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1) Paisabazaar and which Bank Launches Pre-Qualified Program for Personal Loans?

- a) ICICI Bank b) HDFC Bank c) Axis Bank d) Yes Bank

Answer: C

Explanation: Paisabazaar, the digital marketplace for consumer credit partnered with Axis Bank to launch a pre-qualified program for unsecured loans on its platform. The pre-qualified program involves deep technology and analytics collaboration with banks and non-bank financiers, enabling customers to view customized and pre-qualified lending offers.

Static Points: Paisabazaar Co-**Founder & CEO** - Naveen Kukreja; **Headquarters** - Gurugram, Haryana
Axis Bank **MD & CEO** - Amitabh Chaudhry; **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra
Axis Bank **Tagline** - Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi

2) Which country test-fires New Hypersonic Tsirkon Missiles from Frigate & Submarine?

- a) Russia b) France c) China d) Italy

Answer: A

Explanation: Russia successfully test-fired around 10 new Tsirkon (Zircon) hypersonic cruise missiles from a frigate and other two missiles from a submarine. The Zircon missile would be capable of flying at nine times the speed of sound and have a range of 1,000 kilometres (620 miles). The deployment of the missiles will elevate the capability of Russia's military power.

Static Points: Russia **Capital** – Moscow; **President** - Vladimir Putin; **Currency** - Russian Ruble

3) ___ reconstituted Market Data Advisory Committee Chaired by S Sahoo.

- a) SEBI b) IRDA c) CDSL d) SIDBI

Answer: A

Explanation: Security Exchange Board of India (SEBI) reconstituted 20 members Market Data Advisory Committee (MDAC) to recommend policy measures in areas like securities market data access and privacy. The MDAC will be chaired by S.Sahoo. S Sahoo is a Professor at National Law University, Delhi & former chairperson, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).

Static Points: SEBI **Chairman** - Ajay Tyagi; **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra

4) Which Cricket Team won the 2021-22 Vijay Hazare Trophy?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) West Bengal c) Rajasthan d) Himachal Pradesh

Answer: D

Explanation: Himachal Pradesh cricket team won its maiden Vijay Hazare Trophy 2021-22. 2nd January 2022 Current Affairs Quiz Himachal Pradesh has created history by beating Tamil Nadu in the final of the Vijay Hazare Trophy 2021-22 to win their first-ever domestic trophy. The 20th season of the Vijay Hazare Trophy title after defeating Tamil Nadu in the finals that were held at Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur, Rajasthan.

Static Points: Himachal Pradesh **Chief Minister** - Jai Ram Thakur; **Governor** - Rajendra Arlekar
Capital(s) - Shimla (Summer), Dharamshala (Winter)

5) How many Task Forces did DoT sets-up to Explore 6G Development?

- a) 7 b) 4 c) 3 d) 6

Answer: D

Explanation: The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) of the Ministry of Communication formed a task force under the Technology Innovation Group (TIG) on 6G (6th Generation) technology to explore technological innovations and various commercial uses. The task forces will enable research and development, manufacturing, prepare pre-standardisation and market readiness framework.

Static Points: Ministry of Communication - **Ashwini Vaishnaw**; **Constituency** - Odisha

6) India supplies five lakh COVID vaccine doses to which country?

- a) Afghanistan b) Sri Lanka c) Nepal d) Tajikistan

Answer: A

Explanation: India began the new year by handing over half a million doses of COVID-19 vaccines to Afghanistan. The consignment is part of a million-strong vaccine supply that will be completed within the coming weeks, according to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). It will be one of the largest-ever humanitarian assistance projects from India to Afghanistan consisting of wheat and other medicines to be organised in coordination with U.N. agencies.

Static Points: Afghanistan **Capital** – Kabul; **Currency** - Afghan afghani; **PM** - Hasan Akhund

7) Who is the winner of the Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar for English?

- a) Namita Gokhale b) Megha Majumdar
c) Anita Vachharajani d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: A Burning, Megha Majumdar, winner of the Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar, English. One of the 2020s most admired books, Megha Majumdar's A Burning is a magnificent debut with endless possibilities. The Sahitya Akademi awards for 2021 were announced on December 30, 2021.

Static Points: **Sahitya Akademi Award** is Awarded for - Literary award in India

8) Former Cricketer Captain Ray Illingworth Passed Away, he is from which country?

- a) England b) Germany c) France d) Britain

Answer: A

Explanation: Ray Illingworth, a former England cricket captain and the coach of the England Cricket team (1995-1996) has passed away at the age of 89. He was born on 8th June 1932 in Pudsey, West Yorkshire, England. He has also played for the Yorkshire County Cricket Club of England.

Static Points: England **Capital** – London; **Currency** - Pound Sterling

9) Which minister has launched the India Semiconductor Mission?

- a) Minister of Education b) Minister of Parliamentary Affairs
c) Information Technology Minister d) None of the above

Answer: C

Explanation: Information Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launched the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) to attract large investments for setting up semiconductor wafer fabrication facilities in India. The companies that are interested are invited by the Centre for the development of the semiconductors and display manufacturing ecosystem in India.

Static Points: Ashwini Vaishnav - Minister of Railways, Minister of Communications, Minister of Electronics and Information Technology; **Constituency** - Odisha

10) Vasudevan PN has been re-appointed as MD and CEO of which bank?

- a) SIDBI b) ESFBL c) HSBC Bank d) DBS Bank

Answer: B

Explanation: Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan has been reappointed as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited (ESFBL) for three years from July 23, 2022, to July 22, 2025, by the Board of Directors (BoD). He is currently serving as the MD and CEO of the bank.

Static Points: ESFBL **Headquarters** - Chennai, Tamil Nadu; **Tagline** - It's Fun Banking

11) Which of the following bank has become the second-largest merchant-acquisition bank?

- a) Axis Bank b) HDFC Bank c) ICICI Bank d) Canara Bank

Answer: A

Explanation: Axis Bank has become the second-largest merchant-acquiring bank in the country, leapfrogging two spaces during 2021 by installing over two lakh card-swipe machines during the year. This is part of the bank's "Axis One" strategy, where it reaches out to the customers by offering its entire gamut of products rather than as a standalone service.

Static Points:

Axis Bank **MD & CEO** - Amitabh Chaudhry; **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra; **Tagline** - Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi

12) Who Announces 27 Border Infrastructure Projects?

- a) Piyush Goyal b) Rajnath Singh c) Ashwini Vaishnav d) Narendra Modi

Answer: B

Explanation: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh listed the development of critical border infrastructure as a key priority to boost India's overall defence and security system. He announced 24 bridge projects and 3 road projects implemented and managed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) in four states and two union territories.

Static Points: Rajnath Singh **Constituency** - Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (Lok Sabha)

13) Food aggregators like Swiggy, Zomato to collect ___ per cent GST beginning from 2022.

- a) 6% b) 3% c) 4% d) 5%

Answer: D

Explanation: Food aggregators like Swiggy and Zomato to collect deposit tax at a 5% rate beginning 2022, a move that will widen the tax base as food vendors who are currently outside the GST threshold will become liable to GST when provided through these online platforms. Currently, restaurants registered under GST are collecting and depositing the tax.

14) PM releases ___ instalment of financial benefit under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme.

- a) 10th b) 14th c) 6th d) 7th

Answer: A

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the 10th instalment of financial benefit under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme. Under the scheme, an amount of over ₹20,000 crores was transferred to more than 10 crore beneficiary farmer families across the country. Modi released the amount to beneficiaries at an event held through video conference.

Static Points: Ministry of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** - Narendra Singh Tomar

Constituency - Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

15) India exchange list of nuclear installations and facilities with which country?

- a) Nepal b) China c) Afghanistan d) Pakistan

Answer: D

Explanation: Pakistan & India exchanged a list of their nuclear installations that cannot be attacked in case of an escalation in hostilities, as part of an annual ritual that has been in practice between the two neighbours for more than three decades. The two countries also exchanged lists of prisoners held in each others prisons, which include civilians, defence personnel & fishermen.

Static Points: Pakistan **Capital** – Islamabad; **Currency** - Pakistani Rupee; **President** - Arif Alvi

03-01-2022 Current Affairs Quiz

1) Who was named 'Journalist of the Year' in Redink Awards for Excellence in Journalism 2021?

- a) Prem Shankar Jha b) Danish Siddiqui c) Saurabh Shukla d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: Photojournalist Danish Siddiqui, who died during an assignment in Afghanistan, has been posthumously awarded as the 'Journalist of the Year' for 2020 by the Mumbai Press Club. CJI N V Ramana presented the annual RedInk Awards for Excellence in Journalism.

2) Which country has been added as the fourth new member of the BRICS New Development Bank?

- a) Egypt b) Indonesia c) South Korea d) Nepal

Answer: A

Explanation: Egypt added as the fourth new member of BRICS New Development Bank. Bangladesh, UAE, and Uruguay joined BRICS New Development Bank in September 2021. Membership expansion enables New Development Bank to position itself as a premier development institution for emerging economies. BRICS New Development Bank is a multilateral bank that was established by Brazil, Russia, China, India, and South Africa to finance sustainable development and infrastructure projects.

Static Points: New Development Bank member countries - Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Bangladesh, UAE, Egypt, and Uruguay.

Headquarter - Shanghai, China; **President** - Marcos Prado Troyjo

3) Who has been appointed as Deputy National Security Advisor of India?

- a) General M M Naravane b) Pradeep Kumar Rawat
c) Vikram Misri d) None of the above

Answer: C

Explanation: Diplomat Vikram Misri has been appointed as deputy national security adviser in the national security council secretariat. The appointment of Misri, a 1989-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, came after he served as the Indian ambassador to China for nearly three years.

4) Which country is chairing the Counterterrorism Committee in January 2022?

- a) China b) US c) UK d) India

Answer: D

Explanation: Beginning January 1, 2022, India will chair the Counter-terrorism Committee. Former Indian Ambassador to the UN, Hardeep Singh Puri, had chaired the CTC for the term 2011-12 when India was last in the UNSC as a non-permanent member. The tendency to put more constraints on the Member States, even at the expense of comprising their ability to effectively deal with the threat of terrorism.

Static Points: **Hardeep Singh Puri** - Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas
Constituency - Uttar Pradesh (Rajya Sabha)

5) Which country has launched its first Project 22220 versatile nuclear-powered icebreaker in the series?

- a) Russia b) France c) Italy d) Iran

Answer: A

Explanation: Russia has launched its first in the series Project 22220 versatile nuclear-powered icebreaker known as 'Sibir', which will support the growing fleet of icebreakers to keep the Northern Sea Route open year-round shipping through the Arctic and enable a wider presence of India in the arctic region.

Static Points: Russia **Capital** – Moscow; **Currency** - Russian Ruble; **President** - Vladimir Putin

6) Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 356 Km long Bina Refinery - POL Terminal at Panki Multiproduct pipeline project with an outlay of ___ Crores.

- a) Rs.1524 b) Rs.1250 c) Rs.1070 d) Rs.750

Answer: A

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 356 Km long Bina Refinery (Madhya Pradesh)- POL Terminal at Panki (Kanpur, UP) Multiproduct pipeline project (capacity of 45 million metric tonnes per annum) with an outlay of Rs.1524 crores. The project has been completed and commissioned one month ahead of the approved completion schedule of December 2021.

Static Points:

Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister and also in charge of - Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances, & Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, All important policy issues, and All other portfolios not allocated to any Minister.; **Constituency** - Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

7) Which of the following bank will acquire up to 9.95 per cent stake in IFSC Ltd.

- a) State Bank of India b) Reserve Bank of India c) Bank of Baroda d) Canara Bank

Answer: A

Explanation: State Bank of India will acquire up to 9.95 per cent stake in India International Clearing Corporation (IFSC) Ltd subject to a maximum investment of Rs 34.03 crore. The Clearing Corporation is a GIFT City (Gandhinagar, Gujarat) based Market Infrastructure Institution (MII).

Static Points: State Bank of India **Chairperson** - Dinesh Kumar Khara; **Headquarters** - Mumbai
Tagline - The Nation banks on us; Pure Banking Nothing Else; With you all the way

8) When was Global Family Day is observed?

- a) 1st January b) 2nd January c) 3rd January d) 4th January

Answer: A

Explanation: Global Family Day, celebrated on the first day of every year. The world observes Global Family Day, which is also known as World Peace Day, to concretize the idea of global unity and harmony in the minds of people. It is a day that marks the beginning of a new year, with hopes to have more concord in our daily lives to witness, both micro and macro, positive changes in the world.

9) Who won the Sahitya Akademi Award 2021 for poetry?

- a) Namita Gokhale b) Megha Majumdar c) Goreti Venkanna d) Anita Vaccharjani

Answer: C

Explanation: Goreti Venkanna, George Onakkoor, Ambai among winners. While Goreti Venkanna won the award for his poetry collection 'Vallanki Taalam', Ambai was awarded for her short story collection 'Sivappu Kazhutthudan Oru Pachai Paravai.'

Static Points: **Sahitya Akademi Award** is Awarded for - Literary award in India

10) Who has been appointed as India's next permanent representative to the UN Conference on Disarmament in Geneva?

- a) Vinod Gupta b) Anupam Ray c) Vimal Sharma d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: Senior diplomat Anupam Ray has been appointed as India's next permanent representative to the UN Conference on Disarmament in Geneva. Ray, a 1994-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, is currently serving as a joint secretary in the MEA's headquarters in Delhi. Ray will succeed Pankaj Sharma. Sharma, a 1991-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, has been appointed as India's next ambassador to Mexico.

11) Which state has topped the NITI Aayog Health Index 2021 among the larger states?

- a) Punjab b) Odisha c) Assam d) Kerala

Answer: D

Explanation: Kerala has maintained its position as the best-performing large state in terms of overall performance, according to the NITI Aayog Health Index, 2019-2020. Other states in its company include Tamil Nadu and Telangana. Maharashtra was a close fourth, falling behind by just one decimal point. The worst-performing state in the category was Uttar Pradesh. Bihar and Madhya Pradesh performed only marginally better.

Static Points:

Kerala **Capital** – Thiruvananthapuram; **Chief Minister** - Pinarayi Vijayan; **Governor** - Arif Mohammad Khan

12) Who is the incumbent Drugs Controller General of India?

- a) Milon K. Banerji b) K. K. Venugopal c) V. G. Somani d) Amit Kumar

Answer: C

Explanation: Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) is the head of the department of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization of the Government of India responsible for approval of licences of specified categories of drugs such as blood and blood products, IV fluids, vaccines, and sera in India. The Texas Children's Hospital (TCH) and Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) announced that Corbevax, a protein subunit Covid vaccine, has received approval from the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI).

13) Who has been named as PETA India Person of the Year 2021?

- a) Deepika Padukone b) Priyanka Chopra c) Alia Bhatt d) Samantha Ruth Prabhu

Answer: C

Explanation: Alia Bhatt, who has everyone impressed with her exemplary acting skills and fashion sense, has now added another feather to her cap. The actor is now turning out to be an inspiration off-screen as well as she was recently named 2021 'Person of the Year' by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India.

Static Points: PETA **CEO** - Poorva Joshipura; **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra

14) Who is the first cricketer to play 100 matches in all three formats- Test, ODI and T20?

- a) Ross Taylor b) Steve Smith c) Virat Kohli d) None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation: New Zealand cricketer Ross Taylor is the first-ever cricketer to play 100 matches in all three formats- Test, ODI and T20. The cricketer announced that he will retire from international cricket after New Zealand's two-match test series at home against Bangladesh and six ODIs against Australia and the Netherlands.

15) Which state has topped the Good Governance Index 2021?

- a) Kerala b) Gujarat c) Odisha d) Assam

Answer: B

Explanation: Good Governance Index 2021 was launched by Union Minister Amit Shah on the occasion of the Good Governance Day on 25 December 2021. GGI 2021 was prepared by the Department of Administration Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG). The GGI 2021 framework covered 10 sectors and 58 indicators. The aim of the Good Governance Index is to create a tool that can be used uniformly across the states for assessing the impact of various interventions that are taken up by Central and State Governments.

Static Points:

Amit Shah - Minister of Home Affairs, Ministry of Co-operation. **Constituency** - Gandhinagar, Gujarat

04-01-2022 Current Affairs Quiz

1) Which Corporation Celebrates the First Anniversary of One Nation-One Grid-One Frequency?

- a) PGCIL b) NTPC c) NHPC d) ONGC

Answer: A

Explanation: State-owned Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (PGCIL) celebrated the first anniversary of 'One Nation-One Grid-One Frequency'. On behalf of the occasion, 70 Sub-stations across India along with Regional Headquarters have been lit up in tricolour to mark this momentous achievement. As a part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', Powergrid, NR-I, commemorated the completion of one year of 'One Nation-One Grid-One Frequency' with enthusiasm on December 31.

Static Points: PGCIL **Chairman & MD** - K Sreekant; **Headquarters** - Gurugram, Haryana

2) Government Retains the Interest Rate of Small Savings Schemes for ___ of FY22.

- a) Q1 b) Q2 c) Q3 d) Q4

Answer: D

Explanation: Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs (Budget Division), has maintained the status quo and retained the Interest Rate of Small Savings Scheme unchanged for the 4th Quarter (Q4) for the Financial Year 2021-22 (FY22) (i.e. from January 2022 to March 2022) same as Q3 FY22, due to the rising cases of COVID-19 variant Omicron and elevated level of inflation.

Static Points: **Ministry of Finance** - Nirmala Sitharaman; **Constituency** - RajyaSabha, Karnataka

3) Which Company acquires the 100% stake in Allyis India & Green Investments LLC?

- a) Cognizant b) Wipro c) Infosys d) Tech Mahindra

Answer: D

Explanation: IT major Tech Mahindra has announced that the company and its wholly-owned subsidiary viz., Tech Mahindra (Americas) Inc. has approved the proposal to acquire 100 per cent equity shares in Allyis India Pvt Ltd and Green Investments LLC, holding company for Allyis Group, respectively.

Static Points: Tech Mahindra **CEO & MD** - C. P. Gurnani; **Headquarters** - Pune

4) All-rounder Mohammad Hafeez announces retirement from International Cricket, he is from which country?

- a) Pakistan b) Australia c) South Africa d) England

Answer: A

Explanation: Veteran Pakistan all-rounder Mohammad Hafeez (41), who captained his national team in every format of the game, has announced his retirement from international cricket. He represented Pakistan in 392 international matches in which he scored 12,789 runs and took 253 wickets. He has played 55 Tests, 218 ODIs (One Day International) and 119 T20Is (Twenty20 International) including three ICC (International Cricket Council) ODI World Cups and six T20 World Cups.

5) PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Major Dhyan Chand Sports University in which state?

- a) Tamil Nadu b) Uttar Pradesh c) Maharashtra d) Odisha

Answer: B

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of approx Rs.700 Crores Major Dhyan Chand Sports University in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh. It will be established in the Salawa and Kaili villages of Sardhana town in Meerut. The Governor of UP Anandiben Patel and its Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath were also present at the event. Dedicated to Major Dhyan Chand, an Indian field hockey player, the university will graduate 1,080 students annually.

Static Points: Uttar Pradesh **Capital** – Lucknow; **Governor** - Anandiben Patel
Uttar Pradesh **Thermal power station** - Singrauli, Feroze Gandhi, Dadri, and Tanda

6) Which Country Opened 2 Driverless Metro Lines and Becomes Longest Metro Line in the World?

- a) Russia b) South Korea c) China d) Japan

Answer: C

Explanation: The biggest city in China has opened 2 new driverless metro lines (Line 14 and Phase One of Line 18) and retained its titles as the World's longest Metro line. With the inclusion of the 2 new driverless lines, the total length of Shanghai's metro network is extended to 831 km. The 2 new fully driverless metro lines take the total number of automatic lines in Shanghai to 5. At present Shanghai operates 167 km of fully automated metro lines, which makes the city the first in the World.

Static Points: China **Capital** – Beijing; **President** - Xi Jinping; **Currency** - Renminbi

7) Who has been appointed as Managing Director and CEO of Jammu & Kashmir Bank?

- a) Baldev Prakash b) Navin Agarwal c) Suneet Sharma d) Subhash Kumar

Answer: A

Explanation: Baldev Prakash has been appointed as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of Jammu & Kashmir Bank for three years. His appointment will be effective from the date of taking charge or April 10, 2022, whichever is earlier. Apart from him, R K Chhibber has been appointed as an additional director on the board of the bank.

Static Points: J & K Bank **Headquarters** - Srinagar

8) Which bank Approves Fino Payments Bank for Cross Border Remittances?

- a) RBI b) ICICI Bank c) HDFC Bank d) SBI

Answer: A

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India has given approval for offering international money transfer services to Fino Payments Bank, which will enable its customers to receive funds sent from foreign countries. The money remitted by family members abroad can be directly withdrawn at the nearest micro-ATM or Aadhaar-Enabled Payment Services (AEPS) enabled Fino Bank's neighbourhood merchant point.

Static Points: RBI **Headquarters** – Mumbai; RBI **Governor** – Shaktikanta Das
RBI **Deputy Governor** – Mahesh Kumar Jain, M. Rajeshwar Rao, Michael Patra and T. Rabi Shankar

9) Ladakh Celebrates ___ Festival, the traditional new year of Tibetan Buddhist.

- a) Sindhu Darshan b) Hemis c) Losar d) Saka Dawa

Answer: C

Explanation: The Losar Festival in Ladakh is celebrated at the onset of the New Year in the traditional schedule of Tibetan Buddhism. It is celebrated by the Buddhist Community in the Ladakh region. The Losar is a 15 days festival, from the start of the Tibetan Lunar calendar, marking the 1st day of the 11 months in the Tibetan Calendar. Losar is a Tibetan word that means 'New Year'.

Static Points: Ladakh **Capitals** - Leh, Kargil

10) Who Appointed as New Chairman and CEO of Railway Board?

- a) Rajni Hasija b) Suneet Sharma c) VK Tripathi d) None of the above

Answer: C

Explanation: The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Vinay Kumar Tripathi as a Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Railway Board, New Delhi. Tripathi is currently working as the General Manager of North-Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh and has been appointed in place of outgoing Chairman and CEO Suneet Sharma

Static Points: Railway Board **CEO** - Suneet Sharma; **Headquarters** - New Delhi

11) When was World Braille Day is observed?

- a) 3rd January b) 4th January c) 5th January d) 2nd January

Answer: B

Explanation: Commemorating the birth anniversary of the inventor of the Braille system, Louis Braille, and remembering his contribution towards the welfare of visually impaired people, January 4 is observed as World Braille Day.

12) Which state has become the first state in the country to launch a Digital Life Certificate system for pensioners?

- a) Kerala b) Assam c) Odisha d) Gujarat

Answer: C

Explanation: The chief minister virtually launched the new initiative while attending the orientation programme for newly recruited 153 officers of Odisha Civil Services. Claiming that Odisha is the first state in the country to implement such a digital service for pensioners, Patnaik expressed happiness over the initiative.

Static Points: Odisha **Capital** – Bhubaneswar; **CM** - Naveen Patnaik; **Governor** - Ganeshi Lal

13) Who launched a 100-day Reading Campaign 'Padhe Bharat'?

- a) Dharmendra Pradhan b) Bhupender Yadav c) Virendra Kumar d) Nitin Gadkari

Answer: A

Explanation: Union Education Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan has launched the 'Padhe Bharat', a 100-day reading campaign that will focus on promoting a joyful reading experience amongst students. To encourage the reading habit among students and to improve the learning levels of the students with a focus on children studying in Balvatika to Grade 8. The 100 days (14 weeks) reading campaign will be organised from January 2022 to April 2022.

Static Points: Dharmendra Pradhan **Constituency** - Madhya Pradesh (Rajya Sabha)

14) Who among the following took over as the 24th Director General of Indian Coast Guard?

- a) P S Ranipise b) VS Pathania c) Surjeet Singh Deswal d) Udayan Banerjee

Answer: B

Explanation: Director General V S Pathania took over as the 24th Chief of Indian Coast Guard with effect from 31st December 2021. The Flag Officer is an alumnus of the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, and the National Defence College, New Delhi. He is a qualified helicopter pilot and holds a master's degree in defence & strategic studies from the University of Madras. He has also undergone specialisation in search and rescue and port operations with U.S. Coast Guard.

15) India's April-November 2021 Fiscal Deficit narrows to ____ percent of full FY22 target.

- a) 40.4% b) 46.2% c) 36.1% d) 27.7%

Answer: B

Explanation: In accordance with the official data by India's Controller General of Accounts (CGA), the Central Government's fiscal deficit at the end of November 2021 (April-November) decreased to 46.2% due to revenues and a rise in tax collections. It was 135.1% in November 2020.

05-01-2022 Current Affairs Quiz

1) Azure Power Commissions 600 MW SECI Project in Which State?

- a) Rajasthan b) Jharkhand c) Karnataka d) Meghalaya

Answer: A

Explanation: Independent power producer Azure Power has commissioned the 600 MW Interstate Transmission System (ISTS) connected solar project allocated by the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI). The project is located in Bikaner, Rajasthan. This is the largest solar power project in India, owned and operated at a single location by any developer. Currently, the company has 2,510 MW of high-performing operational solar assets across India.

Static Points: Azure Power Global **CEO & MD** - Ranjit Gupta; **Headquarters** - New Delhi
Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) **MD** - Suman Sharma (IRS); **Headquarters** - New Delhi
Rajasthan **Capital** - Jaipur; **CM** - Ashok Gehlot; **Governor** - Kalraj Mishra

2) India Achieves Highest-Ever Export of USD ____ Billion in December 2021.

- a) 27.24 b) 37.29 c) 47.20 d) 47.21

Answer: B

Explanation: The Ministry of commerce and industry, India's merchandise export in December 2021 was about USD 37.29 billion, the highest ever monthly exports achievement. The rise in exports is mainly due to healthy performance by sectors like engineering, textiles and chemicals.

Static Points: Ministry of commerce and industry - **Piyush Goyal**; **Constituency** - Maharashtra

3) What is the Current Account Balance of India, in the second quarter ended September 2021?

- a) \$ 9.0 billion b) \$ 9.6 billion c) \$ 6.0 billion d) \$ 6.9 billion

Answer: B

Explanation: India Q2Fy22 current account deficit at 1.3% of GDP, likely to widen. India's current account balance posted a deficit of \$ 9.6 billion in the second quarter ended September 2021 (Q2Fy22), forming 1.3 per cent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP) and reflecting a rise in overseas trade.

4) Which Company Becomes First Company to Touch \$3 Trillion Market Cap?

- a) Tesla b) Infosys c) Apple d) Microsoft

Answer: C

Explanation: On 3rd January 2022 Apple Inc.'s stock market value raised above USD 3 trillion and became the first company to achieve this milestone. On the first day of trading in 2022 (i.e. On January 03, 2022), the company's shares hit an intraday record high of USD 182.88, putting Apple's market value just above USD 3 trillion.

Static Points: Apple **CEO** - Tim Cook; **Headquarters** - Cupertino, California, United States

5) Who launches NEAT 3.0 and AICTE prescribed Technical Books in Regional Languages?

- a) Nitin Gadkari b) Rajnath Singh c) Dharmendra Pradhan d) Kiren Rijiju

Answer: C

Explanation: Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Ministry of Education launched NEAT (National Educational Alliance for Technology) 3.0, a single platform to provide the best-developed ed-tech solutions and courses to students. He also launched AICTE (All India Council for Technical Education) prescribed technical books in regional languages.

Static Points: **Dharmendra Pradhan** - Minister of Education and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
Constituency - Deogarh, Odisha

6) Which Union Ministry has set up six Task Forces on 6 G technology?

- a) Minister of Railways b) Minister of Tourism
c) Ministry of Education d) Ministry of Communication

Answer: C

Explanation: The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) formed as many as six academia-driven task forces under the Technology Innovation Group (TIG) on sixth-generation or 6G technology, making industry representation only symbolic. The department mandated immediate deliverables by March 31, 2022, that included mapping of 6G activities and capabilities worldwide, and a white paper on India's competencies.

Static Points: Ministry of Communication - Devusinh Jesingbhai Chauhan; **Constituency** - Kheda, Gujarat

7) Which bank Releases Framework for Small-value Offline Digital Payments?

- a) RBI b) Yes Bank c) HDFC Bank d) SBI

Answer: A

Answer: A

Explanation: India's 1st index of cryptocurrencies named 'IC15' was launched by CryptoWire, a global crypto super app, to empower knowledge on the cryptocurrency and blockchain ecosystem. IC15 Index which is a rule-based broad market index by market capitalization will measure the performance of 15 widely traded liquid cryptocurrencies listed on exchanges across the world.

Static Points: CryptoWire **MD & CEO** - Jigish Sonagara; **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra

13) Who launches Web Portal for PM's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration for 2021-22?

- a) Rajnath Singh b) Piyush Goyal c) Anurag Thakur d) Jitendra Singh

Answer: D

Explanation: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Dr Jitendra Singh, Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST) launched the Web Portal for Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration for the year 2021-22. The registration for the awards is initiated on January 3, 2022.

Static Points: **Jitendra Singh** - Ministry of Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office
Constituency - Udampur, J&K

14) Which state becomes 1st LPG enabled & smoke-free Indian state?

- a) Himachal Pradesh b) Arunachal Pradesh c) Madhya Pradesh d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: A

Explanation: Himachal Pradesh has become the first LPG (Liquefied petroleum gas) enabled and smoke-free Indian state. This success is backed by the Central Government's Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) scheme and HP Government's Mukhya Mantri Grihini Suidha Yojana (GSY). While the PMUY scheme aims to get rid of the diseases caused by smoke and free women of the country from indoor pollution, the GSY objective is to cover those families which are not covered under PMUY.

Static Points: Himachal Pradesh **Chief Minister** - Jai Ram Thakur; **Governor** - Rajendra Arlekar
Rivers in Himachal Pradesh - Ravi, Beas, Chenab, Yamuna, and Others
Forests and Wildlife Sanctuaries - Pin Valley NP, Greater Himalayan NP, Renuka WS, Chail WS, Kalatop- Khajjjar WS.

15) Who becomes 1st Woman of Colors to make a solo trip to the South Pole?

- a) Jenny Davis b) Harpreet Chandi c) Felicity Aston d) Colin

Answer: B

Explanation: The Indian-origin British Sikh Army officer, Captain Harpreet Chandi became the 1st woman of colour to make a solo unsupported trek to the earth's South Pole. Captain Harpreet Chandi is a 32 years old physiotherapist, who was popularly known as 'Polar Preet'. She completed her 700 miles solo expedition to the South Pole in 40 days.

06-01-2022 Current Affairs Quiz

1) RBI granted Scheduled Payment Bank Status to which Payments Bank?

- a) Airtel Payments Bank b) Fino Payments Bank
c) India Post Payments Bank d) Paytm Payments Bank

Answer: A

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India granted a Scheduled Payment Bank status to Airtel Payments Bank by including it in the Second Schedule to the RBI Act, 1934. With this inclusion, it becomes the 4th payment bank to get this status.

Static Points: Airtel Payments Bank **CEO** - Anubrata Biswas; **Headquarters** - New Delhi

2) Which bank appoints cricketer Shafali Verma as Brand Endorser?

- a) HSBC Bank b) HDFC Bank c) ICICI Bank d) Bank of Baroda

Answer: D

Explanation: Bank of Baroda appointed Indian Women's Cricketer Shafali Verma as the Brand Endorser of the bank. A contract was signed between the Bank and the Cricketer Shafali Verma to confirm their association. Shafali Verma is a 17-year-old young cricketer, hails from Rohtak, Haryana. She plays for the Indian women's national cricket team.

Static Points: Bank of Baroda **CEO** - Sanjiv Chadha; **Headquarters** - Vadodara, Gujarat;
Tagline - India's International Bank

3) Which Bank wins UiPath Automation Excellence awards 2021 for Best Automation?

- a) South Indian Bank b) Axis Bank c) Federal Bank d) Indian Bank

Answer:A

Explanation: The Kerala-based lender South Indian Bank has won the UiPath Automation Excellence Awards 2021 for Best Automation under Crisis for Business Continuity. The SIB improved its Robotic Process Automation capabilities during the time of pandemics and supported the customer in solving operational problems through its excellent automation services.

Static Points: South Indian Bank **CEO** - Murali Ramakrishnan; **Headquarters** -Thrissur, Kerala
Tagline - Experience Next Generation Banking

4) Cricketer Bhanuka Rajapaksa Announces Retirement from International Cricket, he is from which country?

- a) India b) Bangladesh c) Sri Lanka d) None of the above

Answer: C

Explanation: The Sri Lankan Cricketer Bhanuka Rajapaksa proposed a letter of resignation to the Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC). He announced his retirement from international cricket with immediate effect, due to personal reasons.

Static Points: Sri Lanka **President** - Gotabaya Rajapaksa; **Capitals** - Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
Currency - Sri Lankan Rupee

5) Who inaugurated & laid the Foundation Stone of Developmental Projects?

- a) Ram Nath Kovind b) Narendra Modi c) Arvind Kejriwal d) Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer: B

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, visited the states of Manipur and Tripura. He inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 22 Developmental Projects worth over Rs.4800 crore in Imphal, Manipur. After that, in Agartala, Tripura he inaugurated the New Integrated Terminal Building at Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport and will also launch two key development initiatives viz.

Static Points: Manipur **Capital** – Imphal; **CM** - N Biren Singh; **Governor** - La Ganesan

6) Which bank introduces Market Making Scheme to Promote PDs to Trade in RD Scheme?

- a) SBI b) Canara Bank c) RBI d) Hdfc Bank

Answer: C

Explanation: To provide liquidity in the secondary market, the Reserve Bank of India has introduced the market-making scheme to promote retail participation in Government Securities (G-Secs) by providing prices/ quotes to Retail Direct Gilt Account Holders (RDGAHs) enabling them to buy/ sell securities under the RBI Retail Direct (RBI-RD) Scheme.

7) On which day the World Day of War Orphans is observed?

- a) 6th January b) 5th January c) 7th January d) 4th January

Answer: A

Explanation: Every year on January 6, the World Day of War Orphans is recognized. Global disasters, such as a pandemic, are sure to have the greatest impact on orphan children. The World Day of War Orphans 2022 reminds the world that caring for children in awful conditions is a duty, particularly in the face of a pandemic.

8) Who achieved 1st Guinness World Record on Numerology in 2022?

- a) Sidharth b) JC Chaudhry c) Jagannath Joshi d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: JC Chaudhry, India's one of the top numerologists, has achieved the first-ever Guinness World Record in Numerology and the first world record of 2022 by educating about ancient science to around 6000 participants, enthusiasts of numerology joined from the United States, the United Kingdom(UK), Middle East, and India.

9) Who launched the 75th Platinum Jubilee Year Of CSIR-NPL?

- a) Sarbananda Sonowal b) Giriraj Singh c) Anurag Thakur d) Jitendra Singh

Answer: D

Explanation: Union Minister of State Science & Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh released a Special Postage Stamp commemorating the 75th Platinum Jubilee year of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) -National Physical Laboratory (NPL), New Delhi. It is one of the earliest CSIR laboratories that was set up during independence that the celebration coincides with the 75th year of India's independence and also highlights the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Static Points: CSIR **Director-General** - Shekhar C.Mande; **Headquarters** - New Delhi, Delhi

10) SBI, ICICI and ___ Bank continue to be Domestic Systemically Important Banks.

- a) Yes Bank b) HDFC Bank c) Canara Bank d) Bank of Baroda

Answer: B

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India announced that SBI, ICICI (Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India) and HDFC (Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited) banks will continue to be identified as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs). Therefore they will have to maintain additional Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital ratios in the same manner prescribed in 2020.

Static Points: SBI **Chairperson** - Dinesh Kumar Khara; **Headquarters** - Mumbai

Tagline - The Nation banks on us; Pure Banking Nothing Else; With you all the way

ICICI Bank **MD & CEO** - Sandeep Bakhshi; **Headquarters** – Vadodara;

Tagline - Hum hai na, Khayal Apka

HDFC Bank **CEO** - Sashidhar Jagdishan; **Headquarters** – Mumbai;

Tagline - We Understand Your World

11) Who Authored a New Book Titled "Gandhi's Assassin: The Making of Nathuram Godse and His Idea of India"?

- a) Dharendra Jha b) Arunava Sinha c) Jayanta Ghosal d) Mamata Das

Answer: A

Explanation: Dhirendra K. Jha, a Delhi based journalist, has authored a new book titled "Gandhi's Assassin: The Making of Nathuram Godse and His Idea of India". The book is published by Vintage Books. The book explores Godse's relationship with the organizations that influenced his view and gave him a sense of purpose.

12) Which company Partners with HCIPL to Offer Satellite Broadband Services?

- a) Reliance Jio b) Vodafone c) BSNL d) Airtel

Answer: D

Explanation: Bharti Airtel Limited and Hughes Communications India Private Limited (HCIPL), a majority-owned subsidiary of Hughes Network Systems, LLC (Hughes) announced a joint venture (JV) to provide satellite broadband services in India. The JV is Operational as HCIPL. HCIPL will hold a 67 per cent stake in the joint venture, while Airtel will hold a 33 per cent.

Static Points: Bharti Airtel Limited **MD & CEO** - Gopal Vittal; **Headquarters:-** New Delhi, Delhi

13) Ajay Kumar Choudhary & Deepak Kumar Appointed as Executive Directors of which bank?

- a) SBI b) SIDBI c) ADB d) RBI

Answer: D

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India has appointed Deepak Kumar, Chief General Manager, Department of Information Technology, RBI and Ajay Kumar Choudhary, Chief General Manager-in-Charge, Department of Supervision, RBI, as the new Executive Directors (ED) of RBI with effect from 3rd January 2022.

14) UJALA Completes ___ Years, to Saves ~48 Bn kWh Energy Every Year?

- a) 7 years b) 5 years c) 4 years d) 10 years

Answer: A

Explanation: The Power Ministry successfully completed 7 years of distributing and selling LED lights under its flagship Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA) programme. As of 5th January 2022, 47,778 Million (~48 Billion(Bn)) kilowatt-hour (kWh) per annum energy has been saved.

Static Points: **UJALA Launched** – 2015;
Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy - **Raj Kumar Singh**

15) World Food Programme and The Akshaya Patra Foundation Partners to Enhance ___ Scheme.

- a) PMJDY b) PM-KISAN c) PM POSHAN d) PMJJBY

Answer: C

Explanation: The United Nations's World Food Programme (WFP) in India, has partnered with The Akshaya Patra Foundation (TAPF), a not-for-profit organisation, to enhance the effectiveness of the Pradhan Mantri – Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) scheme (earlier known as National Programme for Mid-Day Meal in Schools).

Static Points: World Food Programme **Executive Director** - David Beasley
Headquarters - Rome, Italy

07-01-2022 Current Affairs Quiz

1) Which State tops the Highest Number of ODF Villages?

- a) Andhra Pradesh b) Telangana c) Tamil Nadu d) Karnataka

Answer: B

Explanation: Telangana stood first in the country in the list of the highest number of open defecation free (ODF Plus) villages under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II programme. As many as 13,737 out of 14,200 villages in the State are on the ODF Plus list, which is 96.74%. This was followed by Tamil Nadu with 4,432 villages (35.39%) and Karnataka with 1,511 villages (5.59%). Gujarat took the 17th position with only 83 villages (0.45%).

Static Points: Telangana **Governor** - Tamilisai Soundararajan
Forests & National Park - Shivaram Wildlife Sanctuary, Manjira Wildlife Sanctuary, and Others
Neighbour states - Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Karnataka

2) Reliance Retail Picked up a 25.8% Stake in Dunzo for USD ___ Million.

- a) 100 b) 400 c) 200 d) 300

Answer: C

Explanation: Reliance Retail Ventures Limited (RRVL), a subsidiary of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has purchased a 25.8% stake in Bengaluru-based startup Dunzo (Dunzo Digital Private Limited), an Indian company, with an investment of USD 200 Million (~ Rs.1489 crore). Dunzo has raised USD 240 million in a round of funding where the investment was led by RRVL.

Static Points: RRVL **Chairman & MD** - Mukesh Ambani; **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra.
Dunzo **CEO & Co-Founder** - Kabeer Biswas; **Headquarters** - Bengaluru, Karnataka.

3) GAIL India sign MoU for Clean Energy Projects in Which State?

- a) Assam b) Gujarat c) Kerala d) Odisha

Answer: D

Explanation: The Memorandum of Understanding was inked between the Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Odisha (IPICOL) and GAIL India (Gas Authority Of India Ltd) in Bhubaneswar, Odisha for the production of eco-friendly fuels in Odisha. Both entities will cooperate in the areas of green hydrogen, green ammonia and renewable energy.

Static Points: GAIL India CEO - Shri Manoj Jain; **Headquarters** - New Delhi
Odisha **Capital** - Bhubaneswar; **CM** - Naveen Patnaik; **Governor** - Ganeshi Lal

4) Which State CM Launched the UNNATI portal & Mobile app of HPSIDC?

- a) Himachal Pradesh b) Maharashtra c) Jharkhand d) Bihar

Answer: A

Explanation: Himachal Pradesh CM Jai Ram Thakur, has launched the UNNATI portal and the mobile application of the Himachal Pradesh State Industrial Development Corporation Limited (HPSIDC). He also launched the website of the HPSIDC. The UNNATI portal will allow the user to work in collaboration with others and focus on individual projects.

Static Points: Himachal Pradesh **Chief Minister** - Jai Ram Thakur; **Governor** - Rajendra Arlekar
Capital(s) - Shimla (Summer), Dharamshala (Winter)

5) Who Chaired the 19th Meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority?

- a) Bhupender Yadav b) Dharmendra Pradhan c) Anurag Thakur d) Kishan Reddy

Answer: A

Explanation: In the 19th Meeting of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), which was held under the chairmanship of the Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav, an Action Plan regarding the introduction of Cheetah in India was released. Currently, there are 51 Tiger Reserves in India and more than 35 rivers originate from those areas which are crucial for water security.

Static Points:

Bhupender Yadav - Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Ministry of Labour & Employment
Constituency - Rajasthan, Rajya Sabha.

6) Which State/ UT govt signs a pact with LuLu Group to set up Food Processing & Logistics hub?

- a) Jammu & Kashmir b) Chandigarh c) Puducherry d) Ladakh

Answer: A

Explanation: Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) government signed a Memorandum of Understanding with LuLu Group International to establish the Food Processing and Logistics hub in Srinagar. The LG inaugurated the Jammu and Kashmir promotion week at the LuLu Hypermarket in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Static Points: Jammu & Kashmir **Capitals** - Srinagar (May - October), Jammu (Nov - April)

Bird Sanctuary- Hokersar bird sanctuary, and Others

LuLu Group **Chairman & MD** - Yusuff Ali MA; **Headquarters** - Abu Dhabi, UAE.

7) Which Company Introduces UPI Autopay in Collaboration with NPCI?

- a) BSNL b) Bharti Airtel c) Reliance Jio d) Vodafone

Answer: C

Explanation: The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Reliance Jio collaborated to announce the introduction of Unified Payment Interface (UPI) Autopay for the telecom industry. Through this collaboration, Reliance Jio has become the 1st telecom company to launch a UPI autopay facility for both prepaid and postpaid subscribers.

Static Points: Reliance Jio **Founder** - Mukesh Ambani; **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra

NPCI **CEO & MD** - Dilip Asbe; **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra

8) SBI General Insurance launches 'BahaneChhodoTaxBachao' Campaign on ___ Savings.

- a) Emergency Savings b) Tax Savings c) Spending Savings d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: SBI General Insurance Company Ltd launched a campaign titled '#BahaneChhodoTaxBachao' to increase awareness around the need to buy health insurance to save tax. It will also highlight the other benefits of opting for health insurance. The campaign is in a quirky Vox Pop format featuring anchor Rudraksh Singh aka Rudy.

Static Points: State Bank of India **Chairperson** - Dinesh Kumar Khara; **Headquarters** - Mumbai

Tagline - The Nation banks on us; Pure Banking Nothing Else; With you all the way

9) Who Launches Theme of National Science Day 2022?

- a) Anurag Thakur b) Piyush Goyal c) Rajnath Singh d) Jitendra Singh

Answer: D

Explanation: Minister of State for the Ministry of Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh launched the theme of National Science Day 2022 in New Delhi raising public appreciation of the scientific issues. The theme was 'Integrated Approach in Science and Technology (S&T) for Sustainable Future'.

Static Points: Jitendra Singh **Constituency** - Udhampur, J&K; **National Science Day** - 28th February

10) Syntizen Partners with which state govt to Provide Life Certificates to Pensioners?

- a) Bihar b) Odisha c) Assam d) Haryana

Answer: B

Explanation: Syntizen, a Digital Identity Solutions provider, has partnered with the Odisha government to provide a Video KYC solution in offering life certificates to 5 lakh pension seekers. Odisha is the first State in India to implement a digital process that includes Aadhaar Validation for simplifying the process of obtaining a life certificate.

Static Points: Syntizen Co-founder & Chief Business Officer - **Siddharth Kukatlapalli**
CEO - Vamsi Kotte; **Headquarters** - Hyderabad, Telangana

11) Shillong Chamber Choir founder Neil Nongkynrih passed away at the age of ____.

- a) 65 b) 55 c) 61 d) 51

Answer: D

Explanation: The founder of Shillong Chamber Choir (SCC) and renowned Indian concert pianist Neil Nongkynrih passed away at the age of 51 years in Mumbai, Maharashtra. He studied music at Trinity College in London and in 2001 he laid the foundation of SCC in Shillong.

12) Which Bank Releases Eligibility Criteria for Entities to Become 'specified Users' of CICs?

- a) SBI b) HDFC Bank c) ICICI Bank d) RBI

Answer: D

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India released the eligibility criteria for entities to be categorised as 'Specified User' of Credit Information Companies (CICs). The eligible criteria are issued under clause (j) of Regulation 3 of the CICs (Amendment) Regulations, 2021.

13) NTPC Limited to Acquire ____ per cent Equity Stake in PXIL.

- a) 4% b) 7% c) 5% d) 8%

Answer: C

Explanation: National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC), is set to acquire up to 5% of the equity stake in Power Exchange India Limited (PXIL). PXIL is India's first institutionally promoted power exchange, that provides electricity trading solutions and connects buyers as well as sellers.

Static Points: NTPC Chairman & MD - Gurdeep Singh; **Headquarters** - New Delhi

14) Government reappoints ____ Sharma as Chairman of CACP.

- a) V. Ramana b) Vijay Paul c) Narendra Singh d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: The Central government has reappointed Vijay Paul Sharma as Chairman of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) after he resigned in May 2021 completing his five-year term (2016-2021). Vijay Paul Sharma also serves as a professor in the Agriculture Department at the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIM-A) Gujarat.

Static Points: Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - **Narendra Singh Tomar**
Constituency - Morena, Madhya Pradesh

15) New Coronavirus Variant Named IHU, Discovered in Which Country?

- a) France b) Russia c) Switzerland d) China

Answer: A

Explanation: The Scientists of France have discovered a new variant of the Coronavirus, named IHU – B.1.640.2 variant. The new variant named IHU was discovered by the academics at the institute IHU (Instituts hospitalo-universitaires) Mediterranee Infection, Marseille, France.

08-01-2022 Current Affairs Quiz

1) India and 5 Other Nations Begin Anti-Submarine Exercise 'Sea Dragon 22' with ____.

- a) French Navy b) US Navy c) Israeli Navy d) Russian Navy

Answer: B

Explanation: The US Navy Seventh Fleet announced the beginning of the multilateral anti-submarine warfare (ASW) exercise, 'Sea Dragon 22' in Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, in the western Pacific. The six nations that are participating in the exercise are the US, Australia, Canada, India, Japan and South Korea.

Static Points: United States **President** - Joe Biden; **Capital** - Washington DC; **Currency** - US Dollar

2) ____ won the Silver SKOCH Award for Governance during 78th SKOCH Summit.

- a) BMC b) FSL c) E&IT d) None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation: The Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL), Forensic Service Delhi, has won the SKOCH Award 2021(Silver) in the Governance category for its work towards combating Crime and Violence against Children. The award was presented during the 78th SKOCH Summit held on 6th January 2022.

3) Japan & Australia Signed Defence Agreement to counter which country?

- a) China b) India c) Korea d) Thailand

Answer: A

Explanation: Japan and Australia signed a 'landmark' defence treaty named the Reciprocal Access Agreement (RAA) to counter China's expansionary military and economic policies. The treaty was signed between Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Japanese PM Fumio Kishida in a virtual conference organized in Tokyo, Japan.

Static Points: Japan **Currency** - Japanese Yen; **Capital** – Tokyo; **Prime minister** - Fumio Kishida
China **Capital** – Beijing; **Currency** – Renminbi; **President** - Xi Jinping
Australia **Capital** – Canberra; **Currency** - Australian Dollar

4) RBI Increased Banks' LCR maintenance on Funds Received from Non-Financial Small Business Customers to ____ Crore.

- a) 5.7 Crore b) 7.8 Crore c) 7.5 Crore d) 8.7 Crore

Answer: C

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased the threshold limit for Banks to maintain the Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) on deposits and other 'extension of funds' received from non-financial small business customers from Rs 5 crore to Rs 7.5 crore.

Static Points: RBI Established on - 1st April 1935

5) India Inks Deal With Which Country to Redevelop Strategic Trincomalee Oil Tank Complex?

- a) China b) Sri Lanka c) Nepal d) Bangladesh

Answer: B

Explanation: Sri Lanka signed an agreement with India to jointly redevelop the strategic World War II-era Trincomalee Oil Tank Complex, commonly known as the Trinco Oil Tank Farm in Sri Lanka's eastern port district of Trincomalee for a lease period of 50 years.

Static Points: Sri Lanka **President** - Gotabaya Rajapaksa

Capital(s) - Colombo (Legislative capital), Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (Executive & Judicial Capital);

Currency - Sri Lankan Rupee

6) Who was appointed as new Secretary-General of SCO?

- a) Zhang Ming b) Zhang Yiming c) Lei Jun d) Paul Fang

Answer: A

Explanation: The senior Chinese diplomat, Zhang Ming was appointed as the new secretary-general of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). Zhang Ming succeeded the former diplomat from Uzbekistan, Vladimir Norov, who completed his term on 31st December 2021. Zhang Ming will hold the post of SG of the SCO for a term of 3 years.

Static Points: Shanghai Cooperation Organization **Founded** - 15 June 2001

Member Countries - Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India

7) LLC announces All-women Referee team & appoints ____ as Ambassador.

- a) Mithali Raj b) Lauren Agenbag c) Shubhda Bhosle Gaikwad d) Jhulan Goswami

Answer: D

Explanation: Legends League Cricket (LLC) appointed Jhulan Goswami as an Ambassador to its All Women Match Official Team to promote Women's Empowerment initiatives of the LLC and to increase participation of women in cricket. The LLC set up an All Women Match Official Team for the League. This is the first of its all-women official teams that would officiate an entire men's league.

8) Who won 2021 World Rapid Chess Champion?

- a) Magnus Carlsen b) Daniil Dubov c) Nodirbek Abdusattorov d) None of the above

Answer: C

Explanation: Nodirbek Abdusattorov, from Uzbekistan, won the World Rapid Chess Champion of 2021 by defeating Ian Nepomniachtchi (Russia) in a tiebreaker and dethroning Magnus Carlsen, the current World Number 1. 2020 FIDE Champion was won by Magnus Carlsen. The Uzbeki Grand Master (GM), received the Mard Uglon ("Brave Son") Presidential medal.

Static Points: FIDE **Headquarters** - Lausanne, Switzerland;

Motto - "Gens una Sumus" ("We are one Family")

President - Arkady Dvorkovich (Russia)

9) Which state Celebrated Losoong/ Namsong Festival?

- a) Punjab b) Assam c) Sikkim d) Odisha

Answer: C

Explanation: Losoong/ Namsoong is annually celebrated across the Indian State of Sikkim on the 18th day of the 10th month of the Tibetan Lunar Calendar, which also marks the beginning of the harvest season. The Namsoong festival begins on the 1st day of the new moon phase Kurneet Lovo, as per the Lepcha lunisolar Calendar known as Dungkit Karchu. The festivities of Losoong continue for ~5 to 7 days.

Static Points: Sikkim **Capital** – Gangtok; **CM** - Prem Singh Tamang; **Governor** - Ganga Prasad

10) The Artificial Sun Achieved Continuous High-Temperature Plasma Operation, in which country?

- a) south Korea b) Japan c) Thailand d) China

Answer: D

Explanation: The experimental advanced superconducting tokamak (EAST), which is known as the Chinese 'Artificial Sun' has achieved a continuous high-temperature plasma operation for 1056 seconds at a stunning 70 million degrees Celsius. This sets a new world record for the longest time of operation of its kind in the world.

11) Which Payments Bank & Park+ partner on FASTag-based Parking Solutions?

- a) Airtel b) Paytm c) Jio d) Both a & b

Answer: A

Explanation: Airtel Payments Bank and Park+ have collaborated to offer FASTag-based smart parking solutions to marquee commercial and residential properties across India. This partnership will utilize the reach of Airtel Payments Bank to digitise the parking ecosystem using FASTag associated with the vehicle.

Static Points: Airtel Payments Bank **CEO & MD** - Anubrata Biswas; **Headquarters** - New Delhi

12) When was 75th BIS Foundation Day is observed?

- a) 7th January b) 6th January c) 5th January d) 8th January

Answer: B

Explanation: The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), the National Standard Body of India, annually celebrates the BIS Foundation Day on 6th January. The BIS foundation day commemorates the day on which BIS came into existence as the Indian Standards Institution (ISI) (6th January 1947).

13) Ministry of Food Processing Industries Pashupati Kumar Paras, Launches ___ Brands of Food products for ODO Brands?

- a) 6 b) 7 c) 8 d) 9

Answer: A

Explanation: Union Minister for Ministry of Food Processing Industries Shri Pashupati Kumar Paras and Minister of State, MoFPI Shri Prahlad Singh Patel and senior officials of NAFED launched six food products of One District One Product (ODO) brands under the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme at Panchsheel Bhawan, New Delhi.

Static Points: PMFME Scheme outlay - **Rs.10,000 Crore;** Over a Period - **5 years** (2020-21 to 2024-25)
Ministry of Food Processing Industries - **Pashupati Kumar Paras;** **Constituency** - Hajipur, Bihar

14) ___ to Set up Hubs on Motor, Property Insurances, and Sets Norms for Surety Cover.

- a) PRDA b) SEBI c) IRDAI d) TRAI

Answer: C

Explanation: Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has decided to set up two hubs, one on motor insurance at 'Institute of Insurance and Risk Management (IIRM)', the other on property insurance at 'National Insurance Academy (NIA)' to promote loss prevention measures in the general insurance industry.

Static Points: IRDAI **Headquarters** – Hyderabad; **Chairperson** - Subhash Chandra Khuntia

15) Who Inaugurated India's First 'Open Rock Museum' at Hyderabad?

- a) Nitin Gadkari b) Piyush Goyal c) Anurag Thakur d) Jitendra Singh

Answer: D

Explanation: Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Ministry of Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh, inaugurated India's first & unique 'Open Rock Museum' at the campus of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research – National Geophysical Research Institute (CSIR-NGRI), Hyderabad, Telangana & later addressed the Hyderabad Scientists at CSIR-NGRI.

Static Points: CSIR-NGRI Director - V M Tiwari; **Headquarters** - Hyderabad, Telangana.

FESTIVALS IN INDIA

Kerala	Onam, Nishagandhi festival, Vaikathashtami festival.
Madhya Pradesh	Tejaji Fair, Khajuraho festival.
Maharashtra	Kalidas festival, Chikoo Utsav.
Manipur	Yaoshang, Chavang Kut, Cheiraoba Festival, Kang Chingba (Ratha Yatra of Manipur)
Meghalaya	Nongkrem Dance Festival, Wangala Festival, Bob Dylan festival, Ahaia festival.
Mizoram	ChapcharKut Festival
Nagaland	Hornbill Festival, Moatsu Mong festival, Lui- Ngai-Ni Festival, Yemshe Festival, Sekrenyi Festival.
Odisha	Konark festival, International sand art festival.
Punjab	Lohri.
Rajasthan	Gangaur Festival, Bundi Utsav, Desert festival, Braj festival, Shekhawati festival, Matasya festival, Kolayat Fair, Pushkar Fair.
Sikkim	Saga Dawa, Losoong Festival.
Tamil Nadu	Pongal, Thaipooam, Jallikattu festival, Natyanjali festival.
Telangana	Bonalu.
Tripura	Kharchi Puja.
Uttar Pradesh	Kumbh Mela, Ram Leela.
Uttarakhand	Ganga Dusshera.
West Bengal	Durga Puja, Nandikar National Theatre festival, Gangasagar Mela.
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