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1.The Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS) scheme is operated by which organization?

- [A] Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- [B] National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
- [C] Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- [D] Ministry of Finance

Correct Answer: C [Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)]

The Startup India mission's success owes much to funding mechanisms like the Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS). FFS was launched in 2016 with a Rs 10,000 crore corpus, aligned with the 14th and 15th Finance Commissions. Its goal is to boost the Indian startup ecosystem and provide access to domestic capital. FFS does not invest directly in startups but funds SEBI-registered Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs), which invest in startups via equity and equity-linked instruments. The scheme is operated by the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).

2.Palamu Tiger Reserve is located in which state?

- [A] Maharashtra
- [B] Karnataka

[C] Bihar

[D] Jharkhand

Correct Answer: D [Jharkhand]

Jharkhand Forest Department is studying ways to revive the declining Bison (Gaur) population at Palamu Tiger Reserve (PTR). It is located in the western part of Latehar district on the Chhotanagpur plateau in Jharkhand. It is part of the Betla National Park and was one of the first nine tiger reserves under 'Project Tiger.' It holds historical significance as the first reserve where a tiger census was conducted in 1932 using pugmark counting.

3.Kalaripayattu is the traditional martial art of which state?

[A] Tamil Nadu

[B] Kerala

[C] Karnataka

[D] Maharashtra

Correct Answer: B [Kerala]

Kalaripayattu, a traditional martial art from Kerala, is included only as a demonstration event in the 38th National Games in Uttarakhand. According to mythology, the warrior sage Parasurama introduced Kalaripayattu. The term Kalaripayattu combines "kalari," meaning a place of combat, and "payattu," meaning fighting in Malayalam. Uttarakhand will host the National Games 2025 from January 28 to February 14, 2025.

4.Who has been appointed Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) recently?

[A] Gyanendra Pratap Singh

[B] Akhilesh Sinha

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- [C] Deepak Kumar
- [D] Ravideep Singh

Correct Answer: A [Gyanendra Pratap Singh]

Assam police chief Gyanendra Pratap Singh is appointed as Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). The CRPF, India's premier central police force under the Ministry of Home Affairs, ensures internal security. It was established in 1939 as the Crown Representative's Police during political unrest in princely states.

5. National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) works under which ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Defence
- [B] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [C] Ministry of Jal Shakti
- [D] Ministry of External Affairs

Correct Answer: B [Ministry of Home Affairs]

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs participated in the 20th Raising Day ceremony of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. NDRF was established in 2006 under Section 44 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, for specialized disaster response. It is a multi-skilled force equipped to handle natural and man-made disasters, including floods, cyclones, earthquakes, and accidents. NDRF operates under the Ministry of Home Affairs and is led by a Director General.

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