Men's Test Match. She took up the role of Fourth Umpire during the 3rd Test match held between India & Australia at SCG. The Fourth Umpire is usually appointed by the Home Cricket Board from their nominees to the International Panel of ICC (International Cricket Council) Umpires.

12. Who was the 1st Indian Cricketer to make International Debut in all 3 formats on the same tour?

- 1) T. Natarajan
 2) Washington Sundar
 3) Navdeep Saini
 4) Shubman Gill
 5) Shardul Thakur

Answer- 1) T. Natarajan

Explanation:

Natarajan became the 1st Indian Cricketer to make International Debut across all 3 formats of the Game during the same tour.

13. Which country attained the World No.1 Test Team spot (in Jan 2021) for the First time in history?

- 1) Pakistan 2) India
 3) England 4) Bangladesh
 5) New Zealand

Answer- 5) New Zealand

Explanation:

After their 2-0 Victory over Pakistan, New Zealand became the World No.1 Test Team for the First time in history.

14. Which Sri Lankan fast bowler recently (in Jan 2021) retired from franchise cricket?

- 1) Irfan Pathan 2) Dale Steyn
 3) Stuart Broad 4) Lasith Malinga
 5) James Anderson

Answer- 4) Lasith Malinga

Explanation:

One of the greatest bowling sensations of IPL and for Mumbai Indians, Lasith Malinga has decided to retire from franchise cricket. The Sri Lankan speedster has been at the core of Mumbai Indians for 12 years.

15. Which State/ Organisation won the 10th Ice Hockey Association of India (IHAI) National Ice Hockey Championships?

- 1) Ladakh
 2) Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
 3) Indian Army
 4) Jammu & Kashmir (J&K)
 5) Border Security Force (BSF)

Answer- 2) Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)

Explanation:

Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) won the 10th Ice Hockey Association of India (IHAI) National Ice Hockey Championships by defeating Ladakh in the finals held at Gulmarg Ice Rink, Gulmarg Development Authority, Jammu & Kashmir (J&K). Around 8 Ice Hockey teams including teams from Delhi, Maharashtra, Indian Army participated in the Championships.

16. Which country will host AFC's 2022's Women's Asia Cup?

- 1) Indonesia 2) Jordan
 3) India 4) Bangladesh
 5) China

Answer- 3) India

Explanation:

India has got the hosting rights from Asian Football Confederation (AFC) to host 2022's Women's Asia Cup. The event is planned to start from 20th January, 2022 to 6th February, 2022. For the first time the event will feature 12 teams from across Asia. Note- Till 2018's

Women's Asia Cup, which was hosted by Jordan, only 8 teams participate.

17. Which organisation indigenously developed Reference Material(RM), to strengthen the capacity of the anti-doping in India, in collaboration with National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL), in January 2021?

- 1) National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Guwahati
- 2) Serum Institute of India, Pune
- 3) Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Tirupati
- 4) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Hyderabad
- 5) National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Hyderabad

Answer- 1) National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Guwahati

Explanation:

On 28th January 2021, Kiren Rijju, Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sport, launched the indigenously developed Reference Material(RM), synthesized by collaborative efforts of National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) and National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Guwahati. The availability of these RMs will strengthen the capacity of the anti-doping laboratories. This will also support in promoting fair play in sports.

18. Recently 2 tennis players Alija Merdeeva and Sofia Dmitrieva got life ban from the sport. Which country did they represent?

- 1) USA
- 2) South Africa
- 3) Canada
- 4) Russia
- 5) Belgium

Answer- 4) Russia

Explanation:

Alija Merdeeva and Sofia Dmitrieva Two Russian tennis players were banned from the sport for life by the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA), for match-fixing, including incidents when they played together as doubles partners.

19. For the 1st time since its inception in 1934-35, Ranji Trophy 2021 was suspended owing to pandemic. For which sport the tournament is played?

- 1) Football
- 2) Badminton
- 3) Tennis
- 4) Cricket
- 5) Kabaddi

Answer- 4) Cricket

Explanation:

For the first time since its inception in 1934-35, the Ranji Trophy — the premier First Class cricket tournament in India — is set to be suspended for a season (2021), owing to the pandemic. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has informed its affiliates that the truncated season would comprise the Vijay Hazare Trophy, senior women's one-day tournament and the Vinoo Mankad Trophy for under-19 boys.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1. Who authored the book "Sabarimala Vijnanakosham"?

- 1) Arif Mohammed Khan
- 2) K S Vijayanath
- 3) Pinarayi Vijayan
- 4) S Sreejith
- 5) OV Vijayan

Answer- 2) K S Vijayanath

Explanation:

On 30th December 2020, Arif Mohammed Khan, Governor of Kerala released the book titled "Sabarimala Vijnanakosham" authored by K S Vijayanath at Raj Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. He presented the first copy of "Sabarimala Vijnanakosham" to S Sreejith, Inspector General of Police (Crime Branch) Kerala.

2. Which organisation released the booklet "Building an Aatmanirbhar Bharat"?

- 1) Rajya Sabha
- 2) Lak Sabha
- 3) Ministry of External Affairs
- 4) Ministry of Railways

- 5) Prime Minister's Office

Answer- 4) Ministry of Railways

Explanation:

Ministry of Railways has released a booklet of achievements of Ministry of Railways in the year 2020 with the title "Building an Aatmanirbhar Bharat". The booklet contains significant achievements and initiatives of Indian Railways in the year 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

3. Who authored the book "Right Under Your Nose"?

- 1) R Giridharan
- 2) BP Kanungo
- 3) MK Jain
- 4) MD Patra
- 5) Jitendra Singh

Answer- 1) R Giridharan

Explanation:

The book titled 'Right Under Your Nose' is authored by Reserve Bank of India(RBI) Manager R Giridharan. The book portrays how Superintendent Vijay along with his trusted aide Dalvi, and Journalist Padmini spots the murderer who killed a woman and a team of scientists.

Their skills are pitted by a genius who eliminates all possible lead, right under their nose. The story is set in Nagpur, Maharashtra.

4. Who authored the book "India's 71-Year Test: The Journey to Triumph in Australia"?

- 1) Ravi Shastri
- 2) Harsha Bhogle
- 3) R Kaushik
- 4) Rajan Bala
- 5) Ramachandra Guha

Answer- 3) R Kaushik

Explanation:

Ravi Shastri, Former Indian all-rounder and current head coach of Indian Cricket team released a book titled, 'India's 71-Year Test: The Journey to Triumph in Australia' at the Sydney Cricket Ground, Sydney, Australia. The book is a Bradman Museum initiative and is authored by R Kaushik, Senior Cricket Journalist. It is published by Churchill Press.

5. Who authored the book 'Making of a General – A Himalayan Echo'?

- 1) Konsam Himalay Singh
- 2) Najma Heptulla
- 3) Rachna Bisht Rawat
- 4) Chinmay Tumbe
- 5) S. Hareesh

Answer- 1) Konsam Himalay Singh

Explanation:

On January 8, 2021 Dr Najma Heptulla, Governor of Manipur released a book titled 'Making of a General – A Himalayan Echo' through a virtual mode at Durbar Hall of Raj Bhavan, Imphal, Manipur. The book is authored by (Redt) Lt. Gen. Konsam Himalay Singh and is published by Konark Publishers Pvt Ltd. He is the 1st Lieutenant general from North Eastern India.

6. Who authored the book "Gazing Eastwards: Of Buddhist Monks and Revolutionaries in China, 1957"?

- 1) Karan Thapar
- 2) Romila Thapar
- 3) Anita Desai
- 4) Ramachandra Guha
- 5) Jhumpa Lahiri

Answer- 2) Romila Thapar

Explanation:

The book titled 'Gazing Eastwards: Of Buddhist Monks and Revolutionaries in China, 1957' was authored by Romila Thapar, an Indian historian. She declined the Padma Bhushan award in 1992 and 2005. The book accounts a few months that Romila Thapar spent in China in 1957 along with Sri Lankan art historian Anil de Silva, where she worked at two cave sites, namely Maijishan in north China and Dunhuang on the edge of the Gobi Desert in Northwest China.

7. Who recently launched the picture book, titled "C is for Country" in January, 2021?

- 1) Marshmello
- 2) Lil Nas X

- 3) Nicki Minaj
- 4) Cardi B

- 5) Lil Pump

Answer- 2) Lil Nas X

Explanation:

The Grammy award winning Rapper Lil Nas X has launched a picture book, titled "C is for Country", that will take the readers from ages three to seven on an alphabetical journey.

8. Who co-authored the book "Unscripted: Conversations on Life and Cinema" along with Abhijat Joshi?

- 1) Rajkumar Hirani
- 2) Chetan Bhagat
- 3) Sudhir Mishra
- 4) Amish Tripathi
- 5) Vidhu Vinod Chopra

Answer- 5) Vidhu Vinod Chopra

Explanation:

The book titled 'Unscripted: Conversations on Life and Cinema' is authored by Vidhu Vinod Chopra, Indian film director, screenwriter & producer and Abhijat Joshi, Indian screenwriter. The book gives a glance into the mind, method and madness of Vidhu Vinod Chopra, one of contemporary Hindi cinema's best filmmakers.

9. Who authored the book 'Manohar Parrikar- Off the Record'?

- 1) Pramod Sawant
- 2) A. Sivathanu Pillai
- 3) Waman Subha Prabhu
- 4) Om Birla
- 5) Madhav Bhandari

Answer- 3) Waman Subha Prabhu

Explanation:

On January 15, 2021 Pramod Sawant, Chief Minister of Goa released a book titled 'Manohar Parrikar- Off the Record'. It is authored by senior journalist Waman Subha Prabhu. The book is a collection of memories of the author who was with late Manohar Gopalkrishna Prabhu Parrikar, former CM of Goa during the journey of his life. It portrays the multi-faceted personality of the former CM.

10. Who authored the book 'Abdul Kalam-Ninaivugalukku Maranamillai'?

- 1) Venkaiah Naidu
- 2) APJM NazemaMaraikayar
- 3) Y.S. Rajan
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

Answer- 5) Both 2 & 3

Explanation:

On January 16, 2021 M Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India released a tamil book titled 'Abdul Kalam-Ninaivugalukku Maranamillai' (immortal memories) at Raj Bhavan in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. It is a

biography of late former President, Dr A. P. J. Abdul Kalam. The book is authored by Dr APJM NazemaMaraikayar, managing trustee, Abdul Kalam International Foundation (AIKF) and well-known space scientist, Dr Y.S. Rajan.

11. Who authored the book "The Language of History: Sanskrit Narratives of Muslim Pasts"?

- 1) Rajiv Malhotra
- 2) Sheldon Pollock
- 3) Audrey Truschke
- 4) Ghulam Azam
- 5) Faisal Kutty

Answer- 3) Audrey Truschke

Explanation:

The book, "The Language of History: Sanskrit Narratives of Muslim Pasts" written by Historian-author Audrey Truschke, seeks to collect, analyse, and theorize Sanskrit histories of Muslim-led and, later, as Muslims became an integral part of Indian cultural and political worlds, Indo-Muslim rule as a body of historical materials.

12. Who authored the book "The Population Myth: Islam, Family Planning and Politics in India"?

- 1) Sunil Arora
- 2) T. N. Seshan
- 3) Najma Heptulla
- 4) S Y Quraishi
- 5) Farooq Abdullah

Answer- 4) S Y Quraishi

Explanation:

Dr. S Y Quraishi, former Chief Election Commissioner(CEC) is set to release his new book titled "The Population Myth: Islam, Family Planning and Politics in India". This book looks into the questions about the politicisation of demographics in India based on the standard research of SY Quraishi. The book aims to clear the misconceptions about Islam and break the two myths, Muslim rate of growth Muslims are against family planning on religious grounds.

13. Who authored the book "A textbook of Urban Planning and Geography"?

- 1) Sameer Sharma
- 2) Madhav Bhandari
- 3) Jairam Ramesh
- 4) Roopa Chari
- 5) Prem Prakash

Answer- 1) Sameer Sharma

Explanation:

On 20th January 2021, Venkaiah Naidu, the Vice President of India virtually released the book "A textbook of Urban Planning and Geography" authored by Dr. Sameer Sharma, the Director General and CEO of the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs in Hyderabad, Telangana. The book bridges the gap between the urban geography and urban planning ideas of the west and the experiences of the Indian cities.

14. Who authored the book "The Making of Aadhaar: World's Largest Identity Platform"?

- 1) J. Satyanarayana
- 2) Narendra Modi
- 3) Ram Sewak Sharma
- 4) Ajay Bhushan Pandey
- 5) Venkaiah Naidu

Answer- 3) Ram Sewak Sharma

Explanation:

The Book, "The Making of Aadhaar: World's Largest Identity Platform" was authored by Ram Sewak Sharma, the first director general of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) — the body that designed, implemented and manages Aadhaar — the "proof of the pudding" came after May 2014, when the use of Aadhaar under the Narendra Modi government exploded.

15. Who authored the book, 'Flying Blind: India's Quest for Global Leadership'?

- 1) Salman Rushdie
- 2) Mohamed Zeeshan
- 3) Kiran Desai
- 4) Ravinder Singh
- 5) Fareed Zakaria

Answer- 2) Mohamed Zeeshan

Explanation:

The book titled 'Flying Blind: India's Quest for Global Leadership' is authored by Mohamed Zeeshan, a foreign affairs columnist, consultant and the editor-in-chief of Freedom Gazette. The book describes the difficulties that stand as an obstacle to the current India's foreign policy, each of which have led to many instabilities in the foreign policy practice, which in turn has affected India's interests.

16. Who authored the book "Ten Lessons for a Post-Pandemic World"?

- 1) Fareed Zakaria
- 2) Balram Bhargava
- 3) Mohamed Zeeshan
- 4) Soumya Swaminathan
- 5) Kiran Desai

Answer- 1) Fareed Zakaria

Explanation:

Fareed Zakaria, a CNN host and one of the "top 10 global thinkers of the last decade" (Foreign Policy), authored the book titled "Ten Lessons for a Post-Pandemic World". The book speaks about the nature of the post pandemic world and the social, political, technological and economical effects that may take years to develop.

17. Who authored the book, "India 2030: The Rise of a Rajasic Nation"?

- 1) Gautam Chikermane
- 2) Shruti Sharma
- 3) Roopa Chari

4) Madhav Bhandari

5) Jairam Ramesh

Answer- 1) Gautam Chikermane

Explanation:

Gautam Chikermane, Vice President of Observer Research Foundation authored and edited the book titled "India 2030: The Rise of a Rajasic Nation", a Collection of Essay which describes about the likes of 20 forecasts by 20 thought leaders from India based on 20 themes. The book showcases the numerous aspects of the future that will result in India becoming the world's 3rd largest economy and regional power.

18. Recently (in Jan 2021), Justice N. V. Ramana launched a book, "The Law of Emergency Powers: Comparative Common Law Perspectives". The book makes an in-depth analysis on provisions of Article 356, What is the key functionary of the Article?

1) National Emergency

2) Financial Emergency

3) Constitutional Emergency

4) President's Rule

5) Governor's Rule

Answer- 4) President's Rule

Explanation:

On 23rd January, 2021, one of the Senior Judges of the Supreme Court of India, Justice N. V. Ramana, along with 3 other supreme court judges, Surya Kant, Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Justice D. Y. Chandrachud launched a book titled, "The Law of Emergency Powers: Comparative Common Law Perspectives". It presents a

detailed study on legal and constitutional provisions of Emergency powers under Article 356 (President's Rule).

19. Who authored the motivational picture book, 'Race With Me!'?

1) Andre De Grasse

2) Robert Budd

3) Joseph Osei Bonsu

4) Only 1 & 2

5) All 1, 2 & 3

Answer- 4) Only 1 & 2

Explanation:

Canadian Olympian Sprinter Andre De Grasse & Robert Budd authored a motivational picture book titled 'Race With Me!' for children aged 6-10 years. The book is illustrated by Joseph Osei Bonsu and will be published by Scholastic Canada in English and French. The book is expected to be released in July 2021.

20. Who co-authored the biography "Soumitra Chatterjee: A Life in Cinema, Theatre, Poetry & Painting", along with Arjun Sengupta?

1) Amish Tripathi

2) Roopa Pai

3) Partha Mukherjee

4) Amitav Ghosh

5) Nayantara Sahgal

Answer- 3) Partha Mukherjee

Explanation:

On 19th January 2021, the 86th birth anniversary of Soumitra Chatterjee, "Soumitra Chatterjee: A Life in Cinema, Theatre, Poetry & Painting", the authorized biography of Soumitra Chatterjee was released. The book authored by Arjun Sengupta and co-authored by Partha Mukherjee.

OBITUARY

1. To which country did late John Fulton (F) Reid play as captain in Test Cricket?

1) England

2) South Africa

3) New Zealand

4) Australia

5) West Indies

Answer- 3) New Zealand

Explanation:

On December 28, 2020 John Fulton(F) Reid, former New Zealand cricketer passed away at the age of 64 after a long illness at Christchurch, City in the South Island, New Zealand. The Left-handed batsman was born on March 3, 1956 in Auckland, City in the North Island, New Zealand. He served as the New Zealand Test captain.

2. In which sport did Olympic Bronze medalist late Michael Kindo represented India?

1) Cricket

2) Football

3) Wrestling

4) Badminton

5) Hockey

Answer- 5) Hockey

Explanation:

On 31st December 2020, the former Indian hockey player, Olympic Bronze medalist Michael Kindo, passed away at the age of 73 due to age related ailments in Rourkela, Odisha. He was born on 20th June 1947 in Odisha. He received the Arjuna award in 1972 and became the first sports person of tribal background to receive the Arjuna award.

3. Late Buta Singh, former Governor of Bihar, previously served as India's _____.

1) Finance Minister

2) External Affairs Minister

3) Home Minister

4) Agriculture Minister

5) Defence Minister

Answer- 3) Home Minister

Explanation:

On January 2, 2021 Buta Singh, Senior leader of Indian National Congress and former Home Minister passed away at the age of 86 in Delhi. He was an 8-time Lok Sabha MP and also served as the governor of Bihar.

He was in public service for a long time and served under 4 prime ministers. He was born on March 21, 1934 in Jalandhar district, Punjab, British India.

4. Padma Shri Awardee, late Colonel Narendra 'Bull' Kumar, was the 1st Indian to climb ____.

- 1) Mount Kangchenchanga
- 2) Mount Blanc
- 3) Mount Elbrus
- 4) Mount Everest
- 5) Mount Nanda Devi

Answer- 5) Mount Nanda Devi

Explanation:

On 31st December 2020, Padma Shri awardee, Colonel Narendra 'Bull' Kumar, an iconic mountaineer who played a vital role in securing the Siachen Glacier for India passed away at the age of 87 in Delhi due to age related ailments. He was born on 8th December 1933 in Rawalpindi, now in Pakistan. In 1964, he was the first Indian to climb Mount Nanda Devi. He climbed Mount Everest in 1965, Mount Blanc (highest peak in the Alps), and later Mount Kangchenchanga. Mount Elbrus

5. In which language did late Anil Panachooran, famous poet and lyricist made his works?

- 1) Tamil
- 2) Kannada
- 3) Bhojpuri
- 4) Marathi
- 5) Malayalam

Answer- 5) Malayalam

Explanation:

On January 3, 2021 Anil Panachooran, Malayalam poet and lyricist passed away at the age of 55 at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. He has also acted in films. He is a lawyer by profession. He was born on November 20, 1969 at Kayamkulam, Alappuzha, Kerala. His last lyrics were penned for the movie Within Seconds (2021). He won Filmfare award for best Lyricist 2008 and Asianet Film award for best Lyricist 2008- Arabikatha, Kadha Parayumbol.

6. Modibo Keita who passed away recently was the former Prime Minister of ____.

- 1) Senegal
- 2) Mali
- 3) Ghana
- 4) Nigeria
- 5) Ethiopia

Answer- 2) Mali

Explanation:

On January 2, 2021 Modibo Keita, former Prime Minister of Mali passed away at 78. He belongs to Alliance for Democracy in Mali – Pan-African Party for Liberty, Solidarity and Justice(ADEMA-PASJ) political party. He was born on 31 July 1942 Koulikoro, French Sudan (now Mali).

7. Recently, 7-time MLA Vilas Patil Undalkar passed away, he was the former Cabinet Minister of ____.

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Maharashtra

5) Bihar

Answer- 4) Maharashtra

Explanation:

On January 4, 2021 Vilas Patil Undalkar, former Maharashtra cabinet minister and 7 time MLA passed away at the age of 82 in Satara, Maharashtra. He belongs to Indian National Congress. He was born on 15th July 1938. He was elected has as the MLA for 7 times from the Karad South Assembly constituency for a record 35 consecutive years, i.e., from 1980 to 2014.

8. Which country's tennis team did late Bob Brett coached?

- 1) New Zealand
- 2) Canada
- 3) Germany
- 4) France
- 5) Australia

Answer- 5) Australia

Explanation:

On January 5, 2021 Bob Brett, Australian Tennis coach passed away at the age of 67. He was born in Melbourne, Australia on 13 November 1953. He coached German's Boris Becker from November 1987 to February 1991, where Becker won 3 of the German's six career major titles (grand slam titles) and a rise to No. 1 in the ATP rankings.

9. Member of the expert committee of Kendra Sahitya Akademi, writer A. Madhavan, recently passed away. He made his works in which language?

- 1) Malayalam
- 2) Telugu
- 3) Marathi
- 4) Gujarati
- 5) Tamil

Answer- 5) Tamil

Explanation:

On January 5, 2021 Tamil writer A. Madhavan, who is the recipient of Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award (2015) passed away at the age of 86 in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. He served as a member of the expert committee of Kendra Sahitya Akademi and also was the founder and president of Thiruvananthapuram Tamil Sangam. He received the Kendra Sahitya Akademi award for his collection of essays Ilakkiya Chuvadukal.

10. Which among the following books was authored by Pulitzer Prize winner, late Cornelius Mahoney 'Neil' Sheehan?

- 1) Typee: A Peep at Polynesian Life
- 2) Battle-pieces and Aspects of the War: Civil War Poems
- 3) Ada, or Ardor: A Family Chronicle
- 4) A Bright Shining Lie: John Paul Vann and America in Vietnam
- 5) Barracoon: The Story of the Last "Black Cargo"

Answer- 4) A Bright Shining Lie: John Paul Vann and America in Vietnam

Explanation:

On January 7, 2021 Cornelius Mahoney 'Neil' Sheehan, an American journalist and Pulitzer Prize-winning author passed away at the age of 84 in Washington D.C., United States(US) due to complications from Parkinson's disease. He received many awards including National Book Award for Nonfiction in 1988 and the Pulitzer Prize for Pulitzer Prize for General Non-Fiction in 1989 for his book 'A Bright Shining Lie: John Paul Vann and America in Vietnam'.

11. Madhavsinh Solanki, a former Chief Minister(CM) passed away in January, 2021. He served 3 terms as the Chief Minister of _____.

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Himachal Pradesh
- 5) Gujarat

Answer- 5) Gujarat

Explanation:

On January 9, 2021 Madhavsinh Solanki, a former Chief Minister(CM) of Gujarat who served for 3 terms passed away at the age of 94 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. He held portfolios as union minister of Planning (1988-89) and external affairs (1991-92), while being a member of Rajya Sabha from 1988 to 1994. He belongs to Indian National Congress(INC) party. He was born on 30 July 1927 in Gujarat. He was the longest-serving Chief Minister of Gujarat before Narendra Modi.

12. For which field did late Turlapati Kutumba Rao receive Padma Shri?

- 1) Literature & Education
- 2) Trade & Industry
- 3) Medicine
- 4) Public Affairs
- 5) Social work

Answer- 1) Literature & Education

Explanation:

On January 11, 2021 Turlapati Kutumba Rao, Veteran Telugu Journalist, writer and orator passed away at the age of 87 in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh(AP). He is the 1st journalist from AP to receive Padma Shri in 2002. He won the award for Literature and education. He has written over 4000 biographies and delivered over 16000 public speeches which earned him a slot in the Guinness Book of World Record.

13. Late Satya Paul was India's renowned _____.

- 1) Saree Designer
- 2) Acrylic Painter
- 3) Conservationist
- 4) Sports Journalist
- 5) Cricketer

Answer- 1) Saree Designer

Explanation:

Satya Paul, best known as the designer who reinvented the saree for contemporary women, died at the Isha Yoga Centre at the age of 78. In 1980, he launched the first saree boutique in India, L'Affaire, and in 1986, India's first designer label, with his son Puneet.

14. World's oldest first-class cricketer and World War II veteran Alan Burgess, dies at the age of 100, in January 2021. He represented which country in cricket?

- 1) Australia
- 2) England
- 3) South Africa
- 4) New Zealand
- 5) West Indies

Answer- 4) New Zealand

Explanation:

Alan Burgess, New Zealand first-class cricketer and World War II veteran, dies at the age of 100. Alan Burgess is the world's oldest first-class cricketer.

15. Padma Bhushan awardee, late Prof Shashikumar Madhusudan(M.) Chitre was a globally renowned _____.

- 1) Anthropologist
- 2) Astrophysicist
- 3) Botanist
- 4) Zoologist
- 5) Geologist

Answer- 2) Astrophysicist

Explanation:

On January 11, 2021 Prof Shashikumar Madhusudan(M.) Chitre, globally renowned astrophysicist and mathematician passed away at the age of 84 in Mumbai, Maharashtra. He received many awards including Padma Bhushan in 2012 for Science and Engineering & Indian National Science Academy(INSA) Vainu Bappu Memorial Medal – 1995 among others.

16. Recently, Padma Shri Awardee, D Prakash Rao passed away. He was one among India's renowned _____.

- 1) Education
- 2) Social Worker
- 3) Musician
- 4) Classical Dancer
- 5) Environmentalist

Answer- 2) Social Worker

Explanation:

On January 13, 2021, 63-year old D Prakash Rao, a Padma Shri Awardee & Renowned Social Worker passed away in Cuttack, Odisha due to a Brain Stroke. Prakash Rao hails from Cuttack, Odisha. A Tea Seller, he was conferred with Padma Shri in 2019 to recognize his contribution towards boosting the value of education among slum & orphan kids in Cuttack. He had started the school 'Asha O Ashwasana' in Buxi Bazaar area in 2000 to provide free education to kids from slums.

17. India's renowned businessman and industrialist Kamal Morarka, passed away in January 2021. He served as India's Minister of State for _____ from 1990 to 1991.

- 1) Finance
- 2) Agriculture

- 3) Prime Minister's Office
- 4) Road Transport and Highways
- 5) Social Justice and Empowerment

Answer- 3) Prime Minister's Office

Explanation:

On 15th January 2021, Kamal Morarka, Former Union Minister and a renowned businessman and industrialist, passed away at the age of 74 in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Kamal Morarka served as the Union Minister of State in the prime minister's office in the Chandra Shekhar government from 1990 to 1991. He has also served as a member of Rajya Sabha (1988 to 1994) from Rajasthan representing Janata Dal.

18. Recently in January 2021, Padma Vibushan awardee Ustad Ghulam Mustafa Khan passed away. He was a _____ musician.

- 1) Qawwali
- 2) Kajari
- 3) Carnatic
- 4) Hindustani classical
- 5) Thumri

Answer- 4) Hindustani classical

Explanation:

On January 17, 2021 Ustad Ghulam Mustafa Khan, Legendary Indian classical vocalist and musician passed away at the age of 89 in Mumbai, Maharashtra. He was a renowned vocalist and musician of Rampur-Sahaswan Gharana of Hindustani classical music. He was born on March 3, 1931 in Badaun in Uttar Pradesh. He is a recipient of Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and finally in 2018 received Padma Vibushan.

19. Recently in January 2021, Padma awardee Dr V Shanta passed away. She was India's renowned _____.

- 1) Gynecologist
- 2) Oncologist
- 3) Cardiologist
- 4) Gastroenterologist
- 5) Neurologist

Answer- 2) Oncologist

Explanation:

On January 19, 2021 Dr V Shanta, a renowned Indian oncologist and chairman of Cancer Institute (WIA), Adyar, Chennai, TamilNadu passed away at the age of 93 in Chennai. She is the recipient of Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibushan. She was born on 11th March 1927, at Mylapore, Chennai. She received many national and international awards including Padma Shri in 1986, Padma Bhushan in 2006 and Padma Vibushan in 2016 for Medicine. She also received the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 2005.

20. Recently, Veteran Congress leader Mata Prasad passed away, previously he served as the Governor of _____.

- 1) Arunachal Pradesh
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Uttarakhand

4) Madhya Pradesh

5) Goa

Answer- 1) Arunachal Pradesh

Explanation:

On 20th January 2021, Mata Prasad, the former governor of Arunachal Pradesh and senior leader of Indian National Congress passed away at the age of 95 at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh due to multiple organ failure. He was born in Machhlishahr in Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh. Mata Prasad served as the 8th governor of Arunachal Pradesh from 21st October 1993 to 16th May 1999, the longest serving governor of the state.

21. In January 2021, Unnikrishnan Namboothiri passed away, he was a/an _____.

- 1) Author
- 2) Actor
- 3) Activist
- 4) Scientist
- 5) Musician

Answer- 2) Actor

Explanation:

On 20th January 2021, renowned Malayalam actor, Unnikrishnan Namboothiri passed away at the age of 98 in Kannur, Kerala. At the age of 73 Unnikrishnan Namboothiri made his debut as an actor in 1996 in the film "Desadanam". At the age of 76, He won the national award for his role in the Malayalam Movie 'Desadanam' directed by Jayaraj in 1996.

22. What was the profession of late Narendra Chanchal?

- 1) Artist
- 2) Dancer
- 3) Sculptor
- 4) Sand Artist
- 5) Singer

Answer- 5) Singer

Explanation:

On 22nd January, 2021, Narendra Chanchal, Indian singer who is popular for his devotional songs(bhajan) passed away at the age of 80 in New Delhi, Delhi. He also sang songs in Hindi films. He won a Filmfare Award for Best Male Playback Singer for the song sung in Bobby.

23. Recently (in Jan 2021), Television and Radio Host Larry King passed away. Which country does he belong to?

- 1) Canada
- 2) Switzerland
- 3) Australia
- 4) United States
- 5) England

Answer- 4) United States

Explanation:

On 23rd January 2021, American Television and Radio Host Larry King passed away at the age of 87 due to COVID-19 in Los Angeles, California, United States of America. His acclaimed works includes his interview show "Larry King Live" in CNN and Ora Media programme "Larry King Now" and "Politicking with Larry King".

24. In January 2021, Indian Sports person Prasanta Dora passed away at the age of 45. He represented Indian in _____.

- 1) Basketball
- 2) Cricket
- 3) Gymnastics
- 4) Football
- 5) Volleyball

Answer- 4) Football

Explanation:

On 26th January 2021, former Indian Footballer and Goalie Prasanta Dora passed away at the age of 45 due to Hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis', a rare blood disease in Kolkata, West Bengal. He represented India in The South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship and South Asian Federation (SAF) Games and made 5 appearances.

25. Which country did Oscar award winning comedienne, late Cloris Leachman belongs to?

- 1) Australia
- 2) USA
- 3) France
- 4) UK
- 5) Spain

Answer- 2) USA

Explanation:

An American actress and comedienne & Oscar Awardee and Emmy-winning actress, Cloris Leachman, passed away at the age of 94 in Encinitas, California. She was born on April 30, 1926 in Des Moines, Iowa, U.S. In 2009, she released her autobiography, "Cloris," which made tabloid headlines for her recounting of a "wild" one-night stand with Gene Hackman.

26. Recently (in Jan 2021), India's renowned _____, Shaibal Gupta passed away.

- 1) Space Scientist
- 2) Economist
- 3) Oncologist
- 4) Sand Artist
- 5) Carnatic Singer

Answer- 2) Economist

Explanation:

On 28th January 2021, Dr. Shaibal Gupta, Patna based social scientist, a renowned Economist and the Founder of Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI) passed away at the age of 67 in Patna, Bihar. He hails from Patna, Bihar. He has authored numerous books which includes, 'Stagnation and Growth' and 'Special Category Status: A case of Bihar'.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. When was Global Family Day celebrated annually?

- 1) 2nd January
- 2) 1st December
- 3) 25th December
- 4) 31st December
- 5) 1st January

Answer- 5) 1st January

Explanation:

Global Family Day celebrated annually on 1st of January.

2. When was World Braille Day annually observed by United Nation?

- 1) 1st January
- 2) 2nd January
- 3) 4th January
- 4) 14th January
- 5) 12th January

Answer- 3) 4th January

Explanation:

The United Nations(UN) World Braille Day is annually observed on 4th January, to promote and create awareness about the importance of Braille as a means of communication in the complete realization of the human rights of the visually impaired and partially sighted people. This year (2021) marks the 3rd edition of the World Braille Day. The day marks the birth anniversary of Louis Braille.

3. When was World Day of War Orphans observed annually across the globe?

- 1) January 6
- 2) December 4
- 3) January 4
- 4) December 30
- 5) January 2

Answer- 1) January 6

Explanation:

World Day of War Orphans is observed annually on January 6 around the world to raise awareness about the difficult situation of the children who have been orphaned due to war and the need to care for these children who live in traumatic conditions in war-torn areas. The day also aims to address the war orphans as it has become a growing worldwide humanitarian and social crisis.

4. When was Marathi Journalist day observed annually?

- 1) 6th January
- 2) 1th January
- 3) 11th January
- 4) 15th January
- 5) 4th January

Answer- 1) 6th January

Explanation:

Marathi Journalist day is celebrated every year on January 6 across Maharashtra in the memory of Late Balshastri Jambhekar, who is known as the 'Father of Marathi journalism'. The first issue of the first newspaper in Marathi, 'Darpan', founded by Balshastri Jambhekar was issued on January 6, 1832.

5. What was the theme of 16th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, that was celebrated on January 9, 2021?

- 1) 100 years of Gandhi's return from South Africa
- 2) Apna Bharat, Apna Gaurav
- 3) Redefining engagement with the Indian diaspora
- 4) Contributing to Aatmanirbhar Bharat
- 5) Role of Indian Diaspora in building a New India

Answer- 4) Contributing to Aatmanirbhar Bharat

Explanation:

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) 2021 was celebrated on January 9, 2021. The Day is celebrated once in every two years. During this day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated PBD Convention 2021 virtually in New Delhi, a flagship event of the Ministry of External Affairs to strengthen the participation of the overseas Indian community. H.E. President Santokhi of Suriname was the chief guest of the PBD Convention 2021. Theme of the 16th PBD Convention 2021- "Contributing to Aatmanirbhar Bharat".

6. When was World Hindi Day celebrated annually?

- 1) January 6
- 2) January 2
- 3) January 8
- 4) January 10
- 5) January 4

Answer- 4) January 10

Explanation:

World Hindi Day (Vishwa Hindi Divas) is annually celebrated on January 10 across the world to promote Hindi language worldwide and to present Hindi as an international language. The then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh declared January 10 as World Hindi Day in 2006. On this day, the 1st World Hindi Conference was held in Nagpur, Maharashtra in 1975. In addition to India, this language is spoken in Nepal, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, Suriname, Fiji, and Mauritius.

7. When was National Youth Day celebrated annually?

- 1) January 10
- 2) January 4
- 3) January 12
- 4) December 10
- 5) December 12

Answer- 3) January 12

Explanation:

National Youth Day (Yuva Diwas) is celebrated annually on January 12 across India to recognise and honour the teachings of Swami Vivekananda. The day also aims to encourage youth in India to become a better person and achieve an honourable life that contributed to the development of the country. This year (2021) marks the 158th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.

8. When was the Veteran Day celebrated annually by Indian Armed Force?

- 1) January 14
- 2) January 12
- 3) January 11
- 4) January 15
- 5) January 9

Answer- 1) January 14

Explanation:

Indian Armed Forces annually celebrates the Veteran Day on 14th January to recognise the contributions of the veterans of the Indian Armed Forces. The day honours and recognises the service of Field Marshal KM Cariappa, OBE, the first Commander in Chief of Indian Armed Forces, who retired from the services on 14th January 1953. Admiral Karambir Singh released the "Swarnim Vijay Varsh" song dedicated to the valor and courage of the Indian soldiers during the 1971 war.

9. When was the Army Day celebrated annually?

- 1) 15th January
- 2) 28th December
- 3) 18th January
- 4) 25th December
- 5) 14th January

Answer- 1) 15th January

Explanation:

Indian Army annually celebrates the Army Day on 15th January to honour the contribution and sacrifices of the Indian Soldiers who lost their lives in the line of duty towards the nation. The 15th January 2021 marks the celebration of the 73rd Army Day by the Indian Army. The Indian Army organised "Vijay Run" a marathon to commemorate the celebration of India's victory against Pakistan in 1971. Bharti AXA Life Insurance has launched its campaign "Weather it like Indian Army", dedicated to the personnel of Indian Armed Forces.

10. When was the 1st National Road Safety Month observed by Ministry of Road Transport and Highway (MoRTH)?

- 1) 25th January 2021 to 24th February 2021
- 2) 18th January 2021 to 17th February 2021
- 3) 25th December 2020 to 24th January 2021
- 4) 10th December 2020 to 9th January 2021
- 5) 10th January 2021 to 9th February 2021

Answer- 2) 18th January 2021 to 17th February 2021

Explanation:

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highway (MoRTH) observes the first National Road Safety Month from 18th January 2021 to 17th February 2021, instead of the 32nd National Road Safety Week, to create and spread awareness about road safety and its importance in reducing the road accidents in India. Theme - "Sadak Suraksha- Jeevan Raksha". Union Minister Rajnath Singh along with Nitin Gadkari launched the Digital Road Safety Wall Calendar.

11. Which state celebrates 'Missionary Day' annually on January 11?

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Assam
- 3) Nagaland
- 4) Goa
- 5) Mizoram

Answer- 5) Mizoram

Explanation:

'Missionary Day', anniversary of the arrival of two Welsh Christian missionaries was today observed and celebrated across the Christian-dominated north eastern state of Mizoram. They arrived in the then Lushai country (Mizoram) by boat from Assam on January 11, 1894 and spread Christianity.

12. When was the NDRF Raising Day celebrated annually?

- 1) 16th January
- 2) 19th January
- 3) 12th January
- 4) 15th January
- 5) 9th January

Answer- 2) 19th January

Explanation:

The National Disaster Response Force(NDRF) annually celebrates the NDRF Raising Day on 19th January to mark its formation in 2006. The 2021 marks the celebration of 16th NDRF Raising Day. The NDRF came into existence on 19th January 2006. NDRF has 12 battalions, 3 each from the BSF and CRPF and 2 each from CISF, ITBP and SSB. The NDRF has inducted the first batch of 100 women disaster combatants and rescuers.

13. When was the 1st Parakram Diwas celebrated?

- 1) 25th January 2021
- 2) 26th January 2021
- 3) 23rd January 2021
- 4) 20th January 2021
- 5) 22nd January 2021

Answer- 3) 23rd January 2021

Explanation:

On 23rd January 2021, The 125th Birth anniversary of 'Netaji' Subhas Chandra Bose is observed as the First Parakram Diwas. The day honours and remembers the contributions of Netaji towards the nation. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, addressed the inaugural ceremony of Parakram Diwas at the event organised at Victoria Memorial in Kolkata, West Bengal. On 25th November 2020, at the meeting of the National Implementation Committee decided to celebrate Netaji's 125th Birth anniversary year at National and international level from 23rd January 2021.

14. When was the 3rd UN's International Day of Education observed?

- 1) 24th January
- 2) 26th January
- 3) 27th January
- 4) 25th January
- 5) 21st January

Answer- 1) 24th January

Explanation:

The United Nations(UN)'s International Day of Education is annually observed on 24th January to celebrate the role of education for peace and development. The annual celebration of this day is organised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in partnership with partners like Global Partnership for Education and the Centre for

Interdisciplinary Studies (CRI). The theme of the 3rd International day of Education is "Recover and Revitalize Education for the COVID-19 Generation".

15. What was the theme of 2021's National Voters Day that was annually observed on January 25th?

- 1) Empowering Young and Future Voters
- 2) Making Our Voters Empowered, Vigilant, Safe and Informed
- 3) Accessible Elections
- 4) No Voter to be left behind
- 5) Electoral Literacy for Stronger Democracy

Answer- 2) Making Our Voters Empowered, Vigilant, Safe and Informed

Explanation:

The National Voters Day is annually celebrated across India on 25th January to spread awareness among the voters and to promote informed participation in the electoral process by Election Commission of India (ECI). The theme of the National Voters Day 2021 is "Making Our Voters Empowered, Vigilant, Safe and Informed". President Ram Nath Kovind launched "Hello Voters", the web radio of ECI which can be accessed through the ECI's website. He also launched the e-EPIC (Elector Photo Identity Card) programme and distributed e-EPCI.

16. When is the National Tourism Day annually celebrated in India?

- 1) 24th January
- 2) 26th January
- 3) 27th January
- 4) 25th January
- 5) 21st January

Answer- 4) 25th January

Explanation:

National Tourism Day is annually observed across India on 25th January to encourage tourism in India and to highlight the role of tourism in the economic development of the nation. The Ministry of Tourism has been organising various seminars on the theme "Dekho Apna Desh" to showcase the cultural diversity of India and enhance the tourism of India in 2021. The ministry has also organised a National Level Adventure Tourism in Linkupal Ski Slope Pashkum, Kargil.

17. When was the International Customs Day(ICD) observed annually?

- 1) 24th January
- 2) 26th January
- 3) 27th January
- 4) 25th January
- 5) 21st January

Answer- 2) 26th January

Explanation:

International Customs Day(ICD) is annually celebrated across the globe on 26th January to recognise the contributions and roles of the customs officials and agencies in maintaining border security. The theme of the 2021 ICD is "Customs bolstering Recovery, Renewal and Resilience for a sustainable supply chain".

18. When was the United Nations(UN)'s International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust observed annually?

- 1) 24th January
- 2) 26th January
- 3) 27th January
- 4) 25th January
- 5) 21st January

Answer- 3) 27th January

Explanation:

United Nations(UN)'s International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust (International Holocaust Remembrance Day) is annually observed across the globe on 27th January to commemorate the victims of the Tragedy of Holocaust during the World War II. The theme of 2021 International Holocaust Remembrance Day is "Facing the Aftermath: Recovery and Reconstitution after the Holocaust".

19. When was the World Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) Day observed annually?

- 1) 30th January 2021
- 2) 28th January 2021
- 3) 16th January 2021
- 4) 21st January 2021
- 5) 31th January 2021

Answer- 1) 30th January 2021

Explanation:

World Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) Day is annually observed across the globe on 30th January to

highlight the global commitment to eliminate Neglected Tropical Diseases that has affected the most marginalized communities of the World. The 30th January 2021 marks the 2nd annual World Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) Day. The Funding for World NTD Day is provided by the Crown Prince Court of Abu Dhabi.

20. In India Martyrs' Day is annually observed on 30th January. Which Indian leader's death anniversary coincides with Martyrs' Day?

- 1) Bhagat Singh
- 2) Chandra Shekhar Azad
- 3) Subhas Chandra Bose
- 4) Mahatma Gandhi
- 5) Vallabhbhai Patel

Answer- 4) Mahatma Gandhi

Explanation:

The Martyrs' Day which is also known as "Shaheed Diwas" is annually observed across India on 30th January to pay respect to the martyrs who lost their lives during India's freedom struggle. The day will also mark the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The 30th January 2021 marks the 73rd Martyrs Day or Shaheed Diwas. As a tribute to the Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi, the film divisions streamed "Gandhi Rediscovered", a 27 minutes' documentary in Both Hindi and English, which discuss the scope of Swadeshi.

ENVIRONMENT

1. Which National Park recently got notified from central government for 0-1 Km area around its boundary declared as Eco-Sensitive Zone, on January, 2021?

- 1) Mathikettan Shola National Park
- 2) Mouling National Park
- 3) Saddle Peak National Park
- 4) Nagarhole National Park
- 5) Gugamal National Park

Answer- 1) Mathikettan Shola National Park, Kerala

Explanation:

On January 1, 2021 The central government notified a zero to 1 km area around the boundary of Mathikettan Shola National Park in Idukki district, Kerala as an Eco-sensitive zone. The area of the Eco-Sensitive Zone is 17.5 square kilometers. The notification was issued by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. This will conserve the uniqueness of Shola forest in Mathikettan and its importance as an elephant corridor.

2. The year 2020 was recorded as the 8th warmest year in India as per the 'Statement on Climate

of India during 2020' report, which organisation released the report?

- 1) World Meteorological Organization
- 2) Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology
- 3) National Weather Service
- 4) India Meteorological Department
- 5) Weather Underground

Answer- 4) India Meteorological Department

Explanation:

The 'Statement on Climate of India during 2020' issued by Climate Research and Services (CRS) of India Meteorological Department (IMD), Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India mentioned that 2020 was the 8th warmest year in India since nation-wide records commenced in 1901. But, this is substantially low than the highest warming observed over India during 2016 (+0.71°C).

3. Where did the 2-day Asian Waterbird Census-2020 commence, on January 2021?

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Nagaland
- 3) Sikkim
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer- 5) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

The two-day Asian Waterbird Census-2020 commenced in Andhra Pradesh under the aegis of experts from the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), covering at least two dozen sites, including Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary, Kolleru Lake and Krishna Sanctuary.

4. Where was the new species of Fruit Fly named 'Euphranta Siruvani' recently got discovered?

- 1) Eastern Ghats
- 2) Aravalli Range
- 3) Eastern Himalayas
- 4) Western Ghats
- 5) Satpura Range

Answer- 4) Western Ghats

Explanation:

A New Species of Fruit Fly has been named 'Euphranta Siruvani' after it was discovered in Siruvani, Coimbatore district of Tamil Nadu. The discovery has been published in the Zootaxa Journal, which has been authored by K.J. David and K. Sachin from National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bengaluru. The fruit fly 'Euphranta Siruvani' belongs to family Tephritidae and was identified by researchers from a non-forest area near Siruvani. Siruvani is an ecological hotspot in the Western Ghats.

5. Where was the annual birdwatch festival Hakki Habba celebrated amid the spread of Bird flu, in January, 2021?

- 1) Sikkim
- 2) Kerala
- 3) Arunachal Pradesh
- 4) Nagaland
- 5) Karnataka

Answer- 5) Karnataka

Explanation:

The annual birdwatching festival, popularly known as Hakki Habba, kicked off at the Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple (BRT) Tiger Reserve in Chamarajnagar near Mysuru, Karnataka. The three-day festival was started in 2015 by the Karnataka Forest Department, in a bid to create awareness about the environment and to attract

more people to the cause of bird conservation. The festival was conducted this year amid the spread of Bird flu.

6. In January 2021, Researchers from Punjabi University discovered two new species of _____, Ooceraea joshii (in Kerala) and Ooceraea decamera (in Tamil Nadu).

- 1) Butterfly
- 2) Frog
- 3) Earthworm
- 4) Ant
- 5) Ginger

Answer- 4) Ant

Explanation:

The team of researchers led by Himender Bharti of Punjabi University, Patiala discovered two new species – Ooceraea joshii (in Kerala) and Ooceraea decamera (in Tamil Nadu), first of its kind with 10 segmented antennae among the rare genus Ooceraea in India. The discovery of the team has been published in ZooKeys, a peer reviewed journal. Ooceraea joshii and O. decamera are distinguished from the other species of the genus by their 10 segmented antennae. So far only the species with 9 and 11 segmented antennae were found in India.

7. Which region is a home to 428 species of birds, as per the recent (as of Jan 2021) data of Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)?

- 1) Dr. Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary
- 2) Sundarbans
- 3) Naga Hills
- 4) Eastern Himalayas
- 5) Andaman & Nicobar

Answer- 2) Sundarbans

Explanation:

Indian Sundarbans, which is part of the largest mangrove forest in the world, is home to 428 species of birds, a recent publication of the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI). The Indian Sundarbans, which covers 4,200 sq km, comprises of the Sundarban Tiger Reserve of 2,585 sq km is the home to about 96 Royal Bengal Tigers (as per last census in 2020) is also a world heritage site and a Ramsar Site.

APP and WEB PORTAL**1. What was the porta & Mobile app launched by External Affairs Ministry to act as an interface in connecting Indian Diaspora across the globe?**

- 1) PassportIndia Portal
- 2) Madad Portal
- 3) Pravasi Rishta Portal
- 4) OCI Portal
- 5) NRI Protal

Answer- 3) Pravasi Rishta Portal

Explanation:

On December 30, 2020, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) launched Global Pravasi Rishta Portal & Mobile

application to connect with 3.12 Crore Indian Diaspora across the world. Minister of State for External Affairs, V. Muraleedharan launched the portal. The portal web interface will be used by Indian Missions whereas the mobile app will be used by diaspora & Indian nationals.

2. Which was the mobile app launched by Punjab CM Amarinder Singh that enable people to have digital access to the directory of state government, on December 2020?

- 1) T-SAT
- 2) Meghdoot
- 3) DigiNest
- 4) e-Sanyojan
- 5) DigiLocker

Answer- 3) DigiNest

Explanation:

On December 30, 2020 Captain Amarinder Singh, Chief Minister of Punjab virtually launched a mobile application 'DigiNest'. It will enable people to have digital access to the directory of state govt, this enables people to reach out to the officers easily by calling or sending Email. In addition to this, he also launched an online Punjab Advertisement Release Order System. This will bring transparency and efficiency in the entire process of releasing State Government's advertisements and payments to media houses.

3. Which among the following is the e-commerce portal that was launched by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)?

- 1) www.ekhadivillage.com
- 2) www.khadivillageindia.com
- 3) www.ekhadiindia.com
- 4) www.ekhadi.com
- 5) www.ekhadisamad.com

Answer- 3) www.ekhadiindia.com

Explanation:

The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India unveiled the e-commerce portal – <https://www.ekhadiindia.com/>. This is a first of its kind government online shopping platform to enhance rural economy and promote self-reliance. KVIO Ventures Private Limited, a special purpose company has been incorporated under public private partnership with KVIC to sell the products of Khadi and village Industries Institutions under the trademark "Khadi India".

4. Which among the following was the e-Governance portal of Indian Air Force that was launched by Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria in New Delhi?

- 1) e-Force
- 2) e-GovernIAF
- 3) e-IAF
- 4) e-Office
- 5) e-Monitor

Answer- 4) e-Office

Explanation:

On 31st December 2020, the Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria launched the "e-office", Indian Air Force (IAF) E-governance portal over a virtual ceremony at the Air Headquarters, Vayu Bhavan, New Delhi. The portal is developed and implemented by the National Informatics Centre (NIC).

5. Which was the app launched by World Health Organization (WHO) to stop the spread of misinformation?

- 1) WHO Covid-19
- 2) WHO Trace
- 3) WHO Info
- 4) WHO CovidTracer
- 5) WHO CovidInfo

Answer- 1) WHO Covid-19

Explanation:

The World Health Organization (WHO) has launched a mobile application to provide users with the latest updates on the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) and stop the spread of Misinformation using WHO Covid-19 app, it seeks to provide "trusted info from both the experts at the WHO and regional partners, with regular updates and notifications as scientific findings progress.

6. Which app was launched by Manipur CM Biren Singh, that enable pensioners to update their photograph through smartphones?

- 1) e-Pension Photo
- 2) e-Pension Update
- 3) mPension Update
- 4) mPension Manipur
- 5) e-Pension Manipur

Answer- 4) mPension Manipur

Explanation:

On January 4, 2021 N Biren Singh, Chief Minister of Manipur launched "mPension Manipur" App, that enables pensioners to update their photograph by themselves. Pensioners, earlier were required to update their photograph for every 6 months by personal appearance of the pensioner at the respective Treasury Office or by home visits of Treasury officials to the residence of the pensioner. This online platform is an additional method for updation and the earlier method will also be practiced.

7. What was the portal launched jointly by Union Ministers Smriti Irani and Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' for promoting indigenous toy industries?

- 1) toycoo.mic.gov.in
- 2) toyindia.gov.in
- 3) toycathon.mic.gov.in
- 4) toyindia.samad.gov.in
- 5) toycathon.gov.in

Answer- 3) toycathon.mic.gov.in

Explanation:

On January 5, 2021, an inter-ministerial Initiative, Toycathon 2021, was jointly launched by Union Minister Smriti Zubin Irani, Minister for Women & Child Development (MoWCD), Ministry of Textiles, and Union Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', Ministry of Education (MoE) along with Toycathon Portal (<https://toycathon.mic.gov.in>.) during the launch event in New Delhi. Aiming to make India self-reliant in the toy sector by promoting the indigenous toy industry.

8. What is the purpose of the new portal released by Railway Minister Piyush Goyal to replace physical processes by minimizing human to human interaction and also bring more transparency for Indian Railways on January, 2021?

- 1) Tatkal Ticket Booking
- 2) Freight Business Development

- 3) Covid-19 Monitoring
- 4) Kisan Rail Information
- 5) PNR Number Verification

Answer- 2) Freight Business Development

Explanation:

On January 5, 2021, Union Minister Piyush Vedprakash Goyal, Ministry of Railways, launched the first-of-its-kind Indian Railways dedicated Freight portal "Freight Business Development Portal" on the lines of ease of doing business. This portal enables the customers to know the status of their freight requirement. Indian Railways achieved the highest ever loading continuously in Sept, Oct, Nov and Dec 2020. In December 2020, it was 118.13 MT which is 8.54% higher than December 2019 loading of 108.84 MT.

9. Which organisation(s) collaborated alongside Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) to develop the Mobile app 'NCD PHC' to manage Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) at Government Primary Health Centres (PHCs)?

- 1) Tata Trusts
- 2) HCL Technologies
- 3) Dell Technologies
- 4) Only 1 & 2
- 5) Only 1 & 3

Answer- 5) Only 1 & 3

Explanation:

Dell Technologies, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) & Tata Trusts have collaborated to develop a mobile application 'NCD PHC' for the management of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) at Government Primary Health Centres (PHCs) across India. The app was formally launched by, Dr Harsh Vardhan on Universal Health Coverage Day (On December 12, 2020). World Health Organization's (WHO) 2019 Global Health Report Estimates, NCD constitute 7 of the World's Top 10 causes of death.

10. Which was the mobile app launched by Lt. Governor of J&K, Manoj Sinha, enabling citizens to facilitate information about Anti-Corruption?

- 1) Cyber Teens
- 2) Satark Nagrik
- 3) Nyay Kaushal
- 4) Visitassam
- 5) Mausam

Answer- 2) Satark Nagrik

Explanation:

On January 7, 2021 Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K), Manoj Sinha launched 'Satark Nagrik' Mobile app & Departmental Vigilance Officers (DVO) Portal of J&K Anti-Corruption Bureau at the Civil Secretariat, Jammu. Satark Nagrik' app will facilitate flow of information about corruption & enable citizens of J&K to submit grievances with ease and mobility. DVO Portal will act as an online communication channel between DVOs of various departments.

11. Which state government launched a website "COSFOM" for water conservation under Indo-German Programme 'Climate Change Adaption in the Himalaya'?

- 1) Himachal Pradesh
- 2) Meghalaya
- 3) Sikkim
- 4) Manipur
- 5) Uttarakhand

Answer- 4) Manipur

Explanation:

On January 8, 2021, Awangbow Newbai, Minister for Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Manipur launched a website for Community-based Sustainable Forest Management for Water Resource Conservation in Manipur (COSFOM) – www.cosfom.mn.gov.in at the Forest Headquarters, Sanjenthong, Manipur. COSFOM is a component under Indo-German Programme 'Climate Change Adaption in the Himalaya'.

12. Which portal was launched by Ministry of Education to provide training to teachers through various online training modules?

- 1) E-Gyan Mitra
- 2) ASPIRE
- 3) SAMARTH
- 4) U-Rise
- 5) NISHTHA

Answer- 5) NISHTHA

Explanation:

On January 10, 2021, the Ministry of Education (MoE) issued guidelines for identification, admission and continued education of migrant children for States and UTs during school closure and when the school re-open. These were issued to mitigate the COVID-19 impact for Out of School Children (OoSC). Teacher Capacity Building through effective utilization of the online NISHTHA (National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement) training modules.

13. Which portal was launched by Union Minister Harsh Vardhan to provide information on various domains including Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary, in January 2021?

- 1) Akshay Urja Portal
- 2) GATI Portal
- 3) Bhuvan Panchayat Version V 3.0
- 4) National Innovation Portal
- 5) National Career Service Portal

Answer- 4) National Innovation Portal

Explanation:

On 15th January 2021, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Science and Technology, Earth Sciences and Health and Family Welfare dedicated the National Innovation Portal(NIP) to the Nation at an event in New Delhi. The portal was developed by the National Innovation Foundation(NIF) – India, an autonomous body of the Department of Science and Technology(DST), Government of India. The innovations under the portal cover Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary and Human Health.

14. What was the app used by Government of India for monitoring the World's largest Vaccination programme launched by PM Narendra Modi in January 2021?

- 1) Covid-19 App
- 2) CoVaccin App
- 3) Aarogya Setu App
- 4) CoWIN App
- 5) Covishield App

Answer- 4) CoWIN App

Explanation:

India rolled out the world's largest COVID-19 vaccination programme on January 16, 2021. Two made-in-India vaccines are used in this vaccination drive. This large-scale vaccination campaign will be monitored through the CoWIN App.

15. Which organisation launched the 1st of its kind "Regulatory Compliance Portal" (in Jan 2021) to regulate the compliance burden of citizens & businesses?

- 1) Employees' Provident Fund Organisation
- 2) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- 3) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs
- 4) Ministry of MSME
- 5) Central Board of Direct Taxes

Answer- 2) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

Explanation:

Gearing towards the minimization of regulatory compliance burden of citizens and businesses, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has launched a 1st of its kind "Regulatory Compliance Portal" on January 1, 2021 that will act as a bridge between citizens, industries and the Government. It should be noted that DPIIT is the nodal department for reducing compliance burden among citizens and businesses. Almost 7,000 odd compliance burdens have been identified by the Centre and states.

16. Recently in January 2021, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched the mobile application – Aero India 2021, to provide information's related to Aero India Exhibition 2021. What was the theme of Aero India Exhibition 2021?

- 1) Flying Objects
- 2) Aerospace: Technology Collaboration and Self-Reliance
- 3) Runway to a Billion Opportunities
- 4) Make in India: The New Trend
- 5) Hybrid Aerospace and Defence

Answer- 3) Runway to a Billion Opportunities

Explanation:

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched the mobile application – Aero India 2021 during the Apex

Committee Meeting conducted on 15th January 2021 in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The app Aero India 2021 was developed by EventEdge. The theme of the Aero India Exhibition 2021 is "Runway to a Billion Opportunities". Aero India Exhibition 2021 is the world's first Hybrid Aerospace and Defence Exhibition where the business element of the event will be organised as both physical and virtual.

17. Which state government recently launched the 'Avolokana Software' as a tool to implement transparency in Government expenditures?

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Uttarakhand
- 3) Sikkim
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Gujarat

Answer- 4) Karnataka

Explanation:

On January 20, 2021 Karnataka Chief Minister (CM), B. S. Yediyurappa launched 'Avolokana Software' Transparent e-governance tool. The software will be used by the Government to monitor & access data on sanctions & expenditures incurred on 1800 programme which have been implemented by 39 Departments. The software will benefit the policymakers, as they can release funds based on expenditure incurred by the Departments.

18. Which was the National Migration Support Portal, that was launched by Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda in January 2021?

- 1) Shramshakti
- 2) Srijan
- 3) ASEEM portal
- 4) E-Sampada
- 5) Abhayam

Answer- 1) Shramshakti

Explanation:

On January 22, 2021, Union Minister Arjun Munda, Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) virtually launched a National Migration Support Portal namely "Shramshakti" from New Delhi. Originally, the launch programme was held at Panjim, Goa. The focus of the portal is the smooth formulation of state and national level programs for migrant workers. He also released a booklet titled 'Margadarshika'. The portal will also help the government for linking the migrant population with the existing Welfare Scheme under Atam Nirbhar Bharat.

19. Which organisation developed the "Union Budget Mobile App" that will provide information's about the Union Budget?

- 1) NITI Aayog
- 2) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC)
- 3) National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO)
- 4) Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- 5) National Informatics Centre (NIC)

Answer- 5) National Informatics Centre (NIC)

Explanation:

On 23rd January 2021, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the "Union Budget Mobile App" which will provide access to Union Budget Information to all the stakeholders. For the first time in History the Budget will be delivered in paperless form. The app was developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) under the guidance of the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA).

20. Which state govt. launched 'Udyam Sarathi' a mobile app, that provides information on self-employment opportunities to youth?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Rajasthan
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Bihar
- 5) Haryana

Answer- 3) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

On occasion of the 71st Foundation Day of Uttar Pradesh (UP) or Uttar Pradesh Diwas (recognized as state on January 24, 1950), Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched 'Udyam Sarathi' a mobile app for the Youths of UP to explore self-employment opportunities. It has been developed under the One District One Product (ODOP) Scheme of Uttar Pradesh.

Other initiatives launched by UP CM:

'Abhyudaya' – Free coaching facility programme to assist students preparing for competitive exams like NEET, IIT JEE, NDA, CDS & UPSC examinations. 'UP Garav Samman' – Citizens who bring honour to the state of UP will be awarded each year.

21. Which state government recently (in Jan 2021), launched 'DHARA', an anti-land mafia software?

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Uttar Pradesh

5) West Bengal

Answer- 4) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

With an aim to eliminate land mafia, the Uttar Pradesh government has developed an anti-land mafia software called 'DHARA'. The software will help in prevention of duplication of revenue records, which will prevent manipulation of records by officers. Government plot numbers can be viewed spatially by stamp officials so wrong benamas can be prevented at the initial stage itself.

22. World Economic Forum (WEF) launched the First of its kind platform- "EDISON Alliance" to reduce digital inequalities. What does EDISON stand for?

- 1) Equitable Digital Infrastructure and Services
- 2) Evolution against Digital Inequality System
- 3) Equal Digital Infrastructure and Services
- 4) Essential Digital Infrastructure and Services

Network

5) Essentiality against Digital Inequality System

Answer- 4) Essential Digital Infrastructure and Services Network

Explanation:

WEF launched the first-of-its-kind platform called 'Essential Digital Infrastructure and Services Network' – EDISON Alliance to reduce digital inequalities & ensure equitable access to digital opportunities for everyone by 2025. It is the 1st Global mobilization of public sector and industry leaders to ensure affordable and accessible digital opportunities for everyone. In 2021, the Alliance will work towards increasing digital inclusion in healthcare, education and financial services.

CA STATIC GK

1. Giant Rock Bee Honey, is a tribal product of which state?

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Assam
- 4) Jharkhand
- 5) Tamil Nadu

Answer- 5) Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

Giant Rock Bee Honey, a unique variant of honey, sourced from Malayali Tribes of Tamil Nadu, got added to Tribes India Collection

2. Where was the 2028 edition of the world's largest multisport event "Olympic" games scheduled?

- 1) India
- 2) UAE
- 3) USA
- 4) Russia
- 5) Belgium

Answer- 3) USA

Explanation:

BCCI board to back ICC bid for cricket's inclusion in 2028, Olympics 2028. The 2028 edition of the world's largest multisport event "Olympic" games was scheduled to be held at The United States of America.

3. Who was the current Director General of the Indian Coast Guard as of December 2020?

- 1) Karambir Singh
- 2) Bipin Rawat
- 3) Manoj Mukund Naravane
- 4) Krishnaswamy Natarajan
- 5) Rakesh Asthana

Answer- 4) Krishnaswamy Natarajan

Explanation:

Krishnaswamy Natarajan, is the current Director General of the Indian Coast Guard as of December 2020, he assumed the office on 1 July 2019 after Director General Rajendra Singh retired.

4. Who was the present Prime Minister of Bhutan, as of December 2020?

- 1) K. P. Sharma Oli
- 2) Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- 3) Lotay Tshering
- 4) Win Myint
- 5) Tshering Tobgay

Answer- 3) Lotay Tshering

Explanation:

Lotay Tshering is a Bhutanese politician and doctor who is the current Prime Minister of Bhutan, as of December 2020.

5. Where is the Headquarters of Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO)?

- 1) New York, USA
- 2) Rome, Italy
- 3) Paris, France
- 4) Geneva, Switzerland
- 5) Manila, Philippines

Answer- 2) Rome, Italy

Explanation:

The Headquarters of Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO) is located at Rome, Italy.

6. Recently a deadly attack was carried out at the Aden airport, where is Aden city?

- 1) Syria
- 2) Turkey
- 3) Saudi Arabia
- 4) Iran
- 5) Yemen

Answer- 5) Yemen

Explanation:

India strongly condemned a deadly attack at the Aden airport in Yemen shortly after a plane carrying the cabinet ministers of the war-torn country's newly formed government landed. At least 20 people were killed and over 50 sustained injuries in the attack. However, all the members of the new cabinet were safe.

7. Which is the largest freshwater lake in India?

- 1) Vembanad Lake
- 2) Wular Lake
- 3) Nainital Lake
- 4) Dal Lake
- 5) Bhimtal Lake

Answer- 2) Wular Lake

Explanation:

The largest freshwater lake in India is Wular Lake, Jammu & Kashmir.

8. Where is the Headquarters of International Chess Federation located?

- 1) Moscow, Russia
- 2) New Delhi, India
- 3) Ankara, Turkey
- 4) Lausanne, Switzerland
- 5) Berlin, Germany

Answer- 4) Lausanne, Switzerland

Explanation:

The Headquarters of International Chess Federation is located at Lausanne, Switzerland.

9. How many countries are members of Asian Development Bank (ADB) as of January, 2021?

- 1) 75
- 2) 23
- 3) 101
- 4) 68
- 5) 98

Answer- 4) 68

Explanation:

As of January, 2021 there are 68 countries as members of Asian Development Bank (ADB).

10. Where is India's 1st & only tri-service command centre located?

- 1) Daman and Diu
- 2) Goa
- 3) Andaman & Nicobar
- 4) Lakshadweep
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer- 3) Andaman & Nicobar

Explanation:

India's 1st & only tri-service command center located at Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

11. Where is Thoubal Dam located?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Manipur
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Tripura
- 5) Uttarakhand

Answer- 2) Manipur

Explanation:

Amit Shah inaugurated the e-office and Thoubal Multipurpose Project (Thoubal Dam) in Imphal, Manipur through virtual mode.

12. Where is Sitabani Wildlife Reserve located?

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

Answer- 3) Uttarakhand

Explanation:

Uttarakhand is in talks with the Madhya Pradesh government to bring white tigers to Nainital's Sitabani Wildlife Reserve for a forthcoming tiger safari project.

13. When was University Grants Commission (UGC) founded?

- 1) 1947
- 2) 1948
- 3) 1935
- 4) 1956
- 5) 1983

Answer- 4) 1956

Explanation:

University Grants Commission (UGC) founded in 1956. The University Grants Commission of India is a statutory body set up by the Government of India in accordance to the UGC Act 1956 under Ministry of Education.

14. Bordering which states is the popular trekking area Dzukou Valley located?

- 1) Maharashtra & Goa

- 2) Madhya Pradesh & Maharashtra
- 3) Tamil Nadu & Kerala
- 4) Gujarat & Punjab
- 5) Nagaland & Manipur

Answer- 5) Nagaland & Manipur

Explanation:

The popular trekking location Dzukou Valley is located bordering Nagaland and Manipur.

15. Where is the headquarters of Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) located?

- 1) New Delhi
- 2) Mumbai
- 3) Kolkata
- 4) Chennai
- 5) Bangalore

Answer- 5) Bangalore

Explanation:

The headquarters of Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) located at Bangalore, Karnataka.

16. Where is Bogibeel Bridge located?

- 1) Manipur
- 2) Sikkim
- 3) Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Assam
- 5) Nagaland

Answer- 4) Assam

Explanation:

In order to promote river tourism in Assam, CM Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated river cruise Brahmaputra'r Mukuta at the bank of the Brahmaputra near Bogibeel bridge in Dibrugarh, Assam.

17. Who is the current MD & CEO of Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company, as of January, 2021?

- 1) Tapan Singhel
- 2) Subhash C. Khuntia
- 3) Rakesh Sharma
- 4) Shyam Srinivasan
- 5) Sanjiv Bajaj

Answer- 1) Tapan Singhel

Explanation:

Tapan Singhel is the current MD & CEO of Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company, on January, 2021.

18. What is the capital of Mali?

- 1) Columbu
- 2) Vienna
- 3) Dhaka
- 4) Kabul
- 5) Bamako

Answer- 5) Bamako

Explanation:

Capital– Bamako

Currency– West African CFA(Communaute Financiere Africaine) franc

19. Where is Dibru-Saikhowa National Park located?

- 1) Manipur
- 2) Sikkim
- 3) Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Assam
- 5) Nagaland

Answer- 4) Assam

Explanation:

Dibru-Saikhowa National Park is located in Assam.

20. Where is the Headquarters of World Meteorological Organization located?

- 1) Geneva, Switzerland
- 2) New Delhi, India
- 3) Ankara, Turkey
- 4) Lausanne, Switzerland
- 5) Berlin, Germany

Answer- 1) Geneva, Switzerland

Explanation:

The Headquarters of World Meteorological Organization is located at Geneva, Switzerland.

21. Where is the Ramsar site Deepor Beel located?

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Assam
- 3) Sikkim
- 4) Mizoram
- 5) Manipur

Answer- 2) Assam

Explanation:

The Kamrup district administration has prohibited community fishing at Deepor Beel, a wetland on the south-western edge of Guwahati, its Assam's only Ramsar site.

22. Where is the Headquarters of CSB Bank located?

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

Answer- 2) Thrissur, Kerala

Explanation:

The Headquarters of CSB Bank is located at Thrissur, Kerala.

23. When was the Small Industrial Development Bank of India (SIDBI) established?

- 1) 1995
- 2) 1984
- 3) 2004
- 4) 1990
- 5) 1969

Answer- 4) 1990

Explanation:

Small Industrial Development Bank of India (SIDBI) was established in 1990.

24. Which among the following is the currency of Japan?

- 1) Ruble
- 2) Yen
- 3) Franc
- 4) Renminbi
- 5) Ngultrum

Answer- 2) Yen

Explanation:

The yen is the official currency of Japan. It is the third most traded currency in the foreign exchange market after the United States dollar and the Euro.

25. Where is the Headquarter of BEML Ltd. Located?

- 1) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 2) Trivandrum, Kerala
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 5) Kolkata, West Bengal

Answer- 1) Bengaluru, Karnataka

Explanation:

The Headquarter of BEML Ltd. Located at Bengaluru, Karnataka.

26. Where is the headquarters of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) located?

- 1) Chennai
- 2) Bangalore
- 3) New Delhi
- 4) Hyderabad
- 5) Kolkata

Answer- 4) Hyderabad, Telangana

Explanation:

The headquarters of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) located at Hyderabad, Telangana.

27. Who was NOT one of the 4 Deputy Governors of RBI as of January, 2021?

- 1) BP Kanungo
- 2) Mahesh Kumar Jain
- 3) R Giridharan
- 4) MD Patra
- 5) M Rajeswar Rao

Answer- 3) R Giridharan

Explanation:

The 4 Deputy Governors of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) are Bibhu Prasad Kanungo, Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael Debabrata Patra, and M Rajeswar Rao as of January, 2021. R Giridharan is a RBI Manager.

28. Who is the 1st and present Lieutenant Governor of the union territory of Ladakh, as of January, 2021?

- 1) Satya Pal Malik
- 2) Kiran Bedi
- 3) Radha Krishna Mathur
- 4) G. C. Murmu
- 5) Tathagata Roy

Answer- 3) Radha Krishna Mathur

Explanation:

Radha Krishna Mathur is the first and the Present Lieutenant Governor of the union territory of Ladakh as of January, 2021.

29. Where is the headquarters of All India Chess Federation (AICF) located?

- 1) Mumbai
- 2) New Delhi

- 3) Amritsar
- 4) Trivandrum

- 5) Chennai

Answer- 5) Chennai

Explanation:

The headquarters of All India Chess Federation (AICF) located at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

30. Where is Sukhna Lake located?

- 1) Puducherry
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Chandigarh
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) Kerala

Answer- 3) Chandigarh

Explanation:

Sukhna Lake is located in Chandigarh.

31. Who was the present CEO of Flipkart, as of January, 2021?

- 1) Amit Agarwal
- 2) Kalyan Krishnamurthy
- 3) Ajit Mohan
- 4) Binny Bansal
- 5) Satya Nadella

Answer- 2) Kalyan Krishnamurthy

Explanation:

Kalyan Krishnamurthy was the present CEO of Flipkart, as of January, 2021.

32. Where is the headquarters of NHPC Ltd located?

- 1) Nagpur, Maharashtra
- 2) Rajkot, Gujarat
- 3) Faridabad, Haryana
- 4) Ghaziabad, UP
- 5) Surat, Gujarat

Answer- 3) Faridabad, Haryana

Explanation:

The headquarters of NHPC Ltd located at Faridabad, Haryana.

33. Where is the headquarters of Punjab National Bank located?

- 1) Amritsar
- 2) Chandigarh
- 3) Mumbai
- 4) Gurugram
- 5) New Delhi

Answer- 5) New Delhi

Explanation:

The headquarters of Punjab National Bank located at New Delhi.

34. Who was the current Chairman of State Bank of India, in January 2021?

- 1) Dinesh Kumar Khara
- 2) Rajnish Kumar
- 3) Sanjiv Puri
- 4) Arundhati Bhattacharya
- 5) Chanda Kochhar

Answer- 1) Dinesh Kumar Khara

Explanation:

Dinesh Kumar Khara was the current Chairman of State Bank of India, in January 2021.

35. Which Article of the Indian Constitution assigns power to the President of India on appointment of Chief Justice and Judges of the High Courts?

- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1) Article 220 | 2) Article 222 |
| 3) Article 142 | 4) Article 62 |
| 5) Article 217 | |

Answer- 5) Article 217

Explanation:

The Chief Justice and Judges of the High Courts are appointed by the President under clause (1) of Article 217 of the Constitution.

36. Which was the world's largest Energy Service Company, as of January, 2021?

- 1) Weatherford International
- 2) Energy Efficiency Services Limited
- 3) Vestas
- 4) PTT Public Company Limited
- 5) Formosa Petrochemical Corporation

Answer- 2) Energy Efficiency Services Limited

Explanation:

Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) is an Energy Service Company (ESCO) owned by the Government of India, and it's the world's largest ESCO.

37. Who was the current Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, as of January, 2021?

- 1) Syed Akbaruddin
- 2) Sanjay Shamrao Dhotre
- 3) Uma Shankar
- 4) Indra Mani Pandey
- 5) T. S. Tirumurti

Answer- 5) T. S. Tirumurti

Explanation:

The Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations is India's foremost diplomatic representative to the United Nations. The current Permanent Representative of India to UN is T. S. Tirumurti, as of January, 2021.

38. Who was the current Commerce Secretary of India, as of January, 2021?

- 1) Anup Wadhawan
- 2) T. S. Tirumurti
- 3) Indra Mani Pandey
- 4) Rajiv Gauba
- 5) Ajay Kumar Bhalla

Answer- 1) Anup Wadhawan

Explanation:

Dr. Anup Wadhawan, was the current Commerce Secretary to Government of India, in January, 2021.

39. Which part of human body gets affected by Parkinson's disease?

- | | |
|-----------|----------|
| 1) Kidney | 2) Liver |
| 3) Lungs | 4) Heart |
| 5) Brain | |

Answer- 5) Brain

Explanation:

Parkinson's disease is a condition in which parts of the brain become progressively damaged over years.

40. When did Mahatma Gandhi returned to India from South Africa?

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1) 9 July 1896 | 2) 31 May 1893 |
| 3) 9 January 1915 | 4) 19 April 1917 |
| 5) 17 June 1917 | |

Answer- 3) 9 January 1915

Explanation:

Mahatma Gandhi had returned to India from South Africa on 9th January 1915. This occasion is recognised by Indian Government as Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, and celebrated annually since 2003.

41. Where is Mount Merapi volcano located?

- 1) Japan
- 2) Indonesia
- 3) Philippines
- 4) New Zealand
- 5) Papa New Guinea

Answer- 2) Indonesia

Explanation:

Indonesia's Mount Merapi volcano spewed avalanches of hot clouds on January 7 morning as more than 500 residents were evacuated from its fertile slopes. Indonesia, an archipelago of more than 250 million people, sits on the Pacific "Ring of Fire" and is prone to earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.

42. In Which state is the Ramsar site Point Calimere Wildlife and Bird Sanctuary located?

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Bihar
- 5) Tamil Nadu

Answer- 5) Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

The Ramsar site Point Calimere Wildlife and Bird Sanctuary located at Tamil Nadu.

43. Who was the Union Minister of Coal, as of January, 2021?

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1) Pralhad Joshi | 2) Harsh Vardhan |
| 3) Prahlad Singh Patel | 4) Ritesh Chauhan |
| 5) Narendra Singh Tomar | |

Answer- 1) Pralhad Joshi

Explanation:

Pralhad Joshi was the Union Coal Minister, as of January, 2021.

44. Where is Sanjay lake located?

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Punjab
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) New Delhi
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer- 4) New Delhi

Explanation:

After 7 states of India, got affected by Bird flu, few birds were found dead at the Sanjay lake in national capital Delhi. So the lake has been declared as alert zone. Earlier, Kanpur zoo was shut for the tourists as a precautionary step.

45. Where is Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar Airport located?

- 1) Indore, MP
- 2) Gurugram, Haryana
- 3) Ludhiana, Punjab
- 4) Meerut, UP
- 5) Faridabad, Haryana

Answer- 1) Indore, MP

Explanation:

A new international air cargo terminal was launched at the Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar Airport in Indore by the Airport Authority of India's (AAI) subsidiary at a cost of Rs 2.26 crore, in January, 2021.

46. Which Section under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 demands banks to maintain adequate capital to carry on the Banking business?

- 1) Section 22(1)
- 2) Section 21A
- 3) Section 11(1)
- 4) Section 5(b)
- 5) Section 47A

Answer- 3) Section 11(1)

Explanation:

Recently the licence of Vasantdada Nagari Sahakari Bank Ltd was cancelled. The bank has failed to comply with the requirements of Section 11(1) read with Section 56 of Banking Regulation (BR) Act, 1949 and Section 22(3) (a), 22(3) (b), 22(3) (c), 22(3) (d) and 22(3) (e) of BR Act. This decision has been taken to protect the interest of depositors as the present financial position would be unable to pay its present depositors in full.

47. Where is Bindu Sagar lake located?

- 1) Sikkim
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Assam
- 5) Odisha

Answer- 5) Odisha

Explanation:

Chief Minister of Odisha Naveen Patnaik launched Bindu Sagar Cleaning Project in presence of Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas and Steel, Dharmendra Pradhan in Old Town Bhubaneswar. IOCL will spend Rs 70 lakh for the revival and cleaning of the lake, through the CSR Fund which is one of the natural heritage sites in the State Capital.

48. Where is the Pong Dam Lake wildlife sanctuary located?

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

Answer- 2) Himachal Pradesh

Explanation:

A total of 215 more migratory birds were found dead in the Pong Dam Lake wildlife sanctuary in Himachal Pradesh, taking the total number of migratory water birds suspected to have died of bird flu to 4,235. Samples of some of the dead birds had tested positive for the H5N1 avian influenza.

49. Who was the Guru of Swami Vivekananda?

- 1) Swami Ramdas
- 2) Pramukh Swami
- 3) Ramakrishna Paramahansa
- 4) Swami Shraddhanand
- 5) Dayananda Saraswati

Answer- 3) Ramakrishna Paramahansa

Explanation:

Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa was the Guru of Swami Vivekananda.

50. Who is the only Prime Minister to have served as the Governor of RBI?

- 1) P. V. Narasimha Rao
- 2) Gulzarilal Nanda
- 3) Inder Kumar Gujral
- 4) Charan Singh
- 5) Manmohan Singh

Answer- 5) Manmohan Singh

Explanation:

Dr. Manmohan Singh is the only Prime Minister to have also served as the Governor of RBI.

51. Which is India's largest Private Port, as of January, 2021?

- 1) Mundra Port
- 2) Chennai Container Terminal
- 3) Gujarat Pipavav Port
- 4) Nhava Sheva
- 5) Kandla Port

Answer- 1) Mundra Port

Explanation:

Mundra Port is India's largest Private Port, as of January, 2021

52. Where is the Wildlife Institute of India located?

- 1) Shimla
- 2) Dehradun
- 3) Manali
- 4) Nainital
- 5) Agartala

Answer- 2) Dehradun

Explanation:

The Wildlife Institute of India located at Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

53. Who was the Chairman of Bharti Airtel, in January, 2021?

- 1) Gopal Vittal
- 2) Shiv Nadar
- 3) Mukesh Ambani
- 4) Sunil Bharti Mittal
- 5) Kumar Mangalam Birla

Answer- 4) Sunil Bharti Mittal

Explanation:

Sunil Bharti Mittal is an Indian billionaire entrepreneur, philanthropist and the founder and chairperson of Bharti Enterprises, which has diversified interests in telecom, insurance, real estate, education, malls, hospitality, Agri and food besides other ventures.

54. How many states & union territories of India have coastal region?

- 1) 10
- 2) 11
- 3) 15
- 4) 18
- 5) 13

Answer- 5) 13

Explanation:

A total of 13 states & union territories of India have coastal region.

55. Which city is popularly known as the Sports Capital of India?

- 1) Bhopal
- 2) Chandigarh
- 3) New Delhi
- 4) Dispur
- 5) Bhubaneswar

Answer- 5) Bhubaneswar

Explanation:

Bhubaneswar is popularly known as the Sports Capital of India.

56. Where is Bhitarkanika Mangroves, a Ramsar Site located?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Odisha
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- 2) Odisha

Explanation:

Bhitarkanika Mangroves, a Ramsar Site is located in Odisha.

57. When was Ebola 1st discovered?

- 1) 2008
- 2) 2012
- 3) 1998
- 4) 1976
- 5) 1984

Answer- 4) 1976

Explanation:

Ebola was first discovered in Democratic Republic of Congo in 1976.

58. Where is the headquarters of Financial Software and Systems (FSS) located?

- 1) Bangalore
- 2) Trivandrum
- 3) Kochi
- 4) Mumbai
- 5) Chennai

Answer- 5) Chennai

Explanation:

The headquarters of Financial Software and Systems (FSS) located at Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

59. Who was the Brand ambassador of West Bengal, as of January 2021?

- 1) Akshay Kumar
- 2) Salman Khan
- 3) Amitabh Bachchan
- 4) Shah Rukh Khan
- 5) Deepika Padukone

Answer- 4) Shah Rukh Khan

Explanation:

Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan, was the brand ambassador of West Bengal, as of January 2021.

60. Who was the CEO of Tech Mahendra, in January 2021?

- 1) Vineet Nayyar
- 2) Anand Mahindra
- 3) C. P. Gurnani
- 4) T. N. Manoharan
- 5) Shiv Nadar

Answer- 3) C. P. Gurnani

Explanation:

C. P. Gurnani was the CEO of Tech Mahendra, in January 2021.

61. When was Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) established?

- 1) 1950
- 2) 1958
- 3) 1969
- 4) 1947
- 5) 1951

Answer- 2) 1958

Explanation:

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) was established in 1958.

62. Where is the headquarters of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) located?

- 1) Chennai
- 2) Mumbai
- 3) Kolkata
- 4) New Delhi
- 5) Hyderabad

Answer- 5) Hyderabad

Explanation:

The headquarters of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) is located in Hyderabad, Telangana.

63. How many Deputy Governors does RBI have, as of January, 2021?

- 1) 5
- 2) 3
- 3) 4
- 4) 2

5) 6

Answer- 3) 4

Explanation:

RBI has 4 Deputy Governors, as of January, 2021.

64. Where is the headquarters of National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited located?

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| 1) Jaipur | 2) Faridabad |
| 3) Gandhinagar | 4) Pune |
| 5) Gurugram | |

Answer- 2) Faridabad

Explanation:

The headquarters of National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited is located at Faridabad, Haryana.

65. Where is the headquarters of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) located?

- | | |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1) Jaipur | 2) Bhubaneswar |
| 3) Panaji | 4) Chennai |
| 5) Bangalore | |

Answer- 5) Bangalore

Explanation:

The headquarters of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is located at Bangalore, Karnataka.

66. Where is Pench National Park located?

- | |
|-------------------|
| 1) Maharashtra |
| 2) Gujarat |
| 3) Madhya Pradesh |
| 4) Telangana |
| 5) Assam |

Answer- 3) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

Pench National Park is located in Madhya Pradesh.

67. When was Bangladesh Liberation War fought?

- | | |
|---------|---------|
| 1) 1973 | 2) 1969 |
| 3) 1965 | 4) 1971 |
| 5) 1953 | |

Answer- 4) 1971

Explanation:

The Bangladesh Liberation War, also known as the Bangladesh War of Independence, was fought by India with Pakistan to liberate the then East Pakistan in 1971.

68. When was Punjab National Bank founded?

- | | |
|---------|---------|
| 1) 1949 | 2) 1956 |
| 3) 1935 | 4) 1894 |
| 5) 1888 | |

Answer- 4) 1894

Explanation:

Punjab National Bank was founded in 1894.

69. Where is the headquarters of United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) located?

- | | |
|-----------|----------------|
| 1) Paris | 2) Quebec City |
| 3) Geneva | 4) Nairobi |

5) New York

Answer- 5) New York

Explanation:

The headquarters of United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) is located at New York, USA.

70. Where is Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd located?

- | | |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1) Kolkata | 2) Chennai |
| 3) Trivandrum | 4) Vijayawada |
| 5) Kutch | |

Answer- 1) Kolkata

Explanation:

Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd is located at Kolkata, West Bengal.

71. Who was the present Chairman of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), in January 2021?

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1) Prashant Gargava | 2) Shiv Das Meena |
| 3) Suneet Sharma | 4) D. P. Singh |
| 5) Pradeep Kumar Joshi | |

Answer- 2) Shiv Das Meena

Explanation:

Shiv Das Meena was the present Chairman of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), in January 2021.

72. Who was the current Director General of India Meteorological Department (IMD), as of January 2021?

- | |
|-------------------------|
| 1) Mrutyunjay Mohapatra |
| 2) Adarsh Kumar Goel |
| 3) Amit Yadav |
| 4) Y. S. Chowdary |
| 5) C. M. Ramesh |

Answer- 1) Mrutyunjay Mohapatra

Explanation:

Mrutyunjay Mohapatra was the current Director General of India Meteorological Department (IMD), as of January 2021.

73. When was Skill India Mission launched?

- | | |
|---------|---------|
| 1) 2000 | 2) 2004 |
| 3) 2014 | 4) 2010 |
| 5) 2015 | |

Answer- 5) 2015

Explanation:

The Skill India Mission was launched in 2015 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make India as the Skill Capital of the World.

74. Who was the Union Minister responsible for Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), as of January 2021?

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1) RK Singh | 2) Pralhad Joshi |
| 3) Dharmendra Pradhan | |

4) Mahendra Nath Pandey

5) Jitendra Singh

Answer- 4) Mahendra Nath Pandey

Explanation:

Mahendra Nath Pandey was the Union Minister responsible for Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), as of January 2021.

75. Which of the following is IMD's premier scientific research journal?

1) MAUSAM

2) Indian Hydrobiology

3) Defence Life Science Journal

4) Ancient Science of Life

5) Ayu

Answer- 1) MAUSAM

Explanation:

MAUSAM is IMD's premier scientific research journal published in the fields of Meteorology, Hydrology & Geophysics on Quarterly basis i.e. January, April, July and October. It is being published since 1950. Now, its online web portal has been launched in collaboration with CSIR-NISAR.

76. Which among the following is India's longest lake?

1) Dal Lake

2) Chilika Lake

3) Pangong Tso

4) Vembanad Lake

5) Pulicat Lake

Answer- 4) Vembanad Lake

Explanation:

Vembanad is the longest lake in India, with an area of 2033 square kilometers, it is the second largest Ramsar site in India only after the Sunderbans in West Bengal.

77. Where is the headquarters of Badminton World Federation located?

1) Bhubaneswar

2) Manila

3) Kuala Lumpur

4) Seoul

5) Rome

Answer- 3) Kuala Lumpur

Explanation:

The headquarters of Badminton World Federation is located at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

78. Who was the present MD & CEO of YES Bank, as of January 2021?

1) Mayank Bathwal

2) Prashant Kumar

3) Dinesh Kumar Khara

4) Sashidhar Jagdishan

5) Aditya Puri

Answer- 2) Prashant Kumar

Explanation:

Prashant Kumar was the present MD & CEO of YES Bank, as of January 2021.

79. Where is the headquarters of European Investment Bank located?

1) Bonnevoie

2) Lyon

3) Madrid

4) Kirchberg

5) Berlin

Answer- 4) Kirchberg

Explanation:

The headquarters of European Investment Bank is located at Kirchberg, Luxembourg.

80. When did Swami Vivekananda addressed the World's 1st Parliament of Religions?

1) 1909

2) 1905

3) 1986

4) 1888

5) 1893

Answer- 5) 1893

Explanation:

On September 11, 1893, Swami Vivekananda addressed the World's 1st Parliament of Religions.

81. Where is Chilika Lake located?

1) Punjab

2) Jammu & Kashmir

3) Assam

4) Uttarakhand

5) Odisha

Answer- 5) Odisha

Explanation:

Chilika Lake is located in Odisha. The population of dolphins in Chilika Lake has increased to 156 in 2020 against 150 in 2019.

82. Where is Mahananda wildlife sanctuary located?

1) Odisha

2) West Bengal

3) Karnataka

4) Bihar

5) Punjab

Answer- 2) West Bengal

Explanation:

The Darjeeling Wildlife Division will be organising the 1st Mahananda Bird Festival from February 20 to 23 at the Mahananda wildlife sanctuary in West Bengal.

83. Where is Jawaharlal Nehru International Stadium located?

1) New Delhi

2) Kolkata

3) Maharashtra

4) Kerala

5) Karnataka

Answer- 4) Kerala

Explanation:

Jawaharlal Nehru International Stadium is a multi-purpose stadium located in Kerala.

84. Who was the Governor of Punjab, in January 2021?

1) Ramesh Bais

2) VP Singh Badnore

3) Najma Heptulla

4) Vajubhai Vala

5) Jagdish Mukhi

Answer- 2) VP Singh Badnore

Explanation:

VP Singh Badnore was the Governor of Punjab, in January 2021.

85. Who was the 1st woman in India to graduate in medicine?

- 1) Muthulakshmi Reddy
- 2) Mary Verghese
- 3) Anandi Gopal Joshi
- 4) V Shanta
- 5) S. I. Padmavati

Answer- 1) Muthulakshmi Reddy

Explanation:

Cancer Institute (WIA) was founded by DR Muthulakshmi Reddy, the 1st woman in India to graduate in medicine.

86. What is the tagline of YES Bank?

- 1) A Bank of the Common Man
- 2) Hum Hai Na, Khayal Apka
- 3) Banking Hatke
- 4) Experience our expertise
- 5) Your Own Bank

Answer- 4) Experience our expertise

Explanation:

87. Where is the headquarters of Indian Farm Forestry Development Co-operative ltd (IFFDC) located?

- 1) Haryana
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Assam

Answer- 1) Haryana

Explanation:

The headquarters of Indian Farm Forestry Development Co-operative ltd (IFFDC) located at Gurgaon, Haryana

88. Which is Asia's 1st arch dam?

- 1) Nathpa Jhakri Dam
- 2) Idukki Dam
- 3) Nagarjuna Sagar Dam
- 4) Sardar Sarovar Dam
- 5) Bhakra Nangal Dam

Answer- 2) Idukki Dam

Explanation:

Idukki Dam located in Kerala is Asia's 1st arch dam.

89. Which Team created history by defeating Australia in a test match at the Gabba after 32 years?

- 1) England
- 2) West Indies
- 3) India
- 4) New Zealand
- 5) Pakistan

Answer- 3) India

Explanation:

India won the Fourth Test Match by 3 wickets, held at The Gabba, Brisbane. It was Australia's First Defeat at the Gabba in 32 years.

90. Who was the present Chairman of ICC, as of January 2021?

- 1) Indra Nooyi
- 2) Greg Barclay
- 3) Shashank Manohar
- 4) Manu Sawhney
- 5) Anil Kumble

Answer- 2) Greg Barclay

Explanation:

Greg Barclay was the present Chairman of ICC, as of January 2021.

91. Where is the active volcanic mountain, Semeru located?

- 1) Fiji
- 2) Maldives
- 3) Indonesia
- 4) Taiwan
- 5) USA

Answer- 3) Indonesia

Explanation:

Semeru, or Mount Semeru, is an active volcano in East Java, Indonesia.

92. Which Indian state has the longest coast line?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Odisha
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer- 1) Gujarat

Explanation:

The total length of India's coastline is 7516.6 kilometers. Of this, the mainland coastline length is 5422.6 kilometers whereas the island territories coastline length is 2094 kilometers. Gujarat has the longest mainland coastline in India, lies on the Kathiawar region and bounded by the Arabian Sea.

93. When was Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) formed?

- 1) 1935
- 2) 1895
- 3) 1949
- 4) 1956
- 5) 1969

Answer- 4) 1956

Explanation:

Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) was formed on September 1, 1956.

94. Where is the headquarters of Standard Chartered Bank located?

- 1) London
- 2) New York
- 3) Amsterdam
- 4) Mumbai
- 5) Seoul

Answer- 1) London

Explanation:

The headquarters of Standard Chartered Bank is located at London, United Kingdom(UK).

95. Where is Melghat Tiger Reserve located?

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Telangana
- 3) Bihar
- 4) Maharashtra

5) Gujarat

Answer- 4) Maharashtra

Explanation:

Melghat Tiger reserve is located at northern part of Amravati District of Maharashtra State in India.

96. Where is River Tsari Chu located?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Sikkim
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Arunachal Pradesh
- 5) Mizoram

Answer- 4) Arunachal Pradesh

Explanation:

China has constructed a new village in Arunachal Pradesh, consisting of about 101 homes, show satellite images. The village, located on the banks of the River Tsari Chu, lies in the Upper Subansiri district, an area which has been long disputed by India and China and has been marked by armed conflict.

97. Where is Mount Trishul located?

- 1) Uttarakhand
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Assam
- 4) Mizoram
- 5) Nagaland

Answer- 1) Uttarakhand

Explanation:

The Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF) has given permission to a three-member team of mountaineers led by Arjun Vajpayee, the youngest Indian to climb Mount Everest, for a winter climbing expedition to Mount Trishul, a 7,120-metre peak in western Kumaon of Uttarakhand.

98. Where is the Frozen Waterfall known as "Tsar Icicle" located?

- 1) Antarctica
- 2) Greenland
- 3) Russia
- 4) Sweden
- 5) Norway

Answer- 3) Russia

Explanation:

Frozen Waterfall known as "Tsar Icicle" in Russia that draws hundreds of tourists every year when it freezes has collapsed, injuring three people and killing one.

99. Where is the headquarters of Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) located?

- 1) Gurugram
- 2) Mumbai
- 3) Pune
- 4) Noida
- 5) Jaipur

Answer- 4) Noida

Explanation:

The headquarters of Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) is located at Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

100. Who is the present Prime Minister of Singapore, as of January 2021?

- 1) Lee Hsien Loong
- 2) Goh Chok Tong
- 3) Tony Tan
- 4) Halimah Yacob
- 5) Muhyiddin Yassin

Answer- 1) Lee Hsien Loong

Explanation:

Lee Hsien Loong is the present Prime Minister of Singapore, in January 2021.

101. Where is Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya Sports stadium located?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Himachal Pradesh

Answer- 3) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya Sports stadium is located at Uttar Pradesh.

102. Where is the headquarters of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) located?

- 1) Gurugram
- 2) Ghaziabad
- 3) Jaipur
- 4) Mumbai
- 5) New Delhi

Answer- 1) Gurugram

Explanation:

The headquarters of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) is located at Gurugram, Haryana

103. Which is the capital of Uzbekistan?

- 1) Ashgabat
- 2) Tashkent
- 3) Bishkek
- 4) Dushanbe
- 5) Nur-Sultan

Answer- 2) Tashkent

Explanation:

The city of Tashkent is the capital of Uzbekistan.

104. Where is Sulawesi island located?

- 1) Fiji
- 2) Maldives
- 3) Caribbean
- 4) Indonesia
- 5) Greenland

Answer- 4) Indonesia

Explanation:

A strong, shallow earthquake shook Indonesia's Sulawesi island in January 2021, toppling homes and buildings, triggering landslides and killing at least 42 people. More than 600 people were injured by the magnitude 6.2 quake, which sent people fleeing their homes in the darkness.

105. Which city is called as the "Tea City of India"?

- 1) Dibrugarh
- 2) Chikmagalur
- 3) Wayanad
- 4) Guwahati
- 5) Idukki

Answer- 1) Dibrugarh

Explanation:

Dibrugarh city is called as the "Tea City of India".

106. Who was the Chairman & MD of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), as of January 2021?

- 1) Dhirendra Pal Singh
- 2) Adarsh Kumar Goel
- 3) G. Satheesh Reddy
- 4) Tessa Thomas
- 5) R Madhavan

Answer- 5) R Madhavan

Explanation:

R Madhavan was the Chairman & Managing Director of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), as of January 2021.

107. Which country holds the Chairmanship of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) for 2021?

- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| 1) Cambodia | 2) Brunei |
| 3) Singapore | 4) Indonesia |
| 5) Malaysia | |

Answer- 2) Brunei

Explanation:

Brunei holds the Chairmanship of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) for 2021. Member countries of ASEAN– Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar and Cambodia

108. Which is the capital of Mongolia?

- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1) Ulaanbaatar | 2) Oslo |
| 3) Pyongyang | 4) Nur-Sultan |
| 5) Tashkent | |

Answer- 1) Ulaanbaatar

Explanation:

Ulaanbaatar is the capital of Mongolia.

109. Where is the headquarters of Coal India Limited located?

- | | |
|----------------|------------|
| 1) Bhubaneswar | 2) Ranchi |
| 3) Kolkata | 4) Chennai |
| 5) Guwahati | |

Answer- 3) Kolkata

Explanation:

The headquarters of Coal India Limited is located at Kolkata, West Bengal.

110. When was SBM Bank (India) Limited commenced operation in India?

- | | |
|---------|---------|
| 1) 2000 | 2) 1998 |
| 3) 2014 | 4) 2018 |
| 5) 2010 | |

Answer- 4) 2018

Explanation:

SBM Bank (India) Limited commenced operation in India on 1st December 2018.

111. Which country honours the Chief of Indian Army Staff as the Honorary Chief of their Army?

- | | |
|--------------|---------------|
| 1) Sri Lanka | 2) Bangladesh |
| 3) Maldives | 4) Bhutan |
| 5) Nepal | |

Answer- 5) Nepal

Explanation:

Chief of the Army Staff Manoj Mukund Naravane was conferred with the Honorary Chief of Nepal Army rank in November 2020.

112. Which term represents the rate at which the Reserve Bank of India borrows funds from the commercial banks in the country?

- 1) Repo Rate
- 2) Reverse Repo Rate
- 3) Bank Rate
- 4) Cash Reserve Ratio
- 5) Statutory Liquidity Ratio

Answer- 2) Reverse Repo rate

Explanation:

Reverse Repo rate is the rate at which the Reserve Bank of India borrows funds from the commercial banks in the country.

113. Identify the main ingredient that is used in fertilizers to improve plant growth, and also in the manufacture of glass, explosives, petrochemicals etc?

- | | |
|---------------|--------------|
| 1) Phosphorus | 2) Nitrogen |
| 3) Zinc | 4) Potassium |
| 5) Magnesium | |

Answer- 4) Potassium

Explanation:

Nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, or NPK, are the "Big 3" primary nutrients in commercial fertilizers. Each of these fundamental nutrients plays a key role in plant nutrition. Potash is mainly used to make fertilisers and it is also used to manufacture glass, explosives and chemicals, petrochemicals.

114. How is Brahmaputra river called in Arunachal Pradesh?

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1) Jamuna River | 2) Yarlung Tsangpo |
| 3) Siang River | 4) Dilao River |
| 5) Meghna River | |

Answer- 3) Siang river

Explanation:

China to set up a hydropower station on the Brahmaputra river will act as an encroachment on the entitled rights of lower riparian states like India and Bangladesh and adversely affect the availability of water in its basin during the lean season. India too plans to build a multipurpose 10,000 MW reservoir in Arunachal Pradesh to offset the impact The proposed 9.2 BCM 'Upper Siang' project on the Siang river (Brahmaputra river) in Arunachal Pradesh will be able to take the excess load of water discharge and can even store water.

115. Where is Holkar Cricket Stadium located?

3) 21 January 1950 4) 26 December 1949

5) 25 January 1950

Answer- 5) 25 January 1950

Explanation:

The Election Commission of India (ECI) formed on 25 January 1950.

126. When was Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao scheme launched?

1) 2015 2) 2018

3) 2014 4) 2016

5) 2017

Answer- 1) 2015

Explanation:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao scheme on January 22, 2015 at Panipat, Haryana to celebrate girl child and enable her education.

127. Which Article of the Indian Constitution provides provisions for free and compulsory education to all children in the age group of 6 to 14 years as a Fundamental Right?

1) Article 15 2) Article 18

3) Article 21-A 4) Article 20 (3)

5) Article 37-A

Answer- 3) Article 21-A

Explanation:

Article 21-A of the Constitution of India provides for free and compulsory education to all children in the age group of 6 to 14 years as a Fundamental Right. Article 21-A and the Right Education Act came into effect on 1 April 2010.

128. Which organisation developed Falcon-9, the World's 1st Orbital-class reusable rocket?

1) ISRO 2) NASA

3) JAXA 4) SpaceX

5) Roscosmos

Answer- 4) SpaceX

Explanation:

Falcon-9 Rocket developed by SpaceX, is the World's 1st Orbital-class reusable rocket. Reusable rockets will help in reduction of costs for space programs.

129. Where is Mullaperiyar Dam located?

1) Karnataka 2) Kerala

3) Tamil Nadu 4) Andhra Pradesh

5) Telangana

Answer- 2) Kerala

Explanation:

Mullaperiyar Dam is a masonry gravity dam on the Periyar River in the Indian state of Kerala.

130. Where is Nathu La pass located?

1) Himachal Pradesh

2) Arunachal Pradesh

3) Uttarakhand

4) Ladakh

5) Sikkim

Answer- 5) Sikkim

Explanation:

Nathu La is a mountain pass in the Himalayas in East Sikkim district. It connects the Indian state of Sikkim with China's Tibet Autonomous Region.

131. When was Purna Swaraj declared by Indian National Congress?

1) 1945 2) 1943

3) 1932 4) 1929

5) 1917

Answer- 4) 1929

Explanation:

26 January was chosen as Republic day as it was on this day that Indian National Congress (INC) Declared Purna Swaraj in 1929.

132. Which is India's highest wartime military award?

1) Bharat Ratna 2) Kirti Chakra

3) Param Vir Chakra 4) Maha Vir Chakra

5) Ashok Chakra

Answer- 3) Param Vir Chakra

Explanation:

The Param Vir Chakra is India's highest military decoration, awarded for displaying distinguished acts of valour during wartime. Param Vir Chakra translates as the "Greatest of the Ultimate Brave", and the award is granted for "most conspicuous bravery in the presence of the enemy".

133. Who is known as the Father of Fibre Optics?

1) Vinod Dham

2) Narinder Singh Kapany

3) Satyendra Nath Bose

4) C. V. Raman

5) Satish Dhawan

Answer- 2) Narinder Singh Kapany

Explanation:

Narinder Singh Kapany was an Indian-American physicist best known for his work on fibre optics. He is credited with coining of the term fibre optics and is also considered the 'father of fibre optics'. He was conferred with Padma Vibhushan posthumously in 2021.

134. Who was the 1st Indian woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest 5 times?

1) Arunima Sinha

2) Premlata Agarwal

3) Anshu Jamsenpa

4) Anita Devi

5) Santosh Yadav

Answer- 3) Anshu Jamsenpa

Explanation:

Anshu Jamsenpa was conferred with Padma Shri in 2021. Anshu Jamsenpa is an Indian mountaineer and the first woman in the world to scale the summit of Mount

Everest twice in a season, and the fastest double summiter to do so within 5 days. The first Indian woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest 5 times.

135. Where is Pilikula Biological Park located?

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

Answer- 2) Karnataka

Explanation:

Pilikula Biological Park is located at Karnataka.

136. Where is the headquarters of Asian Football Confederation located?

- 1) Shanghai, China
- 2) Manila, Philippines
- 3) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 4) Amman, Jordan
- 5) Bhubaneswar, India

Answer- 3) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Explanation:

The headquarters of Asian Football Confederation is located at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

137. Who is the head coach of Indian Women's Football team, as of January 2021?

- 1) Loitongbam Ashalata Devi
- 2) Dalima Chhibber
- 3) Aditi Chauhan
- 4) Maymol Rocky
- 5) Ngangom Bala Devi

Answer- 4) Maymol Rocky

Explanation:

Maymol Rocky is the first female and present head coach of India women's national football team, as of January 2021.

138. Which is the capital of Estonia?

- 1) Riga
- 2) Vilnius
- 3) Tallinn
- 4) Kaunas
- 5) Warsaw

Answer- 3) Tallinn

Explanation:

Tallinn is the capital city of Estonia.

139. Which bank functions with the tagline, "Pure banking nothing else"?

- 1) ICICI Bank
- 2) State Bank of India
- 3) Canara Bank
- 4) HDFC Bank
- 5) India FIRST Bank

Answer- 2) State Bank of India

Explanation:

Tagline of State bank of India – The banker to every Indian; With you all the way; Pure banking nothing else; The nation banks on us; A bank of the common man

140. Where is the headquarters of International Energy Agency (IEA) located?

- 1) Lyon, France
- 2) Nairobi, Kenya
- 3) Paris, France
- 4) Bern, Switzerland
- 5) Vienna, Austria

Answer- 3) Paris, France

Explanation:

The headquarters of International Energy Agency (IEA) is located at Paris, France.

141. Who is the Prime Minister of Japan as of January 2021?

- 1) Shinzo Abe
- 2) Taro Aso
- 3) Yoshihide Suga
- 4) Naoto Kan
- 5) Naruhito

Answer- 3) Yoshihide Suga

Explanation:

Yoshihide Suga was the Prime Minister of Japan as of January 2021.

142. Where is Hemis National Park located?

- 1) Ladakh
- 2) Uttarakhand
- 3) Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Sikkim
- 5) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer- 1) Ladakh

Explanation:

Hemis National Park is located in Ladakh.

143. Where is Bhitarkanika National Park located?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Uttarakhand
- 3) Jharkhand
- 4) Odisha
- 5) Jammu & Kashmir

Answer- 4) Odisha

Explanation:

Bhitarkanika National Park is located in Odisha.

144. Where is Lonar Lake located?

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) West Bengal

Answer- 3) Maharashtra

Explanation:

Lonar Lake is located in Maharashtra.

145. Gita Gopinath is the Chief Economist of _____.

- 1) World Bank
- 2) International Monetary Fund
- 3) Asian Development Bank
- 4) PepsiCo
- 5) European Central Bank

Answer- 2) International Monetary Fund

Explanation:

Gita Gopinath is the Chief Economist of International Monetary Fund (IMF).

146. Which bank functions with the tagline, "We understand your world"?

- 1) SBI
- 2) HDFC Bank

- 3) ICICI Bank 4) UCO Bank
5) Canara Bank

Answer- 2) HDFC Bank

Explanation:

HDFC bank functions with the tagline, "We understand your world".

147. Where is the headquarters of Transparency International located?

- 1) Lyon, France 2) Berlin, Germany
3) Paris, France 4) Bern, Switzerland
5) Vienna, Austria

Answer- 2) Berlin, Germany

Explanation:

The headquarters of Transparency International is located at Berlin, Germany.

148. Where is Shivalik Elephant Reserve located?

- 1) Uttarakhand 2) Kerala
3) Punjab
4) Himachal Pradesh
5) Karnataka

Answer- 1) Uttarakhand

Explanation:

Shivalik Elephant Reserve is located at Uttarakhand.

149. How many times Mahatma Gandhi was nominated for Nobel Peace Prize?

- 1) 3 2) 2
3) 6 4) 5
5) Never

Answer- 4) 5

Explanation:

Mahatma Gandhi was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for 5 times (1937, 1938, 1939, 1947 & 1948) but was never awarded the prize.

150. Who was the mother of Mahatma Gandhi?

- 1) Raliatbehn Gandhi
2) Putlibai Gandhi

- 3) Rosa Parks
4) Kasturba Gandhi
5) Indira Gandhi

Answer- 2) Putlibai Gandhi

Explanation:

Putlibai Gandhi was the mother of Mohandas Gandhi, the father of the nation. She was married to Karamchand Gandhi, father of the Mahatma.

151. Who started the construction of Qutub Minar?

- 1) Iltutmish
2) Firuz Shah Tughlaq
3) Sikandar Lodi
4) Sher Shah Suri
5) Qutb al-Din Aibak

Answer- 5) Qutb al-Din Aibak

Explanation:

Qutb al-Din Aibak started the construction of Qutub Minar in 1199.

152. Which is the capital of Democratic Republic of the Congo(DRC)?

- 1) Nashville 2) Abuja
3) Kinshasa 4) Memphis
5) Lagos

Answer- 3) Kinshasa

Explanation:

Kinshasa is the capital of Democratic Republic of the Congo(DRC).

153. When was the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment held?

- 1) 1988 2) 1986
3) 1999 4) 1972
5) 1969

Answer- 4) 1972

Explanation:

UNEP was founded in June 1972 as a result of the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment.