

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1) Which of the following state was named as the best state in Horticulture in the Agriculture Leadership Awards 2024?

- A) Sikkim
- B) Nagaland
- C) Assam
- D) Arunachal Pradesh

2) _____ has sanctioned seven new projects for the private sector under the Technology Development Fund scheme.

- A) DRDO
- B) Ministry of Home Affairs
- C) Ministry of Science and Technology
- D) Ministry of Urban Development

3) Who among the following clinched bronze in Shotgun Junior World Cup, Italy?

- A) Anjali Bhagwat
- B) Manu Bhaker
- C) Nandita Das
- D) Sabeera Haris

4) Which of the following state government issued an order banning the sale of energy drinks with high caffeine content within a 500-metre radius of schools in the state?

- A) Bihar
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Uttar Pradesh

5) India's Serum Institute and Oxford University have launched the first malaria vaccine in which of the following country?

- A) Ghana
- B) Ivory Coast
- C) Mali
- D) Nigeria

6) Which of the following Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) celebrated its 73rd Foundation Day on July 16, 2024?

- A) CSIR- Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI)
- B) CSIR- Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT)

- C) CSIR- Central Road Research Institute (CRRRI)
- D) CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL)

7) The RBI has permitted banks to use ratings by _____ for loans of up to Rs 250 crore.

- A) Brickwork Ratings India Private Limited
- B) CRISIL Ratings Limited
- C) Fitch Ratings
- D) India Ratings and Research Private Limited

8) _____ approved a loan of USD 240.5 million to support the deployment of rooftop solar systems in India.

- A) Asian Development Bank
- B) International Finance Corporation
- C) Japan International Cooperation Agency
- D) World Bank

9) Which of the following country has overtaken Mauritius to secure the fourth spot among preferred destinations for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) routing funds into India?

- A) Norway
- B) Sweden
- C) Switzerland
- D) Ireland

10) What is India's projected Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025, as per recent data released by Asian Development Bank (ADB)?

- A) 6.9%
- B) 7%
- C) 7.2%
- D) 8%

11) India should aim USD 500 billion in electronics manufacturing by 2030, said a report published by _____.

- A) Nasscom
- B) NITI Aayog
- C) UNCTAD
- D) World Economic Forum

12) India's first overseas "Jan Aushadhi Kendra" was inaugurated in which of the following country?

- A) Kenya

- B) Nepal
- C) Mauritius
- D) Zimbabwe

13) Which of the following fintech startup has received approval from NPCI to operate as a UPI-based payment infrastructure provider?

- A) CCAvenue
- B) Onionlife
- C) Perfios
- D) TechFini

14) _____ has tied-up with LIC under a corporate agency arrangement to provide life insurance coverage to all by 2047.

- A) Bank of Baroda
- B) Bank of India
- C) IDFC First Bank
- D) Karnataka Bank

15) As per the FICCI's 'Economic Outlook Survey' India's annual median GDP growth forecast for the year 2024-25 is _____.

- A) 8%
- B) 7%
- C) 6.7%
- D) 6.6%

16) Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the first-ever national toll-free narcotics helpline _____.

- A) SURAKSHA
- B) PRAVAAH
- C) MARLIN
- D) MANAS

17) The Geological Survey of India launched which of the following web portal aimed at landslide hazard mitigation in India?

- A) Saksham
- B) Bhusanket
- C) Sankalan
- D) Swayam

18) The Bureau of Indian Standards has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with _____ for the establishment of the 'BIS Standardization Chair Professor'.

- A) IISc Bengaluru
- B) IIT Hyderabad
- C) IIT Patna
- D) Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

19) Along with the Central Bank of India which of the following financial company has entered into a co-lending partnership to offer loans to MSME?

- A) Arka Fincap Limited
- B) Muthoot Microfin Limited
- C) Northern Arc Capital Limited
- D) Poonawalla Fincorp Limited

20) HSBC Holdings Plc has appointed who among the following as its next CEO?

- A) Nawaf Salam
- B) Georges Elhedery
- C) Astrid Schomaker
- D) Alain Noudéhou

21) Which of the following country has joined the 1992 UN Water Convention, becoming the 10th African nation to do so?

- A) Ivory Coast
- B) Paraguay
- C) Peru
- D) Slovakia

22) _____ signed an MoU with the Rajasthan Government for the development of Kota Greenfield airport.

- A) Navi Mumbai International Airport Private Limited
- B) Directorate General of Civil Aviation
- C) Airports Authority of India
- D) Adani Airport Holdings Limited

23) Which of the following University has inked an MoU with ISRO to advance innovation in chemical sciences?

- A) Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi
- B) Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala
- C) University of Delhi, Delhi
- D) UPL University of Sustainable Technology, Gujarat

24) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) will invest Rs 290 crore in the 900MW hydroelectric power project in _____.

- A) Cambodia
- B) Ghana

- C) Iran
D) Nepal

25) Which of the following insurance company has secured the 6th position in the Global Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) rankings for 2024?

- A) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited
B) Life Insurance Corporation of India
C) SBI General Insurance Company Limited
D) Tata AIA Life Insurance Company Limited

26) In July 2024, India's Chandrayaan-3 was awarded the prestigious World Space Award by _____ for its significant contributions to space exploration.

- A) International Astronautical Federation
B) International Astronomical Union
C) National Aeronautics and Space Administration
D) United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs

27) Who among the following was appointed as the next MD and CEO of Federal Bank?

- A) Atul Mehra
B) Keki M Mistry
C) Krishnan Venkat Subramanian
D) Nidhu Saxena

28) Which of the following fintech company has partnered with SWIFT to enhance global payment capabilities, allowing seamless account-to-wallet transfers?

- A) TerraPay
B) JioPay
C) PhonePe
D) Razorpay

29) _____ is set to collaborate with the European Space Agency (ESA) on its Ramses mission to track and study the Apophis asteroid that is slated to make a close encounter with the Earth in 2029.

- A) CNSA
B) SpaceX
C) ISRO
D) NASA

30) The Steering Committee on Greenfield Airports has recommended site clearance for the Parandur site in which of the following state?

- A) Arunachal Pradesh
B) Kerala
C) Tamil Nadu
D) Uttar Pradesh

31) Which of the following state is set to hold special camps to grant Indian citizenship to minority refugees from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bangladesh?

- A) Rajasthan
B) Maharashtra
C) Karnataka
D) Gujarat

32) In July 2024, which of the following country declared animal health emergency after Newcastle disease case?

- A) Brazil
B) Chile
C) Guyana
D) Peru

33) _____ was awarded the best technology award for its revolutionary effort in the field of horticultural sciences.

- A) Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology
B) Central Institute for Subtropical Horticulture
C) Indian Institute of Horticultural Research
D) Indian Institute of Spices Research

34) The 21st edition of Khaan Quest, a multinational peacekeeping exercise is being held in which of the following country?

- A) Mongolia
B) Japan
C) India
D) China

35) The International Olympic Committee Executive Board has decided to honor _____ with the Olympic Order.

- A) Pranju Somani
B) Manu Bhaker
C) Jaspal Rana
D) Abhinav Bindra

36) _____ has surpassed Meg Lanning to become the second highest run-scorer in Women's T20I history.

- A) Deepti Sharma
- B) Harmanpreet Kaur
- C) Shefali Verma
- D) Smriti Mandhana

37) Manolo Marquez of which of the following country was appointed as the new head coach of the Indian men's football team?

- A) Argentina
- B) Australia
- C) Germany
- D) Spain

38) _____ is the guest of honour at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM).

- A) Ajay Devgan
- B) Akshay Kumar
- C) Ram Charan
- D) Shahrukh Khan

39) The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced how much financial assistance to the Indian athletes at the 2024 Paris Olympics?

- A) Rs 10.5 crore
- B) Rs 9.5 crore
- C) Rs 8.5 crore
- D) Rs 7.5 crore

40) As part of the nine priorities highlighted for the 2024 Union Budget, the limit of MUDRA loans was enhanced to _____ from the current Rs 10 lakh.

- A) Rs 22 lakh
- B) Rs 20 lakh
- C) Rs 15 lakh
- D) Rs 12 lakh

41) _____ collaborated with IIT, Roorkee and Mandi to make 'Cell-Free 6G access points'.

- A) Atal Incubation Center
- B) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing
- C) Centre for Development of Telematics
- D) Centre for Enterprise Risk Management

42) The latest ranking released by the Henley Passport Index puts India's passport at _____ spot.

- A) 129

- B) 116
- C) 82
- D) 63

43) The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved _____ loan to expand Nagpur's metro network and enhance transport connectivity.

- A) USD 200 million
- B) USD 170 million
- C) USD 148.5 million
- D) USD 60 million

44) Along with Airbus Helicopters which of the following company has signed a deal to set up a final assembly line (FAL) in India for single-engine H125 choppers?

- A) Tata Advanced Systems Limited
- B) Dynamatic Technologies Limited
- C) Aeronautical Development Agency
- D) Adani Defence and Aerospace

45) _____ successfully flight-tested Phase-II Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) System in July 2024.

- A) AgniKul Cosmos Private Limited
- B) Defence Research and Development Organisation
- C) GalaxEye Space Solutions Private Limited
- D) Indian Space Research Organisation

46) During the 142nd IOC Session in Paris, the International Olympic Committee elected _____ as the host of the 2030 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

- A) Apulia, Italy
- B) Geneva, Switzerland
- C) French Alps, France
- D) Sydney, Australia

47) India's 500th Community Radio Station "Apna Radio 90.0 FM" inaugurated at _____.

- A) Aizwal, Mizoram
- B) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- C) Guwahati, Assam
- D) Patna, Bihar

48) The Indian government extended the Electric Mobility Promotion Scheme (EMPS) 2024 until _____.

- A) 31 March 2026
- B) 30 June 2025
- C) 31 December 2024
- D) 30 September 2024

49) Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has approved the India's First Integrated Agri-Export Facility at _____.

- A) Paradip Port, Odisha
- B) Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Maharashtra
- C) Cochin Port, Kerala
- D) Chennai Port, Tamil Nadu

50) _____ has taken over the Chair of the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC) for the year 2024-25, succeeding China.

- A) Atul Kumar Chaudhary
- B) Hima Kohli
- C) Rajendra Singh
- D) Tapan Kumar Deka

51) _____ became the world's youngest and fastest para swimmer to cross the English Channel.

- A) Jiya Rai
- B) Niranjan Mukundan
- C) Rimo Saha
- D) Satyendra Singh

52) _____ authorised Azista BST Aerospace to establish a ground station in the ultra high-frequency (UHF) bands in Hyderabad, Telangana.

- A) DRDO
- B) IN-Space
- C) NRSC
- D) TDB

53) India stood second just behind the US among _____ members in the initiation and imposition of anti-dumping duties in 2023, according to a report.

- A) Stockholm International Peace Research Institute
- B) United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- C) World Bank
- D) World Trade Organization

54) Which ministry has launched the Ideas4LiFE initiative, inviting online submissions of ideas and innovations related to products and services that promote environmentally friendly lifestyles?

- A) Ministry of Agriculture
- B) Ministry of Defence
- C) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- D) Ministry of Urban Development

55) Which of the following company has announced its foray into the Indian jewellery market with the launch of a new brand named Indriya?

- A) TATA Group
- B) Reliance Industries Limited
- C) Aditya Birla Group
- D) Adani Group

56) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has launched an AI-powered chatbot named _____ to assist investors

- A) SEVA
- B) Paisa
- C) PRAGATI
- D) PM Shri Paryatan Vayu Seva

57) _____ has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to establish an Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC).

- A) Bajaj Finserv Asset Management Limited
- B) Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Limited
- C) Hitachi Payment Services Pvt. Ltd
- D) Shriram Group

58) Which of the following country has secured their first Women's Asia Cup title recently?

- A) Pakistan
- B) India
- C) Sri Lanka
- D) Afghanistan

59) _____ has partnered with ICICI Lombard General Insurance to offer a wide range of insurance products to its customers.

- A) Bank of India
- B) Bank of Maharashtra
- C) HDFC Bank
- D) Karnataka Bank



60) NIIT Institute of Finance, Banking and Insurance (NIIT IFBI) in collaboration with _____ has launched the 'ACE Banker Program'.

- A) Yes Bank
- B) Jammu & Kashmir Bank
- C) HDFC Bank
- D) Axis Bank

61) Who was Kunwar Natwar Singh, and what significant role did he play?

- A) Former President of India
- B) Former Finance Minister
- C) Former External Affairs Minister
- D) Former Chief Justice of India

62) Who has been appointed as the new Cabinet Secretary of India in August 2024?

- A) Rajiv Gauba
- B) T.V. Somanathan
- C) Ajit Doval
- D) P.K. Mishra

63) Which project was inaugurated by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Chandigarh under the Smart City Mission?

- A) 24x7 Water Supply Project
- B) Solar Energy Project
- C) Waste Management Project
- D) Green Transportation Project

64) What recent legislative focus involves proposed amendments to ensure transparent management of religious endowments in India?

- A) Hindu Succession Act
- B) Muslim Personal Law
- C) Waqf Act
- D) Land Acquisition Act

65) What has been suggested as a necessary measure to improve India's performance in international sporting events like the Olympics?

- A) Better coaching staff
- B) Increased funding for sports
- C) A more robust national nutrition strategy
- D) Higher participation in tournaments

66) Which day is observed annually as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day in India?

- A) August 12
- B) August 14
- C) August 15
- D) August 17

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71) Ministry of Defence and _____ signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to facilitate capital market access to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

- A) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- B) Reserve Bank of India
- C) National Stock Exchange
- D) Bombay Stock Exchange

72) _____ became India's newest unicorn after raising \$120M.

- A) Zepto

- B) Rapido
- C) Dunzo
- D) CRED

73) _____ has been granted the distinguished Special Consultative Status by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC).

- A) Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Tamil Nadu
- B) Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi
- C) Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- D) Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, Odisha

74) When the 2024 Friendship Day (India) was observed?

- A) 02 August
- B) 03 August
- C) 04 August
- D) 05 August

75) Who among the following was appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)?

- A) Manoj Mittal
- B) Nripendra Mishra
- C) Rajeev Prasad
- D) Vinay Sinha

76) Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched which of the following portal to manage the entire apprenticeship lifecycle activities?

- A) JanSamarth
- B) KarmaLife
- C) NATS 2.0
- D) SayujNet

77) Recently, the two-day 'Conference of Governors' was held in which of the following city?

- A) Bengaluru
- B) Chennai
- C) Hyderabad
- D) New Delhi

78) Who among the following was appointed UPSC Chairperson on August 1, succeeding Manoj Soni who resigned due to personal reasons?

- A) Ajit Kumar Doval
- B) Bharat Lal
- C) Neerabh Kumar Prasad

- D) Preeti Sudan

79) Who among the following was elected as the president of UN's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)?

- A) Mark Rutte
- B) Philemon Yang
- C) Robert Rae
- D) Ruchira Kamboj

80) 'Mukhyamantri Maiyaan Samman Yojana' was launched by which of the following state government?

- A) Odisha
- B) Jharkhand
- C) Haryana
- D) Bihar

81) In which of the following city the 14th India-Vietnam Defence Policy Dialogue was held?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Hyderabad
- C) Chennai
- D) Bengaluru

82) Padma Vibhushan awardee Dr Yamini Krishnamurthy has passed away at the age of 84. She was a _____.

- A) Scientist
- B) Journalist
- C) Classical dancer
- D) Boxer

83) Which of the following state announced the procurement of all crops in the state at minimum support price (MSP)?

- A) Bihar
- B) Haryana
- C) Punjab
- D) Uttar Pradesh

84) Which of the following bank launched RuPay credit cards with UPI and NCMC functionalities?

- A) Axis Bank
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) ICICI Bank
- D) RBL Bank

85) Belgium-based SWIFT has announced an AI-driven pilot project in collaboration with _____ aimed at combating payment fraud in cross-border transactions.

- A) Punjab and Sind Bank
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) Federal Bank
- D) Axis Bank

86) To improve the quality of price data, which of the following ministry launched the Price Monitoring System Version 4.0 mobile app?

- A) Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- B) Ministry of Cooperation
- C) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
- D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

87) Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and Dr. Pemmasani Chandrasekhar inaugurated the Network Operations Centre at the Delhi Campus of the _____.

- A) National Remote Sensing Centre
- B) National Informatics Centre
- C) Centre for Development of Telematics
- D) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing

88) _____ officially joined the United Nations Command (UNC) as its 18th member country.

- A) Canada
- B) Germany
- C) India
- D) Philippines

89) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued 'fit & proper' certificate to _____ for the acquisition of the IDBI Bank.

- A) State Bank of India
- B) Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited
- C) Emirates NBD Bank
- D) Both B and C

90) _____ partnerd with Vested Finance to offer access to global investing for Indians and NRIs.

- A) Axis Securities Limited
- B) Business Wire India HDFC securities
- C) Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Limited

D) Motilal Oswal Asset Management Company Limited
91) India is set to provide _____ credit line to Vietnam to strengthen the Southeast Asian country's maritime security.

- A) USD 500 million
- B) USD 50 million
- C) USD 300 million
- D) USD 135 million

92) _____ became the first Indian state to adopt the Disaster Risk Transfer Parametric Insurance Solution (DRTPS).

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Nagaland
- C) Kerala
- D) Assam

93) _____ has partnered with the IDBI Bank to launch a cybersecurity laboratory.

- A) IIT Madras
- B) IIT Kharagpur
- C) IIT Kanpur
- D) IIT Hyderabad

94) Who among the following took charge as the Director General of the BSF?

- A) Daljit Singh Chawdhary
- B) Jethabhai Bharvad
- C) Sanjay Bhalla
- D) Sanjiv Puri

95) Noah Lyles, the sprinter of which of the following country won the men's 100m final at the 2024 Paris Olympics with a time of 9.79s?

- A) US
- B) Serbia
- C) Cuba
- D) China

96) India and which of the following country recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance cooperation in the field of sports?

- A) Saint Christopher and Nevis
- B) Timor-Leste
- C) Tunisia
- D) Zimbabwe

97) The Central Government has officially declared Adichunchanagiri of which of the following state as Peacock Sanctuary?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Uttarakhand

98) The board of which of the following bank approved a proposal for raising funds of up to Rs 25,000 crore via the issue of Tier 1 and Tier 2 bonds?

- A) Axis Bank
- B) State Bank of India
- C) ICICI Bank
- D) Punjab National Bank

99) Four apps for new criminal laws namely e-Sakshya, Nyay Setu, Nyay Shruti and e-Summons App was unveiled by _____.

- A) Amit Shah
- B) Giriraj Singh
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) S. Jaishankar

100) Who among the following was appointed as the new director general of the Assam Rifles?

- A) Vikas Lakhera
- B) Pradeep Chandran Nair
- C) Nalin Prabhat
- D) Mohammad Rihan

101) _____ launched the "Million Designers, Billion Dreams" initiative?

- A) PM Mahila Shakti Kendra scheme
- B) Mahila Samridhi Yojana
- C) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–National Rural Livelihoods Mission
- D) Aspirational Blocks Programme

102) Along with HSBC India which of the following general insurance company has entered into a bancassurance partnership for the distribution of non-life insurance products through its network?

- A) Royal Sundaram General Insurance Company
- B) SBI General Insurance Company
- C) TATA AIG General Insurance Company
- D) Universal Sampo General Insurance Company

103) Along with Coal India Ltd which of the following company has agreed to establish a Coal to Synthetic Natural Gas (SNG) plant in Raniganj, West Bengal?

- A) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
- B) GAIL India Limited
- C) Indian Oil Corporation Limited
- D) Mineral Oil Company Private Limited

104) President Mohammed Shahabuddin has named who among the following as head of Bangladesh's interim government?

- A) Allamaye Halina
- B) José Raúl Mulino
- C) Muhammad Yunus
- D) Sheikh Hasina

105) Chinese-American physicist _____ who in 1957 became the second-youngest scientist to receive a Nobel Prize passed away in August 2024.

- A) Tsung-Dao Lee
- B) Avi Wigderson
- C) Chien-Shiung Wu
- D) Peter Higgs

106) The Indian Army conducted which of the following large-scale strike corps exercise in Eastern Ladakh?

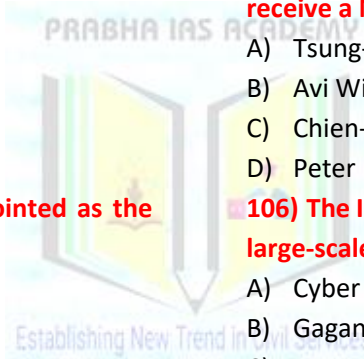
- A) Cyber Suraksha
- B) Gagan Strike-II
- C) Parvat Pahaar
- D) Poorvi Lehar

107) Which of the following bank has launched its new offering, 'DBS Golden Circle' to address the specific needs of senior citizens?

- A) Standard Chartered Bank
- B) DBS Bank
- C) Citibank
- D) BNP Paribas

108) Which of the following finance company received the certificate of registration as a non-banking financial company (investment and credit company) from the Reserve Bank of India?

- A) IIFL Finance Limited
- B) L&T Finance Limited
- C) Muthoot Microfin Limited
- D) Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited



109) In the Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute's (SWFI) Top 100 Largest Central Bank Rankings by Total Assets for 2024 what was the rank of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- A) 4
- B) 5
- C) 8
- D) 12

110) In collaboration with which of the following bank Pine Labs' Setu has launched UPISetu, a UPI-focused payments platform?

- A) Bank of Baroda
- B) Axis Bank
- C) ICICI Bank
- D) State Bank of India

111) The Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) has signed an MoU with _____ to promote Indian sign language.

- A) Army Welfare Education Society
- B) Coca-Cola India Foundation
- C) National Book Trust
- D) Reliance Foundation

112) India's gold industry, backed by the World Gold Council (WGC), has initiated the formation of a self-regulatory organization named _____.

- A) Jewellers Association of India
- B) Indian Bullion and Jewellers Association
- C) Indian Association for Gold Excellence and Standards
- D) Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council

113) Capital market regulator SEBI approved the appointment of which of the following for the role of Managing Director and CEO of Multi Commodity Exchange of India?

- A) Rushabh Gandhi
- B) Rajeev Singhal
- C) Praveena Rai
- D) Harsh Pati Singhania

114) Which of the following state has declare to develop 'Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve'?

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Kerala
- C) Chhattisgarh

D) Assam

115) When Nagasaki Day was observed?

- A) 08 August
- B) 09 August
- C) 10 August
- D) 11 August

116) India's first around the clock grain dispensing machine, the 'Grain ATM,' also known as 'Annapurti' was launched at which of the following state?

- A) Kerala
- B) Odisha
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Uttarakhand

117) Who among the following assumed charge as the Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry?

- A) Anandiben Patel
- B) K. Kailashnathan
- C) Nripendra Mishra
- D) Santosh Kumar Gangwar

118) Budhadev Bhattacharya, former Chief Minister of which of the following state has passed away recently?

- A) West Bengal
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Sikkim
- D) Assam

119) Which of the following airline was named 'Best Airline in India & South Asia' for the fourth time at the 2024 World Airline Awards by Skytrax?

- A) Vistara
- B) SpiceJet
- C) IndiGo
- D) Air India

120) _____ signed an MoU with Jakson Engineers to promote solar energy adoption in India.

- A) State Bank of India
- B) Punjab National Bank
- C) IndusInd Bank
- D) ICICI Bank

121) NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) signed an agreement with _____ to grant assistance for the launching of the Nepal-built Munal satellite.

- A) Ministry of Science and Technology
- B) Ministry of External Affairs
- C) Ministry of Defence
- D) Department of Space

122) The Indian men's hockey team lead by _____ won the bronze medal at the Paris 2024 Olympics.

- A) Hardik Singh
- B) Harmanpreet Singh
- C) Manpreet Singh
- D) P. R. Sreejesh

123) The Central Government has officially declared Adichunchanagiri and Choolannuar of which of the following state as Peacock Sanctuaries?

- A) Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh
- B) Kerala and Tamil Nadu
- C) Karnataka and Kerala
- D) Assam and Kerala

124) The Government has issued operational guidelines for the implementation of Model Solar Village under PM-Surya Ghar-Muft Bijli Yojana, allocating _____ to develop solar villages across every district in India.

- A) Rs 778 crore
- B) Rs 850 crore
- C) Rs 800 crore
- D) Rs 750 crore

125) The Reserve Bank of India announced an increase in the UPI transaction limit for tax payments to _____ from Rs 1 lakh.

- A) Rs 6 lakh
- B) Rs 5 lakh
- C) Rs 4 lakh
- D) Rs 3 lakh

126) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) signed an MoU with which of the following country for promoting cooperation on Small and Medium-size Enterprises?

- A) Zimbabwe
- B) United States of America
- C) Hungary
- D) Azerbaijan

127) Global Youth Unemployment Rate (YUR) in 2023 decreased to 13%, said a report by which of the following organisation?

- A) World Bank
- B) United Nations Development Programme
- C) Reserve Bank of India
- D) International Labour Organisation

128) _____ accounts for the highest share of Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) investing in India during the fiscal year 2023-24.

- A) Denmark
- B) Japan
- C) Singapore
- D) United States of America

129) The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) recently announced the incorporation of NPCI BHIM Services Ltd (NBSL) as a wholly owned subsidiary. Who among the following is set to become the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the new entity?

- A) Robert Jerard Ravi
- B) Ravi Agrawal
- C) Rajendra Prasad Goyal
- D) Lalitha Nataraj

130) When the Partition Horrors Remembrance Day (India) was observed?

- A) 15 August
- B) 14 August
- C) 13 August
- D) 12 August

131) Archaeologists have recently discovered the world's oldest calendar, dating back nearly 13,000 years in which of the following country?

- A) Turkey
- B) Iraq
- C) Iran
- D) Egypt

132) _____ has become the first state government in India to provide cash to adolescent girls to buy sanitary napkins.

- A) Gujarat
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Odisha

D) Rajasthan

133) Which of the following IIT bagged the top position as the best educational institution in the country as per the 2024 National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF)?

- A) IIT Delhi
- B) IIT Kanpur
- C) IIT Madras
- D) IIT Roorkee

134) Jiyo Parsi, a central government scheme, was launched in 2013-14 to _____.

- A) To encourage Parsi cultural activities
- B) To promote the education of Parsi children
- C) To provide financial aid for Parsi businesses
- D) To reverse the declining trend of the Parsi population

135) Where did the DRDO and the Indian Army conducted successful test firings of the indigenous Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM)?

- A) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- B) Porbandar, Gujarat
- C) Pokhran, Rajasthan
- D) Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu

136) On the eve of 78th Independence Day the Environment Ministry added which of the following wetland to the list of Ramsar sites?

- A) Kazhuveli Bird Sanctuary
- B) Nanjarayan Bird Sanctuary
- C) Tawa Reservoir
- D) All of the above

137) Which of the following ministry launched the Jiyo Parsi Scheme portal, a Central Sector Scheme to arrest the population decline of the Parsi community in India?

- A) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- B) Ministry of Finance
- C) Ministry of Minority Affairs
- D) Ministry of Women and Child Development

138) Under the new Offshore Areas Mineral Trust Rules, 2024, holders of production leases of offshore mines are required to contribute to the Trust by paying _____ of their royalty payments to the government.

- A) 5%
- B) 10%
- C) 15%

D) 25%

139) Along with India which of the following country has partnered to establish a Center of Water Technology (CoWT) at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) in Chennai?

- A) Taiwan
- B) Russia
- C) Israel
- D) Belarus

140) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has carried out successful maiden flight test of Long Range Glide Bomb (LRGB) named _____ off the coast of Odisha.

- A) ABHYAS
- B) GAURAV
- C) SMART
- D) Zorawar

141) Which of the following ministry launched the digital geo-spatial platform, Krishi-Decision Support System?

- A) Ministry of Agriculture
- B) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- C) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- D) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

142) To launch the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) which of the following country signed an MoU with India?

- A) Azerbaijan
- B) Ivory Coast
- C) Maldives
- D) Paraguay

143) India's Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has signed an MoU with which of the following country to enhance auditing collaboration and exchange expertise between the two nations?

- A) Bulgaria
- B) Romania
- C) Saudi Arabia
- D) Uzbekistan

144) _____ was awarded an Accreditation Certificate with a "Utkrishi" 3-Star rating

for its excellence in MSME development and civil services training.

- A) National Institute of Information Technology
- B) National Institute for MSME
- C) Institute of Public Administration
- D) Indian Institute of Mass Communication

145) Hockey India has retired jersey number _____ in senior team to honour star goalkeeper P R Sreejesh, who ended his career with the Paris Olympics bronze.

- A) No.18
- B) No.16
- C) No.14
- D) No.12

146) India lost 33.9 million hectares of crops due to excess rains and an additional 35 million hectares due to drought between 2015 and 2021, as per a report released by _____.

- A) World Economic Forum
- B) United Nations Environment Programme
- C) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- D) World Bank

147) The India's urban unemployment rate for individuals aged 15 years and above in April-June (Q1) was _____ according to a survey by the ministry of statistics and programme implementation.

- A) 6.8%
- B) 6.6%
- C) 6.2%
- D) 6.0%

148) Defence minister Rajnath Singh released _____ coin to commemorate the birth centenary of former Tamil Nadu chief minister Kalaingar M Karunanidhi.

- A) Rs 100
- B) Rs 150
- C) Rs 250
- D) Rs 75

149) The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of _____ as MD & CEO of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank.

- A) Salee Sukumaran Nair
- B) Ratan Kumar Kesh
- C) Krishnan Venkat Subramanian
- D) Kadambelil Paul Thomas

150) _____ has developed a powerful new weapon: a domestically engineered 'Kamikaze' drone with an impressive range of 1,000 kilometers.

- A) Garuda Aerospace Limited
- B) National Aerospace Laboratories
- C) Kadet Defence Systems Limited
- D) Zen Technologies Limited

ANSWERS

1) Correct Answer: B

Nagaland has been adjudged as the best state in Horticulture in the prestigious Agriculture Leadership Awards 2024. The award was given to the state for its outstanding work in introducing innovative programmes and policies for horticulture development, which has positively touched the lives of large number of farmers and the rural people in the State.

2) Correct Answer: A

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has awarded seven new projects to industries under the Technology Development Fund scheme for various requirements of the Armed Forces and

aerospace and defence sectors. Defence Ministry said these project sanctions are a testimony to the continuing endeavour of DRDO in nurturing Industries, especially MSMEs and start-ups, in defence and aerospace domains.

3) Correct Answer: D

In Shooting, India's Sabeera Haris has bagged the bronze medal in women's trap event at the International Shooting Sport Federation, ISSF Junior World Cup in Porpetto, Italy. Sabeera shot 29 out of 40 targets in the final. Carey Garrison of the US won the gold.

4) Correct Answer: B

Amid concerns about children becoming addicted to energy drinks, the Maharashtra government has decided to impose a ban on the sale of energy drinks with high caffeine content within a 500-meter radius of schools in the State.

5) Correct Answer: B

A new high efficacy malaria vaccine co-developed by the Serum Institute of India (SII) and the University of Oxford was officially rolled out in July 2024 when Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) in West Africa became the first country to begin administering R21/Matrix-M.

6) Correct Answer: C

The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) - Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) at the CSIR - CRRI Auditorium in New Delhi, India, celebrated its 73rd Foundation Day on July 16, 2024. CSIR-CRRI is a major national laboratory that conducts research and development initiatives related to road and runway design, building, and maintenance.

7) Correct Answer: A

The Reserve Bank of India has authorised banks to utilise ratings provided by Brickwork Ratings India Pvt. Ltd. for loans up to Rs 250 crore. The central bank reviewed its October 2022 circular and decided to allow banks to use ratings from credit rating agencies to determine the risk weightage of their claims for capital adequacy, under specified conditions.

8) Correct Answer: A

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a loan of USD 240.5 million to finance rooftop solar systems in India, aiding the government's efforts to expand energy access through renewable energy. This financing will support tranches 2 and 3 of the Multitranche Financing Facility (MFF) Solar Rooftop Investment Program, initially approved by ADB in 2016.

9) Correct Answer: D

Mauritius, once among the leading destinations for foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) routing funds into India, has now slipped to the fifth position, behind Ireland, in terms of assets under custody (AUC) as of June 30. At the fourth position, Ireland boasted an AUC of Rs 4.41 trillion.

10) Correct Answer: B

India's stronger-than-expected fiscal position could provide a further boost to its growth, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) announced while keeping the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth projection for the current financial year (FY25) unchanged at 7 per cent.

11) Correct Answer: B

India should aim USD 500 billion in electronics manufacturing by 2030, NITI Aayog said in a report. As of FY23, India's electronics production stands at USD 101 billion. This comprises USD 86 billion in finished goods production and USD 15 billion in components manufacturing.

12) Correct Answer: C

In July 2024, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar inaugurated India's first overseas Jan Aushadi Kendra in Mauritius, marking a significant step in strengthening ties between the two nations. Mauritius Prime Minister Pravind Kumar Jugnauth was also present at the event.

13) Correct Answer: D

TechFini, a Mumbai-based fintech startup, has completed certification from NPCI to facilitate UPI based payment solution to Banks, Financial Institutions and Fintech. The Fintech company has also been approved for UPI Unified Dispute and Issue Resolution (UDIR).

14) Correct Answer: C

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has entered into a tie-up with IDFC First Bank Ltd under corporate agency arrangement. This tie-up will facilitate more than 1 crore customers of IDFC First Bank to buy LIC policies online by visiting the bank's website, India's largest life insurer said in a statement.

15) Correct Answer: B

The latest round of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry's Economic Outlook Survey pegs the annual median GDP growth forecast for the year 2024-25 at 7.0 per cent. Industry and services sector are anticipated to grow by 6.7 per cent and 7.4 per cent respectively in the current fiscal year.

16) Correct Answer: D

Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the National Narcotics Helpline 'MANAS' – 1933. Through the

'MANAS' (Madak Padarth Nisedh Asuchna Kendra) helpline, citizens can share information on drug trafficking, and connect with the Narcotics Control Bureau anonymously 24 hours a day to get advice on de-addiction and rehabilitation.

17) Correct Answer: B

The launch of the Bhusanket Web Portal marks a major step towards disaster risk reduction. This web portal will facilitate the dissemination of relevant data and information on landslide hazards, initiating short-range and medium-range landslide forecasting in the country.

18) Correct Answer: A

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, for the establishment of the 'BIS Standardization Chair Professor' in Bengaluru.

19) Correct Answer: A

Arka Fincap, part of the Kirloskar Group, announced a partnership with Central Bank of India to offer MSME loans. Under the co-lending arrangement, Arka will offer loans to MSMEs at competitive rates and further expand its reach across India.

20) Correct Answer: B

HSBC Holdings Plc has appointed its Chief Financial Officer Georges Elhedery as its next CEO. Elhedery, 50, who becomes HSBC's third chief executive in less than eight years, will replace outgoing head Noel Quinn from Sept. 2. While the 160-year-old lender did consider external candidates, it has traditionally appointed its CEO from within.

21) Correct Answer: A

Ivory Coast joined the United Nations Water Convention, becoming the 10th African nation to do so. In 2024, at least three more African nations, which include Sierra Leone, Zambia and Zimbabwe, are in the final stages of accession and joining the convention.

22) Correct Answer: C

An MoU was signed between the Airports Authority of India (AAI), the Urban Development Department, the government of Rajasthan, and the Civil Aviation Department, for the development of Kota Greenfield

Airport in Rajasthan, according to an official press release issued by AAI.

23) Correct Answer: D

UPL University of Sustainable Technology, an initiative by the UPL Group and the Space Application Centre (SAC) of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to advance research and innovation in chemical sciences.

24) Correct Answer: D

State-owned Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) said the company will invest Rs 290 crore in a 900 MW hydroelectric power project in Nepal. The Board of Directors of IREDA gave in-principal approval for the equity investment at a meeting, the company said in a statement.

25) Correct Answer: D

Tata AIA Life Insurance (Tata AIA), one of India's leading life insurance companies, has secured 6th position in the Global Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) rankings for 2024. The Company achieved the largest number of MDRT-qualified Life Insurance Advisors in India with 2584 registered MDRTs.

26) Correct Answer: A

Chandrayaan-3, whose success made India world's first country to have landed near lunar South Pole, was awarded World Space Award by International Astronautical Federation. Besides India, only the US, Russia and China have achieved the milestone of soft landing on the moon.

27) Correct Answer: C

Krishnan Venkat Subramanian has been appointed as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Federal Bank with effect from September 23, 2024. The current MD Shyam Srinivasan will step down from the position after a 14 year stint at the top. The Reserve Bank of India has approved Subramanian's appointment.

28) Correct Answer: A

TerraPay, a global payments infrastructure company based in London, has partnered with SWIFT to enable financial institutions to transfer money directly to over 2.1 billion mobile wallets worldwide via SWIFT connectivity.

29) Correct Answer: C

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is seeking to collaborate with the European Space Agency (ESA) on its recently announced Rapid Apophis Mission for Space Safety (Ramses), mission to track and study the Apophis asteroid that is slated to make a close encounter with the Earth in 2029.

30) Correct Answer: C

The Union government has granted its approval for the Parandur site to develop Chennai's second airport, it informed Parliament. The approval was granted by the Steering Committee on Greenfield Airports on July 9 following an application from the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited (TIDCO) for the greenfield airport.

31) Correct Answer: A

The Rajasthan government will hold special camps to grant Indian citizenship to minority refugees from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bangladesh, Health Minister Gajendra Singh said. He was replying to supplementary questions on behalf of the home minister during Question Hour in the Rajasthan Assembly.

32) Correct Answer: A

In July 2024, Brazil's agriculture ministry declared an animal health emergency in the country's southernmost state of Rio Grande do Sul after a case of Newcastle disease was detected on a poultry farm. The last confirmed cases of Newcastle disease in Brazil occurred in 2006 in subsistence birds in the states of Amazonas, Mato Grosso and Rio Grande do Sul.

33) Correct Answer: D

The Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR) has received the best technology award for its pioneering work in the field of horticultural sciences. Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan presented the award during the 96th Foundation Day celebrations of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in New Delhi.

34) Correct Answer: A

The Multinational Military Exercise KHAAN QUEST is scheduled to be conducted from 27th July to 9th August 2024 at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Last edition of Exercise

KHAAN QUEST was conducted in Mongolia from 19th June to 2nd July 2023.

35) Correct Answer: D

Abhinav Bindra, an Olympic gold medallist, has been awarded the Olympic Order by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for his outstanding services to the Olympic Movement. The award ceremony will be held during the 142nd IOC Session in Paris on August 10, a day before the closing of the Olympics.

36) Correct Answer: B

India skipper Harmanpreet Kaur in July 2024 achieved an elusive feat and leapfrogged former Australia skipper Meg Lanning to become the second-highest run-getter in women's T20Is. In Women's T20Is, Harmanpreet has 3415 runs after playing 171 matches and 152 innings. Meanwhile, Meg Lanning holds third place in the chart with 3405 runs in T20Is.

37) Correct Answer: D

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) announced the appointment of Spaniard Manolo Marquez as head coach of the Indian men's football team. Marquez is currently the head coach of Indian Super League (ISL) side FC Goa.

38) Correct Answer: C

Global star Ram Charan was announced as the Guest of Honour at the 15th edition of the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM). In addition to this, he will also be awarded the Ambassador for Indian Art and Culture for his stellar contributions to Indian cinema.

39) Correct Answer: C

Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has committed Rs 8.5 crores to the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to support Indian athletes for the 2024 Paris Olympics. This substantial financial backing is a testament to the BCCI's dedication to promoting and nurturing talent across all sports disciplines, extending its support well beyond cricket.

40) Correct Answer: B

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman informed that the government is increasing the limit for MUDRA loans for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) from Rs

10 lakh to Rs 20 lakh for those who have availed the loans before and successfully repaid.

41) Correct Answer: C

In a significant step towards developing Indigenous technology, the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) signed an agreement with the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IIT Roorkee) and Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi (IIT Mandi), for the development of 'Cell-Free' 6G Access Points.

42) Correct Answer: C

The Henley Passport Index has released its 2024 ranking of the most powerful passports in the world, placing India at 82nd globally. This ranking allows Indian passport holders to travel to 58 countries without the need for a visa. Compared to last year, when India was ranked 80th, this represents a decline of two positions.

43) Correct Answer: A

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$200 million loan to expand metro rail corridors and improve transport connectivity in Nagpur, India. The Nagpur Metro Urban Mobility Project will improve transport connectivity within and to Nagpur's new and growing urban areas.

44) Correct Answer: A

In a latest collaboration, Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) and Airbus Helicopters have formalised a contract to establish the H125 Final Assembly Line (FAL) in India. The FAL will be the first instance of the private sector setting up a helicopter assembly facility here in India, which will be responsible for the production of Airbus' best-selling H125 helicopter.

45) Correct Answer: B

The Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) in July 2024 successfully flight-tested the Phase-II Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) system demonstrating the indigenous capability to defend against ballistic missiles of 5,000 km class.

46) Correct Answer: C

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has said that France was conditionally chosen to host the 2030 Winter Games. They are now tasked to provide important financial guarantees in the forthcoming months. The

French Alps bid has been the preferred choice since June 2024.

47) Correct Answer: A

Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw in July 2024 inaugurated India's 500th Community Radio Station 'Apna Radio 90.0 FM' through video conferencing in Aizwal, Mizoram. In his address, Mr Vaishnaw said the initiative will bring a substantive change in the lives of people in the coverage area of Apna Radio station.

48) Correct Answer: D

The central government has extended the 'Electric Mobility Promotion Scheme 2024' by two months, i.e., until September 30, said the Ministry of Heavy Industries. A statement by the ministry also added that the total outlay of the scheme has been enhanced to Rs 778 crore.

49) Correct Answer: B

India's first Integrated Agri-Export Facility will come up at Jawaharlal Nehru Port in Mumbai to bolster the country's agricultural export and import capabilities. Ports, Shipping, and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has approved the project of Development of an Export-Import cum Domestic Agricultural Commodity-Based Processing and Storage Facility on public private partnership mode worth over 284 crore rupees.

50) Correct Answer: C

India has assumed the Chair of the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC). As a representative of the Government of India, Rajendra Singh, a member, of the National Disaster Management Authority took over the Chair of ADPC from China for the year 2024-25 in Bangkok, Thailand.

51) Correct Answer: A

Jiya Rai, a 16-year-old from Mumbai with Autism Spectrum Disorder, has become the world's youngest and fastest para swimmer to cross the English Channel, a feat which she accomplished on July 28-29. She is the daughter of Madan Rai, the MC-at-Arms serving in Mumbai.

52) Correct Answer: B

The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-Space) has granted authorisation to Azista

BST Aerospace Private Limited, Hyderabad, for the establishment and operation of a ground station in ultra high-frequency (UHF, 300MHz to 3GHz) bands.

53) Correct Answer: D

India was the second country after the US in initiating and imposing anti-dumping duties among World Trade Organisation (WTO) members last year, Financial Express reported, citing WTO data. Despite increasing the use of non-tariff measures in 2023, India's average tariffs fell to 17 per cent from 18.1 per cent in 2022.

54) Correct Answer: C

Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav launched Ideas4LiFE at IIT Delhi to invite ideas and innovations online related to products and services, which induce behavioural changes related to environment-friendly lifestyles.

55) Correct Answer: C

Aditya Birla Group forays into branded jewellery retail business with an investment of Rs 5000 crore under a new brand name 'Indriya'. The group plans to set up four stores in Delhi, Jaipur, and Indore. They also plan to expand to 11 cities in the next six months.

56) Correct Answer: A

Markets regulator SEBI has launched a chatbot, 'SEVA', an Artificial Intelligence (AI) based conversation platform, for investors. The Beta version of chatbot SEVA (SEBI's Virtual Assistant) includes features like citations for generated responses, speech-to-text and text-to-speech functionality for accessibility, and follow-up questions, among others.

57) Correct Answer: D

Chennai based Shriram Capital has received in-principle approval for its asset reconstruction company (ARC) from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Umesh Revankar, Executive Vice Chairman of Shriram Finance said. The company had submitted the application to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in November 2023.

58) Correct Answer: C

The Indian cricket team was stunned by Sri Lanka in the final of the Women's Asia Cup T20 2024 as the hosts won the match in Dambulla by eight wickets. The Indian

women's cricket team won the Asia Cup seven times in eight editions previously.

59) Correct Answer: D

Karnataka Bank has partnered with ICICI Lombard General Insurance Co Ltd to offer enhanced insurance solutions and customer benefits to its patrons. A media statement said the offerings through this tie-up include health insurance, motor insurance, travel insurance, home insurance catering to the diverse insurance needs of individuals and businesses alike.

60) Correct Answer: C

NIIT Institute of Finance, Banking and Insurance (NIIT IFBI), a subsidiary of NIIT, announced the launch of the ACE Banker Program in collaboration with HDFC Bank. A key component of NIIT's Talent Pipeline as a Service (TPaaS) initiative, this programme aims to recruit and train customer service professionals for HDFC Bank.

61) Correct Answer: C

Kunwar Natwar Singh served as India's External Affairs Minister during 2004-2005. He was instrumental in the negotiations for the India-US civil nuclear deal in 2005. Singh was also a member of the Indian Foreign Service before joining the Congress Party.

62) Correct Answer: B

T.V. Somanathan, a 1987 batch IAS officer of the Tamil Nadu cadre, has been appointed as the Cabinet Secretary, the highest bureaucratic position in the Indian government. His extensive experience includes serving as Joint Secretary and Additional Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office, where he was involved in key policy decisions. His appointment reflects the government's confidence in his capabilities to steer administrative functions at the highest level.

63) Correct Answer: A

The 24x7 Water Supply Project in Manimajra, Chandigarh, was inaugurated by Union Home Minister Amit Shah as part of the Smart City Mission. This project includes the installation of a 22-kilometer pipeline and advanced water management technology, such as smart meters and variable frequency drive pumps, to ensure consistent water supply. The initiative aims to significantly improve the quality of life for over 1 lakh

residents by providing a reliable water source and minimizing wastage.

64) Correct Answer: C

The proposed amendments to the Waqf Act have been a topic of significant discussion, focusing on enhancing the transparency and accountability in managing Waqf properties. These properties, which are charitable endowments for religious or community purposes, play a crucial role in social welfare and communal harmony. The amendments aim to address issues like mismanagement and corruption, ensuring that these resources are used effectively for the intended purposes.

65) Correct Answer: C

Analysts have pointed out that a more robust national nutrition strategy could have been key to improving India's performance in international sporting events, including the Olympics. Proper nutrition is critical for athletes' development, strength, and endurance, which directly impacts their performance. The suggestion emphasizes the need for an integrated approach that includes not just training and infrastructure but also a focus on athletes' dietary needs from a young age.

66) Correct Answer: B

August 14 is observed annually as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day in India to commemorate those who died or were displaced due to the nation's partition.

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71) Correct Answer: C

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to facilitate capital market access for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) for fund raising.

72) Correct Answer: B

Rapido has become the latest homegrown startup to achieve unicorn status after the ride-hailing platform Rapido raised \$120 million (about Rs 1,000 crore) in primary capital from existing investor WestBridge Capital at a post-money valuation of \$1 billion, showed regulatory filings.

73) Correct Answer: D

Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) has been granted the distinguished Special Consultative Status by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN

ECOSOC), recognizing the University's substantial contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

74) Correct Answer: C

International Friendship Day originated in the US in 1935. The US Congress proposed it to honour friends and their role in our lives. In 2011, the United Nations officially recognised it and declared July 30 the International Day of Friendship. However, in India, Friendship Day is observed on the first Sunday of August. This year, it falls on August 4.

75) Correct Answer: A

Manoj Mittal has taken charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), following his appointment by the Government of India. Prior to this, he was the managing director (MD) of Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI).

76) Correct Answer: C

Union Minister for Education Shri Dharmendra Pradhan in New Delhi launched the National Apprenticeship and Training Scheme 2.0 Portal (NATS 2.0) and disbursed ₹100 crore stipends to apprentices through the DBT mode. These apprentices are undergoing training in various sectors such as IT/ITes, manufacturing, automobile, etc.

77) Correct Answer: D

President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated a pivotal two-day Conference of Governors at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on 02 August, focusing on issues crucial to achieving national objectives. Addressing the conference, President Murmu said that the agenda for this conference included issues that were crucial in achieving the national goals.

78) Correct Answer: D

Former Union Health Secretary and 1983-batch IAS officer Preeti Sudan has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). President Droupadi Murmu has approved the appointment of Ms. Sudan.

79) Correct Answer: C

Robert Rae, Canada's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN, has been elected president of the UN's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for a 1-year term. As one of the UN's 6 main bodies, ECOSOC is responsible for coordinating the work of the UN international development system.

80) Correct Answer: B

The Hemant Soren government in Jharkhand introduced the Mukhyamantri Maiyaan Samman Yojana, which would provide financial support to eligible women in the state. Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren is going to launch the initiative on August 16, 2024.

81) Correct Answer: A

The 14th India-Vietnam Defence Policy Dialogue took place in New Delhi on August 01, 2024. It was co-chaired by Defence Secretary Shri Giridhar Aramane and Deputy Minister of National Defence of Vietnam Senior Lieutenant General Hoang Xuan Chien.

82) Correct Answer: C

Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi veteran Yamini Krishnamurthy died at the Apollo hospital in New Delhi on August 3. She was 83. Ms. Krishnamurthy received the Padma Shri at the young age of 28 in 1968, Padma Bhushan in 2001 and Padma Vibhushan in 2016. She was also conferred the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1977.

83) Correct Answer: B

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has announced the procurement of all crops in the state at minimum support price (MSP) and the waiving of Rs 133 crore in outstanding canal water irrigation charges, as the BJP launched its assembly election campaign in the state. After the ruling party suffered a setback in the Lok Sabha elections, Saini has announced several sops to reach out to various sections ahead of assembly polls due later this year.

84) Correct Answer: D

RBL Bank has introduced a new RuPay Credit Card, integrating both Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) features. This innovation makes RBL Bank the first private sector bank

in India to offer these combined payment capabilities in a single card.

85) Correct Answer: D

Belgium-headquartered Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications (SWIFT) has launched an artificial intelligence (AI)-driven pilot in partnership with Axis Bank to help combat payments fraud occurring in cross-border payments. Along with global banks, including BNY Mellon, Deutsche Bank, DNB, HSBC, Intesa Sanpaolo and Standard Bank, the duo will test the use of secure data collaboration and federated learning technologies.

86) Correct Answer: C

Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India, has included 16 additional commodities under Price Monitoring from 1st August, 2024, said Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution & New and Renewable Energy, Shri Pralhad Venkatesh Joshi, while launching the Version 4.0 Price Monitoring System (PMS) Mobile App.

87) Correct Answer: C

Jyotiraditya M Scindia, Minister of Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, inaugurated the Network Operations Centre, along with Dr Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar, Minister of State for Communications & Rural Development, at the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) Delhi Campus.

88) Correct Answer: B

Germany joined the US-led United Nations Command (UNC) in South Korea, becoming the 18th member of the group dedicated to policing the border with North Korea. This move was seen as a significant step by Berlin to support global security links.

89) Correct Answer: D

Three potential bidders, Fairfax Financial Holdings, Emirates NBD, and Kotak Mahindra Bank, have received the 'fit & proper' certificate from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the acquisition of IDBI Bank. However, sources indicate that Kotak Mahindra Bank might not pursue the acquisition of IDBI Bank at this time.

90) Correct Answer: B

Business Wire India HDFC securities, the leading stock broking company, and a wholly owned subsidiary of HDFC Bank, announced a strategic tie-up with Vested Finance, a popular US-based investment platform for democratising global investing for Indians and NRIs.

91) Correct Answer: C

India and Vietnam announced a new plan of action to boost their comprehensive strategic partnership, while concluding an agreement for Indian credit lines worth \$300 million to strengthen the southeast Asian nation's maritime security.

92) Correct Answer: B

Nagaland became the first Indian state to adopt the Disaster Risk Transfer Parametric Insurance Solution (DRTPS) after signing an MoU with SBI General Insurance. This agreement, effective for three years, aims to protect critical infrastructure and reduce economic losses resulting from extreme weather events.

93) Correct Answer: A

IIT Madras has partnered with IDBI Bank for launching a cybersecurity lab 'IDBI-IITM Secure Systems Lab' (I2SSL) to develop and deploy security solutions in crucial sectors such as healthcare, fintech and aerospace, among others.

94) Correct Answer: A

Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) Daljit Singh Chawdhary has taken over the additional charge of Director General, Border Security Force. Mr. Chawdhary is a senior IPS officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre. He assumed the charge of DG SSB in January this year.

95) Correct Answer: A

World champion Noah Lyles roared to victory in 9.79sec to claim gold in a dramatic men's Olympic 100m final in Paris. Lyles became the first American, male or female, to win the event since Justin Gatlin won in the 2004 Athens Games.

96) Correct Answer: A

Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Government of the Republic of India discussed the various areas of cooperation in sports matters with the Dr. Denzil Douglas Hon'ble Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the Federation of

Saint Christopher and Nevis. Both the sides signed an MoU on cooperation in sports matters.

97) Correct Answer: A

Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Mr. Bhupender Yadav said that the Central Government has declared Adichunchanagiri in Karnataka and Choolannur in Kerala as Peacock Sanctuary. The Minister said, several measures are being taken for the conservation of the national bird and the ministry has also set up breeding and conservation centers for peacocks.

98) Correct Answer: B

The board of India's largest public sector lender State Bank of India, approved a proposal for raising funds of up to Rs 25,000 crore via the issue of Tier 1 and Tier 2 bonds. The bonds will be Basel-III compliant and SBI plans to raise the amount in INR/USD.

99) Correct Answer: A

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah launched the e-Sakshya, Nyaya Setu, Nyaya Shruti and e-Summon apps for the three new criminal laws in Chandigarh. The Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Chandigarh, Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, and the Union Home Secretary were among the dignitaries present on the occasion.

100) Correct Answer: A

Lt Gen Vikas Lakhera assumed charge as the new director general of the Assam Rifles. He succeeds Lt Gen PC Nair who retired after four decades of service. Lt Gen Lakhera has varied professional experience in serving in the northeastern region. He was commissioned into the 4 Sikh Light Infantry of the Indian Army on Jun 9, 1990.

101) Correct Answer: C

The Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) announced the launch of the initiative "Million Designers, Billion Dreams" spearheaded by LEAP. This innovative program aims to empower individuals across India with systems design know-how to tackle complex societal challenges.

102) Correct Answer: B

SBI General Insurance Company Limited has entered into a bancassurance agreement with HSBC India. This

partnership will allow the distribution of non-life insurance products, making it a significant milestone to widen insurance accessibility across the country and helping increase insurance penetration.

103) Correct Answer: B

State-owned Coal India Limited (CIL) and GAIL (India) Limited (GAIL) have entered into a joint venture agreement to establish a Coal to Synthetic Natural Gas (SNG) plant in the Raniganj area of Eastern Coalfields Limited, West Bengal. The agreement was facilitated by the Ministry of Coal in collaboration with the Ministry of Power & Natural Gas.

104) Correct Answer: C

Nobel laureate Mohammad Yunus was on August 6, 2024 appointed as the head of Bangladesh's interim government by President Mohammed Shahabuddin, a day after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina resigned and fled the country following deadly protests against her government over a controversial quota system in jobs.

105) Correct Answer: A

Chinese-American physicist Tsung-Dao Lee, who in 1957 became the second-youngest scientist to receive a Nobel Prize, died on Sunday (August 4, 2024) at his home in San Francisco at age 97, according to a Chinese university and a research centre.

106) Correct Answer: C

The Indian Army has conducted a strategic military exercise, 'Parvat Prahaar', in Ladakh, focusing on high-altitude warfare and operations. The 'Parvat Prahaar' (Mountain Strike) exercise emphasises mountainous and rugged terrains, such as those found in regions like Eastern Ladakh.

107) Correct Answer: B

DBS Bank India has launched "DBS Golden Circle," a priority banking program for senior citizens. Senior citizens enrolled in the DBS Golden Circle can earn up to 7% interest per annum on savings account balances above Rs 4 Lakhs and up to Rs 5 Lakhs.

108) Correct Answer: B

L&T Finance Ltd. received the certificate of registration as a non-banking financial company (investment and credit company) from the Reserve Bank of India. The

company's consolidated net profit increased 29% year-on-year to Rs 685 crore for the quarter-ended June. This is the highest-ever profit reported by the company.

109) Correct Answer: D

According to the Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute (SWFI), the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), India's central banking institution, ranks 12th among the world's central banks by total assets. These assets typically include foreign exchange reserves, gold reserves, and government bonds, among others.

110) Correct Answer: B

Pine Labs-owned Setu, an application programming interface (API) infrastructure provider, introduced a Unified Payments Interface (UPI)-focused payments platform named 'UPI-Setu' for businesses and developers in partnership with Axis Bank.

111) Correct Answer: A

The Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Army Welfare Association Society (AWES), in New Delhi. This strategic partnership aims to train school administrators, students, parents and teachers in promoting Indian Sign Language (ISL), with a focus on enhancing sign language skills among the faculty of Army Public Schools.

112) Correct Answer: C

India's gold industry, with the support of the World Gold Council (WGC), has established a self-regulatory organisation 'Indian Association for Gold Excellence and Standards (IAGES)' in a bid to increase consumer confidence and restore trust, the WGC said.

113) Correct Answer: C

Three months after the position remained vacant, capital market regulator SEBI approved Praveena Rai's appointment as the Managing Director and CEO of Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd (MCX), the country's largest commodity exchange.

114) Correct Answer: C

With its tiger population plunging in recent years, Chhattisgarh cleared a long-pending proposal to notify a new tiger reserve – the third largest in the country. The Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve, which

integrates an existing national park with a wildlife sanctuary, is Chhattisgarh's fourth reserve for the big cats.

115) Correct Answer: B

Nagasaki Day, observed annually on 09 August, is a solemn occasion that marks the devastating atomic bombing of Nagasaki, Japan, by the United States during World War II in 1945. This tragic event followed the bombing of Hiroshima just three days earlier, making it the second and final time nuclear weapons have been used in warfare to date.

116) Correct Answer: B

India's first round-the-clock grain ATM was inaugurated at Mancheswar in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The ATM, named Annapurta Grain ATM, was unveiled by Odisha's minister for Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare, Krushna Chandra Patra in the presence of Nozomi Hashimoto, deputy country director of the World Food Programme in India.

117) Correct Answer: B

Retired Gujarat cadre IAS officer K. Kailashnathan was on August 7, 2024 sworn-in as the Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry. During his stint in Gujarat, Mr. Kailashnathan had held key positions, including Additional Chief Secretary. He had worked very closely with Prime Minister Narendra Modi when he was the Chief Minister of Gujarat.

118) Correct Answer: A

Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, veteran Left leader and former West Bengal Chief Minister, died at his south Kolkata residence. He was 80. Mr. Bhattacharjee, also a former member of the CPM's top decision-making body, served as Bengal Chief Minister from 2000 to 2011, succeeding Jyoti Basu in the top post.

119) Correct Answer: A

Vistara has been named 'Best Airline in India & South Asia' award for the fourth consecutive year and 'Best Airline Staff Service in India & South Asia' award for the sixth time in a row at the 2024 World Airline Awards by Skytrax.

120) Correct Answer: A

Jakson Engineers Limited has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the State Bank of India (SBI) to promote solar energy adoption across India. This collaboration, part of the SURYA SHAKTI SOLAR FINANCE initiative, aims to empower a broad range of consumers in commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors to embrace solar energy solutions.

121) Correct Answer: B

The Ministry of External Affairs and ISRO's commercial arm NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) signed an agreement to grant assistance for the launching of the Nepal-built Munal satellite, according to an official statement. Munal is an indigenous satellite developed in Nepal under the aegis of the Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST).

122) Correct Answer: B

The Indian men's hockey team came from a goal down to beat Spain 2-1 and win the bronze medal at the Paris 2024 Olympics and gave a befitting farewell to veteran goalkeeper PR Sreejesh who played his last international match. Spain took the lead through captain Marc Miralles but India struck right back through a brace by skipper Harmanpreet Singh.

123) Correct Answer: C

Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Mr. Bhupender Yadav said that the Central Government has declared Adichunchanagiri in Karnataka and Choolannur in Kerala as Peacock Sanctuary. In reply to a question regarding the death of peacocks in Delhi, he informed Lok Sabha that peacocks died due to heat stroke and not by avian influenza.

124) Correct Answer: C

The government has issued operational guidelines for implementation of 'Model Solar Village' component under PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana. A financial outlay of Rs 800 crore has been allocated for this component, providing Rs 1 crore per selected Model Solar Village, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) said.

125) Correct Answer: B

In a latest move to facilitate higher payments through UPI, the RBI proposes to increase the per transaction

limit under the payment system from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 5 lakh. According to the RBI, the increased limit will further ease tax payments by consumers through UPI.

126) Correct Answer: B

Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, MSME has signed a Memorandum of Understanding, MoU with the Small Business Administration (SBA) of the Government of the United States of America to promote Cooperation on Small and Medium-size Enterprises (SMEs).

127) Correct Answer: D

The 2023 youth unemployment rate at 13 per cent, equivalent to 64.9 million people, represents a 15-year low and a fall from the pre-pandemic rate of 13.8 per cent in 2019. It is expected to fall further to 12.8 per cent this year and the next year according to a report released by the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

128) Correct Answer: D

The United States of America accounts for the highest share of Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) investing in India during the fiscal year 2023-24, highlights a report by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). The report also added that as of March 31, 2024, the total number of registered FPIs in India reached 11,219.

129) Correct Answer: D

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) incorporated Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) as a wholly-owned subsidiary, giving it off into a new entity known as NPCI-BHIM Services Ltd (NBSL). Former banker Lalitha Nataraj will head the new subsidiary as its chief executive officer (CEO).

130) Correct Answer: B

'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day' is annually observed on August 14. This day was announced by the Prime Minister in 2021 to remember all those who lost their lives due to the partition of the nation and were uprooted from their origins.

131) Correct Answer: A

Archaeologists at Göbekli Tepe, an ancient site in Turkey, have discovered the world's oldest calendar, dating back nearly 13,000 years. Carvings on stone pillars reveal a sophisticated solar-lunar calendar, possibly created to

track time and celestial events, including a comet strike around 10,850 BCE.

132) Correct Answer: B

Madhya Pradesh has become the first state in the country to give money to girl students to buy sanitary napkins. In some states like Karnataka, Rajasthan and Delhi, free sanitary napkins are given to students but cash is being given only in Madhya Pradesh.

133) Correct Answer: C

Indian Institute of Technology, Madras is the best education institution in the country for the sixth time since 2019, according to the overall ranking based on parameters identified and defined in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF). In the 2024 rankings, released by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, IIT Madras also retained first position in engineering for the ninth year since 2016.

134) Correct Answer: D

Shri Kiren Rijju, Union Minister of Minority Affairs launched the Jiyo Parsi scheme Portal recently. The Jiyo Parsi scheme is a unique Central Sector Scheme implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs with the objective to reverse the declining trend of Parsi population by adopting a scientific protocol and structured interventions and to stabilize their population.

135) Correct Answer: C

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) on 13 August successfully test-fired the indigenously-built Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MP-ATGM). The test was conducted at the Pokhran Field Firing Range in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.

136) Correct Answer: D

On the eve of Independence Day 2024, India has increased its tally of Ramsar sites (Wetlands of International Importance) to 85 from existing 82 by designating three more wetlands as Ramsar Sites. The three new sites included are Nanjarayan Bird Sanctuary and Kazhuveli Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu and Tawa Reservoir in Madhya Pradesh.

137) Correct Answer: C

Minister of Minority Affairs Kiren Rijju, along with Minister of State for Minority Affairs George Kurian, launched Haj Application-2025 and the Jiyo Parsi Scheme Portal in New Delhi. Mr Rijju requested eligible Parsi couples to avail themselves of the benefits of the scheme.

138) Correct Answer: B

The Centre has introduced the Offshore Areas Mineral Trust Rules, 2024, establishing the first-ever framework to oversee mineral exploration and production in India's offshore areas. Under the new rules, holders of production leases of offshore mines are required to contribute to the Trust by paying 10 per cent of their royalty payments to the government.

139) Correct Answer: C

India and Israel have joined hands for the establishment of a new water technology centre at IIT-Madras, which is expected to serve as a "key contributor" to India's efforts to achieve sustainable water supply for all. The Embassy of Israel in India in its statement termed the deal a "significant milestone" in the ongoing collaboration between the two countries in the field of integrated water resource management.

140) Correct Answer: B

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has carried out a successful maiden flight test of Long Range Glide Bomb (LRGB), GAURAV from the Su-30 MK-I platform of the Indian Air Force on 13 August. Ministry of Defence in a statement said that the test was conducted off the coast of Odisha.

141) Correct Answer: A

The Union government has launched a unique digital geospatial platform called Krishi-Decision Support System (Krishi-DSS) that provides seamless access to comprehensive all-India data. The platform is developed jointly by the Ministry of Agriculture and the Department of Space.

142) Correct Answer: C

India and the Maldives has signed an agreement on introducing the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in the island nation. The memorandum of understanding (MoU) on the digital payment system was signed

between the National Payments Corporation of India and the Maldives' economic development and trade ministry.

143) Correct Answer: D

The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Chamber of Accounts, Republic of Uzbekistan, in Tashkent. The agreement, inked by the two Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs), aims to enhance collaboration and exchange of expertise in the field of auditing between the two nations.

144) Correct Answer: B

National Institute for MSME (NI-MSME), an Organisation of Ministry of MSME, Government of India, has been awarded with Accreditation Certificate. The team from Capacity Building Commission (CBC) & ICARE conducted On-site assessment and awarded the Certificate of Accreditation with the grading of UTKRISHT, a 3 Star Rating.

145) Correct Answer: B

Hockey India has retired jersey number 16 from the national senior men's team in honour of goalkeeper PR Sreejesh. The sports body said that no player from the senior team will wear jersey number 16. Sreejesh recently announced his retirement from Hockey after a successful Paris Olympics.

146) Correct Answer: A

India lost 33.9 million hectares of crops due to excess rains and an additional 35 million hectares due to drought between 2015 and 2021, a World Economic Forum (WEF) report "Income Protection and Early Warning Systems: How India is Building Climate Resilience" has said.

147) Correct Answer: B

The unemployment rate in urban areas for individuals aged 15 years and above was 6.6 per cent in April – June 2024 (Q1 FY25), remaining unchanged from the first quarter of FY24. As per the Periodic Labour Force Survey by ministry of statistics and programme implementation, India's unemployment rate for the quarter ended on June 30 declined from Q4 FY24 when the rate stood at 6.7 per cent.

148) Correct Answer: A

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh released a Rs 100 commemorative coin to mark the birth centenary of former five-time Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Kalaingar M Karunanidhi in Chennai on August 18, 2024. In his address, the Raksha Mantri termed him as one of the most revered leaders of the country, a titan of Indian politics, an able administrator, an advocate for social justice, and a cultural stalwart.

149) Correct Answer: A

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the appointment of Salee Sukumaran Nair as the managing director and chief executive officer of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB), for a period of three years. His last assignment was as deputy managing director and chief credit officer of State Bank of India, until May 2024.

150) Correct Answer: B

Taking a cue from the ongoing Middle East conflict and the Ukraine-Russia war where both sides have been using self-destructive drones to attack rival's assets, India's elite research institute National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) has developed an indigenous 'Kamikaze' drone that is driven by an indigenously built engine that gives them a range of 1,000 km