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- In December 2023, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal announced that the government has extended the benefits of the Scheme for _____ of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) to e-commerce exports through courier and postal services.
 - **Remission**

- According to the recent data (as of Dec '23) from the National Stock Exchange (NSE), which state tops the list of states with the highest number of registered investors?
 - **Maharashtra**

- Which ministry has recently (in Dec '23) launched the National Transit Pass System (NTPS), envisioned as a One National One Pass system?
 - **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**

- In December 2023, the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, increased the interest rate on the Sukanya Samriddhi Account Scheme (SSAS) to _____ from 8% for the 4th quarter (January-March 2024) of 2023-2024 (Q4FY24).
 - **8.2%**

- In which city, Giridhar Aramane, Defence Secretary, Ministry of Defence (MoD), inaugurated a new state-of-the-art design and test facility of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in December 2023?
 - **Bengaluru, Karnataka**

- Name the Institute/Centre that has recently (in Dec '23) launched a Online Voluntary Certification modules of Certificate of Approval (CoA) and Technology Approval under its voluntary certification scheme.
 - **Telecommunication Engineering Centre**

- In December 2023, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) revised the Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) scheme and extended the deadline until _____.
 - **31st December 2025**

- Name the bank that has recently (in Dec '23) entered into a Co-Lending Partnership with the Kisetsu Saison Finance (India) Private Limited, to offer Micro, Small & Medium Enterprise (MSME) Loans.
 - **Central Bank of India**

- In December 2023, _____ became the 1st Indian company to chemically recycle plastic waste-based pyrolysis oil into International Sustainability & Carbon Certification (ISCC)-Plus certified Circular Polymers.
 - **Reliance Industries Limited**

- In December 2023, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) reduced its shareholding in Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) from 11.701% to _____ through open market operation(OMO).
 - **9.617%**

- Name the seventh 250 Men Ferry Craft that was recently (in Dec '23) delivered by the Shalimar Works (1980) Limited to the Indian Navy (IN).
 - **Manjula (Yard 786)**

- In December 2023, Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Administrative Council led by Lieutenant Governor(LG) Manoj Sinha amended J&K Panchayati Raj Act, _____ to incorporate the definition of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in the Act to ensure reservation for OBCs in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs).
 - **1989**

- Which state government has recently (in Dec '23) launched the 3rd phase of its flagship universal health coverage scheme, Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY)?
 - **Odisha**

- In December 2023, Indian scientists have indigenously developed organic-inorganic halide perovskite self-powered broadband photodetector with partial substitution of lead by _____ (element), which can be useful for solar energy generation.
 - **Magnesium**

- Who is the present (as of Dec '23) Director General of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)?
 - **Pramod Kumar Tiwari**