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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. According to provisional payroll data released by _____, formal job creation increased by 11.4% in 2023–24 (FY24) to 15.4 million, compared to 13.85 million in FY23.

- 1) National Sample Survey Office
- 2) International Labour Organization
- 3) Employees' Provident Fund Organisation
- 4) Department of Economic Affairs
- 5) NITI Aayog

Answer- 3) Employees' Provident Fund Organisation

Explanation:

According to the Provisional Payroll Data, released by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Ministry of labour and employment, formal job creation under the EPFO rose by **11.4%** in 2023-24 (FY24) to **15.4 million** compared to 13.85 million in FY23.

- Provisional payroll data for March 2024 shows 1.44 million net members were added to EPFO, down from 1.54 million in February 2024.
- In March 2024, **0.74 million new members** joined EPFO, with 56.83% in the 18-25 age group, indicating many are first-time job seekers.
- About 1.18 million members exited and rejoined EPFO, choosing to transfer their accumulations instead of applying for final settlement.
- Gender-wise, **0.2 million new female members joined**, with a net addition of 0.29 million, indicating a shift towards a more inclusive workforce.

Option Revision:

1. Covered on 15 February 2024: National Sample Survey Office

The National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released its 21st quarterly Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) bulletin for October-December 2023 (Q3FY24).

- As per it, India's urban unemployment rate (UR) in Current Weekly Status (CWS) terms for persons aged 15 years and above declined to 6.5% during Q3FY24 which is the lowest level in over 4 years.
- It was 6.6% in Q2FY24, and 7.2% in Q3FY23.

2. Covered on 27 March 2024: International Labour Organization

According to the 'India Employment Report 2024: Youth education, employment and Skills' jointly published by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Institute of Human Development (IHD), India's youth accounts for almost 83% of the unemployed workforce in India.

4. Covered on 1 & 2 January 2024: Department of Economic Affairs

The "Half-Yearly Economic Review 2023-24-November 2023" released by the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance, mentioned that India's real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew by 7.7% in the first half (H1) of financial year 2023-2024 (FY24). With this, India is expected to achieve a growth rate of over 6.5% in FY24.

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

2. According to the World Economic Forum's Travel & Tourism Development Index 2024, India is ranked _____, and the _____ (country) topped the 2024 ranking.

- 1) 159th; Norway
- 2) 3rd, the United States of America(USA)
- 3) 54th, Switzerland
- 4) 93rd; Denmark
- 5) 39th; the United States of America(USA)

Answer- 5) **39th; the United States of America(USA)**

Explanation:

According to the World Economic Forum (WEF)'s [2nd edition of the Travel & Tourism Development Index \(TTDI 2024\)](#), India is ranked **39th** among 119 economies with a TTDI score of 4.25.

- The United States of America (USA) has **topped** the list with a TTDI score of 5.24 followed by **Spain** (5.18) and **Japan** (5.09) at 2nd and 3rd rank respectively.
- India is ranked highest in South Asia and among the lower-middle-income economies. India was ranked 54th in TTDI 2021 with a score of 4.1.
- TTDI 2024 evolved from the Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index (TTCI) series, a flagship index of WEF that has been in production since 2007. [Click here to read more](#)

About World Economic Forum (WEF):

President - Børge Brende

Headquarters - Cologny, Switzerland

Established - 1971

3. Which convention/organisation of the United Nations(UN) has recently released the report titled“Global Land Outlook Thematic Report on Rangelands and Pastoralists”?

- 1) United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- 2) United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
- 3) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- 4) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

5) United Nations Forum on Forests

Answer- **2) United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification**

Explanation:

According to United Nations (UN) Convention to Combat Desertification's (UCCD) report titled **"Global Land Outlook Thematic Report on Rangelands and Pastoralists"** up to **50%** of world's vast rangelands are degraded and is nearly double the previous estimates that ranged from 20% to 35%.

- The report was released by UNCCD in Ulaanbaatar, **Mongolia**.
- Rangelands is vast open land areas which consist of the natural grasslands used by livestock and wild animals for grazing purposes. For example: Savannas, Shrublands, Wetlands etc.
- These lands cover **80 million square kilometer** of land i.e. **54%** of all land on earth, account for **1/6th** of global food production and represent nearly **33%** of carbon reservoir on earth. [Click here to read more](#)

4. Which organisation has recently (in May '24) published the report titled "State and Trends of Carbon Pricing 2024," stating that carbon pricing revenues reached a record of USD 104 billion in 2023?

- 1) World Bank
- 2) Niti Aayog
- 3) Asian Development Bank
- 4) Reserve Bank of India
- 5) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Answer- **1) World Bank**

Explanation:

According to the World Bank (WB)'s 11th annual report titled ["State and Trends of Carbon Pricing 2024"](#), total revenues from carbon taxes and

Emissions Trading Systems (ETSs) in 2023 have reached a record high of **USD 104 billion**.

- For the first time, the carbon pricing revenues have crossed the threshold of USD 100 billion.
- The total revenue from carbon taxes and ETS in 2022 was about USD 95 billion.
- Adjusted for inflation, the carbon prices should now be USD 63 to 127/ton of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂e).



BANKING & FINANCE

5. Which Small Finance Bank has recently (in may '24) signed a Bancassurance Partnership agreement with the SBI General Insurance Company Limited to facilitate the distribution of non-life insurance products?

- 1) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- 2) Unity Small Finance Bank
- 3) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- 4) Jana Small Finance Bank
- 5) AU Small Finance Bank

Answer- **4) Jana Small Finance Bank**

Explanation:

SBI General Insurance Company Limited, one of India's leading General Insurance companies, has signed a strategic **Bancassurance Partnership** agreement with Jana Small Finance Bank (**JSFB**) to facilitate the distribution of **non-life insurance products**.

- Under the partnership agreement, Jana Small Finance Bank customers will get access to a wide range of **general insurance products** from SBI General Insurance.

Note: Bancassurance is an arrangement between a **bank** and an **insurance company** allowing the insurance company to sell its products to the bank's client base.

6. Name the bank that has recently (in may'24) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with VST Tillers Tractors Limited to provide financial solutions for farmers purchasing tractors and farm mechanization products.

- 1) IndusInd Bank Limited
- 2) Axis Bank
- 3) Karnataka Bank
- 4) Punjab & Sind Bank
- 5) Indian Bank

Answer- **2) Axis Bank**

Explanation:

Bengaluru(Karnataka) based **VST Tillers Tractors Limited (VST)**, a farm equipment manufacturer, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with **Axis Bank Limited** to provide financial solutions for farmers purchasing tractors and farm mechanization products.

- Under the MoU, Axis Bank will offer financial solutions through its 5370 branches to VST's prospective customers.
- The partnership aims to provide easy access to credit facility for adapting farm mechanization.

7. Which company has recently (in may'24) launched a new digital service named 'TCPay' designed to simplify international money transfers?

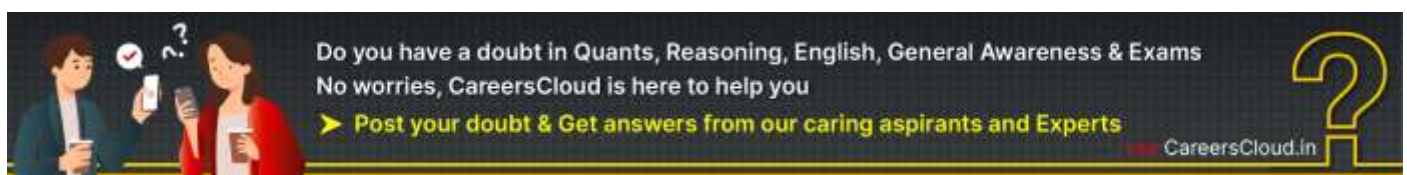
- 1) BookMyForex
- 2) Aditya Birla Capital Limited
- 3) Thomas Cook (India) Limited
- 4) Nearby Technologies Private Limited
- 5) Easy Trip Planner Limited

Answer- **3) Thomas Cook (India) Limited**

Explanation:

Mumbai(Maharashtra) based **Thomas Cook (India) Limited (TCIL)** has introduced the '**TCPay**', a new digital service designed to **simplify the international money transfers**.

- TCPay offers 24×7 access, paperless transfers, user-friendly digital interface across Thomas Cook's digital tools like FXNOW (B2C (business to consumer) app), Portal, and Call Center for assistance.



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ECONOMY & BUSINESS

8. Name the company that has become India's third unicorn (with a valuation of USD 1 billion and above) in 2024.

- 1) Krutrim
- 2) Razorpay
- 3) Perfios
- 4) Swiggy
- 5) Porter

Answer- **5) Porter**

Explanation:

Bengaluru(Karnataka)-based logistics services platform, **Porter** has become **3rd Unicorn** of India in 2024, with valuation of around USD 1 billion.

- Porter became unicorn after completing a fresh internal round, where individuals bought shares from the employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) pool at a valuation of USD 1 billion.
- So far, Ola's Artificial Intelligence (AI) startup **Krutrim** and Fintech-focused Software as a Service (SaaS) firm **Perfios** are the other two Indian startups that emerged as Unicorn in 2024.

Note:A unicorn is a term used to describe privately owned startups or companies whose valuation is more than **USD 1 billion**.

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AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

9. Name the book written by Jenny Erpenbeck and translated by Michael Hofmann, that has recently(in May '24) won the International Booker Prize 2024.

- 1) Night Watch
- 2) Kairos
- 3) The Book Beautiful

4) Staliner Divan

5) King: A Life

Answer- **2) Kairos**

Explanation:

German author **Jenny Erpenback** and translator **Michael Hofmann** have been named the winner of the **International Booker Prize 2024** for the book '**Kairos**'. The announcement was made by Eleanor Wachtel, Chair of the 2024 judges, at a ceremony sponsored by Maison Valentino at Tate Modern in London, the United Kingdom (UK).

- Jenny Erpenbeck became the **1st German** writer to win the Prize, and Michael Hofmann became the **1st male translator** to win since the Prize launched in its current form in 2016.
- **Kairos** became the **1st book translated** from **German** to **English** to win the International Booker Prize. [click here to read more](#)

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

10. Who has been recently (in May '24) elected as the President of Vietnam for the 2021-2026 tenure?

1) Srettha Thavisin

2) Prabowo Subianto Djojohadikusumo

3) To Lam

4) Sheikh Hasina

5) Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi

Answer- **3) To Lam**

Explanation:

On 22nd May 2024, the 15th National Assembly of Viet Nam has elected General **To Lam** as the New **President** of the **Socialist Republic of Viet Nam** for the 2021-2026 tenure.

- He takes over from Vice President **Vo Thi Anh Xua**, who has been serving as the Interim President since 21st March 2024 following the resignation of President **Vo Van Thuong** on 20th March 2024.
- He holds the rank of four-star General in the People's Public Security Forces of Vietnam.
- He served as the **Deputy Minister** of Public Security of Vietnam from 2010 to 2016 and he became Minister of Public Security in April 2016.

Note: Tran Thanh Man, vice chairman of Viet Nam's National Assembly, has been named as the Chairman of the National Assembly.

11. Who has been recently (in may '24) appointed as the whole time Executive Director of IDFC First Bank Limited for a period of 3 years?

1) V. Vaidyanathan

2) Pradeep Natarajan

3) Atul Mehra

4) Rakesh Mohan

5) Ajith Kumar KK

Answer- **2) Pradeep Natarajan**

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of **Pradeep Natarajan** as whole time Executive Director of IDFC First Bank Limited for a period of **3 years**.

- The appointment will come effective after the approval of the shareholders of bank.

ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

12. In May 2024, Shareholders and Non-Convertible Debenture (NCD) holders of IDFC First Bank Limited approved the scheme of merger of _____ with IDFC First Bank.

- 1) IDFC Limited
- 2) ICICI Securities Limited
- 3) IndusInd International Holdings
- 4) ICICI Venture
- 5) ICICI Direct

Answer- **1) IDFC Limited**

Explanation:

Shareholders and non-convertible debenture (NCD) holders of **IDFC First Bank Limited** have approved the scheme of merger of **IDFC Limited** with **IDFC First Bank**.

- Under the merger scheme, IDFC shareholders will receive **155 shares** for every 100 shares held in the bank. IDFC Limited and IDFC First Bank shares have a **face value of Rs10** each.
- In December 2023, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the reverse merger of IDFC Limited with its subsidiary IDFC First Bank.



SPORTS

13. In May 2024, India finishes third in the medal tally with a total of 12 medals (2 Gold , 2 Silver & 8 Bronze) in the 3rd edition of the Elorda Cup Astana 2024 (International Boxing Tournament) held in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Which country topped the medal tally of the Elorda Cup Astana 2024?

- 1) Australia
- 2) Japan
- 3) Germany
- 4) Kazakhstan
- 5) Thailand

Answer- **4) Kazakhstan**

Explanation:

India finishes **third** in the medal tally with a total of **12** medals (2 Gold , 2 Silver & 8 Bronze) in the 3rd edition Elorda Cup Astana 2024 held in Astana, Kazakhstan from 12th to 19th May 2024. The two-time world champion Nikhat Zareen and Minakshi bagged **gold medal**.

- **Kazakhstan** Topped the medal tally with a total of 52 medals (14 Gold, 13 silver & 25 Bronze) and **China** at the second position with 7 medals (5 Gold, 1 silver & 1 Bronze) .

- Minakshi (Women's (W)48 kg) defeated Uzbekistan's Rahmonova Saidahon to give India its **first** gold medal of the competition, while **Nikhath Zareen** (W 52 kg) defeated Zhazira Urakbayeva of Kazakhstan to win a gold medal.

14. Who has recently (in may '24) won the inaugural Casablanca Chess Variant Tournament 2024 that was held in Morocco?

- 1) Hikaru Nakamura
- 2) Gukesh D
- 3) Magnus Carlsen
- 4) Vishwanathan Anand
- 5) Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa

Answer- **3) Magnus Carlsen**

Explanation:

Five-time World Champion & World No. 1 Chess player **Magnus Carlsen** won the inaugural Casablanca Chess Variant Tournament 2024 that was held on 18th-19th May, 2024 at **Mahkama du Pacha** in Casablanca, Morocco.

- **Hikaru Nakamura** from the United States of America (U.S.A.) secured 2nd position with 3.5 points.
- 5-time World Champion and Indian Chess Player, **Vishwanathan Anand** secured the 3rd position with 3 points.

IMPORTANT DAYS

15. When was the United Nations (UN) International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) 2024 observed across the globe?

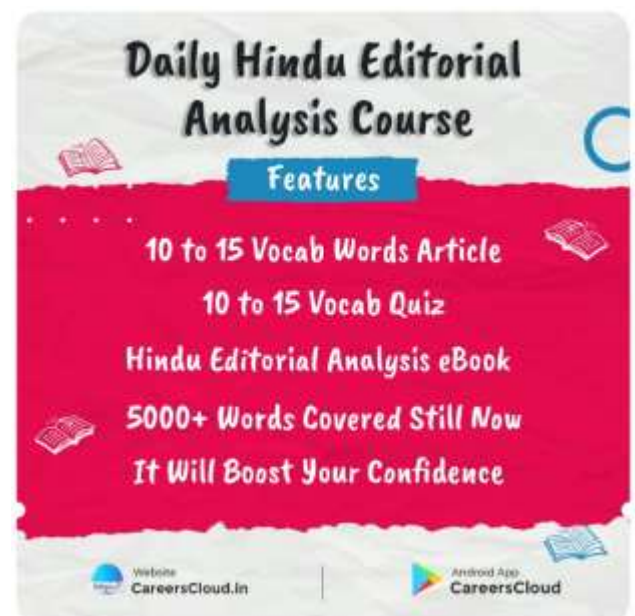
- 1) April 27
- 2) February 11
- 3) March 20
- 4) April 16
- 5) May 22

Answer- **5) May 22**

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN) **International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB)** is annually observed across the globe on **22nd May** to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues and to promote the conservation of biological diversity.

- The theme of IDB 2024 is "**Be part of the Plan**".
- The first ever International Day for Biological Diversity was observed on **22nd May 2002**. [Click here to read more](#)



16. When was the International Day for Women in Maritime (IDWIM) observed across the globe?

- 1) June 2
- 2) December 4
- 3) March 8
- 4) May 18
- 5) October 15

Answer- **4) May 18**

Explanation:

The **International Day for Women in Maritime (IDWIM)** is annually observed across the globe on **18 May** to celebrate and honour the contributions of women in the maritime industry and promote women's recruitment, retention, and sustained employment in the sector.

- The annual event of **IDWIM** is initiated by the International Maritime Organization (**IMO**) of the United Nations (UN).
- The **2024 theme of IDWIM** is, "Safe Horizons: Women Shaping the Future of Maritime Safety."
- IMO has presented the **inaugural IMO Gender Equality Award 2024** to Ms. Despina Panayiotou Theodosiou (Cyprus), during an event. [Click here to read more](#)

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17. Name the country that has recently (in May '24) approved a 10-year Blue Residence visa for individuals who contribute to environmental protection.

- 1) United Arab Emirates
- 2) Kuwait
- 3) Qatar
- 4) Oman
- 5) Bahrain

Answer- **1) United Arab Emirates**

Explanation:

On 15th May 2024, the Cabinet meeting of the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** held at Qasr Al Watan in Abu Dhabi comprising Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid, Vice President, Prime Minister, and Ruler of Dubai, approved a **10-year Blue Residence visa** for individuals who contribute to **environmental** protection within and beyond the UAE.

- i. Applications can be submitted through the Federal Authority for Identity, Citizenship, Customs, and Port Security (ICP).
- ii. Selected applicants can reside long-term in the UAE and provided with access to collaborate on environmental projects.

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18. In May 2024, The State Bank of India (SBI) acquired a _____percent stake in CCIL IFSC Limited for Rs 6.125 crore.

- 1) 7.389 %
- 2) 6.125 %
- 3) 9.125 %
- 4) 3.333 %
- 5) 4.444 %

Answer- **2) 6.125 %**

Explanation:

On May 2024, The State Bank of India (SBI) acquired a **6.125 %** stake in **CCIL IFSC Limited** for Rs 6.125 crore.

i. CCIL IFSC, which will be incorporated with an authorized and paid-up capital of Rs 200 crore and Rs 100 crore, will operate the foreign currency settlement system and act as a clearing house and system operator at the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) within the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City).

ii. The indicative period for completion of the transaction (acquisition of 61.25 lakh equity shares at Rs10 each) is up to six months from the date of execution of transaction documents.

iii. The Clearing Corporation of India Ltd (CCIL) is promoting CCIL IFFSC. CCIL will have a 57.125 percent stake in the proposed company.

19. Who has been recently (in May '24) appointed as the Additional Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for 4 years up to 6th August 2028?

- 1) Amit Garg
- 2) Ravi Sinha
- 3) N. Venu Gopal
- 4) A.Y.V. Krishna
- 5) Rajiv Kumar

Answer- **4) A.Y.V. Krishna**

Explanation:

On May 2024, 1995-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of Assam-Meghalaya cadre **A.Y.V.**

Krishna, Inspector General in the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), was appointed as the **Additional Director** of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for a tenure up to **August 6, 2028**.

i. Himachal Pradesh (H.P) cadre 1995-batch IPS officer **N. Venu Gopal**, Joint director in the CBI, was appointed as the Additional Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) until May 24, 2027.

20. Where was the World Economic Forum (WEF) headquartered?

- 1) Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2) Madrid, Spain
- 3) Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 4) Cologny, Switzerland
- 5) Ontario, Canada

Answer- **4) Cologny, Switzerland**

Explanation:

About World Economic Forum (WEF):

President - Børge Brende

Headquarters - Coligny, Switzerland

Established - 1971

21. Name the bank that has recently (in May '24) been imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 59.10 lakh for non-compliance with directions issued by RBI.

- 1) South Indian Bank
- 2) ICICI Bank
- 3) HDFC Bank
- 4) Karnataka Bank
- 5) Axis Bank

Answer- **4) Karnataka Bank**

Explanation:

On 17th May 2024, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a monetary penalty of **Rs 59.10 lakh** on the **Karnataka Bank** for non-compliance with certain directions issued by RBI.

i. The reason behind penalization is that the bank had opened savings deposit accounts in the name of certain ineligible entities and failed to review/renew loan accounts within the prescribed period and did not classify these accounts as Non-Performing Assets.

22. Which of the following was Gujarat's First Blue Flag Beach?

- 1) Chandipur Beach
- 2) Shivrajpur Beach
- 3) Mangalore Beach
- 4) Palolem Beach
- 5) Machilipatnam Beach

Answer- **2) Shivrajpur Beach**

Explanation:

On May 2024, Gujarat's First Blue Flag Beach "**Shivrajpur Beach**" started offering Clear Water, Sunset Views & Boating to enhance tourism.

- The Blue Flag Programme was initially initiated in **France in 1985**, aiming to recognize environmentally responsible beaches. Awarded annually to beaches and marinas in Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) member countries.

i. The Blue Flag certification is an **eco-label certification** awarded to beaches, marinas, and sustainable boat tourism operators that meet prescribed criteria.

ii. Blue flag certification is given by an International Jury consisting of members of the United Nations Environment Programme (**UNEP**), United Nations World Tourism Organisation (**UNWTO**), Denmark-based NGO Foundation for Environmental Education (**FEE**), and International Union for Conservation of Nature (**IUCN**).

iii. Puri Beach, located on the Konark coast of Odisha, became **Asia's first beach** to get the blue flag certificate. As of October 2022, **12 beaches** in India have been awarded this prestigious certification

iv. Other beaches which got Blue Flag recognition include Eden (Puducherry), Mahabalipuram (Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu), Rushikonda (Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh), and Radhanagar (Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar).

23. Which country's ambassador along with Nagaland Chief Minister (CM) has recently (in May' 24) inaugurated the Kohima Peace Memorial and laid the foundation stone of Eco Park Kohima In Nagaland?

- 1) Brazil
- 2) Nepal
- 3) Japan
- 4) Russia
- 5) Finland

Answer- **3) Japan**

Explanation:

Hiroshi Suzuki, ambassador of Japan to India and Nagaland Chief Minister (CM) Neiphiu Rio jointly inaugurated the **Kohima Peace Memorial** and laid the foundation stone of Eco Park Kohima In Nagaland.

- The Kohima Peace Memorial and Eco Park holds particular significance as it celebrates the collaborative effort between the Government of Japan and Japanese International Corporation Agency with the Government of Nagaland.
- It represents not only a historical significance but also serves as a symbol of peace, reconciliation and holds profound educational value.
- Commemorating the **80th Anniversary** of the Battle of Kohima this year (2024), the state government has planned a number of events that will involve the engagement of all sectors including related countries like the UK and the US.

24. Who has been recently (in may' 24) honoured with the prestigious 'PSU Samarpan Award'?

- 1) Hemant Khatri
- 2) Saurabh Jain
- 3) Bejoy Bhasker
- 4) Sanjeev Singhal
- 5) Madhu S Nair

Answer- **1) Hemant Khatri**

Explanation:

Commodore **Hemant Khatri**, the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of **Hindustan Shipyard Limited** (HSL) has been conferred with the prestigious '**PSU Samarpan Award**'.

- The award recognizes Khatri's outstanding leadership and his pivotal role in driving the transformation of the shipyard, inspiring countless individuals within the industry.
- The 'PSU Samarpan Award' is a prestigious accolade that acknowledges the significant contributions of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) to the country's progress.
- Khatri also received the award in the 'Other PSU' category, alongside other esteemed Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) such as Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and IRCON International Ltd in the Navratna category, and Braithwaite & Co Ltd, Bridge & Roof Company (India) Ltd, HSCC (India) Ltd, KIOCL Ltd, Instruments Ltd, Consultants India Ltd, and WAPCOS in the Miniratna category.

25. Which country has recently (in May' 24) signed an agreement with the United States (US) to jointly develop the Glide Phase Interceptor (GPI), a next-generation missile defence system capable of defeating hypersonic missiles?

- 1) India
- 2) Japan
- 3) South Korea
- 4) Brazil
- 5) France

Answer- 2) Japan

Explanation:

Japan and the **United States (US)** signed an agreement to jointly develop the **Glide Phase Interceptor (GPI)**, a next-generation missile defence system capable of defeating hypersonic missiles that are deployed by **China and Russia** and being developed by **North Korea**.

- The complete GPI system is expected to be fielded by the mid-2030.
- The GPI programme will likely exceed USD3 billion. Japan is expected to fund more than USD1 billion of that figure.

26. Vietnamese _____ is the currency of Vietnam.

- 1) Balboa
- 2) Cordoba
- 3) Lempira
- 4) Peso
- 5) Dong

Answer- 5) Dong

Explanation:

About Vietnam

Prime Minister – Pham Minh Chinh

Capital – Hanoi

Currency – Vietnamese dong

27. In May 2024, the Government (GoI) has issued mandatory quality norms for _____ products to curb the import of sub-standard goods and boost domestic manufacturing.

- 1) Block Mortar
- 2) Feldspar
- 3) Limestone
- 4) Uranium
- 5) Asbestos

Answer- 5) Asbestos

Explanation:

The Government of India (**GoI**) has issued mandatory quality norms for asbestos or fibre cement-based products to curb the import of sub-standard goods and boost domestic manufacturing.

- A notification 'Asbestos or Fibre Cement based Products (Quality Control) Order, 2024' was issued in this regard by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (**DPIIT**) on March 6 2024.

- Under these orders, items cannot be produced, sold, traded, imported and stocked unless they bear the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) mark.
- Mandatory QCOs help to curb the import of sub-standard products, prevent unfair trade practices and ensure the safety and well-being of consumers as well as the environment.

28. When was Bonn (Germany) headquartered United Nations (UN) Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) established?

- 1) 1990
- 2) 1994
- 3) 1995
- 4) 1997
- 5) 1998

Answer- **2) 1994**

Explanation:

About United Nations (UN) Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD):

Executive Secretary: Ibrahim Thiaw

Headquarters: Bonn, Germany

Established: 1994

29. Name the company that has recently (in May '24) partnered with Bharti Airtel Limited to deliver cloud solutions to Indian businesses.

- 1) Amazon
- 2) Google
- 3) Microsoft Corporation
- 4) Facebook
- 5) Apple Inc

Answer- **2) Google**

Explanation:

On May 2024, Aiming to deliver cloud solutions to Indian businesses, Bharti Airtel Limited and **Google Cloud** stepped into a long-term collaboration.

i. The partnership aims to offer a suite of cutting-edge cloud solutions from Google Cloud to **fast-track cloud adoption** and **modernization** for Airtel's customers.

ii. Additionally, Airtel will provide a suite of cloud-managed services to its customer base of more than 2,000 large enterprises and one million emerging businesses.

30. Bengaluru (Karnataka) headquartered Jana Small Finance Bank (JSFB) was commenced its operation in _____ (Year)

- 1) 2018
- 2) 2019
- 3) 2015
- 4) 2017
- 5) 2014

Answer- **1) 2018**

Explanation:

About Jana Small Finance Bank (JSFB)

Jana Small Finance Bank (JSFB) was formerly known as Janalakshmi Financial Services (JFS). It commenced its operation in 2018

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) – Ajay Kanwal

Headquarters – Bengaluru, Karnataka

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