

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1) India's merchandise exports may grow to \$500-510 billion in FY-25 as per a report by _____.

- A) Federation of Indian Export Organisations
- B) UN Trade and Development
- C) World Bank
- D) World Trade Organization

2) Airbus Helicopters and _____ have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for financing the purchase of Airbus' helicopters in India.

- A) Bank of Baroda
- B) Bharat Financial Inclusion Limited
- C) Small Industries Development Bank of India
- D) State Bank of India

3) Which of the following TReDS platform crossed ₹1 lakh crore in MSME invoice financing?

- A) BSE
- B) National Stock Exchange of India Limited
- C) NCDEX e-Markets Limited
- D) Receivables Exchange of India Limited

4) RITES Limited has signed a contract with which of the following country to supply 200 broad-gauge passenger carriages, worth USD 111.26 million?

- A) Bangladesh
- B) Bhutan
- C) Guyana
- D) Philippines

5) _____ has topped the Bloomberg Billionaires Index (as of 20th May 2024) with a net worth of USD 220 billion.

- A) Elon Musk
- B) Gautam Adani
- C) Bernard Arnault
- D) Larry Page

6) What is the rank of India in the World Economic Forum's Travel & Tourism Development Index 2024?

- A) 39
- B) 54
- C) 93
- D) 159

7) Global Carbon pricing revenues reached a record-high of \$104 billion last year, said a report released by _____.

- A) Asian Development Bank
- B) Niti Aayog
- C) Reserve Bank of India
- D) World Bank

8) _____ has officially become the 99th member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA).

- A) Algeria
- B) Brazil
- C) Morocco
- D) Spain

9) In 2024, which of the following company became the third unicorn of India?

- A) Swiggy
- B) Razorpay
- C) Porter
- D) Krutrim

10) Author Jenny Erpenbeck won the International Booker Prize 2024 for which of the following book?

- A) Kairos
- B) Night Watch
- C) Staliner Divan
- D) The Book Beautiful

11) Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhari Inaugurated the First-Ever Emergency Medical Response System (EMRS) of the Indian Air Force (IAF) in _____.

- A) Bengaluru
- B) New Delhi
- C) Varanasi
- D) Visakhapatnam

12) The money flowing into Non-Resident Indians' (NRIs') deposits rose by 63.55 per cent to _____ in Financial Year 2024, said a report by the Reserve Bank of India.

- A) \$10.58 billion
- B) \$14.7 billion
- C) \$27.14 billion
- D) \$31.73 billion

13) _____ has approved the transfer of a record Rs 2,10,874 crore as surplus to the Union government for the accounting year 2023-24.

- A) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India
- B) Reserve Bank of India
- C) Small Industries Development Bank of India
- D) State Bank of India

14) The International Financial Services Centre Authority (IFSCA) has established an expert committee chaired by _____ to position GIFT-IFSC as global trading hub.

- A) Vinod Kumar Paul
- B) Rajeev Kher
- C) K. Rajaraman
- D) Devendra Jhajharia

15) _____ has obtained a corporate agency license from IRDAI recently.

- A) JM Financial Products Ltd
- B) Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited
- C) Paymart India Pvt. Ltd
- D) Sundaram Finance

16) In which of the following country the world's first fully biodegradable pen was launched?

- A) Bhutan
- B) India
- C) Myanmar
- D) Nepal

17) Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has signed a deal to modernize the core banking technology of _____.

- A) Axis Bank

- B) Burgan Bank
- C) Industrial and Commercial Bank of China
- D) Standard Chartered Bank

18) Who among the following won the prestigious Shaw Prize in astronomy for 2024?

- A) Peter Sarnak
- B) Shrinivas R. Kulkarni
- C) Stuart Orkin
- D) Swee Lay Thein

19) Which of the following airport has been honored as the first airport in India to attain the Zero Waste to Landfill (ZWL) certification?

- A) Begumpet Airport
- B) Delhi Airport
- C) Kempegowda International Airport
- D) Thiruvananthapuram International Airport

20) To oversee the administration of _____ the Delhi High Court has appointed retired judge Justice Najmi Waziri as the Chairperson of an ad-hoc Administrative Committee (AAC).

- A) All India Football Federation
- B) Equestrian Federation of India
- C) Hockey India
- D) Wrestling Federation of India

21) In May 2024 the Defence Cyber Agency has organized a comprehensive cyber defense exercise named _____.

- A) Bharat Shakti
- B) Cyber Bharat
- C) Cyber Suraksha
- D) Shanti Prayas IV

22) Who among the following was ranked second on The Wall Street Journal's 2023 list of highest-paid US CEOs?

- A) Ajaypal Singh Banga
- B) Nikesh Arora
- C) Satya Nadella
- D) Sundar Pichai

23) At the Prince's Trust Awards in London who among the following was presented with the Amal Clooney Women's Empowerment Award?

- A) Alok Shukla
- B) Arti
- C) Pavuluri Subba Rao
- D) Purnima Devi Barman

24) Kabak Yano of which of the following state has made history by becoming the first woman from the Nyishi tribe to successfully climb Mount Everest?

- A) Mizoram
- B) Bihar
- C) Assam
- D) Arunachal Pradesh

25) The Indian Air Force (IAF) achieved yet another milestone by successfully landing a _____ aircraft using Night Vision Goggles (NVG) at an Advanced Landing Ground in the Eastern sector.

- A) C-130J
- B) C-17
- C) C-295
- D) TU-142M

26) The Prudential Authority of the South African Reserve Bank has imposed a financial penalty of 10 million rand (₹4.5 crore) on which of the following bank?

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

27) _____ has raised India's GDP growth forecast to 6.7 percent for calendar year 2024.

- A) Citigroup Inc
- B) Goldman Sachs
- C) Morgan Stanley
- D) World Bank

28) Who among the following took over as the Commandant of the National Defence Academy (NDA)?

- A) Gurcharan Singh
- B) Kamal Kishore
- C) Kishor Makwana
- D) Vivek Kumar Gupta

29) Who among the following was re-elected as the President of the Lithuania?

- A) Bjarni Benediktsson
- B) Gitanas Nauseda
- C) Peter Pellegrini
- D) Tamas Sulyok

30) Which of the following company has secured a contract to build advanced turbo engine for GTRE-DRDO defence programs?

- A) Azad Engineering Limited
- B) BEML Limited
- C) Mahindra Defence Systems Limited
- D) Skyroot Aerospace Private Limited

31) The Indian army is going to demonstrate trials of hydrogen fuel cell bus technology along with which of the following company?

- A) Tata Technologies Limited
- B) Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited
- C) Indian Oil Corporation Limited
- D) BEML Limited

32) At Vijaipur, Madhya Pradesh which of the following company has commissioned its first green hydrogen plant?

- A) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
- B) Gas Authority of India Limited
- C) Jindal Stainless Limited
- D) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation

33) The government is planning to launch a Unified portal named _____ which will process health insurance claims across hospitals all over the country.

- A) Anuvadini
- B) NHCX

- C) JanSamarth
- D) Samman

34) Who among the following became the first person from India to clinch the prestigious Grand Prix at the 77th Cannes Film Festival?

- A) Anasuya Sengupta
- B) Kartiki Gonsalves
- C) Mansi Maheshwari
- D) Payal Kapadia

35) Who among the following secured victory at the 2024 F1 Monaco Grand Prix?

- A) Carlos Sainz Jr.
- B) Charles Leclerc
- C) Max Verstappen
- D) Oscar Piastri

36) When the World Menstrual Hygiene Day was observed?

- A) 26 May
- B) 27 May
- C) 28 May
- D) 29 May

37) NSDC has collaborated with which of the following organisation to enhance skill development and lifelong learning in India and globally to empower individuals?

- A) Coal India Limited
- B) International Labour Organization
- C) ISCON
- D) UNESCO

38) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched a secure and centralised web-based portal named _____ recently.

- A) PM-SURAJ portal
- B) PRAVAAH portal
- C) SARTHI portal
- D) SWATI Portal

39) Poonawalla Fincorp Limited on May 28 said it has launched a co-branded credit card in collaboration with _____.

- A) State Bank of India

- B) Indian Bank
- C) IndusInd Bank
- D) Federal Bank

40) The Government of India has granted \$1 million as immediate assistance for _____, which has been hit by a devastating landslip.

- A) Bhutan
- B) Kenya
- C) Papua New Guinea
- D) Sri Lanka

41) Along with CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd which of the following ministry has signed an MoU to provide eMigrate services through Common Services Centres (CSC)?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Ministry of External Affairs
- C) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- D) Both B & C

42) Which of the following IIT, in collaboration with the DRDO, has established a DRDO-Industry-Academia Centre of Excellence (DIA CoE) on its campus?

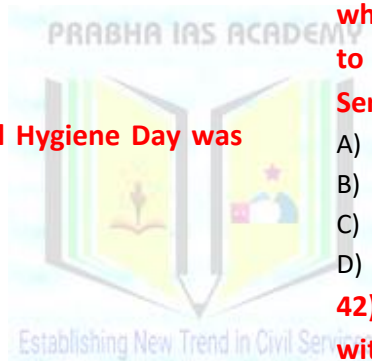
- A) IIT Bombay
- B) IIT Kanpur
- C) IIT Madras
- D) IIT Patna

43) Who among the following was awarded the UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award for 2023?

- A) Sophia Qureshi
- B) Radhika Sen
- C) Priya Jhingan
- D) Lakshmi Sehgal

44) _____ has notified a framework for issuance of subordinate units by privately placed infrastructure investment trusts (InvITs).

- A) Reserve Bank of India
- B) Securities and Exchange Board of India



- C) International Financial Services Centres Authority
- D) IRDA

45) Bank of Maharashtra launched which of the following scheme to support Food and Agro-Based industries & Agri Infrastructure Projects including Startups?

- A) Vikas Spoorty
- B) Svyam Siddha
- C) Mahatari Vandana Yojana
- D) Maha Krishi Samrudhi Yojana

46) The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) has launched a groundbreaking initiative called _____ to foster collaborative research and innovation in the field of Ayurveda.

- A) PRAGATI-2024
- B) ODISERV
- C) Meghayan-24
- D) CDP-SURAKSHA

47) _____ has launched the 'Nifty EV and New Age Automotive index' India's first electric vehicle index.

- A) Jupiter Wagons Limited
- B) National Highways Authority of India
- C) NSE Indices Limited
- D) Tata Mutual Fund

48) _____ has entered into a Bancassurance tie-up with ICICI Lombard General Insurance recently.

- A) AU Small Finance Bank
- B) Capital Small Finance Bank Limited
- C) ESAF Small Finance Bank
- D) Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

49) _____ introduced secured lending products on its platform in collaboration with a network of trusted banks, non-banking financial companies (NBFCs).

- A) Tata Pay
- B) PhonePe
- C) Amazon Pay

- D) Airtel Payments Bank Limited

50) What is projected India's GDP growth in 2024 as per a report by Morgan Stanley?

- A) 7.6%
- B) 7%
- C) 6.8%
- D) 6.5%

51) Recently, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has transferred 100 tonnes of gold from its vaults in the _____ to its domestic vaults in India.

- A) United States of America
- B) United Kingdom
- C) Switzerland
- D) Germany

52) _____ launched its Digital Banking App in beta mode to offer a cutting-edge platform for daily finances and digital banking.

- A) Jio Financial Services
- B) Muthoot Finance Limited
- C) Piramal Capital and Housing Finance
- D) Tata Motors Finance

53) The Indian economy is expected to witness 6.8% growth this year and _____ in 2025, according to Moody's Ratings.

- A) 6.5%
- B) 6.4%
- C) 6.3%
- D) 6.2%

54) _____ has increased its shareholding in PI Industries Limited from 4.95% to 5.00%

- A) Reliance Industries Limited
- B) Life Insurance Corporation of India
- C) Larsen & Toubro
- D) Adani Group

55) The Boxing Federation of India (BFI) has agreed to become a member of _____.

- A) World Boxing
- B) National Sports Federation of India
- C) International Boxing Association

D) Indian Olympic Association

56) Along with the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) _____ has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to empower the inhabitants of coastal areas.

- A) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- B) Reliance Foundation
- C) Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation
- D) Tata Sons

57) Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has introduced a new numbering series _____ for making service/transactional calls.

- A) 120xxxxxxx series
- B) 150xxxxxxx series
- C) 160xxxxxxx series
- D) 180xxxxxxx series

58) _____ has launched the "Bank Clinic" initiative to assist bank customers with grievance redressal.

- A) All India Bank Employees Association
- B) Indian Banks' Association
- C) Indian Overseas Bank
- D) State Bank of India

59) India has received a total foreign direct investment (FDI) inflow of USD 70.9 billion in the FY24. The largest contributor to the country's FDI inflow was _____.

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

60) India's first female Ambassador to the UN _____ retired after 35 years of service.

- A) Ruchira Kamboj
- B) Anita Singh
- C) Gita Sabharwal
- D) Meeta Bagchi

61) The Department of School Education has inked an agreement with _____ to create an institutional framework for the Digital Library Platform, Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya.

- A) University Grants Commission
- B) Sahitya Akademi
- C) National Book Trust
- D) All India Council of Technical Education

62) _____ entered into collaboration with Nokia, Plasser India and Jacobs to strengthen the partnership between industry and academia.

- A) University of Delhi
- B) Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya
- C) Central University of South Bihar
- D) Central University of Punjab

63) Market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) launched which of the following mobile application aimed at simplifying complex financial concepts for investors?

- A) Sankalan
- B) Samman
- C) e-AMRIT
- D) Saarthi 2.0

64) Along with which of the following bank Adani One has launched India's first credit card which will have airport-linked benefits and other significant rewards?

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

65) Who among the following was elected as Mexico's first female president?

- A) Zuzana Caputov
- B) Nadia Calviño Santamaría
- C) Mette Frederiksen
- D) Claudia Sheinbaum

66) Along with which of the following space agency NASA is collaborating to establish a standardized time system for the moon?

- A) JAXA

- B) ISRO
- C) ESA
- D) CNSA

67) _____ has developed an in-house Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) software called PraVaHa.

- A) CNSA
- B) ESA
- C) ISRO
- D) JAXA

68) The Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) Ministerial meeting was held in which of the following country?

- A) Malaysia
- B) Mexico
- C) Singapore
- D) Vietnam

69) Which country has emerged as India's third largest export destination after the US and UAE during 2023-24?

- A) Malaysia
- B) Mexico
- C) Netherlands
- D) Singapore

70) Who among the following was awarded the prestigious Gudleppa Hallikeri Award for 2024 by the Gudleppa Hallikeri Memorial Foundation, Hosaritti?

- A) B Sriramulu
- B) Shirshendhu Mukyopadhyaya
- C) Siddalinga Pattanashetti
- D) V.K.Gokak

71) The Supreme Court has reconstituted its Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee (GSICC) chaired by _____.

- A) Justice Ajay Manikrao Khanwilkar
- B) Justice Anirudhha Bose
- C) Justice Hima Kohli
- D) Justice Sheel Nagu

72) The UN World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)+20 Forum High-Level Event 2024 was held in which of the following city?

- A) Kampala, Uganda
- B) Geneva, Switzerland
- C) Dubai, the United Arab Emirates
- D) Davos, Switzerland

73) What is the projected global unemployment in 2024 as per a report by the International Labour Organisation (ILO)?

- A) 4.9%
- B) 5.8%
- C) 6.2%
- D) 6.7%

74) Along with India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL) which of the following bank has inked an agreement to offer long-term financial support to viable infrastructure projects?

- A) Punjab & Sind Bank
- B) Punjab National Bank
- C) State Bank of India
- D) Union Bank of India

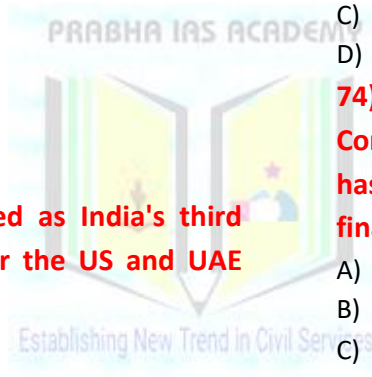
75) Who among the following was appointed as the Crown Prince of Kuwait?

- A) Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi
- B) Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al- Ahmad Al- Sabah
- C) Sheikh Sabah al-Khalid al-Sabah
- D) Sultan Ibrahim ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar

76) On the occasion of World Environment Day the government has launched which of the following mobile application for real-time Air Quality Index (AQI) monitoring?

- A) SARATHI
- B) Saksham
- C) Air-Pravah
- D) K-SMART

77) _____ has signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with Bank of India, Canara Bank, Central Bank of India and Utkarsh Small



Finance Bank to onboard them as SPARSH Service Centres.

- A) Defence Accounts Department
- B) Department of Land Resources
- C) Department of Pharmaceuticals
- D) Department of Posts

78) The market regulator SEBI has amended the Master Circular for _____ to relax timelines for disclosure of material.

- A) Alternative Investment Fund Managers
- B) Foreign Portfolio Investors
- C) Stock Brokers
- D) Stock Exchanges

79) A new theme "Insure today for a safe tomorrow" to raise awareness about the importance of insurance was launched by which of the following insurance company?

- A) Canara HSBC Life Insurance Company Limited
- B) Max Life Insurance Company Limited
- C) Tata AIA Life Insurance Company Limited
- D) Universal Somp General Insurance Company Limited

80) Goldman Sachs Group Inc. has raised India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast for the Calendar Year (CY) 2024 by _____.

- A) 7%
- B) 6.9%
- C) 6.6%
- D) 6.2%

81) Which ministry has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Central TB Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to work together on Tuberculosis Eradication in India by 2025?

- A) Ministry of Labour & Employment
- B) Ministry of Mines
- C) Ministry of Rural Development
- D) Ministry of Women and Child Development

82) A per a report by the Institute of International Finance, global debt (including borrowings of

households, businesses and governments) has reached _____ in 2024.

- A) USD 315 trillion
- B) USD 4.2 trillion
- C) USD 2443 billion
- D) USD 17.5 trillion

83) Which of the following country is 42nd country to sign the Artemis Accords of NASA?

- A) Switzerland
- B) Sweden
- C) Slovakia
- D) Germany

84) _____ has announced its collaboration with Sri Lankan ride hailing platform PickMe to enable UPI-based QR payments for Indian travellers in Sri Lanka.

- A) Google
- B) National Payments Corporation of India
- C) Paytm Money
- D) PhonePe

85) PNB MetLife India Insurance Co. Ltd. has announced the appointment of _____ as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.

- A) Sanjeev Nautiyal
- B) Sanjaya Kumar Mishra
- C) Sameer Bansal
- D) Rizwan Koita

86) _____ secured the 19th spot in the Container Port Performance Index 2023 by the World Bank.

- A) Mundra Port, Gujarat
- B) Pipavav Port, Gujarat
- C) Vadhavan Port, Maharashtra
- D) Visakhapatnam Port, Andhra Pradesh

87) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) raised its GDP growth forecast for FY25 to _____.

- A) 7.2%
- B) 7.0%
- C) 6.75%

D) 6.50%

88) Who among the following was elected as the President of the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)?

- A) Gustavo Lino Adrianzen Olaya
- B) Judith Suminwa Tuluka
- C) Ousmane Sonko
- D) Philemon Yang

89) Who among the following was appointed as the Director General of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)?

- A) Deepak Mohanty
- B) Kamal Kishore Soan
- C) Ravi Kumar Jha
- D) Vivek Kumar Gupta

90) Who among the following won the Norway Chess 2024 title?

- A) Wei Yi
- B) Magnus Carlsen
- C) Ju Wenjun
- D) Dommaraju Gukesh

91) Who among the following created history by becoming the Indian Navy's first woman helicopter pilot?

- A) Vishav Vandana
- B) Kavita Sahai
- C) Anamika B. Rajeev
- D) Akansha Gomes

92) India participated in the _____ Foreign Ministers' Meeting which began in Russia's Nizhny Novgorod on Monday, June 10.

- A) World Economic Forum
- B) Shanghai Cooperation Organization
- C) ASEAN
- D) BRICS

93) Global investment in clean energy is expected to exceed _____ in 2024, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said in its annual World Energy Investment report.

- A) USD 6 trillion
- B) USD 5 trillion

C) USD 4 trillion

D) USD 2 trillion

94) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced creating a dedicated platform to address digital payment frauds in the country. To take this initiative forward, the RBI has constituted a committee, under the Chairmanship of _____ to examine various aspects of setting up a digital public infrastructure for the platform.

- A) AP Hota
- B) M Damodaran
- C) Rajeev Kher
- D) VSK Kaumudi

95) Who among the following took oath as the Chief Minister of Sikkim?

- A) Nayab Singh Saini
- B) Pema Khandu
- C) Prem Singh Tamang
- D) Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu

96) Prem Singh Tamang was sworn in as the Chief Minister of which of the following state?

- A) Arunachal Pradesh
- B) Meghalaya
- C) Sikkim
- D) Uttarakhand

97) In which of the following tiger reserve of Madhya Pradesh a rare four-horned antelope has been sighted for the first time?

- A) Kanha Tiger Reserve
- B) Panna Tiger Reserve
- C) Pench Tiger Reserve
- D) Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve

98) Which of the following country has launched its new "Deep Stand-off" long-range air-launched ballistic missile named "AIR LORA"?

- A) China
- B) India
- C) Israel
- D) Russia



99) 'AIM – ICDK Water Challenge 4.0' initiative aimed at fostering innovation and sustainability in India was launched by _____.

- A) Central Pollution Control Board
- B) Indian Council of Agricultural Research
- C) Ministry of Agriculture
- D) NITI Aayog

100) The UN has added the _____ to the global list of offenders who commit violations against children?

- A) Pakistan
- B) Maldives
- C) Israel
- D) Iran

101) Which of the following bank has launched 'SME Digital Business Loans', to sanction loans to MSME sectors?

- A) Yes Bank
- B) State Bank of India
- C) SIDBI
- D) Indian Bank

102) Which of the following company has signed a landmark defence deal with UAE's Edge Group?

- A) Adani Defence and Aerospace
- B) Defence Research and Development Organisation
- C) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- D) Mahindra Defence Systems Limited

103) _____ has entered into a strategic collaboration with Japan based advanced semiconductor solutions provider Renesas Electronics Corporation with an eye on boosting semiconductor innovation in the country.

- A) Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore (Bengaluru)
- B) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay
- C) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Hyderabad
- D) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee

104) The All India Tennis Association (AITA) has awarded the Dilip Bose award for lifetime achievement to _____.

- A) Nar Singh and Rohini Lokhande
- B) Neeraj Chopra and Sheetal Devi
- C) Novak Djokovic and Aitana Bonmati
- D) Shubam Gill and Deepti Sharma

105) On June 10, 2024, the Indian Army received the revolutionary Man Portable Counter Drone System (MPCDS) developed by _____.

- A) AXISCADES Technologies Limited
- B) Bharat Dynamics Limited
- C) Big Bang Boom Solutions Private Limited
- D) Marut Dronetech Private Limited

106) What is the rank of India in the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Gender Gap index 2024?

- A) 129
- B) 127
- C) 123
- D) 120

107) Which of the following maritime exercise was held between India and Japan at Yokosuka, Japan recently?

- A) Dharma Guardian
- B) JIMEX
- C) Sahyog Kaijin
- D) Shinyuu Maitri

108) _____ launched India's inaugural index fund centered on defense stocks.

- A) Motilal Oswal Mutual Fund
- B) Mirae Asset Mutual Fund
- C) ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund
- D) Groww Mutual Fund

109) _____ was elected as the first vice-chair of International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Paris.

- A) Anil Kumar Lahoti
- B) Harsh Pati Singhania
- C) Mio Oka
- D) Philippe Varin

110) The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has authorized acquisition by _____ of Global Infrastructure Management, LLC.

- A) BlackRock Funding
- B) Dickey Alternative Investment Trust
- C) Minda Corporation Limited
- D) Piramal Alternatives Trust Fund

111) Pema Khandu was sworn in as the Chief Minister of which of the following state?

- A) Mizoram
- B) Manipur
- C) Assam
- D) Arunachal Pradesh

112) According to the recently released Global Economic Prospects Report by _____, India is predicted to remain the fastest-growing major economy globally, with a projected GDP growth rate of 6.6% for FY25.

- A) ILO
- B) UNDP
- C) UNEP
- D) World Bank

113) Which of the following state government has announced the "Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina" scheme recently?

- A) Sikkim
- B) Nagaland
- C) Manipur
- D) Assam

114) _____ and NASA researchers are studying Multidrug-Resistant Pathogens on the International Space Station (ISS).

- A) IIT Varanasi
- B) IIT Mumbai
- C) IIT Madras
- D) IIT Delhi

115) The Group of Seven (G7) summit was hosted by which of the following country?

- A) Canada
- B) France

- C) Italy
- D) Japan

116) Who among the following was re-elected as South Africa's president?

- A) Cyril Ramaphosa
- B) Jacob Zuma
- C) Julius Malema
- D) Thabo Mbeki

117) What is India's projected GDP growth in FY25 as per a report by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)?

- A) 6.8%
- B) 7%
- C) 8%
- D) 8.3%

118) Which of the following company topped the Kantar BrandZ Most Valuable Global Brands 2024?

- A) Apple
- B) Google
- C) Microsoft
- D) TCS

119) _____ was awarded the Asia-Pacific region's 'Best Conduct of Business Regulator' by The Asian Banker.

- A) SEBI
- B) Reserve Bank of India
- C) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority
- D) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India

120) Indian Army has inducted _____ India's first indigenous suicide drone by Solar Industries from Nagpur.

- A) Nagastra-1
- B) Haeil-5-23
- C) FWD-200B
- D) Drishti 10 Starliner

121) Which of the following country has signed an MoU with the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) to advance weather forecasting and monitoring?

- A) Bhutan
- B) Dominican Republic
- C) Mauritius
- D) UAE

122) What is the rank of India in the 2024 Environment Performance Index?

- A) 176
- B) 150
- C) 113
- D) 39

123) The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has selected _____ as System Integrator (SI) for Digitisation Project.

- A) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing
- B) National Informatics Centre
- C) NEC Corporation
- D) Tata Consultancy Services

124) _____ won the FIDE under-20 Girl's World Chess Championship.

- A) Valentina Gunina
- B) Vaishali Rameshbabu
- C) Divya Deshmukh
- D) Anastasia Bodnaruk

125) When the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was observed?

- A) 17 June
- B) 16 June
- C) 15 June
- D) 14 June

126) Which of the following ministry launched the Environmental flows (E-flows) Monitoring System, ensuring the continuous and sustainable flow of the Ganga River?

- A) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
- B) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- C) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- D) Ministry of Panchayati Raj

127) What is the rank of India in the Global Peace Index (GPI) 2024 released by the Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP)?

- A) 116
- B) 113
- C) 12
- D) 4

128) Adani Group has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with _____ for a 570 MW hydroelectric plant in Chukha province.

- A) Bhutan
- B) Mauritius
- C) Nepal
- D) Sri Lanka

129) The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which of the following bank to increase digital payment services for users of the eMigrate portal?

- A) State Bank of India
- B) Reserve Bank of India
- C) Punjab National Bank
- D) Indian Overseas Bank

130) _____ has ventured into storytelling with her first picture book for children, "Ed Finds A Home".

- A) Alia Bhatt
- B) Anasuya Sengupta
- C) Payal Kapadia
- D) Priyanka Chopra Jonas

131) The Ministry of Defense has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to _____ for the acquisition of 156 Light Combat Helicopters (LCH) named 'Prachand'.

- A) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- B) BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited
- C) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- D) Bharat Electronics Limited

132) The central government has given a year-long extension to the Digital Health Incentive Scheme

(DHIS) recently. The scheme will now remain in effect till _____.

- A) 31 March 2025
- B) 31 May 2025
- C) 30 June 2025
- D) 31 July 2025

133) Fitch Ratings has raised India's GDP forecast to _____ in FY25.

- A) 6.7%
- B) 7.2%
- C) 7.5%
- D) 8%

134) Who among the following was named as the 'Land Hero' by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)?

- A) Siddesh Sakore
- B) Nahid Afrin
- C) Kartik Verma
- D) Gauranshi Sharma

135) UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, has announced the appointment of who among the following as its newest global Goodwill Ambassador?

- A) Narendra Kumar Yadav
- B) Theo James
- C) Usain Bolt
- D) Vinícius Junior

136) As of January 2024, India has a total inventory of 172 nuclear warheads, as per a report released by which of the following organisation?

- A) Stockholm International Peace Institute
- B) Mercom India
- C) World Bank
- D) Worldline

137) Who among the following was appointed as the Commissioner of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD)?

- A) Abhishek Sinha
- B) Amit Pandey
- C) Ashwini Kumar

D) Rajeev Saxena

138) Which of the following company launched the world's first large-scale 100% hydrogen-ready engine power plant?

- A) Wartsila
- B) Reliance Industries Limited
- C) Mindgrove Technologies
- D) Adani Green Energy Limited

139) As per the Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2023 released by Kroll who among the following secured the top spot with a brand value of \$227.9 million?

- A) Yuvraj Singh
- B) Virat Kohli
- C) Shubman Gill
- D) Rashmika Mandana

140) Who among the following became the first Indian to win South Africa's 'Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award'?

- A) Vinod Ganatra
- B) Avantika Vandanapu
- C) Anish Kapoor
- D) Alok Shukla

141) Which ministry announced that "The Post Office Act, 2023" would take effect from June 18, 2024?

- A) Ministry of Communication
- B) Ministry of Home Affairs
- C) Ministry of Law and Justice
- D) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions

142) The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has collaborated with _____ to energise agriculture sector of India with emerging skills.

- A) Australia
- B) Japan
- C) Thailand
- D) United Kingdom

143) ADB has approved a _____ policy-based loan to improve India's health system preparedness and capacity to respond to future pandemics.

- A) \$ 530 million
- B) \$ 181 Million
- C) \$ 170 million
- D) \$ 100 million

144) _____ launched RuPay Wave Credit Card with NPCI for UPI-powered transactions.

- A) Bank of India
- B) Federal Bank
- C) Indian Bank
- D) Union Bank of India

145) Along with Ria Money Transfer _____ has partnered to provide convenient and affordable financial services directly to the doorsteps of customers in remote areas.

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) India Post Payments Bank
- C) Indian Bank
- D) State Bank of India

146) _____ got final approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to function as a Payment Aggregator (PA).

- A) Fiserv India Pvt Ltd
- B) Hitachi Payment Services Private Ltd
- C) SabPaisa
- D) SBI Card and Payment Services Ltd

147) As per the June 2024 issue of RBI's monthly Bulletin what is India's growth forecast in the first quarter of FY25?

- A) 7.3%
- B) 6.8%
- C) 6.6%
- D) 6.5%

148) Who among the following was appointed as the Chairman of Bharti AXA Life Insurance?

- A) Aeratu S. Rajeev
- B) Akhil Gupta
- C) Raja Kumar
- D) Shashi Kumar Singh

149) Who among the following was appointed as the Pro tem Speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha?

- A) Bhartruhari Mahtab
- B) Om Birla
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) Ram Nath Kovind

150) When the World Refugee Day was observed?

- A) 19 June
- B) 20 June
- C) 21 June
- D) 22 June

ANSWERS

1) Correct Answer: A

The Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) expects India's merchandise exports increase around 14% to \$500-510 billion in FY25 from \$437 billion in 2023-24, led by technology driven sectors of exports such as machinery, electrical and electronic, automobile, pharma and biotechnology which have received a fillip from the production-linked incentive schemes.

2) Correct Answer: C

Airbus Helicopters and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) have signed a Memorandum of

Understanding (MoU) for financing the purchase of Airbus' helicopters in India. The collaboration marks a significant foray of SIDBI into helicopter financing and meeting the financial and development needs of India's fast-growing rotary wing sector.

3) Correct Answer: D

The Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) platform, the Receivables Exchange of India Ltd (RXIL), has financed over 50 lakh invoices totaling ₹1 lakh crore. The joint venture between SIDBI, NSE, State Bank of India, ICICI Bank, and YES Bank, provides working capital

solutions for MSMEs by facilitating invoice financing on the platform.

4) Correct Answer: A

RITES Limited, a leading engineering consultancy firm has signed a contract agreement for supplying 200 broad gauge passenger carriages to Bangladesh Railways. The export arm of Indian Railways, RITES has won the USD 111.26 million (approximately Rs 915 crore) contract, funded by the European Investment Bank (EIB).

5) Correct Answer: C

According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index (as of 20th May 2024) Bernard Arnault, the founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton, topped the world's richest list with a net worth of USD 220 billion.

6) Correct Answer: A

India's rank on the World Economic Forum's Travel & Tourism Development Index 2024 has risen to 39th place, with global tourism activities returning to pre-pandemic levels. While the US topped the list, India is ranked highest in South Asia and among the lower-middle-income economies.

7) Correct Answer: D

Global carbon pricing revenues reached a record USD 104 billion in 2023, according to the World Bank's annual "State and Trends of Carbon Pricing 2024" report. This milestone highlights the growing global commitment to using economic tools to combat climate change.

8) Correct Answer: D

Spain has become the 99th member of the International Solar Alliance. India and France jointly launched the International Solar Alliance (ISA) during COP21 in Paris. The ISA aims to contribute to the implementation of the Paris Climate Agreement through the rapid and massive deployment of solar energy.

9) Correct Answer: C

Homegrown logistics services platform Porter has likely become the third unicorn (with valuation of \$1 billion and above) in India this year after a fresh internal round. Top investors like Tiger Global, Peak XV Partners,

Lightrock and the Mahindra Group have infused money in Porter.

10) Correct Answer: A

German author Jenny Erpenbeck and her translator Michael Hofmann have won the International Booker Prize 2024 for fiction for their novel 'Kairos.' The book, which delves into a complex love story set during East Germany's final years, was chosen as the winner from a shortlist of five other works, out of a total of 149 submitted novels.

11) Correct Answer: A

In order to provide expert guidance and definitive care during medical emergencies for serving personnel and their families of the Indian Air Force (IAF) across the nation, an Emergency Medical Response System (EMRS), was inaugurated by Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhari at Command Hospital Air Force in Bengaluru.

12) Correct Answer: B

The money flowing into Non-Resident Indians' (NRIs) deposits rose by 63.55 per cent to \$ 14.7 billion in Financial Year 2024 (FY24), from \$ 8.98 billion FY23. The earlier high was \$ 15.97 billion in FY16, according to data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

13) Correct Answer: B

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) board approved the transfer of Rs 2,10,874 crore as surplus to the Central Government for the accounting year 2023-24. The decision was taken at Apex Bank's 608th meeting of the Central Board of Directors.

14) Correct Answer: B

The International Financial Services Centre Authority (IFSCA) has set up an expert committee to position GIFT IFSC in Gujarat as a 'Global Trading Hub'. The 21-member expert committee will be chaired by Rajeev Kher, former commerce secretary, according to an official release.

15) Correct Answer: B

Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd. (Mahindra Finance) said it had obtained a Certificate of Registration (Corporate Agency License) from IRDAI to act as a 'Corporate Agent (Composite)' under the Insurance Act,

1938. This license would enable the company to offer tailored insurance plans to its customer base, it said.

16) Correct Answer: B

Nearly 50 billion ballpoint pens are discarded each year, with 95% comprised of plastic. Saurabh H. Mehta from New Delhi developed the world's first fully biodegradable pen. He established bioQ, which focuses on eco-friendly stationery, and NOTE (No Offence to the Earth), which aims to eliminate plastic from pens.

17) Correct Answer: B

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) said it has signed a deal with Kuwait's commercial lender Burgan Bank to help modernise its core banking technology. The size and tenure of the deal were not disclosed. TCS BaNCS is a core banking software suite for retail banks developed by TCS, India's largest IT services firm.

18) Correct Answer: B

An Indian-origin professor of astronomy, Shrinivas R. Kulkarni from the US, will be awarded the prestigious Shaw Prize in Astronomy in recognition of his pioneering discoveries on millisecond pulsars, gamma-ray bursts, supernovae, and other variable or transient astronomical objects.

19) Correct Answer: D

Thiruvananthapuram International Airport has made history by becoming the first airport in India to achieve the Zero Waste to Landfill (ZWL) accolade. This recognition, awarded by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII-ITC) Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development, highlights the airport's exceptional waste management practices and commitment to sustainability.

20) Correct Answer: B

The Delhi High Court has appointed Justice Najmi Waziri (Retired) as Chairperson of an ad-hoc Administrative Committee to supervise the administration of the Equestrian Federation of India (EFI). The Committee shall take over charge of the day-to-day administration and functioning of the Equestrian Federation of India.

21) Correct Answer: C

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Gen Anil Chauhan attended 'Exercise Cyber Suraksha – 2024', on May 22, 2024 in New Delhi. The comprehensive cyber defence exercise was conducted by Defence Cyber Agency from 20 - 24 May 2024.

22) Correct Answer: B

Indian-born Nikesh Arora, the CEO of Palo Alto Networks, has landed the second spot on The Wall Street Journal's 2023 list of highest-paid CEOs in the US. With a compensation of \$151.43 million, the 56-year-old's earnings have surpassed those of many tech giants, like Meta's Mark Zuckerberg and Google's Sundar Pichai.

23) Correct Answer: B

Arti, an 18-year-old e-rickshaw driver from Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh, recently had the honour of meeting King Charles III at Buckingham Palace. She was in London to receive the prestigious Amal Clooney Women's Empowerment Award at the Prince's Trust Awards.

24) Correct Answer: D

Mountaineer and cricketer Kabak Yano etched her name in history by becoming the fifth woman from Arunachal Pradesh to scale Mt Everest. She is also the first woman from the Nyishi tribe to do so. She has represented the Arunachal cricket team in the first-class domestic season, playing in the Women's U-23 T20 League (Plate Group) in New Delhi during the 2018-19 season.

25) Correct Answer: A

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has, for the first time, successfully landed an aircraft using night vision goggles (NVG) on an advanced landing ground in the Eastern sector. The IAF's official X account shared the news, stating an "IAF C-130J aircraft carried out a successful Night Vision Goggles aided landing at an Advanced Landing Ground in the Eastern sector."

26) Correct Answer: C

The Prudential Authority of the South African Reserve Bank has imposed a financial penalty of 10 million rand (₹4.5 crore) on the State Bank of India's South Africa branch. This penalty was imposed under Section 45C of the country's Financial Intelligence Centre Act 38 of 2001

(FIC Act) for non-compliance with certain provisions of the FIC Act or other related orders or directives.

27) Correct Answer: B

Global investment bank Goldman Sachs has raised India's GDP growth forecast to 6.7 percent for calendar year 2024. The latest data released by the bank said they expect a sustained growth momentum with additional fiscal space on account of a bumper dividend transfer from the RBI.

28) Correct Answer: A

Vice Admiral Gurcharan Singh assumed the appointment of Commandant, National Defence Academy from Vice Admiral Ajay Kocchar in Pune. An alumnus of the National Defence Academy (Khadakwasla), he was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 1st July 1990.

29) Correct Answer: B

Lithuania's President Gitanas Nausėda won re-election in a vote marked by defence concerns over neighbouring Russia, official results showed. The count published by the electoral commission showed that Nausėda won 76% of votes with 80% of ballots counted after polls closed in the second-round vote.

30) Correct Answer: A

Azad Engineering has bagged a DRDO laboratory Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE) contract for end-to-end manufacturing, assembly and integration of completely-assembled advanced turbo gas generator engine. Deliveries of the first batch of the fully integrated turbo engines will begin early 2026.

31) Correct Answer: C

In an initiative to explore sustainable transport solutions, the Indian Army, in partnership with Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), has started demonstration trials of a Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus. The event also saw the handover of a Hydrogen fuel cell bus to the Indian Army, marking the start of a partnership focused on pioneering sustainable transport technologies.

32) Correct Answer: B

State-owned Gas Authority of India Ltd's (GAIL) maiden green hydrogen plant at Vijapur in Madhya Pradesh has been commissioned. The plant will produce about 4.3

tonnes of green hydrogen per day, with a purity of about 99.999 per cent by volume.

33) Correct Answer: B

The government is planning to launch a Unified portal that will process health insurance claims across hospitals all over the country. The National Health Claim Exchange (NHCE) one-stop-portal is likely to be launched in the next two-three months.

34) Correct Answer: D

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in a statement said that for the first time in 30 years an Indian film named 'All We Imagine as Light' of Payal Kapadia, which centers around the lives of two nurses, was nominated for the Palme d'or, the highest award in the festival. This film won the Grand Prix, the second position in the category.

35) Correct Answer: B

The Monaco Grand Prix (GP) 2024, was won by Monaco-born racer Charles Leclerc of Ferrari on May 26, 2024, at the Circuit de Monaco in Monte Carlo. With this triumph, Charles Leclerc ends a 39-race winless streak and wins for the first time since the 2022 Austrian GP.

36) Correct Answer: C

Every year May 28 is observed as World Menstruation Day to raise awareness of menstruation, commonly called periods. 28 May was chosen as the Menstrual Hygiene Day because it represents the average length of a menstrual cycle. The theme of World Menstrual Hygiene Day 2024 is #PeriodFriendlyWorld.

37) Correct Answer: B

Advancing the Skill Mission, the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) under the aegis of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and the International Labour Organization (ILO) has announced a strategic partnership to advance skill development and lifelong learning in India and globally.

38) Correct Answer: B

Reserve Bank of India has launched three major initiatives: the PRAVAAH portal, the Retail Direct Mobile App, and a FinTech Repository. Pravaah is a secure and centralised web-based portal for any individual or entity

to seek authorisation, license or regulatory approval on any reference made by it to the Reserve Bank.

39) Correct Answer: C

Poonawalla Fincorp Limited, in collaboration with IndusInd Bank, has launched the co-branded 'IndusInd Bank Poonawalla Fincorp eLITE RuPay Platinum Credit Card', a card designed to redefine and elevate the banking experience of customers.

40) Correct Answer: C

India has announced \$1 million in relief assistance to Papua New Guinea after a tragic landslide in the Enga Province. The Ministry of external affairs expressed solidarity and highlighted India's commitment to disaster risk reduction.

41) Correct Answer: D

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into between Ministry External Affairs (MEA), Government of India, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India and CSC eGovernance Services India Limited to create a synergy between CSC SPV & MEA to provide the eMigrate services through CSCs in the country.

42) Correct Answer: B

The Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IITK) in collaboration with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), has established a DRDO-Industry-Academia Centre of Excellence (DIA CoE) on its campus for interdisciplinary research in next-generation defense technologies.

43) Correct Answer: B

Major Radhika Sen, an Indian peacekeeper deployed in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), has been named the United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year for 2023. The prestigious award recognizes her outstanding service and efforts to empower local communities, especially women and girls, during her tour of duty from March 2023 to April 2024.

44) Correct Answer: B

Capital markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has notified a framework for issuance of subordinate units by privately placed infrastructure

investment trusts (InvITs). It further said that InvIT would not raise funds through public issues if any subordinate units have been issued and are outstanding.

45) Correct Answer: D

Bank of Maharashtra has introduced the Maha Krishi Samrudhi Yojana (MKSY), offering financial assistance to food and agro-based industries, agri-infrastructure projects involved in processing activities, and the development of agricultural infrastructure facilities.

46) Correct Answer: A

The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), an autonomous body under the Union Ministry of Ayush, has launched "PRAGATI- 2024" (Pharma Research in AyurGyan And Techno Innovation). It offers a very useful opportunity for collaborative research in the field of Ayurveda.

47) Correct Answer: C

NSE Indices Ltd. has launched India's first index focused on electric mobility named 'Nifty EV and New Age Automotive index' to track the performance of companies, which form a part of the EV ecosystem or are involved in the development of new-age automotive vehicles or related technology

48) Correct Answer: B

Capital Small Finance Bank (CSFB), has forged a bancassurance tie-up with ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Ltd.(ICICI Lombard). Through this collaboration, CSFB will leverage its network and customer base to distribute ICICI Lombard's suite of general insurance products, including health, motor, home, travel and rural insurance.

49) Correct Answer: B

PhonePe has launched secured lending products on its platform by partnering with banks, non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and other fintech firms. Walmart-owned PhonePe said it has more than 535 million registered users and aims to create a "powerful and seamless user experience" in the secured loans category.

50) Correct Answer: C

The global investment bank, in its latest report '2024 Global Economic Midyear Outlook', attributed India's

firm growth to three megatrends -- global offshoring, digitalization, and energy transition. Morgan Stanley forecasts 6.8 per cent growth in 2024 (against RBI's 7 per cent), and 6.5 per cent the next, and thinks inflation will stay within policymakers' comfort zone.

51) Correct Answer: B

India has moved 100 metric tonnes of its gold stored in the U.K. to domestic vaults in FY24, sources said. This is one of the biggest movements of gold undertaken by the country since 1991, when pledging a substantial part of the gold holding to tide over a foreign exchange crisis resulted in its movement out of vaults. The country's overall gold holding increased 27.46 metric tonnes in FY24 and it stands at 822 metric tonnes, as per official data.

52) Correct Answer: A

Jio Financial Services announced the launch of beta version of 'JioFinance' app to offer UPI and digital banking among others. The company said that the app aims to integrate digital banking, UPI transactions, bill settlement and insurance advisory.

53) Correct Answer: A

Moody's Ratings projected India's GDP expansion at 6.8 percent in the current year, followed by 6.5 percent in 2025, on the back of strong economic expansion and policy continuity post-election. Driven by the Centre's robust capital spending and strong manufacturing activity, India's real GDP growth in 2023 stood at 7.7 percent, up from 6.5 percent in 2022.

54) Correct Answer: B

Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India said its stake in PI Industries as an institutional investor has gone past the 5% mark after it acquired 72,000 shares of the agrochemicals firm from the open market at an average cost of ₹3,558.29 each. The holding was raised, as an investment function, from 4.95% (75,19,910 shares) to 5% (75,91,910 shares), LIC said.

55) Correct Answer: A

The Boxing Federation of India (BFI) has agreed to become a member of World Boxing, the International Federation established to ensure boxing remains at the

heart of the Olympic Movement. The membership application has been approved by the BFI's General Assembly, and will be ratified by World Boxing's Executive Board.

56) Correct Answer: B

The Reliance Foundation and the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), an independent body under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India, have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at empowering residents of coastal regions, as per a statement from the Foundation.

57) Correct Answer: C

Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has introduced a new numbering series, 160xxxxxx for making service/transactional calls. This initiative is a step towards providing citizens with a way to easily identify such legitimate calls.

58) Correct Answer: A

The Bank Clinic is an initiative by the All India Bank Employees' Association (AIBEA) to help customers address their grievances amid rapid expansion in technology and a series of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) guidelines on retail banking.

59) Correct Answer: C

Maintaining consistency in attracting foreign investment inflows, India has received a total foreign direct investment (FDI) inflow of USD 70.9 billion in the financial year 2023-24. The largest contributor to the country's FDI inflow was Mauritius with a total of 25 per cent, followed by Singapore which infused 24 per cent of the total FDI inflow in the country.

60) Correct Answer: A

India's first woman Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ruchira Kamboj retired after 35 years of service, during which she served as Indian envoy in Bhutan, South Africa and the UNESCO. She became Permanent Representative/Ambassador of India to New York, on August 2, 2022.

61) Correct Answer: C

The Department of School Education signed an MoU with the National Book Trust in New Delhi to create an

institutional framework for the Digital Library Platform, Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya. Speaking on the occasion, Secretary of the Department of Higher Education K. Sanjay Murthy said that the Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya will be available round-the-clock, irrespective of the geographic location of the readers, making books more accessible to them.

62) Correct Answer: B

Indian Railways' Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) Vadodara entered into collaboration with Nokia, Plasser India and Jacobs to strengthen the partnership between industry and academia. Three MoUs were signed at Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.

63) Correct Answer: D

In an effort to make complex financial concepts accessible and straightforward for investors, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has launched an updated version of its personal finance app, Saarthi, now called Saarthi 2.0.

64) Correct Answer: C

Adani One and ICICI Bank has launched India's first cobranded credit cards with airport-linked benefits in collaboration with Visa. Available in two variants – Adani One ICICI Bank Signature Credit Card and Adani One ICICI Bank Platinum Credit Card – they offer a comprehensive and substantial reward programme.

65) Correct Answer: D

Claudia Sheinbaum has been elected as Mexico's first female president, in a historic landslide win. Mexico's official electoral authority said preliminary results showed the 61-year-old former mayor of Mexico City winning between 58% and 60% of the vote in election.

66) Correct Answer: C

NASA and the European Space Agency (ESA) are working on technologies to ensure accurate timekeeping and synchronization for lunar missions. Establishing a lunar time zone is a significant step towards fostering international collaboration and ensuring the success of multi-national lunar missions.

67) Correct Answer: C

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has developed Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) software named Parallel RANS Solver for Aerospace Vehicle Aero-thermo-dynamic Analysis (PraVaHa). This software was developed in ISRO's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC).

68) Correct Answer: C

Indian delegation led by Secretary, Department of Commerce, Shri Sunil Barthwal participated in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) Ministerial meeting held in Singapore on 6 June 2024. IPEF was launched on 23 May 2022 at Tokyo, Japan, comprising of 14 countries – Australia, Brunei, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and USA.

69) Correct Answer: C

The Netherlands has emerged as India's third largest export destination after the U.S. and UAE during 2023-24, according to the Commerce Ministry data. India's trade surplus with the Netherlands has increased to \$17.4 billion in the last fiscal from \$13 billion in 2022-23.

70) Correct Answer: C

Poet and playwright Siddhalinga Pattanashetti was awarded the prestigious Gudleppa Hallikeri Award for 2024 by the Gudleppa Hallikeri Memorial Foundation, Hosaritti (Haveri District). Prof. Pattanashetti is the 19th recipient of the award. The award comprises a purse of ₹25,000 and a memento.

71) Correct Answer: C

Supreme Court judge, Justice Hima Kohli will continue to head the Supreme Court Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee (GSICC). She has been heading the committee for the past one year. The panel also comprises Justice B.V. Nagarathna, Additional Registrar Sukhda Pritam and senior advocates Meenakshi Arora and Mahalakshmi Pavani.

72) Correct Answer: B

Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), the premier Telecom R&D centre of the Government of India, awarded UN's WSIS 2024 "Champion" Award. The

World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)+20 Forum 2024, a High-Level Event was conducted by International Telecom Union (ITU) in Geneva, Switzerland from 27th May - 31st May, 2024.

73) Correct Answer: A

Global unemployment is set to fall slightly this year, a United Nations agency said on May 29, reversing its previous prediction of a rise while warning of "slow progress" on tackling inequalities. The International Labour Organisation (ILO) expects a global unemployment rate of 4.9% in 2024.

74) Correct Answer: B

Punjab National Bank (PNB) and India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL) has signed an agreement to offer long-term financial assistance to viable infrastructure projects. With this, both the institutions will collaborate to fund the infrastructure projects wherein the parties can mutually participate under consortium/multiple lending arrangements to provide financial support to the prospective borrowers subject to due diligence and on a case-to-case basis

75) Correct Answer: C

Kuwait's Emir Sheikh Meshal al-Ahmad al-Sabah issued a decree nominating Sheikh Sabah al-Khalid al-Sabah as crown prince. Sheikh Sabah al-Khalid previously served as Prime Minister from 2019 until 2022, when he resigned after facing a combative legislature as the head of successive cabinets, with opposition MPs bent on questioning him over issues including perceived corruption.

76) Correct Answer: C

Secretary, MeitY, S. Krishnan has inaugurated indigenous air quality monitoring system AQ-AIMS and launched Air-Pravah app on the occasion of World Environment Day in New Delhi. These are developed under MeitY supported technologies.

77) Correct Answer: A

Defence Accounts Department (DAD) has signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with the Bank of India, Canara Bank, Central Bank of India and Utkarsh Small Finance Bank in New Delhi to onboard them as

SPARSH [System for Pension Administration (Raksha)] service centres across 1,128 branches of the four banks.

78) Correct Answer: B

The market regulator Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has issued guidelines that make it easier for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) to deal with their securities holdings after their FPI registration has expired. Type 1 material changes needs to be now informed within seven days and supported documents to be provided within 30 days.

79) Correct Answer: D

Universal Sompo has launched a new theme, "Insure today for a safe tomorrow," to raise awareness about the importance of insurance in safeguarding against unforeseen risks. Universal Sompo offers a wide range of insurance products, including motor, health, personal accident, fire, and burglary insurance.

80) Correct Answer: B

Foreign brokerage Goldman Sachs has upped India GDP growth forecast by 20 basis points to 6.9 per cent this Calendar Year (CY) from an earlier projection of 6.7 per cent. This follows the stronger-than-expected GDP growth print of 7.8 per cent for the January-March 2024 quarter.

81) Correct Answer: B

Ministry of Mines and Central TB Division of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has signed a Memorandum of Understanding in New Delhi for collaborative and convergent action towards elimination of Tuberculosis. The MoU will forge inter-ministerial collaboration and strategic partnerships to achieve the target of Eliminating Tuberculosis (TB) in India by 2025.

82) Correct Answer: A

According to the Institute of International Finance, global debt (including borrowings of households, businesses and governments) has reached \$315 trillion in 2024. This is three times the global gross domestic product (GDP).

83) Correct Answer: C

Slovakia is the 42nd country to sign the Artemis Accords, which establish a practical set of principles to guide space exploration cooperation among nations participating in

NASA's Artemis program. Earlier, Peru became the 41st country to sign the Artemis Accords.

84) Correct Answer: D

Fintech firm PhonePe has partnered with ride-hailing platform PickMe to enable UPI-based payments for Indian travellers in Sri Lanka, the Walmart group firm said. Last month, PhonePe entered into a partnership with LankaPay to allow its users to pay using UPI across Sri Lanka.

85) Correct Answer: C

Private life insurer, PNB MetLife India Insurance has appointed Sameer Bansal as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company effective from July 1, 2024. The appointment is subject to regulatory approvals.

86) Correct Answer: D

State-owned Visakhapatnam Port has broken into the top 20 rankings in the Container Port Performance Index 2023 (CPPI 2023), developed by the World Bank and S&P Global Market Intelligence. Visakhapatnam Port was ranked 19 in the Index, higher than Mundra Port (ranked 27) run by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ).

87) Correct Answer: A

The Reserve Bank of India on June 7 raised projection of real gross domestic product for the financial year 2024-25 to 7.2 percent, from 7 percent estimated previously, said the governor Shaktikanta Das. The governor said the GDP growth in the first quarter is likely to be at 7.3 percent, 7.2 percent in Q2, 7.3 percent in Q3 and 7.2 percent in the last quarter.

88) Correct Answer: D

The UN General Assembly (UNGA) has elected former Cameroonian prime minister Philemon Yang as president of the 79th UNGA session. Yang will succeed Denis Francis of Trinidad and Tobago, president of the 78th UNGA session, when the 79th UNGA session opens on Sept. 10 at the UN headquarters in New York.

89) Correct Answer: B

Shri Kamal Kishore Soan, a senior IAS officer from Jharkhand Cadre (Batch : 1998), who is currently serving

as an Additional Secretary and Director General, Labour Welfare in the Ministry of Labour & Employment, has taken over the additional charge of Director General of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC).

90) Correct Answer: B

Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa finished third in the Open Section of Norway Chess 2024 despite beating Hikaru Nakamura in the 10th and final round of the prestigious tournament. Magnus Carlsen, the World No. 1, won the title at his home in Stavanger.

91) Correct Answer: C

Sub Lieutenant Anamika B. Rajeev became the Indian Navy's first woman helicopter pilot during a passing out parade held in the naval air station INS Rajali at Arakkonam in Ranipet district. A total of 21 officers were awarded the prestigious 'Golden Wings' by Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command.

92) Correct Answer: D

India participated in the BRICS foreign ministers' meeting, which commenced on 10 June in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia. Dammu Ravi, Secretary (Economic Relations) at the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), led the Indian delegation at the meeting.

93) Correct Answer: D

Global investment in clean energy technology and infrastructure is set to hit \$2 trillion this year, twice the amount going into fossil fuels, an International Energy Agency (IEA) report showed. Total energy investment is expected to exceed \$3 trillion for the first time in 2024, the IEA said in its annual World Energy Investment report.

94) Correct Answer: A

The Reserve Bank has constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of former MD and CEO of National Payments Corporation of India, Mr. AP Hota to examine various aspects of setting up a digital public infrastructure for Digital Payments Intelligence Platform.

95) Correct Answer: C

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) supremo Prem Singh Tamang on June 10 took oath as the Chief Minister of the

Himalayan state for the second consecutive term. The 56-year-old politician was administered the oath of office and secrecy by Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya at a function held in Paljor Stadium in Gangtok.

96) Correct Answer: C

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) supremo Prem Singh Tamang took oath as chief minister of the Himalayan state for a second straight term. Tamang, 56, who spearheaded the SKM's landslide victory in the assembly polls and the lone Lok Sabha seat in Sikkim, was unanimously elected the leader of the legislature party during a meeting on June 2.

97) Correct Answer: D

A rare four-horned antelope has been sighted for the first time in Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve (Sagar district), Madhya Pradesh. Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve field director AA Ansari said photo of four-horned antelope was captured in camera trap. Before this, there was no information about its presence.

98) Correct Answer: C

Israel Aerospace Industries, a world-class aerospace and defence leader, has unveiled its new "Deep Stand-off" long-range air launched ballistic missile named "AIR LORA." The new missile demonstrated its game-changing capabilities in a fire test launched from an F16.

99) Correct Answer: D

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog has announced the launch of two initiatives aimed at fostering innovation and sustainability in India: the 'AIM-ICDK Water Challenge 4.0' and the fifth edition of 'Innovations for You' handbook, spotlighting SDG entrepreneurs of India.

100) Correct Answer: C

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has added Israel's military to a global list of offenders that have committed violations against children, his spokesman confirmed. Israel's inclusion on the list comes after eight months of war in Gaza, in which more than 15,500 children have been killed.

101) Correct Answer: B

State Bank of India (SBI) has launched a new SME digital business loans programme where India's largest bank will use data from income tax and GST returns and bank statements for credit assessment of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and sanction loans in 10 seconds after submitting the required details without any human intervention.

102) Correct Answer: A

Adani Defence and Aerospace has signed a cooperation agreement with EDGE Group, a global technology and defence organisation based in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The agreement will create a global platform that utilises the defence and aerospace strengths of both companies by combining product portfolios.

103) Correct Answer: C

The Indian Institute of Technology - Hyderabad (IIT-H) and Japanese advanced semiconductor solutions provider Renesas Electronics Corporation have entered into a three-year memorandum of understanding to undertake research and collaborate in the field of very-large-scale-integration (VLSI) and embedded semiconductor systems.

104) Correct Answer: A

The All India Tennis Association (AITA) has awarded the Dilip Bose award for lifetime achievement to coach Nar Singh and Rohini Lokhande. The award along with a cash prize of Rs.50,000 was presented during the 11th National coaches workshop held at the PYC Hindu Gymkhana in Pune on June 7 and 8.

105) Correct Answer: A

AXISCADES Technologies Ltd, has started delivering the first-of-its-kind Man Portable Counter Drone System (MPCDS) in India to the armed forces under a Landmark Order of Rs 100 Crores from the Indian Army. Uniquely designed and entirely Made in India, the MPCDS is compact, portable, and operates on both battery and mains power.

106) Correct Answer: A

India has slipped two places on the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Gender Gap index to 129th place, while Iceland retained its top position in the rankings.

Globally, Sudan was ranked last on the index of 146 countries, while Pakistan slipped three places to 145th.

107) Correct Answer: B

Japan-India maritime exercise (JIMEX 24) was held at Yokosuka in Japan. Indian Navy said that JIMEX 24 provides an opportunity to learn from each other's best practices and facilitates operational interactions between India and Japan.

108) Correct Answer: A

Motilal Oswal Mutual Fund has introduced the Motilal Oswal Nifty India Defence Index Fund, an open-ended fund designed to mirror the total returns of the Nifty India Defence Index. The new fund offer (NFO) for this scheme will be open for subscription from June 13 until June 24.

109) Correct Answer: B

Harsh Pati Singhanian, Chairman and Managing Director of JK Paper Ltd and Director of JK Organisation, has been elected as First Vice-Chair of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Paris. The election took place during the World Council meeting on June 11 in Paris, France.

110) Correct Answer: A

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved acquisition of Global Infrastructure Management, LLC by BlackRock Funding, Inc. BlackRock is a U.S. publicly traded company active in the provision of global investment management, risk management and advisory services to institutional and retail clients around the world.

111) Correct Answer: D

BJP leader Pema Khandu took oath as the chief minister of Arunachal Pradesh for the third consecutive term on June 13. Apart from Mr. Khandu, Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lt Gen (retired) K.T. Parnaik administered the oath of office and secrecy to Chowna Mein as the Deputy Chief Minister.

112) Correct Answer: D

The World Bank has predicted that India is set to remain the fastest-growing major economy globally, though its growth rate is expected to slow. The June 'Global

Economic Prospects' report maintained the GDP growth forecast for India at 6.6 per cent for FY25.

113) Correct Answer: D

The Assam government cabinet approved the Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina (MMNM) initiative, which was introduced by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on June 12, 2024. By providing financial incentives and government assistance for education, the program seeks to empower girls in the state.

114) Correct Answer: C

The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) and NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) Researchers are studying multi-drug resistant pathogens on the International Space Station (ISS), which could have key applications for astronauts' health as well on earth.

115) Correct Answer: C

Italy hosted the annual summit of leaders from the Group of Seven (G7) major democracies on June 13-15. The G7 comprises the United States, Japan, Canada, Germany, France, Italy and Britain. The meeting was held in Borgo Egnazia in the southern region of Puglia - a luxury hotel with a Michelin starred restaurant.

116) Correct Answer: A

Cyril Ramaphosa has been re-elected as South Africa's president for a second term after his party struck a last-minute deal with political rivals. Ramaphosa's African National Congress, which came to power in 1994 after waging a decades-long battle against apartheid, lost its majority for the first time in an election last month and spent two weeks locked in intensive behind-the-scenes talks with other parties.

117) Correct Answer: C

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has estimated India's GDP to record a robust 8 percent growth, the newly elected CII President Sanjiv Puri said while showing optimism about India's economic growth. He pointed out that several sectors including agriculture, information technology, services, and global trade are poised for further improvement.

118) Correct Answer: A

TCS and Infosys – India’s first and second largest IT services companies (respectively) – have been ranked among the Top 100 most valuable brands in the world. Telecom giant Airtel has also made it to the list, which is led by tech giants Apple, Google, Microsoft and Amazon.

119) Correct Answer: A

SEBI has been given 'Best Conduct of Business Regulator' award in Asia Pacific by The Asian Banker for its role in enhancing the regulatory framework for securities markets in India. The award was received by SEBI's Whole Time Member Kamlesh Chandra Varshney in a ceremony held in Hong Kong.

120) Correct Answer: A

In a boost for India’s defence preparedness, the Indian Army has received its first batch of indigenously developed man-portable suicide drones, known as Nagastra 1 loitering munition. These new drones are designed to carry out precision strikes on enemy training camps, launch pads, and infiltrators, without putting the lives of soldiers at risk.

121) Correct Answer: B

India and the Dominican Republic are joining forces to enhance the technical capabilities of the National Meteorological Office (Onamet). This collaboration is cemented by a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) and Onamet, aimed at improving weather forecasting and monitoring.

122) Correct Answer: A

Despite the Union government’s claims on improving the environment, India remains one of the world’s worst five in an environmental performance index consisting of 180 nations prepared by two leading US institutions. The Environmental Performance Index of 2024 released earlier this month positioned India at 176th spot.

123) Correct Answer: C

NEC Corporation has been selected as System Integrator (SI) for a period of six years, Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has said. NEC Corporation India is expected to play a crucial and pivotal role in PFRDA’s digital transformation journey.

124) Correct Answer: C

Divya Deshmukh added another significant title to her already impressive collection. The 18-year-old from Nagpur won the World junior girls’ chess championship after beating Bulgaria’s Beloslava Krasteva in the final round at the Gift City Club, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

125) Correct Answer: C

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) is observed on June 15 every year to raise awareness about the abuse, neglect and exploitation of older adults. This year’s World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) focuses on the theme “Spotlight on Older Persons in Emergencies.”

126) Correct Answer: C

The Environmental flows (E-flows) Monitoring System has been developed by the National Mission for Clean Ganga, an arm of the Jal Shakti Ministry. This will aid the planning and monitoring of projects, river water quality, and other key parameters, according to officials.

127) Correct Answer: A

India, in particular, has shown a slight improvement in its ranking in the Institute for Economics and Peace’s annual Global Peace Index. In 2024, India ranked 116 out of 163 countries. In previous rankings, it stood at 139 in GPI 2020 and 141 in GPI 2019.

128) Correct Answer: A

Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani has met Bhutan Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay and signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the country's Druk Green Power Corporation for a 570 MW hydroelectric plant in Chukha province. Further, he praised Bhutan's efforts to develop infrastructure under the vision of King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck.

129) Correct Answer: A

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the State Bank of India (SBI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance digital payment services for users of the eMigrate portal. This MoU will become operational following the successful integration of SBI's payment gateway, SBlePay, with the eMigrate portal.

130) Correct Answer: A

Alia Bhatt has ventured into storytelling with her first picture book for children, *Ed Finds A Home*. Alia revealed the first book in a series of children's picture books titled "Ed Finds A Home," under her children's wear brand Ed-a-Mamma.

131) Correct Answer: A

The Ministry of Defense has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the acquisition of 156 Light Combat Helicopters (LCH) named 'Prachand'. This substantial procurement, valued at approximately Rs 45,000 crores, includes 90 helicopters for the Indian Army and 66 for the Indian Air Force.

132) Correct Answer: C

The central government has given a year-long extension to the Digital Health Incentive Scheme (DHIS) meant for digitising patients' health records and linking them with the Ayushman Bharat Digital Health Account (ABHA ID). The scheme, which was launched on January 1, 2023, will now remain in effect till June 30, 2025.

133) Correct Answer: B

Fitch Ratings has upped India's growth forecast, measured in terms of GDP (Gross Domestic Products) to 7.2 per cent during fiscal year 2024-25 (FY25), from the earlier print of 7 per cent. The economy grew by 8.2 per cent during FY24.

134) Correct Answer: A

Siddhesh Sakore, a farmer and the founder of AGRO RANGERS, from Maharashtra, has been named Land Hero by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). On the occasion of World Desertification and Drought Day, the UNCCD announced the names of 10 Land Heroes in a programme in Bonn, Germany.

135) Correct Answer: B

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) named British actor Theo James as a global goodwill ambassador. James, who acted in television series "The Gentlemen" and "The White Lotus", has supported UNHCR since 2016, and has travelled to

Greece, France and Jordan to meet asylum seekers and refugees, the agency said.

136) Correct Answer: A

China now has 500 nuclear warheads, up from 410 in January 2023, while India has 172 (from 164 in 2023) and Pakistan 170 (unchanged from 2023), as per the latest assessment by the Stockholm International Peace Institute (SIPRI).

137) Correct Answer: C

Senior IAS officer Ashwani Kumar has been appointed as the new Commissioner of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD). IAS officer Amit Yadav, previously the Chairperson of the New Delhi Municipal Council, was transferred as per the Home Ministry's directive.

138) Correct Answer: A

Wartsila has launched the world's first large-scale 100% hydrogen-ready engine power plant, the company announced in a press release. The 100% hydrogen-ready engine is expected to be available for orders in 2025, and available for delivery from 2026.

139) Correct Answer: B

Cricketer Virat Kohli has reclaimed the top position in brand value, now reaching \$227.9 million, surpassing Bollywood star Ranveer Singh, who holds the second spot with \$203.1 million, according to Kroll's 'Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2023: Brands, Business, Bollywood'.

140) Correct Answer: A

Globally acclaimed film-maker Vinod Ganatra has become the first Indian to be conferred the prestigious 'Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award' of South Africa for his contribution to films. He was honoured with the coveted award at the 7th Nelson Mandela Children's Film Festival.

141) Correct Answer: A

The Ministry of Communications announced that "The Post Office Act, 2023" became effective on June 18, 2024. The Post Office Act of 2023 repealed the 125-year-old Indian Post Office Act of 1898. The Act seeks to establish a clear legislative framework for the provision of citizen-centric services, banking services, and other

government advantages to the country's most remote places.

142) Correct Answer: A

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), in collaboration with the Australian Government, hosted a comprehensive and productive roundtable to discuss the learnings from the Australia-India Critical Agriculture Skills Pilot Project. The scheme seeks to transform the agricultural sector by finding and developing emergent career opportunities.

143) Correct Answer: C

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$170 million loan to strengthen India's health systems by aiding in the implementation of the National Health Policy 2017. This policy-based loan is part of ADB's efforts to provide quality healthcare services to all, in line with the lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic.

144) Correct Answer: B

Federal Bank, in collaboration with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), has launched RuPay Wave Credit Card to offer customers UPI-powered transactions on RuPay network. A press release said that the bank's cardholders can now link their RuPay Wave credit card to their preferred UPI applications.

145) Correct Answer: B

India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has partnered with Ria Money Transfer, a global leader in cross-border money transfers to provide convenient and affordable doorstep financial services to customers in remote areas across the country.

146) Correct Answer: C

SabPaisa (SRS Live Technologies Private Limited), a payment solutions provider has announced that it has received final approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to function as a Payment Aggregator (PA) under the Payments and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.

147) Correct Answer: A

According to the RBI's June 2024 issue of its monthly Bulletin, India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is expected to grow by 7.3% in the first quarter of FY25 (2024-25). This GDP is consistent with the projections stated by the RBI in its second bi-monthly Monetary Policy issued on June 7, 2024.

148) Correct Answer: B

Bharti AXA Life Insurance, a wholly owned by Bharti Group, on June 19 announced the appointment of Akhil Gupta, currently the Vice Chairman of Bharti Enterprises, as its new Chairman. With over 40 years of professional experience, Gupta has played a crucial role in the growth of Bharti Airtel since its inception, the company said in a statement.

149) Correct Answer: A

Bhartruhari Mahtab, seven-term MP from Cuttack was appointed by President Droupadi Murmu as the pro tem Speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha. Mahtab's selection for the pro tem Speaker post comes on the heels of the BJP's impressive electoral performance in Odisha.

150) Correct Answer: B

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honor refugees around the globe. It falls each year on 20 June and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution.