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February 1st week Current Affairs MCQ

1. With which of the following organisation, Punjab National Bank and Patanjali Ayurved Limited have launched co-branded contactless credit cards in partnership?

- (a) National Payments Corporation of India
- (b) Confederation of Indian Industry
- (c) NITI Aayog
- (d) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
- (e) Reserve Bank of India

Answer: A

Punjab National Bank (PNB), and Patanjali Ayurved Limited (PAL) have launched co-branded contactless credit cards in partnership with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). The co-branded credit cards are offered on NPCI's RuPay Platform and are available in two variants - PNB RuPay Platinum and PNB RuPay Select.

MD and CEO of PNB-Atul Kumar Goel
Managing Director of Patanjali Ayurved Limited-
Acharya Balkrishna

2. The Centre has approved Tata Steel Long Products' bid to buy steel producer Neelachal Ispat Nigam. Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited is belongs to which of the following state?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Telangana
- (c) Chhattisgarh
- (d) West Bengal
- (e) Gujarat

Answer: A

The Centre has approved Tata Steel Long Products' bid to buy steel producer Neelachal Ispat Nigam. The Centre's 'Alternative Mechanism' approved the bid for buying 93.71 per cent of shares of JV partners of four CPSEs and two Odisha state government PSEs at the bid enterprise value of Rs 12,100 crore. The Centre does not hold any equity in the company.

3. Which among the following Indian hockey player has won the prestigious World Games Athlete of the Year for his 2021 performances?

- (a) Birendra Lakra
- (b) Harmanpreet Singh
- (c) Mandeep Singh
- (d) PR Sreejesh
- (e) Manpreet Singh

Answer: D

Veteran Indian hockey goalkeeper PR Sreejesh won the prestigious World Games Athlete of the

Year for his 2021 performances, becoming only the second Indian to receive the accolade. **Sreejesh** became the first man and second hockey player to win the award, following in the footsteps of compatriot and India women's captain Rani, who took the 2019 prize.

4. Which among the following Indian bank has launched 'Surya Shakti Cell'?

- (a) State Bank of India
- (b) Indian Bank
- (c) Canara Bank
- (d) Indian Overseas Bank
- (e) ICICI Bank

Answer: A

India's largest lender **State Bank of India (SBI)** has launched a dedicated centralised processing cell - '**Surya Shakti Cell**' after entering into an agreement with Tata Power Solar Systems Ltd (a Tata Power Company). SBI, with the launch of this centralised processing cell, aims to strengthen the existing financing arrangement for solar power projects.

Surya Shakti Cell- Mumbai based plant

5. On February 1, The Indian Coast Guard has been celebrated its which of the following edition of Raising Day?

- (a) 45th
- (b) 46th
- (c) 47th
- (d) 48th
- (e) 50th

Answer: B

The **Indian Coast Guard** is celebrating its **46th Raising Day** on February 1. From just seven surface platforms in 1978, the **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** has grown into a formidable force with **158 ships and 70 aircraft** in its inventory. It is likely to achieve targeted force levels of 200 surface platforms and 80 aircraft by 2025. It is the **fourth largest Coast Guard** in the world.

6. Recently, Who among the following has been elected as the prime minister of Portugal?

- (a) Andrew Holsen
- (b) David Hallison
- (c) Maiga Bobe
- (d) Marvel Gueterrus
- (e) Antonio Costa

Answer: E

Prime Minister António Costa won re-election to his **third** consecutive term during the general

election in **Portugal** as the new far-right party **Chega** took ground in the country's Parliament. The Socialist Party won about **41.7%** of the vote, giving them an absolute majority in Parliament for the first time since taking power six years ago.

The party now controls at least **117 seats** in the **230-seat Parliament**.

7. On which among the following day the World NTDs day has been observed?

- (a) 29th January
- (b) 30th January
- (c) 1st February
- (d) 2nd February
- (e) 5th February

Answer: B

Observing the **3rd World NTDs Day** on **30th January**, as a key moment to highlight the global community's commitment to ending NTDs, India joined close to **40 other nations** to illuminate the iconic **New Delhi Railway Station** in purple and orange hues, which is one of the busiest railway stations in the country in terms of train frequency and passenger movement.

8. Which among the following year the United Nations recognised the 'World Wetlands Day', celebrated annually on February 2?

- (a) 1971
- (b) 1970
- (c) 1965
- (d) 1980
- (e) 1991

Answer: A

United Nations recognised 'World Wetlands Day' is celebrated on **February 2** to mark the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands in the Iranian city of Ramsar on the same day in **1971**. Wetlands, often known as 'liquid assets' are the most crucial natural resources that help stabilise water supplies, cleanse polluted waters, protect shorelines, and recharge groundwater aquifers. The theme for World Wetlands Day was '**Wetlands Action for People and Nature**'.

9. Spituk Gustor, is the annual celebrations of which of the following state/UT's culture?

- (a) Ladakh
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Sikkim
- (d) Assam
- (e) Manipur

Answer: A

Spitik Gustor, the annual celebrations of **Ladakhi culture** and traditional heritage began on 30 January 2022. The main attraction of the festival was the colourful mask dance locally called **Chams** performed by the monks of the monastery in their best robes depicting different deities such Mahakala (Gonbo), Paldan Lhamo (Shridevi), White Mahakala, Protector Deity. For the general public to watch, a large **Thangka (painting)** of **Je Tsongkhapa**, the founder of Gelukspa Sect of the **Mahayana Buddhism** was displayed in the courtyard during the festival.

10. The Union Minister has been decided to convert _____ villages around the Centre's of Excellence into Villages of Excellence with technical assistance from Israel.

(a)120

(b)130

(c)140

(d)150

(e)200

Answer: D

Union Minister Shri Tomar informed that it has been decided to convert **150 villages** around the Centers of Excellence into Villages of Excellence with technical assistance from Israel, out of **which 75 villages** are being taken up in the first year to commemorate the **75th year of India's independence** where India and Israel will work together.

Notably, **29 Centers of Excellence** in 12 States already produce more than **25 million vegetable** plants, over 387 thousand quality fruit plants and can train more than 1.2 lakh farmers per year.

February 2nd week Current Affairs MCQ

1. Which of the following State/UT has celebrated the ancient festival of Kanchoth?

(a) Ladakh

(b) Jammu and Kashmir

(c) Himachal Pradesh

(d) Arunachal Pradesh

(e) Lakshadweep

Answer: B

The ancient festival of **Kanchoth** is annually celebrated, mainly by the Nag followers, during the Shukla Paksha of Magh month. The festival is celebrated with religious fervour across the Chenab valley region of **Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)**.

2. Which of the following company has appointed Disha Patani as its new brand ambassador?

- (a) Myntra
- (b) Bata India
- (c) My11Circle
- (d) Puma
- (e) Nike

Answer: B

Footwear maker **Bata India Limited** has on-boarded **Bollywood actor Disha Patani** as the new brand ambassador. Patani will be seen promoting various popular labels under the Bata umbrella.

3. The Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar has been appointed as the brand ambassador of which state?

- (a) West Bengal
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Madhya Pradesh
- (e) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: C

Bollywood star **Akshay Kumar** has been appointed as the brand ambassador of **Uttarakhand**, the chief minister **Pushkar Singh**

Dhami announced ahead of Assembly Elections 2022.

4. Which of the following Space agency has demonstrated Hack-Proof Quantum Communication?

- (a) NASA
- (b) ISRO
- (c) JAXA
- (d) ESA
- (e) SpaceX

Answer: B

In a major step forward towards satellite-based quantum communication, scientists from Ahmedabad-based **Space Applications Centre (SAC)** and Physical Research Laboratory successfully demonstrated quantum entanglement. Using real-time Quantum Key Distribution (QKD), they conducted hack-proof communication between two places separated by 300 meters. Space Applications Centre (SAC) is one of the major centres of the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**.

5. Which state government has signed an MoU with Social Alpha to support innovative and clean energy technology programmes and initiatives?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Assam
- (d) Tamil Nadu
- (e) Kerala

Answer: E

The Kerala government signed an MoU with Social Alpha, a joint initiative of Tata Trust and the Indian government, through its Clean Energy International Incubation Centre (CEIIC). The Energy Management Centre (EMC) and Kerala Development and Innovation Strategy Council (KDISC) are part of the project. They will work together to support innovative and clean energy technology programmes and initiatives by the state government.

6. Recently singer Lata Mangeshkar passed away. She was nicknamed as _____.

- (a) Legendary singer of India
- (b) The Voice of India
- (c) The Nightingale of India
- (d) The Legend of India
- (e) None of the above

Answer: C

Legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar passed away at the age of 92. She has sung in over thirty-six Indian languages. Nicknamed as 'The

Nightingale of India', the singer was bestowed with India's highest civilian honour Bharat Ratna in 2001.

7. Which company has signed an MoU with Karnataka State Rural Livelihood Promotion Society to support the growth of women entrepreneurs?

- (a) Meta
- (b) Flipkart
- (c) Amazon India
- (d) Wipro
- (e) TCS

Answer: C

Amazon India has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Karnataka State Rural Livelihood Promotion Society (KSRLPS) to support the growth of women entrepreneurs. The MoU was signed and exchanged in the presence of Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Minister of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood CN Ashwath Narayan.

8. Karnataka's Kabir' Ibrahim Sutar passed away recently. Which of the following award was won by him?

- (a) Padma Bhushan

- (b) Ashok Chakra
- (c) Padma Vibhushan
- (d) Param Vir Chakra
- (e) Padma Shri

Answer: E

'Karnataka's Kabir' and Padma Shri Ibrahim Sutar passed away. The founder of 'Bhavaikyate Bhajana Mela' began his career as a Harikathe bhajan singer going around villages and towns. He sang songs and gave lectures, quoting from multiple scriptures without the need to read from notes. He was equally well-versed in Kannada and Urdu.

9. Which country has topped the digital skills readiness as per the Global Digital Skills Index 2022?

- (a) India
- (b) Australia
- (c) Canada
- (d) USA
- (e) Switzerland

Answer: A

India has scored 63 out of 100, leads the digital skills readiness, and has the highest readiness index among the 19 countries according to

Salesforce, a leading player in Customer Relationship Management (CRM), published the Global Digital Skills Index 2022 which highlights the growing global digital skills crisis and the need for action.

10. Recently R Rajamohan passed away. He was an astronomer at which institution?

- (a) National Centre for Radio Astrophysics
- (b) Indian Institute of Science
- (c) Indian Institute of Astrophysics
- (d) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research
- (e) Indian Statistical Institute

Answer: C

Professor R Rajamohan, who was an astronomer at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru, for decades, passed away. He is best known for his Kalki Project, which aimed to discover asteroids using the 48-cm Schmidt telescope in Kavalur VBO and discovered a new asteroid, number 4130, from India.

February 3rd week Current Affairs MCQ

1. Which of the following social media platform has recently partnered with Paytm as a payments partner for Tips in India?

- (a) Twitter
- (b) Facebook
- (c) Instagram
- (d) Koo App
- (e) Snap Chat

Answer: A

Twitter has partnered with Paytm Payments Services as a payments partner for Tips in India. It is a new way to monetize on Twitter and enable people on the service to send and receive funds as a token of appreciation. These include Paytm UPI, Paytm Wallet, Paytm Postpaid (buy now-pay later), debit and credit cards, and net banking through Tips.

2. As per the UNDP, AI and Digital Technology would bring around 10-20% reduction in global carbon dioxide emissions by which year?

- (a) 2024
- (b) 2025
- (c) 2027
- (d) 2030
- (e) 2050

Answer: D

With its ambitious new Digital Strategy 2022-2025, UNDP aims to get ahead of the ever-evolving digital reality to accelerate work towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Digitalization includes supporting 100 million people to escape poverty and assisting 500 million people to gain access to clean energy. **Artificial intelligence and digital technology could bring a 10-20% reduction in global carbon dioxide emissions by 2030.**

3. Recently P. J. O'Rourke, a journalist and political satirist passed away. Which of the following was his first book?

- (a) India's China Challenge
- (b) The Post American World
- (c) The World according to China
- (d) American Foreign Policy
- (e) Modern Manners an Etiquette Book for Rude People

Answer: E

P.J. O'Rourke, a journalist and political satirist with a libertarian-conservative bent has passed away. He was a proud conservative Republican — one of his books was called "Republican Party Reptile: The Confessions, Adventures, and Essays. **His first book, published in 1983**

(and reissued in 1989), was called “Modern Manners: An Etiquette Book for Rude People.”

4. According to the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry’s gaming committee, India has around _____ users playing fantasy sports.

- (a) 13 crore
- (b) 12 crore
- (c) 11 crore
- (d) 10 crore
- (e) 9 crore

Answer: A

A23, the gaming application owned by Head Digital Works has appointed Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan as its brand ambassador. Shahrukh Khan will also be featured in A23’s ‘Chalo Saath Khele’ campaign. As the brand ambassador, Shah Rukh will support to elevate the brand among Indians who relate to using their skills to win. According to the FICCI’s gaming committee, India has over 13 crore users playing fantasy sports.

5. Which of the following state would hold the 2nd South Asian Athletic Federation Cross-country championship in March?

- (a) Assam

(b) Arunachal Pradesh

(c) Sikkim

(d) Nagaland

(e) Tripura

Answer: D

The 2nd South Asian Athletic Federation (SAAF) Cross-country championship and 56th National Cross Country athletics Championships will be conducted in the state on March 26 at Indira Gandhi Stadium Kohima in Nagaland. This tournament will be the first-ever international athletics event in the state of Nagaland. The Championship was earlier scheduled to be held on 15th January 2022.

6. By defeating which of the following team the Kharu team has won the 15th CEC Ice Hockey Championship for women in Leh?

(a) Loktak

(b) Lalok

(c) Tumba

(d) Samiya

(e) Dambaiya

Answer: B

In Leh, the Kharu team won the 15th CEC Ice Hockey Championship for women. The match was played in the NDS Indoor Ice Hockey rink, Leh. The Kharu team has defeated the Lalok

women team by 4-1 goals. Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council Leh Deputy Chairman Tsering Angchuk gave prizes to the finalists.

7. In which of the following States/UT every rural household not has a tap water supply under the Jal Jeevan Mission?

- (a) Goa
- (b) Haryana
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Pondicherry
- (e) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: E

The Jal Jeevan Mission has achieved a milestone of providing tap water to 9 crore rural homes in the country. It has provided tap water supply to more than 5.79 crore rural households, in a short span of two and half years. Every rural household has a tap water supply in Goa, Haryana, Telangana, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Pondicherry, Dadar and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.

8. Recently which of the following country's Commander of the Royal Land Forces visited India owing to common interests in eliminating the scourge of terrorism?

- (a) United Arab Emirates

- (b) Saudi Arabia
- (c) South Korea
- (d) South Africa
- (e) France

Answer: B

The Commander of the Royal Saudi Land Forces, Lieutenant General Fahd Bin Abdullah Mohammed Al-Mutair, arrived in India. The relationship between India and Saudi Arabia has grown owing to common interests in economic prosperity, eliminating the scourge of terrorism and mitigating the effects of climate change. This is the first-ever visit by a serving Royal Saudi Land Forces Commander to India and marks deepening bilateral defence cooperation between the two countries.

9. Recently with which of the following country's India has conducted an international workshop on combating marine pollution focusing on marine plastic debris in February?

- (a) Australia
- (b) Singapore
- (c) Russia
- (d) Both a and b
- (e) Both a and c

Answer: D

The Government of India, the Government of Australia and the Government of Singapore, conducted an international workshop on combating marine pollution focusing on marine plastic debris on February 14-15. The workshop had 4 main periods; the magnitude of the marine litter problem-monitoring program; greatest practices and applied sciences; options to forestall plastic air pollution; polymers and plastics: expertise for regional collaboration to remediate or cease plastic air pollution.

10. Recently, who amongst the following has been appointed as the chairperson of the Committee of Administrators to discharge the functions of TTFI?

- (a) Srishti Dwivedi
- (b) Gita Mittal

- (c) Praveen Sharma
- (d) Amol Pathak
- (e) Shruti Mishra

Answer: B

The Delhi High Court has appointed former Jammu and Kashmir High Court Chief Justice Gita Mittal as the chairperson of the Committee of Administrators to discharge the functions of the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI). The CoA will have the power to issue all appropriate directions, under the signatures of the Chairperson."The Court also fixed a monthly honorarium of ₹3 lakh to the chairperson and ₹1 lakh each to the members of the CoA.

February 4th week Current Affairs MCQ

1. Recently the Union Ministry for Rural Development has launched the Ombudsperson App for which of the following schemes?

- (a) Pradhan Mantri Aawas Yojana
- (b) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
- (c) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
- (d) National Rurban Mission

- (e) Mission Antyodaya

Answer: C

Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Giriraj Singh has launched the Ombudsperson App for Mahatma Gandhi NREGA. The Ombudsperson App is developed for smooth reporting and categorization of grievances by Ombudsperson based on

complaints he received from various sources viz. physical, digital and mass media, related to the implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Scheme in the States/UTs.

2. Who amongst the following has recently composed the signature tune for 'Vande Bharatam' for Nritya Utsav?

- (a) Ricky Kej
- (b) Bickram Ghosh
- (c) Devis Thomas
- (d) Both a and b
- (e) Both b and c

Answer: D

The Minister of State for Culture & External Affairs, Meenakashi Lekhi has released a signature tune for 'Vande Bharatam'. The tune is composed by Grammy Award winner Ricky Kej and Oscar contender Bickram Ghosh. It was produced for Vande Bharatam, Nritya Utsav of the Ministry of Culture presented at Rajpath, New Delhi for Republic Day event 2022.

3. Recently Rakesh Sharma has been re-appointed as MD and CEO of which of the following bank?

- (a) South Indian Bank
- (b) Karnataka Bank

- (c) HDFC Bank
- (d) IDBI Bank
- (e) Axis Bank

Answer: D

Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI Bank) has approved the re-appointment of Rakesh Sharma as the MD and CEO of the bank for a period of three years w.e.f. March 19, 2022. He was previously the MD and CEO of Canara Bank and Laxmi Vilas Bank from 2015 to 2018 and 2014 to 2015 respectively.

4. Who amongst the following has been appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of the Hindustan Unilever Ltd w.e.f March 31, 2022?

- (a) Nitin Paranjpe
- (b) Nitin Pawar
- (c) Praveen Rajput
- (d) Ashish Tiwari
- (e) Aditya Mukherjee

Answer: A

Nitin Paranjpe has been appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of the Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) w.e.f March 31, 2022. He is currently serving as Chief Operating Officer of Unilever, the parent company of HUL. The Company has recently announced to separate the position of

Chairman of the Board and the CEO & Managing Director of the company.

5. Who amongst the following has recently roped as the brand ambassador of Dish TV India?

- (a) Disha Patani
- (b) Priya Puniya
- (c) Rishabh Pant
- (d) Rohit Sharma
- (e) K.L. Rahul

Answer: C

Dish TV India has recently appointed Indian cricketer Rishabh Pant as its brand ambassador. He will be featuring in the brand's 360-degree communication for the next two years. The close affinity between D2H brand and Rishabh Pant as brand ambassadors will enable deeper engagement of D2H.

6. Which of the following organization has recently signed a MoU with the National Institute of Urban Affairs to collaborate on a jointly designed 'Sustainable Cities India program'?

- (a) Asian Development Bank
- (b) Association of Southeast Asian Nations
- (c) European Investment Bank

- (d) Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
- (e) World Economic Forum

Answer: E

The World Economic Forum (WEF) and the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on a jointly designed 'Sustainable Cities India program'. The program aims to create an enabling environment for cities to generate decarbonization solutions across the energy, transport, and built environment sectors.

7. What is the revised estimation of India's economic growth in 2022 by Moody's report?

- (a) 9.5 percent
- (b) 8.8 percent
- (c) 9.8 percent
- (d) 7.0 percent
- (e) 7.8 percent

Answer: A

Moody's has recently revised India's economic growth estimates in the Current Year 2022 upwards to 9.5 percent from 7 percent on stronger than expected recovery after a lockdown in 2020 and Covid-19's Delta wave in 2021. It maintained a forecast for 5.5 per cent growth in CY2023.

8. As of February 2022, the Indian Navy has received _____ anti-submarine warfare aircraft P-8I from the company Boeing.

- (a) 12
- (b) 13
- (c) 14
- (d) 15
- (e) 16

Answer: A

The Indian Navy has received the 12th anti-submarine warfare aircraft P-8I from the US-based aerospace company Boeing. This is the fourth of four additional aircraft, for which the contract was signed in 2016. P-8I is a long-range maritime reconnaissance and Anti-Submarine Warfare Aircraft, and a variant of the P-8A Poseidon used by the US Navy. India was the first international customer of Boeing for this aircraft.

9. Which of the following parachute battalions has not received the Presidential Colours Awards recently by the Chief of Army Staff?

- (a) 11 Para (Special Forces)
- (b) 21 Para (Special Forces)
- (c) 31 Para (Special Forces)
- (d) 23 Para Battalions

(e) 29 Para Battalions

Answer: C

Chief of Army Staff General M.M. Naravane has presented Presidential Colours to four parachute battalions at Parachute Regiment Training Centre in Bengaluru. The award of President's Colours or the 'Nishan' is one of the highest honours bestowed upon a military unit in recognition of its exceptional service to the nation. The four battalions are the 11 Para (Special Forces), 21 Para (Special Forces), 23 Para, and 29 Para battalions.

10. As of February 22, 2022 approximately how many farmers have been benefited under the PM Kisan scheme?

- (a) 15.34 crore
- (b) 12.38 crore
- (c) 10.58 crore
- (d) 11.78 crore
- (e) 16.70 crore

Answer: D

About 11.78 crore farmers as of February 22, 2022, have been benefited under the PM Kisan scheme. The amount worth Rs 1.82 lakh crore have been disbursed to eligible beneficiaries across India in various intervals.



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