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What is the objective of 'SAMARTH' initiative launched by the MSME Ministry?

- A) Women Entrepreneurship**
- [B] Value Addition
- [C] Support for Marketing
- [D] Portal for GST

The objective of SAMARTH:

To provide Skill Development and Market Development Assistance to women and to train more than 7500 women candidates from rural and sub-urban areas in the FY 2022-23.

RBI has launched a 24×7 Helpline for Digital Payments. What is the name of this initiative?

- A) DigiSaathi**
- B) DigiYatra
- C) DigiSuvidha
- D) DigiPay

Name the UPI facility launched by RBI for feature phones?

- A) UPI123green
- B) UPI123digital
- C) UPI123pay**
- D) UPI123go

One is UPI123pay- which provides a UPI payment facility on feature phones and the second is "DigiSaathi" which is a 24×7 Helpline for Digital Payments. The UPI123pay will provide the users of feature phones the option to use Unified Interface Payments (UPI) for making payments

In India, the Jan Aushadhi Diwas is observed on March 07 every year to raise awareness about the usages of generic medicines. The year 2022 marks which year of the annual celebration?

- A) 5th
- B) 8th
- C) 6th
- D) 4th**

The PAN-India programme 'Jharokha' has been launched by the Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Textiles to promote traditional Indian handicrafts, handlooms, and art & culture. The inaugural celebration of the programme was held in which city?

- A) Lucknow
- B) Bhopal**
- C) Gurugram
- D) Noida

How many women were felicitated with the 'Nari Shakti Puraskar' for the year 2020 and 2021, on the occasion of International Women's Day on March 08, 2022?

- A) 29
- B) 31
- C) 24
- D) 18

India's first indigenously developed Flying Trainer 'HANSA-NG' has successfully completed sea-level trials at Puducherry. It has been designed and developed by _____.

- (a) Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL)
- (b) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- (c) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- (d) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

Union Labour and Employment Minister Bhupender Yadav has launched the 'Donate-a-Pension' program under the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM) pension scheme. PM-SYM scheme was launched in which year?

- (a) 2014
- (b) 2016
- (c) 2017
- (d) 2019

Microsoft has announced to set up India's largest datacentre region in _____.

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) Bengaluru

Who among the following has become first woman cricketer to appear at six Cricket World Cup?

- (a) Smriti Mandhana
 - (b) Mithali Raj
 - (c) Jhulan Goswami
 - (d) Shafali Verma
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International Paralympic Committee (IPC) has banned the athlete's entries from Russia and Belarus for the Beijing 2022 Winter Paralympics due to the war in Ukraine. Where is the headquarters of International Paralympic Committee?

- (a) Montreal, Canada
- (b) Lausanne, Switzerland
- (c) Bonn, Germany**
- (d) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

What is "PARAM Ganga", which was seen in the news recently?

- [A] Covid Vaccine
- [B] Ganga Rejuvenation Scheme
- [C] Super-computer**
- [D] Crypto currency

Which Indian state launched 'Kaushalya Matritva Yojana'?

- [A] Odisha
- [B] Chhattisgarh**
- [C] Gujarat
- [D] Rajasthan

India's 1st women-owned industrial park has opened in which city?

- a) Pune
- b) Hyderabad**
- c) Bengaluru
- d) Chennai

When was FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO) established?

- a) 1991
- b) 1999
- c) 1981
- d) 1983**

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched UPI for feature phones 'UPI123Pay' and 24*7 helpline 'DigiSaathi'. Who is the present MD & CEO of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)?

- (a) Noopur Chaturvedi
- (b) Dilip Asbe**
- (c) N Venudhar Reddy
- (d) Ritesh Shukla

#LaxmiForLaxmi is a missed call advisory service for financial empowerment of women population. Which fund house has launched this campaign?

- A) SBI Mutual Fund
- B) UTI Mutual Fund
- C) HDFC Mutual Fund
- D) ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund

-: This International Women's Day, HDFC Mutual Fund, one of India's large mutual funds, has announced an exclusive end-to-end women-led financial empowerment initiative #LaxmiForLaxmi. HDFC Mutual Fund will connect women investors to a woman financial expert near them through a unique missed call service. The woman financial expert will guide and address queries of the woman investor, for instance – why and how to invest in a mutual fund, benefits of SIPs, etc.

Who has been elected as the new President of Financial Action Task Force (FATF), to succeed incumbent Dr. Marcus Pleyer of Germany?

- A) Santiago Otamendi
- B) T. Raja Kumar
- C) Vincent Schmoll
- D) Juan Manuel Vega-Serrano

Who has been named as the new Chairperson of the Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) to replace Justice Shiva Kirti Singh?

- A) Justice DN Patel
- B) Justice S. Muralidhar
- C) Justice Sanjay Karol
- D) Justice Dipankar Datta

Which state government will implement 'Aama Yojna', a scheme for helping non-working mothers & 'Bahini Scheme' benefitting girl students of the state?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Bihar

Chief Minister of Sikkim, **Prem Singh Tamang** has announced that the State Government will soon implement 'Aama Yojana, a scheme for helping non-working mothers & 'Bahini Scheme' benefitting girl students of the state.

India's largest reclining statue of Lord Buddha is being built at which pilgrim site?

- A) Kushinagar
- B) Bodh Gaya**
- C) Nalanda
- D) Sarnath

- The statue of Lord Buddha is in the sleeping posture. It is being made using fiberglass. The statue will be 100 feet long and 30 feet high.
- Its construction started in the year 2019.
- From February 2023, the giant statue of Lord Buddha will be opened for the devotees.
- Bodh Gaya is the place where Lord Buddha attained enlightenment, hence, the statue is being built here.

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Noor-2 is a military satellite launched by which country recently?

- (a) Israel
- (b) Iran**
- (c) Singapore
- (d) Mali

Freedom in the World 2022 report released by Freedom House to assess the political rights and civil liberties of a country. India has been placed under which category of freedom?

- (a) Free
- (b) Not free
- (c) Highly free
- (d) Partly free**

Who has been declared as the 23rd and latest Woman Grandmaster (WGM) of India?

- A) Subbaraman Vijayalakshmi
- B) Padmini Rout
- C) Priyanka Nutakki**
- D) Mary Ann Gomes

_____ has been selected to represent India at the 2041 Climate Force Antarctica Expedition which is set to be held in March 2022.

- (a) Rajni Chaudhary
- (b) Deepika Soni
- (c) Soniya Sharma
- (d) Aarushi Verma

T. Raja Kumar has been appointed as the president of the Financial Action Task Force. He hails from which country?

- (a) Malaysia
- (b) Singapore
- (c) India
- (d) Srilanka

The FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) has operationalised India's first fully women-owned industrial park in which state?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Telangana
- D) Maharashtra

Matrushakti Udaymita Scheme has been launched by which state to promote women entrepreneurship in the state?

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Punjab
- C) West Bengal
- D) Haryana

Under the scheme, the women whose family annual income is less than **5 lakh rupees** based on **Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP)** verified data, will be provided access to soft loans by financial institutions to the extent of 3 lakh rupees. Subsequently, the interest subvention of 7% will also be provided for three years through the **Haryana Women Development Corporation**.

Which bank has launched the 'HouseWorksWork' initiative for urban educated women who want to rejoin the professional space?

- A) ICICI Bank
- B) Axis Bank
- C) HDFC Bank
- D) Kotak Mahindra Bank

-: Axis Bank rolls out 'HouseWorklsWork' initiative; to bring educated women to workforce. Urban educated women's participation in the workforce still not at desired levels, Axis Bank has kicked off the 'HouseWorklsWork' initiative, offering opportunities to those who want to re-join the professional space.

India and Bangladesh, with which country have finalized an enabling MoU for implementing the long-gestating BBIN Motor Vehicles Agreement (MVA) to boost trade and connectivity?

- (a) Bhutan
- (b) Myanmar
- (c) Nepal**
- (d) Sri Lanka

Which of these is not a part of All India Financial Institution (AIFI) under RBI?

- A) EXIM
- B) SIDBI
- C) NABARD
- D) SEBI**

- RBI has announced that National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) will be regulated and supervised by it as an All India Financial Institution (AIFI) under the RBI Act, 1934.
- NaBFID will be regulated and supervised by RBI as an AIFI under Sections 45L and 45N of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- Presently RBI has four AIFIs under it namely EXIM Bank, NABARD, NHB and SIDBI. NaBFID will be the fifth AIFI under RBI.

What is the theme of National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF) 2022?

- [A] Be the voice of New India and find solutions and contribute to Policy**
- [B] Voice of Youth matters
- [C] E-Governance and Use of ICT
- [D] Participation of Women in Parliament

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- (a) Bodh Gaya, Bihar**
- (b) Kushinagar, Bihar
- (c) Sarnath, Bihar
- (d) Kesariya, Bihar

Who has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Lupin Limited's Women's Cardiovascular Health Awareness Initiative – 'Shakti Campaign'?

- (a) Mary Kom
- (b) PV Sindhu
- (c) Vandana Katariya
- (d) Disha Patani

Who among the following has won the Grandiscacchi Cattolica International Open Chess Tournament, held in Italy?

- (a) R Praggnanandhaa
- (b) Harshit Raja
- (c) Bharath Subramaniam
- (d) S L Narayanan

National Land Monetization Corporation (NLMC) functions under the administrative jurisdiction of which Ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- [B] Ministry of Finance
- [C] Ministry of MSME
- [D] Ministry of Home Affairs

Which country will host a virtual meeting of agriculture ministers from the G7 countries?

- (a) France
- (b) Germany
- (c) India
- (d) United States

Yoon Suk-yeol has been elected as the new President of which of the following country?

- (a) South Korea
- (b) Japan
- (c) Vietnam
- (d) Malaysia

Rizwana Hasan has recently been selected for the International Women of Courage (IWOC) Award for 2022. She hails from which country?

- (a) Bangladesh
- (b) Myanmar
- (c) India
- (d) Pakistan