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BANKING AND FINANCE

1. According to the recently (in May' 24) released data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the credit card spending increased by _____ in the financial year 2023-24 (FY24) from nearly Rs 14 trillion in FY23.

- 1) 27%
- 2) 26.67%
- 3) 56%
- 4) 44%
- 5) 60%

Answer- **1) 27%**

Explanation:

According to the latest data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), credit card spending surged by **27%** year-on-year (Y-o-Y) to Rs 18.26 trillion in financial year 2023-24 (FY24) from nearly **Rs 14 trillion** in FY23.

- In March 2024, credit card spending rose by nearly 10.07% to Rs 1.64 trillion from Rs 1.49 trillion in February 2024, attributed to financial year closures and festival sales during March.
- Total credit card transactions in March 2024 amounted to Rs 1.64 trillion, higher by 19.8% Y-o-Y and 10.2% on month.

i. Top 4 credit card issuers (HDFC Bank, SBI Card, ICICI Bank and Axis Bank) lose Market Share in FY24

ii. HDFC Bank led in card issuance at 20.59 million, followed by SBI Card (18.89 million), ICICI Bank (16.95 million), and Axis Bank (14.21 million). [Click here to read more.](#)

Option revision:

2. In February 2024, RBI data: Credit card transactions in Feb 2024 showed a growth of **26.67%** on yearly basis from Rs 1.18 trillion (Feb 2023).

- Total number of credit cards issued by banks in India breached the 100 million mark in February 2024.

3 & 4. In April 2024: According to Worldline India Digital Payments Report H2 2023 the UPI transactions volume in the second half (H2) of 2023 (July 2023 December 2023) increased by **56%** to 65.77 billion from 42.09 billion in H2 2022.

- The value of transactions increased by **44%** from Rs 69.36 Lakh Crore to Rs 99.68 lakh crore.

2. Which regulatory body has recently (in May' 24) issued the updated "Guidance Note on Operational Risk Management and Operational Resilience" for the financial sector and extended it to Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs)?

- 1) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India
- 2) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 3) National Housing Bank
- 4) Small Industries Development Bank of India
- 5) Reserve Bank of India

Answer- **5) Reserve Bank of India**

Explanation:

On 30th April 2024, The **Reserve Bank of India** (RBI) issued the updated “Guidance Note on Operational Risk Management and Operational Resilience” for the financial sector and extended it to Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) including Housing Finance Companies.

- This updates the “Guidance Note on Management of Operational Risk” dated October 14, 2005.
- The new Guidance Note introduced three Lines of Defence Model (Business Unit, Organisational operational risk management(OORF), Audit Function) in Operational Structure.
- It has eliminated the approaches for operational risk capital calculation for REs such as Local Area Banks(LABs), Small Finance Banks(SFBs), Payments Banks, NBFCs etc. are not required to maintain a separate regulatory capital for operational risk. [click here to read more.](#)

Option revision:

1. In March 2024, **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India** (IRDAI) approved 8 principle based consolidated regulations including IRDAI (Rural, Social Sector and Motor Third Party Obligations) Regulations, 2024; IRDAI (Bima Sugam - Insurance Electronic Marketplace) Regulations, 2024.

2. In March 2024, **Securities and Exchange Board of India** (SEBI) expanded the framework of qualified stock brokers (QSBs) to more stock brokers- protect the interest of investors.

3. In April 2024, Sanjay Shukla was appointed as Managing Director (MD) of the **National Housing Bank** (NHB), the apex regulatory body for the overall regulation and licensing of housing finance companies in india.

3. Which of the following surveys has been recently (in May' 24) launched along with the Consumer Confidence Survey by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to get Inputs for June's 2024 Monetary Policy?

- 1) All India Survey on Higher Education
- 2) International Trade in Banking Services
- 3) Inflation Expectations Survey of Households
- 4) Urban Frame Survey
- 5) Digital banking consumer survey

Answer- **3) Inflation Expectations Survey of Households**

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) launched two surveys, the ‘Inflation Expectations Survey of Households (**IESH**)’ and the ‘Consumer Confidence Survey (**CCS**),’ aimed at providing essential inputs for the upcoming bi-monthly monetary policy scheduled for June 5-7, 2024.

i. Inflation Expectations Survey of Households: It seeks qualitative and quantitative responses on price changes and inflation rates for the current, three months ahead, and one-year ahead periods.

ii. Consumer Confidence Survey: The ‘Consumer Confidence Survey’ gathers qualitative responses from households regarding sentiments on the general economic situation, employment scenario, price level, household income, and spending.

- The CCS will be conducted in **19 cities**, the same as IESH, and it aims to gauge consumer confidence levels.
- **Hansa Research Group Private Limited**, Mumbai, has been engaged to conduct both the surveys (IESH and CCS) on behalf of the Reserve Bank of India.

Option revision:

1. On 25th January 2024, the Department of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education (MoE) released the **All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2021-22**. This marks the 12th edition of AISHE and the 2nd survey done through web Data Capture Format (DCF) format.

- AISHE 2021-22 registered a total of 1168 Universities/University level Institutions, 45,473 Colleges and 12,002 Stand Alone Institutions.

2. In December 2023, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the annual Survey on **International Trade in Banking Services (ITBS), 2022-23** which provides insights into cross-border banking activities of 14 Indian banks and 44 foreign banks' branches/subsidiaries in India.

4. In March 2024, Field Operations Division (FOD) of National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) under the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) to facilitate **Urban Frame Survey (UFS)** in a digital mode.

- The state-of-the-art Geo ICT (Information Communication Technology) tools and techniques using Bhuvan Platform will be used for UFS.

4. Which bank has recently (in May' 24) partnered with ANQ Finance to launch Pi and Phi Co-branded Credit Cards?

- 1) Yes Bank Limited
- 2) Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited India
- 3) ICICI Bank Limited
- 4) Federal Bank Limited
- 5) Karnataka Bank

Answer- **1) Yes Bank Limited**

Explanation:

Private sector lender, **Yes Bank** (Youth Enterprise Scheme Bank) has partnered with Bengaluru (Karnataka)-based financial services provider, ANQ Finance to launch 2 co-branded credit cards **Pi and Phi**, towards offering Indian consumers diverse spending and rewards options.

i. YES BANK ANQ Pi Credit Card: It is a digital-only card for seamless credit on the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for domestic transactions.

ii. YES BANK ANQ Phi Credit Card: Physical card for both domestic and international purchases.

Note: YES BANK ANQ Pi credit card is complimentary, and issued against the YES BANK ANQ Phi credit card.

Option revision:

2. In November 2023, The **Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, India** (HSBC India), in association with the National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL), introduced the electronic-Bank Guarantees (e-BGs) services to digitise trade finance. With this, HSBC India became the first Foreign Bank in India to offer e-BGs.

3. In November 2023, **ICICI Bank Limited** enabled its customers to pay any merchant QR (Quick Response) code using the "Digital Rupee by ICICI Bank", the digital rupee (₹) app of ICICI Bank. ICICI bank achieved this by making its digital rupee app UPI (Unified Payments Interface) interoperable.

4. In November 2023, **Federal Bank Limited** signed a partnership with Indian Shuttler Prannoy Haseena Sunil Kumar (HS Prannoy)(31) for an exclusive collaboration.

- Under this annual partnership, Federal Bank will be the exclusive banking partner. The partnership aims to promote the Bank's strategy to invest in various adjacent domains to enhance its brand's influence.

5. Name the neobanking platform that has recently (in May' 24) secured a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) licence from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

- 1) Worldline ePayments India
- 2) Revolut
- 3) Fi
- 4) Decfin
- 5) Juspay

Answer- **3) Fi**

Explanation:

Fi, the **neobank platform** of Epifi Technologies Private Limited, has received Non-Banking Financial Company(**NBFC**) **licence** from the Reserve Bank of India(RBI).

- The NBFC licence will enable Fi to offer loans from its own books and also eliminates the need of external dependencies such as: banks and other NBFCs which have authorization to provide loans.

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Note: Worldline ePayments India Private Limited, a digital payment service provider, has received the approval from RBI to operate as online Payment Aggregator(PA) under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.

Option revision:

1. Worldline ePayments India gets RBI approval to operate as payment aggregator

4 & 5. On February 9 2024, Fintech startups **Juspay and Decfin** received RBI approval to act as PA.

6. In May 2024, the NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) signed a pact with the central bank of _____ (country) to develop a Unified Payments Interface (UPI)-like Payment System.

- 1) The United Kingdom
- 2) Nepal
- 3) Denmark
- 4) Indonesia
- 5) Namibia

Answer- **5) Namibia**

Explanation:

NPCI International Payments Limited (**NIPL**), the overseas arm of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), has signed a pact with the Bank of Namibia (BoN), the central bank of the Republic of Namibia, to develop a Unified Payments Interface (UPI)-like instant payment system for Namibia.

- To enhance digital financial services and facilitate real-time Person-to-Person (P2P) and person-to-merchant (P2M) payment transactions in Namibia.

Option revision:

2. On February 17 2024, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), **Nepal** Rastra Bank ink pact to integrate UPI and National Payments Interface (NPI) for cross-border remittances.

3. India and **Denmark** signed a mobility and migration partnership agreement to enhance people-to-people ties.

- Launched logo - commemorating 75 years of diplomatic ties.

4. On 11 March 2024, RBI and the Bank **Indonesia** (BI) signed MoU to set up a framework to promote the use of local currencies (Indian Rupee (INR) and the Indonesian Rupiah (IDR)) for cross-border transactions.

7. In May 2024, **Groww Pay Services Private Limited** received the approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s to operate as _____.

- 1) Online Payments Aggregator
- 2) Non-Banking Financial Company
- 3) Small Finance Bank
- 4) Prepaid Payment Instruments
- 5) Private Sector Bank

Answer- **1) Online Payments Aggregator**

Explanation:

Groww Pay Services Private Limited (**Groww Pay**), the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) payments platform of the Bengaluru (Karnataka)-based broking firm Groww, secured an **Online Payment Aggregator (PA)** licence from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

- This online PA license will allow the company to enable e-commerce transactions through its UPI app, Groww Pay.
- With the PA license, Groww can onboard merchants and provide digital payment solutions.

Option revision:

2. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled Certificate of Registration (CoR) of 4 **Non Banking Financial Companies** (NBFC) - Kundles Motor Finance; Nithya finance; Bhatia Hire Purchase & Jiwanjyoti Deposits and Advances.

3. On January 10, 2024, RBI increased Minimum capital requirement of **Small Finance Banks (SFB)** from Rs 100 crore to 1000 crore - Permitted Payment Banks to upgrade as SFBs.

4. On February 26 2024, RBI amends Master Director on **Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPI)** to permit authorised banks and non bank ppi issuers to issue PPI for making payment across public transport systems.



ECONOMY AND BUSINESS

8. Which company has recently (in May' 24) signed an MoU with Norway Based Ocean Sun to implement Floating Solar Energy Technology in India?

- 1) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- 2) NHPC Limited
- 3) REC limited

4) Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited

5) NTPC Green Energy Limited

Answer- **2) NHPC Limited**

Explanation:

NHPC Limited, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with Norway based **Ocean Sun AS** to explore various facets of cooperation to demonstrate Ocean Sun's **floating solar energy technology** based on photovoltaic panels which would be mounted on hydro-elastic membranes, at sites identified by NHPC.

- This is in line with NHPC's efforts towards sustainable development and addition of renewable energy capacity.

Option revision:

3. In January 2024 **REC Limited** signed an MoU

with National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIFL) to boost renewable energy and infrastructure in India.

4. In February 2024, **Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited** (SECI) commissioned India's largest Battery Energy Storage System - store energy using solar energy in Chhattisgarh.

5. In April 2024, **NTPC Green Energy Limited** (NGEL) and Indus towers limited signed an MoU to address the need of green energy objectives.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

9. Name the personality who has recently (in May' 24) won the 9th edition of the Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize 2024 for 'The Book Beautiful'.

- 1) Angela Rodel
- 2) Pankaj Kumar Chatterjee
- 3) Salman Rushdie
- 4) Bhavi Mehta
- 5) Navarre Scott Momaday

Answer- **4) Bhavi Mehta**

Explanation:

Designer **Bhavi Mehta** won the 9th edition of the Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize (2024) for creating the book jacket of Pradeep Sebastian's "The Book Beautiful."

- The Book Beautiful was published by Hachette India.
- The award comprises a trophy, a certificate, and a one lakh rupee cash prize.

Option revision:

1. In May 2024, Bulgarian Writer Georgi Gospodinov and translator **Angela Rodel** won the International Booker Prize 2023 for the dark comic novel titled "Time Shelter".

2. In March 24, The 7th edition of the Romain Rolland Book Prize(2024) has been awarded to "Staliner Divan", the Bengali translation of Jean-Daniel Baltassat's French novel "Le Divan de Staline" (Stalin's Couch), by **Pankaj Kumar Chatterjee**.

5. In February 2024, **Navarre Scott Momaday**, a Pulitzer Prize-winning storyteller, poet, educator and folklorist, passed away in New Mexico, United States of America (USA).

- His novel "House Made of Dawn," published in 1968 by HarperCollins, won the Pulitzer Prize in fiction for the year 1969.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

10. Who has been recently (in May' 24) elected as a New Prime Minister (PM) of Solomon Islands?

- 1) Bjarni Benediktsson
- 2) Vo Thi Anh Xuan
- 3) Jeremiah Manele
- 4) Peter Pellegrini
- 5) Gabriel Attal

Answer- 3) **Jeremiah Manele**

Explanation:

Jeremiah Manele, former Foreign Minister of the **Solomon Islands** was sworn in as the new **Prime Minister** (PM) of the Solomon Islands by winning the PM vote in the secret ballot after the results of the 2024 national election failed to deliver a majority to any political party.

- Jeremiah Manele replaced Manasseh Sogavare, who served as PM of Solomon Islands for 4 terms.
- The Solomon Islands conducted "joint elections" for the first time in 2024, holding simultaneous province, city council, and national elections.

Option revision:

1. In April 2024, **Bjarni Benediktsson**, chairman of Iceland's Independence Party took office as Prime Minister (PM) of Iceland on 9 April 2024. He succeeds **Katrín Jakobsdóttir**, who resigned as PM of Iceland to run for President of Iceland.

2. In April 2024, Vietnam's Vice-President **Vo Thi Anh Xuan** (54 years old) was appointed Interim President of Vietnam on 21st March 2024.

- Vo Thi Anh Xuan succeeds **Vo Van Thuong**, who resigned from the post of President on 20th March 2024. He has been serving as the President of Vietnam since March 2023.

4. In April 2024, **Peter Pellegrini**, former Prime Minister (PM) of Slovakia, is set to become the President of the Slovak Republic. He won the Slovakia presidential election 2024 defeating **Ivan Korčok**.

- Pellegrini will succeed **Zuzana Caputov**, the first female President of Slovakia.
- He will be inaugurated as the 6th president of Slovakia on 15th June 2024.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

11. Which company/organisation has recently (in May' 24) developed a long-range Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART) system that was launched from **Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha**?

- 1) Defence Research and Development Organisation
- 2) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

- 3) Simran Flowtech Industries
- 4) BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited
- 5) Bharat Electronics Limited

Answer- **1) Defence Research and Development Organisation**

Explanation:

On May 1, 2024, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (**DRDO**) successfully flight-tested a long range Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo (**SMART**) system from **Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island** off the coast of Chandipur in Balasore, **Odisha** using a ground mobile launcher.

- Developed by DRDO, it is the next-generation missile-based light-weight torpedo delivery system.
- It is designed to enhance the **Indian Navy's anti-submarine warfare (ASW)** capabilities, and to counter the increasing deployment of submarines by the naval forces of other countries in the Indian Ocean region.

Option revision:

2. In November 2023, The Indian Army conducted the inaugural test firing of 70 mm rockets and 20 mm turret guns of its Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) Prachand in both day and night conditions. It was carried out by the 1st LCH squadron from the Air Force station in Likabali in Arunachal Pradesh.

- The Prachand is India's first indigenous multi-role class combat helicopter, developed by **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**. It received operational clearance in 2017.

3. In December 2023, During the exercise, IAF successfully test-fired the SAMAR air defence missile system for the first time which engaged aerial threats with a speed range of 2 to 2.5 Mach.

- SAMAR is developed using refurbished Russian-origin Vympel R-73E and R-27ET1 air to air missiles infrared guided Air-to-Air Missiles (AAMs). It is jointly developed by IAF's 7 Base Repair Depot (BRD), Delhi and 11 BRD, Nashik, Maharashtra in association with Indian private-sector companies **Simran Flowtech Industries** and Yamazuki Denki.

4. In January 2024, Indian Navy (IN), in collaboration with **BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited (BAPL)**, test-fired an extended-range BrahMos supersonic cruise missile (BrahMos ER) on 24th January 2024.

- It is based on the Russian P-800 Onyx missile.

SPORTS

12. Name the Chess player who has been recently (in May' 24) bestowed with The International Chess Federation (FIDE)'s 84th Grandmaster(GM) Title?

- 1) Nihal Sarin
- 2) Vaishali Ramesh Babu
- 3) Sreeja Akula
- 4) Koneru Humpy
- 5) Dommaraju Gukesh

Answer- **2) Vaishali Ramesh Babu**

Explanation:

Indian Chess Player **Vaishali Ramesh Babu** has officially bestowed the title of GrandMaster(GM) by the International Chess Federation(FIDE).

- Vaishali Ramesh Babu and her brother GM Rameshbabu Pragnanandhaa are the **world's 1st GrandMaster(GM) Brother-Sister duo**.

- After this GM title, she became the **84th Indian GM** and 42nd woman from any country to hold the GM title.
- She officially received the GM title only after the final decision was taken at the FIDE Council meeting during the Candidates Tournament in Toronto, Canada in April 2024.

Option revision:

3. In April 2023, India's **Sreeja Akula** (Hailing from Telangana) won the women's singles title at the World Table Tennis (WTT) Feeder Beirut II 2024 by defeating Sarah De Nutte (Luxembourg) in the finals.

- Sreeja overtakes Manika, becomes India No. 1 in women's singles

4. In January 2024, Russian chess player Anastasia Bodnaruk (neutral Fide flag) won the 2023 FIDE World Rapid Chess Women's title by defeating Indian Chess Grandmaster, **Koneru Humpy** in a tiebreaker match to secure first place.

5. In April 2024, The chess Grandmaster (GM) **Dommaraju Gukesh** from Chennai (Tamil Nadu) has won (Open category) the International Chess Federation (FIDE) Candidates 2024 held in Toronto, Canada, by defeating Hikaru Nakamura of the United States to score 9 points.

- He will now be competing with Ding Liren of China in the World Chess Championship 2024.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

13. Who has recently (in May' 24) launched the new book titled 'Just A Mercenary? : Notes from My Life and Career'?

- 1) M.M. Naravane
- 2) Lakshmi Murdeshwar Puri
- 3) Vijayadevi Rane
- 4) K.M. Chandrasekhar
- 5) Duvvuri Subbarao

Answer- **5) Duvvuri Subbarao**

Explanation:

Dr. Duvvuri Subbarao, former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (2008- 2013), launched his memoir titled '**Just A Mercenary? : Notes from My Life and Career**'.

- The book was published by Penguin Random House India and narrates about Dr Subbarao's career, which would help inspire young professionals to navigate their career paths.

Option revision:

1. In January 2024, General Manoj Mukund Naravane (**MM Naravane**), former Chief of Army Staff(CoAS) penned his autobiography titled "Four Stars of Destiny: An Autobiography". published in Jan' 2024 by Penguin Veer, an imprint of Penguin Random House India.

2. In March 2024, **Lakshmi Murdeshwar Puri**, Former Assistant Secretary General, United Nations (UN) and wife of Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, penned her debut novel 'Swallowing the Sun: A Novel'. She is also a former deputy executive director of UN Women.

3. In April 2024, A book titled "Maker of Goa: The Untold Story of Pratap Singh Rane" is the biography of Pratap Singh Rane, the former CM of the state of Goa , authored by **Vijayadevi Rane** (Pratap's wife) and published by Rupa publications.

IMPORTANT DAYS

14. When was the World Health Organization (WHO)'s World Immunization Week 2024 observed across the globe under the theme "Humanly Possible: Immunisation for All"?

- 1) Last Week of April
- 2) First Week of April
- 3) First Week of February
- 4) 2nd Week of November
- 5) First week of August

Answer- **1) Last Week of April**

Explanation:

World Immunization Week (WIW) was observed across the globe in the **last week of April** to highlight the crucial efforts required to protect individuals from vaccine-preventable diseases.

- **World Immunization Week 2024** was observed from **24 to 30 April 2024**.
- WIW 2024 commemorates the **50th** anniversary of the World Health Organization's (WHO) Essential Programme on Immunization (EPI).
- The theme of World Immunization Week 2024 is "**Humanly Possible: Immunisation for All**".
- WHO, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Gavi (the Vaccine Alliance), and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) unveiled the "Humanly Possible", a joint campaign, marking the annual WIW 2024.
- To mark the WIW 2024, the Federal Ministry of Health (Somalia), WHO, and UNICEF have jointly urged partners and donors to accelerate immunisation efforts to reach every child in Somalia. [Click here to read more](#)

Option revision:

2. Prevention of Blindness Week was observed across India - **first week of april- 1 to 7 april** - led by National Society for the Prevention of Blindness (NSPB)- India.
3. The United Nations (UN) World Interfaith Harmony Week - **first week of february - 1 to 7th February** - to promote culture of non-violence and peace.
4. World Quality Week - observed on - **2nd week of November**
 - World Quality Week 2023 was observed from 6th to 10th November 2023
 - World Quality Week 2024 will be observed from 7th to 11th November 2024.

15. When was the International Workers' Day 2024 observed across the globe to advocate for fair wages, better working conditions and labour rights?

- 1) 10th December
- 2) 1st May
- 3) 4th February
- 4) 1st March
- 5) 15th March

Answer- **2) 1st May**

Explanation:

International Workers' Day (also known as International Labour Day) 2024 was observed across the globe on **1 May 2024** to promote worker's rights and honour the contribution of workers in every industry and field to society.

- In India, International Workers' Day is also known as **May Day**, Antar Rashtriya Shramik Divas, or Kamgar Din.
- In India, the 1st May Day was celebrated by the Labour Kisan Party of Hindustan on 1 May 1923 in Madras (now Chennai, Tamil Nadu).
- The **8-hour day movement** is a social movement that aims to regulate the length of a working day to prevent the abuse of working time. [Click here to read more.](#)

Option revision:

3. The United Nations (UN) annual observance - International Day of Human Fraternity 2024 - **4th February 2024**- 4th observance.

4. Zero Discrimination Day 2024 observed across the globe on **March 1 2024**.

- The theme of Zero Discrimination Day 2024 - To protect everyone's health, protect everyone's rights.
- It marks the 10th anniversary of Zero Discrimination day.

5. World Consumer Rights Day 2024 observed across the globe on **March 15 2024**

- The Theme of World Consumer Rights Day 2024 - Fair and Responsible Artificial Intelligence (AI) for consumers.

CA STATIC GK

16. What is the tagline of the YES Bank Limited?

- 1) Life Ko Banao Rich
- 2) Apno ka Bank
- 3) Paise Ke Kadar
- 4) Chalo Aage Badhe
- 5) Vishwas Se Vikas Tak

Answer- **1) Life Ko Banao Rich**

Explanation:

About YES Bank Limited:

Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)- Prashant Kumar

Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established in- 2004

Tagline- Life Ko Banao Rich

17. What is the capital of Solomon Islands?

- 1) Reykjavík
- 2) Majuro
- 3) Honiara
- 4) Palikir
- 5) Yaren

Answer- **3) Honiara**

Explanation:

About Solomon Islands:

Head of state of Solomon Islands- King Charles III

Capital- Honiara

Currency- Solomon Islands Dollar

18. Who is the current (as of May' 24) Governor of Bank of Namibia (BoN)?

- 1) Osborne Smith
- 2) Jasmina Selimović
- 3) Santiago Bausili
- 4) Johannes !Gawaxab
- 5) Pablo Hernández de Cos

Answer- **4) Johannes !Gawaxab**

Explanation:

About Bank of Namibia (BoN):

BoN was founded on 16 July 1990 and commenced its operations on 1 August 1990. It was initially called the 'Swabank'.

Governor- Johannes !Gawaxab

Headquarters- Windhoek, Namibia

19. Which country's airline company has recently (in May' 24) extended their partnership with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for an additional two years, from 2024 to 2025?

- 1) Tanzania
- 2) Qatar
- 3) France
- 4) United Arab Emirates
- 5) New Zealand

Answer- **2) Qatar**

Explanation:

Qatar Airways, the national airline of Qatar, and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (**UNHCR**), the UN Refugee Agency, have extended their partnership for an additional two years, from **2024 to 2025**.

- This renewed collaboration aims to continue providing vital assistance to vulnerable refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) worldwide

20. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) was established in the ____ (year).

- 1) 1984
- 2) 1970
- 3) 1964
- 4) 1958
- 5) 1942

Answer- **4) 1958**

Explanation:

About Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO):

It is the Research and Development (R&D) wing of the Ministry of Defence (MoD).

Chairman - Dr Samir Vankatpati Kamat

Headquarters- New Delhi, Delhi

Establishment- 1958

21. Who has been recently (in May' 24) appointed as the head of Mergers and acquisitions (M&A) and Business Development of Bharti Airtel?

- 1) Ambareesh Mandelia
- 2) Shiven Gupta
- 3) Parveen Singla
- 4) Prahlad Shantigram
- 5) Sunil Bharti Mittal

Answer- **1) Ambareesh Mandelia**

Explanation :

Bharti Airtel has appointed **Ambareesh Mandelia** as head of Mergers and acquisitions (M&A) and Business Development of the company with effect from May 01, 2024

- He has over 20 years of experience in investment banking, mergers and acquisitions, strategy and corporate development.

22. Where was the headquarters of the Federation International des Echecs or International Chess Federation(FIDE) located?

- 1) New York City, United States of America
- 2) Lausanne, Switzerland
- 3) Queenstown, Singapore
- 4) Strasbourg, France
- 5) Frankfurt, Germany

Answer- **2) Lausanne, Switzerland**

Explanation:

About Federation International des Echecs or International Chess Federation(FIDE):

President: Arkady Dvorkovich

Deputy President: Vishwanathan Anand

Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland

Established: 1924

23. Which country has recently (in May' 24) introduced a new Kamikaze drone resembling Russia's Lancet drone?

- 1) United Kingdom
- 2) United States of America
- 3) Israel
- 4) Iran
- 5) Türkiye

Answer- **4) Iran**

Explanation :

The **Iranian** Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (**IRGC**) has introduced a new **kamikaze drone** resembling Russia's Lancet drone.

- This drone, yet to be named publicly, is designed for targeted attacks, akin to those witnessed in the Ukraine conflict.
- It boasts flight durations of 30-60 minutes, carries payloads up to 6 kg, and covers distances of 40 km.

24. Who is the current (as of May' 24) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL)?

- 1) Shailendra Kumar Mishra
- 2) Ritesh Shukla
- 3) Aprajita Sharrma
- 4) Neeraj Mittal
- 5) Ajay Kanwal

Answer- **2) Ritesh Shukla**

Explanation:

About NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL):

NIPL is a wholly owned subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)– Ritesh Shukla

Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra

Established in– 2020

25. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was established in the _____ (year).

- 1) 1935
- 2) 1920
- 3) 1941
- 4) 1955
- 5) 1970

Answer- **1) 1935**

Explanation:

About Reserve Bank of India (RBI):

Governor – Shaktikanta Das

Deputy Governors – Swaminathan Janakiraman, Michael Debabrata Patra, M. Rajeshwar Rao, T. Rabi Sankar

Establishment– 1st April 1935

Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharasht

26. Who is the current (as of May' 24) Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Worldline ePayments India?

- 1) Ramesh Narasimhan
- 2) Niranjana Sankar
- 3) S Ravindran
- 4) Deepak Saigal
- 5) Rajendra Prasad Goyal

Answer- **1) Ramesh Narasimhan**

Explanation:

About Worldline ePayments India

i. It is a part of Worldline Group, which is a financial services company that provides services like in-store and online secure payment processing.

ii. The platform worked with various merchants from different segments such as: e-commerce, retail, utilities, education, travel and hospitality for digital payments.

Chief Executive Officer(CEO)(India)- Ramesh Narasimhan
Headquarters- Mumbai, Maharashtra

27. In which state, the Keetham Bird Sanctuary is located?

- 1) Rajasthan
- 2) Assam
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer- 3) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

About Uttar Pradesh (UP):

Airport- Kushinagar International Airport, Gorakhpur airport, Agra Airport (Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Airport)

Heritage site - Agra fort (1983) , Taj Mahal (1983), Fatehpur Sikri (1986)

Bird Sanctuary- Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary, Sur Sarovar (**Keetham**) Bird Sanctuary

28. In which state Gangaikondan Spotted Deer Sanctuary is located?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Telangana

Answer- 2) Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

About Tamil Nadu:

Chief Minister- M. K. Stalin

Governor- R. N. Ravi

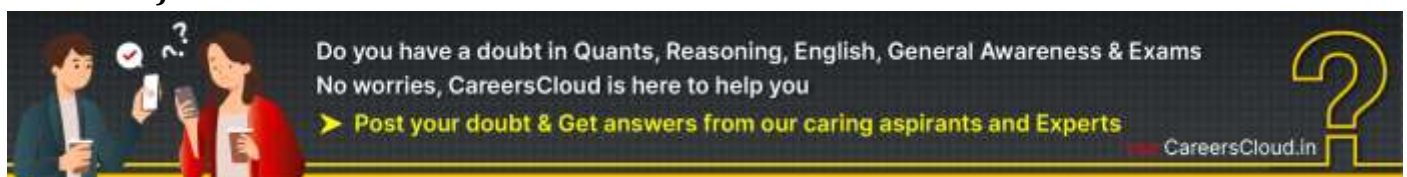
Wildlife Sanctuary- Gangaikondan Spotted Deer Sanctuary, Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary, Nellai Wildlife Sanctuary

Festival- Chithirai Thiruvizha, Karthigai Deepam

29. In which state Dandeli Anshi Tiger Reserve is located?

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Karnataka

Answer- 5) Karnataka



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Explanation:

Dandeli Anshi Tiger Reserve is located in the Uttara Kannada district of Karnataka. The tiger reserve gets its name from the town of Dandeli in the Western Ghats region. The reserve is known for its rich biodiversity and wildlife, including the endangered Bengal tiger.

30. Who is the current (as of May' 24) Governor of Manipur?

- 1) Anusuiya Uikey
- 2) Lakshman Acharya
- 3) N. Indrasena Reddy
- 4) Gulab Chand Kataria
- 5) Phagu Chauhan

Answer- **1) Anusuiya Uikey**

Explanation:

About Manipur:

Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

Chief Minister (CM) – Nongthombam Biren Singh

National Park – Sirohi National Park

Wildlife Sanctuary – Yangoupokpi-Lokchao Wildlife Sanctuary

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