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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. Which of the following companies have recently (in April' 24) accorded with Navratna status?

- A) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited
- B) Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited
- C) Grid Controller of India Limited
- D) NTPC Limited

- 1) Only A & B
- 2) Only B & C
- 3) Only C & D
- 4) Only A & D
- 5) All A, B & C

Answer- 1) Only A & B

Explanation:

The Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), Ministry of Finance has granted Navratna status to Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA). The Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) has also granted the Navratna Status to Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO).

- IREDA's net profit rose by 32% year-on-year to Rs 337 crore, remaining steady quarter-on-quarter.
- Navratna status is granted by the Indian government to top-tier Public Sector Undertakings (PSU), allowing them to make investments up to Rs 1,000 crore without central approval.

Option Revision:

3. Grid Controller of India Limited (GRID-INDIA) has been designated as a Miniratna Category-I Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) by the Ministry of Power, Government of India, highlighting its crucial role in India's power landscape.

4. The NTPC Limited (formerly known as National Thermal Power Corporation) has inked a pact with Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) for sourcing foreign currency loans of USD 200 million (Japanese Yen (JPY) 30 billion or around Rs 1,650 crore). The loan is co-financed by Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation and the Bank of Yokohama Ltd.

2. In April 2024, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)'s long-term satellite imagery covering the catchments of Indian Himalayan river basins from 1984 to 2023, revealed that around _____ glacial lakes have notably expanded since 1984.

- 1) 2,431
- 2) 676
- 3) 601
- 4) 314
- 5) 820

Answer- 2) 676

Explanation:

The Indian Space Research Organisation (**ISRO**)'s long-term satellite imagery covering the catchments of Indian Himalayan river basins from 1984 to 2023 shows that more than **27%** of the identified glacial lakes in the Himalayas have expanded since 1984.

- Among the **2,431 lakes** larger than 10 hectares identified during 2016-17, around **676 glacial lakes** have notably expanded since 1984.
- Out of these 676 lakes, **601** have expanded more than twice; 10 lakes have grown between 1.5 to 2 times and 65 lakes have expanded 1.5 times. Elevation-based analysis shows that **314** lakes are in the 4,000 to 5,000 metres (m) elevation range, while 296 lakes are above 5,000 m.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

3. Which Indian Naval Ship (INS) has recently (in April' 24) participated in Maritime Partnership Exercise with the United Kingdom(UK) Littoral Response Group South(LRGS)?

- 1) INS Tir
- 2) INS Jatayu
- 3) INS Sandhayak
- 4) INS Sahyadri
- 5) All the above

Answer- **4) INS Sahyadri**

Explanation:

Indian Navy's indigenous stealth frigate, Indian Naval Ship(**INS**) **Sahyadri** participated in Maritime Partnership Exercise with the United Kingdom(**UK**) Littoral Response Group South(LRGS) comprising British Royal Navy's Royal Fleet Auxiliary(RFA) Argus and RFA Lyme Bay at Sea.

- To improve interoperability and strengthen maritime cooperation between India and U.K.
- The exercise included Tactical manoeuvres, Boarding operations, Surface engagement against simulated asymmetric threats, Cross-deck visits and Cross-deck helicopter operations.

Option Revision:

1. In April 2024, The Indian Naval Ship (**INS**) **Tir** representing the First Training Squadron (1TS), joined Exercise Cutlass Express – 24 (CE – 24) at Port Victoria, Seychelles.
2. In April 2024, The Indian Navy (IN) commissioned the Indian Naval Ship (**INS**) **Jatayu** at Minicoy, the southernmost island in Lakshadweep.
3. In February 2024, Indian Navy Commissioned Survey Vessel **INS Sandhayak** (Yard 3025) in Visakhapatnam.

BANKING AND FINANCE

4. What should be the minimum net worth of Small Finance Banks (SFBs) (as of April' 24) at the end of the previous quarter(audited)to be eligible for conversion into Universal Banks(UBs)?

- 1) Rs 100 crore
- 2) Rs 300 crore
- 3) Rs 1000 crore
- 4) Rs 5 crore
- 5) Rs 500 crore

Answer- 3) Rs 1000 crore

Explanation:

On 26th April 2024, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) laid out a framework in the form of eligibility conditions for the voluntary transition of Small Finance Banks (SFBs) to Universal Banks (UBs).

- RBI laid down some conditions for conversion of SFBs into UBs like these SFBs must have minimum paid-up capital of **Rs 1000 crore**, satisfactory track record of performance for **minimum 5 years** etc.
- These conditions are in reference to “**Guidelines for ‘on-tap’ Licensing of Small Finance Banks in Private Sector**” issued on 5th December, 2019. These guidelines provide a transition path for SFBs to convert into UBs.

Note: On 1st April 2024, RBI approved the merger of Fincare SFB into AU Small Finance Bank Limited. Now, there are 11 SFBs in India. [Click here to read more](#)

Option Revision:

1. The minimum paid-up equity capital of the payments bank shall be **Rs. 100 crore**. The payments bank shall be required to maintain a minimum capital adequacy ratio of 15 percent of its risk weighted assets (RWA) on a continuous basis, subject to any higher percentage as may be prescribed by RBI from time to time.
2. RBI has raised the minimum capital requirement for ARCs to begin securitisation to **Rs 300 crore**, compared with Rs 100 crore earlier on October 11, 2022.
4. The Regional Rural Banks (Amendment) Bill, 2014 was introduced by the Minister of Finance, Mr. Arun Jaitley, in Lok Sabha on December 18, 2014. The Bill seeks to amend the Regional Rural Banks Act, 1976. The Act provides for the authorised capital of each RRB to be **Rs 5 crore**.

5. Which regulatory/ statutory body has recently (in April' 24) notified a framework for Category I and Category II Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) in the infrastructure sector to raise debt by pledging the equity of their investee companies?

- 1) Reserve Bank Of India
- 2) Competition Commission of India
- 3) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India
- 4) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 5) International Financial Services Centres Authority

Answer- 4) **Securities and Exchange Board of India**

Explanation:

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has notified a framework for **Category I and Category II Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs)** in the infrastructure sector to raise debt by pledging the equity of their investee companies.

- In this regard, SEBI (AIF) Regulations, 2012 has been amended and notified SEBI (AIF) (second amendment) Regulations, 2024.
- **Category I and Category II AIFs** can create encumbrances on invested companies' equity in the infrastructure sector to facilitate debt raising, under Regulation 16(1)(c) and 17(c) of AIF Regulations, subject to compliance with RBI regulations. [Click here to read more](#)

Option Revision:

1. In February 2024 **RBI** revised the eligibility norms for the inclusion of Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) in the Second Schedule to RBI Act, 1934 - issued under sub clause (a) of sub section (6) of section 42 of the RBI Act 1934.

2. In March 2024 - Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MOCA) notified that the provisions of sections 20, 35 & 40 of the Competition (Amendment) Act, 2023 will come into force with effect from 6th March 2024. Allows **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** to impose a penalty on the global turnover of a company for engaging in activities that distort competition.

3. In January 2024 - **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI)** removed the requirement of case-to-case approval for investment in IDF - NBFCs by insurance companies. The investment should be - with Note 3 - Regulation 9 of IRDAI (Investments) Regulations 2016.

6. Which organisation has recently (in April' 24) pledged USD 23.6 billion in 2023 to help Asia and Pacific Progress on Sustainable Development?

- 1) World Bank
- 2) Asian Development Bank
- 3) National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development
- 4) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- 5) New Development Bank

Answer- **2) Asian Development Bank**

Explanation:

The Asian Development Bank(**ADB**) pledged **USD 23.6 billion** from its own resources in 2023 which also include USD 9.8 billion for climate action, to help **Asia and Pacific** progress on sustainable development.

- The amount is raised through loans, grants, equity investments, guarantees and technical support provided to governments and the private sector.
- ADB also raised an additional **USD16.4 billion** in co-financing through its strong partnerships.
- These figures are among the financial and operational results published by ADB in its Annual Report 2023 on 25th April, 2024.

Option Revision:

1. In March 2024, The **World Bank(WB)** approved a new project worth USD 452 million to improve connectivity for over 1.8 million people living in rural areas of Assam. The Assam Resilient Rural Bridges Program will strengthen the resilience and management of roads and bridges to help people living in 1,739 villages. Project approved for fiscal year 2024.

3. **National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)** plans to raise up to Rs 40,000 crore (USD4.8 billion) in local currency bonds, according to people familiar with the matter, as the newly created Indian lender aims to more than double its loan disbursement.

4. In January 2024, **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)** invested INR 486 Crore (approximately USD 58.4 million) in Sustainable Energy Infra Trust (SEIT) for AIIB's project 'India: Project Meridian'.

Key Points: SEIT is India's largest renewable energy Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT).

7. Which life insurance company has recently (in April' 24) partnered with Peerless Financial Products Distribution Ltd. (PFDDL) for corporate agency tie-ups?

- 1) Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance
- 2) HDFC Life Insurance
- 3) Life Insurance Corporation of India
- 4) Future Generali India Life Insurance
- 5) Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance

Answer- 2) **HDFC Life Insurance**

Explanation:

HDFC Life Insurance, one of India's leading insurers, and Peerless Financial Products Distribution Limited (**PFPDL**) join hands in a corporate agency tie-up. This partnership would enable PFPDL to distribute HDFC Life's life insurance products to its customers.

- Through this tie-up, PFPDL would offer financial protection to its customers and provide both digital and physical platforms for customer convenience.
- The partnership aims to strengthen HDFC Life's presence in eastern India. The tie-up would further bolster the reach of HDFC Life in **Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities** across the 42 locations of PFPDL.

Option Revision:

1. In February 2024, Thrissur (Kerala) based ESAF Small Finance Bank(SFB) announced a bancassurance partnership with **Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance Company** Limited to offer life insurance products to a wider range of customers, particularly those in underserved communities.

3. On 17th February 2024, the **Life Insurance Corporation of India** (LIC) launched 'LIC Amritbaal Plan 874', a new Non-Linked, Non-Participating, Individual, Savings, Life Insurance plan. The plan is designed to meet the higher education and other financial needs of the child.

4. Mumbai (Maharashtra) based **Future Generali India Life Insurance Company Limited** (FGILI) has launched a comprehensive women's health insurance plan 'Health PowHER' designed specifically for women. The plan aims to address the various needs of women across the different stages of their lives.

8. Which organisation has recently (in April' 24) partnered with the Foundation for Innovation & Research in Science & Technology (F.I.R.S.T) at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur to boost innovation in Mobile Financial Services (MFS) and Fintech solutions?

- 1) Ericsson India
- 2) LeRemitt
- 3) Digivridhhi
- 4) Flywire corporation
- 5) Revolut

Answer- 1) **Ericsson India**

Explanation:

Ericsson India and the Foundation for Innovation & Research in Science & Technology (F.I.R.S.T) at the Indian Institute of Technology (**IIT**) **Kanpur**, Uttar Pradesh(UP) have signed a 2-year partnership to boost innovation in Mobile Financial Services (MFS) and Fintech solutions.

- This aims to leverage Ericsson's global expertise and **F.I.R.S.T's innovation** ecosystem to create groundbreaking solutions.
- Ericsson's wallet platform supports over 400 million registered mobile wallets, processing 2.8 billion transactions valued at over USD 40 billion monthly.

Option Revision:

2. In February 2024, **Yes Bank Limited** and **LeRemitt** partnered to create a cross-border platform to enable MSME to conduct international transactions.

3. In January 2024, **Karnataka bank** partnered with **Digivridhhi** to provide financial services to support dairy farmers. The services offered to Village Dairy Cooperative Societies associated with Milk Unions of Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF).

4. State Bank of India (SBI) in collaboration with the United States of America based **Flywire Corporation** to simplify cross border education payments for Indian students pursuing studies abroad.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

9. Name the personality who has been recently (in April' 24) named as Ambassador of ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024.

- 1) Dame Valerie Adams
- 2) Vinícius Junior
- 3) Yuvraj Singh
- 4) Ayushmann Khurrana
- 5) Shah Rukh Khan

Answer- 3) **Yuvraj Singh**

Explanation:

International Cricket Council (ICC) has named former Indian Cricketer **Yuvraj Singh** as the ambassador of the **ICC Men's Twenty20 International (T20I) World Cup 2024** which is set to be hosted by the United States of America (USA) and the West Indies from 1st to 29th June 2024.

i. **Yuvraj Singh** joins West Indies cricketer Chris Gayle, and Jamaican Athlete Usain Bolt (8-time Olympic Gold Medallist) as the **first ambassadors of the 2024 T20 World Cup**.

ii. **Sana Mir**, Former Pakistan women's cricketer, has been named the **ambassador** of the **ICC Women's T20 World Cup Qualifier 2024**, being held in Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates(UAE) from 25th April to 7th May 2024.

- The ICC Women's T20 World Cup Qualifier 2024 is supported by Dream11.

Option Revision:

1. New Zealand's shot putter **Dame Valerie Adams**, a 4-time World Champion, and 2-time Olympic Gold medallist has been named the International Event Ambassador for the "16th edition of Tata Consultancy Services' (TCS) World 10K Bengaluru (Karnataka)" to be held on 28th April 2024.

2. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), appointed Brazilian footballer Vinicius José Paixão de Oliveira Junior (**Vinícius Junior**) as the Goodwill Ambassador for Education for All.

4. **Ayushmann Khurrana** partners with Election Commission to drive youth voting.

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ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

10. In April 2024, _____ (company) sold its entire 2.87% stake in telecom operator Vodafone Idea (Vi) for Rs. 1,840 crore through an open market transaction.

- 1) ATC Telecom Infrastructure Private Limited
- 2) Warburg Pincus
- 3) ICICI Venture

- 4) Bain Capital
5) Matrix Partners India

Answer- **1) ATC Telecom Infrastructure Private Limited**

Explanation:

ATC Telecom Infrastructure Private Limited sold its entire **2.87% stake** in telecom operator Vodafone Idea Limited (**Vi**) for **Rs. 1,840 crore** through an open market transaction.

- The shares were disposed at an average price of Rs 12.78 per share, totaling 144 crore shares.
- In March 2024, ATC converted **Vi's debentures into equity**.
- Citigroup Global Markets Mauritius acquired over 49.12 crore shares, constituting a 0.98% stake in Vi, at an average price of Rs 12.70, amounting to Rs 623.88 crore.

Option Revision:

2. Warburg Pincus, a Private equity firm sold its entire 2.25% stake in IDFC First Bank for Rs 1,195 crore - Warburg Pincus sold its IDFC first bank shares on the BSE through its affiliated Cloverdell Investment Limited.

3. ICICI Venture to Sell its Entire 42% Stake in Theobroma Food Ltd Mumbai for Rs. 1,200 crore.

4. The private equity firm Bain Capital sold the remaining 1.08% stake in Axis Bank for Rs 3,575 crores via an open market transaction.

ENVIRONMENT

11. Which of the following species has recently (in April' 24) been discovered in Tale Valley Wildlife Sanctuary of Arunachal Pradesh?

- b1) Neptis philyra
2) Brucethoa isro
3) Melanochlamys Droupadi
4) Sphaerotheca Varshaabhu
5) Pantoea Tagorei

Answer- **1) Neptis philyra**

Explanation:

A group of butterfly enthusiasts from **Assam** and other states discovered a rare butterfly species named **Neptis philyra**, also known as a long-streak sailor, at **Tale Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, Arunachal Pradesh**.

- The species was documented for the 1st time in India, representing a new record for India.
- Neptis (Sailers) is an Old World genus of more than 160 recognised species, widely distributed across Africa to Australasia. It belongs to the family Nymphalidae.

Option Revision:

2. The researchers have discovered a new species of deep-sea isopod called '**Brucethoa Isro**' off the Kollam coast in Kerala. The species - belong to genus - Brucethoa - named after the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the national space agency of India for their successful space missions including 'Chandrayaan-3'.

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3. Researchers from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) have identified a new species of head-shield sea slug '**Melanochlamys Droupadi**' along the coasts of Odisha and West Bengal. The species is named after Droupadi Murmu, the 15th President of India.
4. Researchers from national and international organisations discovered a new species of burrowing frog named '**Sphaerotheca Varshaabhu**', found at Budumanahalli near Rajankunte in Bengaluru, Karnataka. It means 'a genus of frog that welcomes rain'.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

12. Who is the author of the self help book titled "The Winner's Mindset" published by HarperCollins?

- 1) Rakhi Kapoor
- 2) Pankaj Kumar Chatterjee
- 3) Shane Robert Watson
- 4) Norris Pritam
- 5) Salman Rushdie

Answer- **3) Shane Robert Watson**

Explanation:

Former **Australian cricketer Shane Robert Watson** launched his new book titled '**The Winner's Mindset**', published by **HarperCollins Publishers**.

Option Revision:

1. Author **Rakhi Kapoor** receives The Prestigious Golden Book Award 2024 for her twenty sixth book "Breaking Free Embracing me".
2. Romain Rolland Book Prize 2024 + Bengali Translation of 'Stalin's Couch' - 'Staliner Divan' by **Pankaj Kumar Chatterjee**. Romain Rolland Book Prize annually presented by French Institute in India (IFI) in collaboration with Apeejay Trust.
4. Renowned sports journalist Norris Pritam has written a new book "**Neeraj Chopra: The Man Who Made History**" + journey of the javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra'.

IMPORTANT DAYS

13. When was World Intellectual Property Day (World IP Day) 2024 observed across the globe to mark the anniversary of the establishment of World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)?

- 1) 15th March
- 2) 13th February
- 3) 26th November
- 4) 26th April
- 5) 15th January

Answer- **4) 26th April**

Explanation:

World Intellectual Property Day (IP) - 26 April marks the day on which the WIPO Convention came into force in 1970.

- **World Intellectual Property Day (IP) 2024** is observed on **26th April 2024**.

- The theme of World IP Day 2024 is, "IP and the SDGs: building our common future with innovation and creativity". [Click here to read more](#)

Option Revision:

1. World Consumer Rights Day (WCRD) - 15th March 2024 - coordinated by Consumers international. Theme of WCRD 2024 - 'Fair and responsible AI for consumers'.

- During the week of WCRD 2024 (11-15 March 2024) Consumers international hosted Generative AI Dialogue and Debate series.

2. World Sustainable Transport Day - 26th November 2023.

3. United Nations (UN) World Radio Day - February 13 2024 marks 13th World Radio Day + anniversary of UN Radio. Theme - "Radio: A century informing, entertaining and educating".

14. When was World Veterinary Day 2024 observed across the globe under the theme "Veterinarians are essential health workers"?

- 1) 2nd April 2024
- 2) 13th March 2024
- 3) 27th April 2024
- 4) 1st March 2024
- 5) 20th January

Answer- **3) 27th April 2024**

Explanation:

World Veterinary Day (WVD) is observed across the globe on the **last Saturday of April.**

World Veterinary Day 2024 is observed on **27th April 2024.**

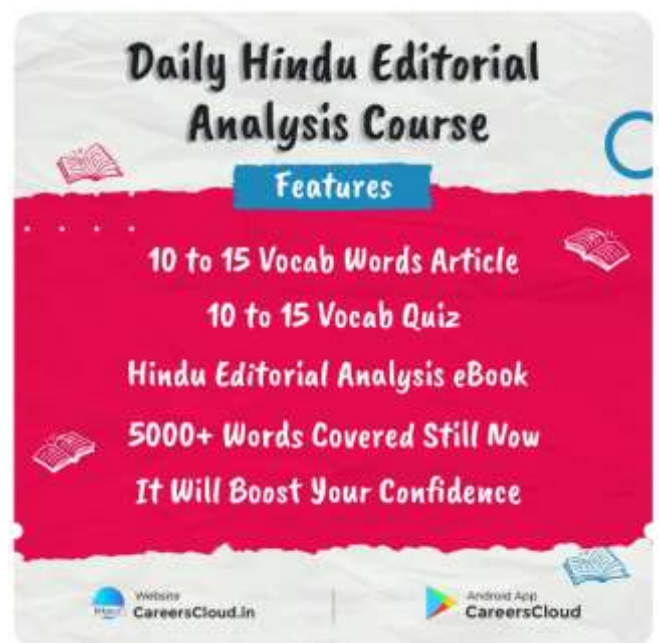
- The annual observance is led by World Veterinary Association (WVA), a federation of veterinary associations.
- The **WVD Award 2024:** The WVD Award 2024 recognizes the efforts of a WVA Member Association in alignment with the 2024 theme.
- The Award value of **USD 5000** will be provided directly to the WVA, which may use it for activities, reward hard-working staff, provide scholarships, support their community, etc. [Click here to read more](#)

Option Revision:

1. International children's book day (ICBD) - April 2 2024 - marks the birth anniversary of Danish Author Hans Christian Andersen. Theme of ICBD - 'Crossing Oceans through the Power of Imagination'.

2. World Rotaract Day 2024 - March 13 2024 - marks the anniversary of the formation of the first rotaract club. World rotaract week 2024 March 11 to 17. World Rotaract Week 2024 celebrated with the motto - "Celebrating Rotaract."

4. Civil-accounts-day 2024 - March 1 2024 - 48th civil accounts day -marks foundation day of Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS).



15. Which day was observed on 23rd April 2024 in Manipur to pay homage to the martyrs of the 1891 Anglo-Manipur War?

- 1) Khongjom Day
- 2) Nowshera Day
- 3) Vijay Diwas
- 4) Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas
- 5) Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

Answer- **1) Khongjom Day**

Explanation:

Khongjom Day 2024 was observed in Manipur on **23 April 2024** to pay homage to the martyrs of the 1891 Anglo-Manipur War, the last battle fought between the erstwhile Kingdom of Manipur and the British Empire.

- 23 April 2024 marks the **133rd** observance of Khongjom Day.

Note: Khongjom is a village in Manipur.

Option Revision:

2. Nowshera Day (February 8, 2024) was celebrated at Naik Jadunath War Memorial in Rajouri district today to commemorate the victory against Pakistan in 1947-48. Naik Jadunath Singh, who sacrificed his life on February 6, 1948, was also remembered for his gallant contribution.

3. Vijay Diwas, or Victory Day (Bijoy Dibos), is observed annually across India and Bangladesh on 16 December to celebrate the historic victory of Indian armed forces against Pakistan in the 1971 Indo-Pak war (India – Pakistan War of 1971). The Day also pays tributes to the martyrs of both India and Bangladesh, who lost their lives on the line during the war.

- 16 December 2023 marks the celebration of the 53rd Vijay Diwas.

4. Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, also known as **Tribal Pride Day**, is annually observed across India on 15th November to commemorate the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, an iconic freedom fighter. 15th November 2023 marks the 3rd observance of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas.

CA STATIC GK

16. Which company/corporation has celebrated its 54th Foundation Day on 25th April 2024?

- 1) National Hydroelectric Power Corporation
- 2) Housing & Urban Development Corporation Limited
- 3) Aditya Birla Finance Limited
- 4) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
- 5) Steel Authority of India

Answer- **2) Housing & Urban Development Corporation Limited**

Explanation :

To commemorate 54 years of dedicated service to the nation, the Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) organised its Foundation Day on 25th April, 2024 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

- The Navratna CPSE has been adding more efforts for the creation of sustainable and resilient infrastructure in line with Government of India Vision of 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047.

17. Which country has recently (in April' 24) became the guest country for the XI edition of the Neiba International Book and Culture Fair 2024, to be held in the Dominican Republic?

- 1) United States of America
- 2) Russia
- 3) India
- 4) Japan
- 5) Australia

Answer- **3) India**

Explanation :

For the first time **India is the guest country** for the **XI edition of the Neiba International Book and Culture Fair 2024**, to be held in Bahoruco, **Dominican Republic** later this year (2024).

- Ramu Abbagani, the first resident Ambassador of India to the Caribbean nation said: "From October 3-6, 2024 the fair is taking place and the Tierra Blanca Foundation has chosen India as the guest country for this year's 11th edition of the Neiba Book and Culture Fair."
- "This is part of the celebration of **25 years of diplomatic relations between India and the Dominican Republic**".

18. Name the country that has recently (in April' 24) introduced the World's first private submersible superyacht Migaloo M5 for 'Visionary Billionaires'.

- 1) Russia
- 2) Austria
- 3) India
- 4) Germany
- 5) Singapore

Answer- **2) Austria**

Explanation :

Austria is developing a huge, submersible luxury superyacht intended for "visionary billionaires".

- **Migaloo M5**, would measure **165.8 metres** in length and 23 metres across at its widest point, with a range of around 15,000 kilometres and a speed of up to 20 knots when surfaced (or 12 knots when underwater). It will be equipped to hold 20 passengers and 40 crew members, dive to a depth of 820 feet (250 metres), and stay submerged for four weeks.

19. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) was established in the ___ (year).

- 1) 1970
- 2) 1991
- 3) 1989
- 4) 1992
- 5) 1967

Answer- **4) 1992**

Explanation:

About Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI):

SEBI is the regulatory authority for the capital market. It was established as a statutory body in **1992**.

Chairperson– Madhabi Puri Buch

Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra

20. How many member countries are there in the Asian Development Bank(ADB)?

- 1) 75
- 2) 68
- 3) 80
- 4) 55
- 5) 30

Answer- 2) 68

Explanation:

About Asian Development Bank(ADB):

President: Masatsugu Asakawa(Japan)

Headquarters: Mandaluyong City, Manila, The Philippines

Members Nations: 68(49 members nations are from Asia-Pacific region)

Established: 1966

21. Where is the headquarters of the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) located?

- 1) Vienna, Austria
- 2) London, United Kingdom
- 3) The Hague, Netherlands
- 4) Geneva, Switzerland
- 5) Paris, France

Answer- 4) Geneva, Switzerland

Explanation:

About World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO):

Director General- Daren Tang (Singapore)

Headquarters- Geneva, Switzerland

22. Who is the current (as of April' 24) President of the World Veterinary Association (WVA)?

- 1) Rafael Laguens
- 2) Ngozi Okonjo
- 3) Gilbert Hounbo
- 4) Ulrika Francke
- 5) Peter Thomson

Answer- 1) Rafael Laguens

Explanation:

About World Veterinary Association (WVA):

President- Dr. Rafael Laguens

Headquarters- Brussels, Belgium

23. Who is the current (as of April' 24) Chief of Naval Staff of the Indian Navy?

- 1) Radhakrishnan Hari Kumar
- 2) Anil Prathap
- 3) Dinesh Kumar Tripathi
- 4) Sunil Khanna
- 5) Vineeth Kumar

Answer- 1) Radhakrishnan Hari Kumar

Explanation:

About Indian Navy:

Chief of Naval Staff (CNS) - Radhakrishnan Hari Kumar

Headquarter- New Delhi, Delhi

24. In which state, 'Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Bihar
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Karnataka

Answer- 4) Maharashtra

Explanation:

Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary is located in the Thane District of **Maharashtra**, 90 km northeast of Mumbai in the foothills of the Western Ghats.

i. It is known to be a paradise for birdwatchers. It has two rivers, the Tansa and Vaitarna, and the sanctuary gets its name from the former, which divides the sanctuary into two parts.

ii. The sanctuary forms the catchment area of Tansa lake, along with the surrounding forests of Khardi, Vaitarna, Wada, and Shahapur ranges.

25. Which country has recently (in April' 24) launched the first of the 8 Hangor-class submarines built for Pakistan?

- 1) Singapore
- 2) United Arab Emirates
- 3) Türkiye
- 4) Russia
- 5) China

Answer- 5) China

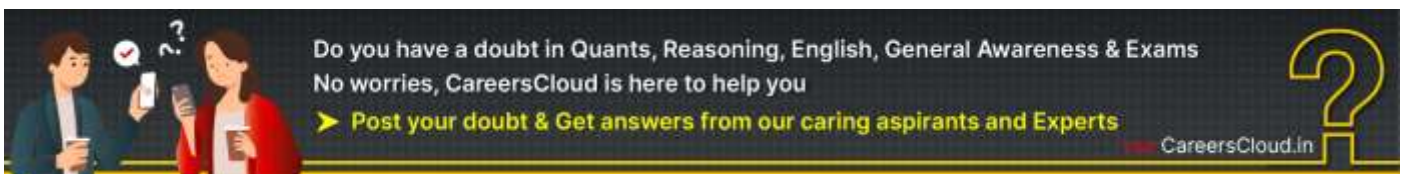
Explanation :

China has launched the first of the eight Hangor-class submarines to be built for its all-weather ally **Pakistan** to provide it with state-of-the-art warships, adding a new dimension to their growing bilateral military cooperation.

- The launch ceremony, held at **Wuchang Shipbuilding Industry Group's (WSIG)** Shuangliu Base was attended by Pakistan Navy chief Admiral Naveed Ashraf, Geo.

26. In which state Jayakwadi bird sanctuary is located?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Rajasthan
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Jharkhand



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Answer- **1) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

Jaykwadi bird sanctuary is located in **Maharashtra**. It is home to around 234 species of resident and migratory birds that have been recorded from the open water stretches of the dam along with other creatures.

27. Who is the current (as of April' 24) Chairman & Managing Director of Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA)?

- 1) Saurav Pahari
- 2) Pradip Kumar Das
- 3) Anudeep Chakorborthy
- 4) Preetha Kumari
- 5) Sushil Shinde

Answer- **2) Pradip Kumar Das**

Explanation:

About the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA).

Chairman & Managing Director - Pradip Kumar Das

Headquarters - New Delhi, Delhi

28. In which state Lakhari valley sanctuary is located?

- 1) Jharkhand
- 2) Odisha
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer- **2) Odisha**

Explanation:

About Odisha:

Chief Minister- Naveen Patnaik

Governor- Raghubar Das

Wildlife Sanctuaries- Lakhari valley sanctuary; Karlapat sanctuary

Zoological Park- Nandankanan Zoological Park

29. In April 2024, (Fédération Internationale De Football Association) FIFA announced a partnership with _____ (country's) state-owned oil company, Aramco.

- 1) India
- 2) Pakistan
- 3) Singapore
- 4) Italy
- 5) Saudi Arabia

Answer- **5) Saudi Arabia**

Explanation :

Fifa has announced a partnership with **Saudi Arabia's** state-owned oil company, **Aramco**.

- The deal is in place until 2027, giving Aramco sponsorship rights for the men's World Cup in 2026 and the Women's World Cup.

- The company already has sponsorship deals within Formula 1 and is a partner of the International Cricket Council.

30. In which state 'Nellai Wildlife Sanctuary' is located?

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Telangana
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Karnataka

Answer- **3) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

About Tamil Nadu (TN):

Wildlife Sanctuaries– Gangaikondan Spotted Deer Sanctuary, Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary, Nellai Wildlife Sanctuary

Zoological Parks– Children's Park, Kurumbapatti Zoological Park

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QUANTITATIVE APTITUDE - PRELIMS	364	3640
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