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# HIGHER EDUCATION

#### ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS AFTER UNDER GRADUATE LEVEL

# 1.Common Admission Test (CAT)

Conducted for admission to various management programmes of IIMs.

# **Eligibility:**

Bachelor's Degree, with at least 50% marks or equivalent CGPA [45% in the case of candidates belonging to the Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST) and Persons with Disability (PWD) categories]

#### Exam Pattern:

The duration of the test is 120 minutes (160 minutes for PWD candidates).

The time allotted for each section was 40 minutes (53 minutes and 20 seconds for PWD candidates).

Section I: Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension (VARC),

Section II: Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning (DILR),

Section III: Quantitative Ability (QA)

Website: www.iimcat.ac.in

# 2. Graduate Management Aptitude Test (GMAT)

Conducted for admission in graduate management programmes of business schools. The Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) is a standardised multiple-choice computer-adaptive test that is administered by the Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC). Thousands of students who aspire to pursue a postgraduate degree in management, in India or abroad, choose to take the GMAT exam every year.

#### > Eligibility:

Any Bachelor's degree

#### Exam Pattern:

The GMAT online exam includes the Quantitative, Verbal, Integrated Reasoning and the Analytical Writing Assessment section. The total exam time is 3 hours 7 minutes.

Website: <a href="www.gmac.com">www.gmac.com</a>

#### 3. XAT (Xavier Aptitude Test)

Xavier Aptitude Test (XAT) conducted by XLRI Jamshedpur, is instrumental in MBA/PGDM admissions. Besides opening doors to XLRI Jamshedpur and other Xavier Associate Management Institutes, over 160 elite B-schools across India, such as Loyola Institute of Business Management (Chennai), St. Joseph's Institute of Management, IMT Ghaziabad, GIM Goa, Sri Balaji University, TAPMI Manipal, XIMB Bhubaneswar, and FORE School of Management (New Delhi) recognize XAT scores as a benchmark for their admission process.

# > Eligibility:

Three-year bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification in any discipline from a recognized university

#### Exam Pattern:

XAT question paper consists of two-time bound parts. Part I a) Verbal Ability & Logical Reasoning (VA & LR) b) Decision Making (DM) c) Quantitative Aptitude & Data Interpretation (QA & DI) Part II a) General Knowledge (GK) b) Analytical Essay Writing (AEW).

Website: <u>www.xatonline.in</u>

# 4. Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE)

Conducted for admission with possible financial assistance to Master's programs and direct Doctoral programs in Engineering, Technology, Architecture, Science, and Humanities; and Doctoral programs in relevant branches of Engineering, Science, and Humanities, in institutions supported by Ministry of Education (MoE) and other Government agencies. GATE score is also used by some colleges and institutions for admission to postgraduate programs without MoE scholarship. Several Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) have also been using GATE score for recruitment.

# > Eligibility:

Candidates who are currently studying in the 3rd or higher years of any undergraduate degree program or who have completed any government approved degree program in Engineering/ Technology/ Science/ Architecture/ Humanities are eligible to appear for GATE.

#### Exam Pattern:

GATE consists of - General Aptitude (GA) + Candidate's Selected Subjects. GATE will have a total of 30 test papers comprising full papers and sectional papers. Candidates have the option to appear for one or two test papers from the allowed two-paper combinations. The GATE score obtained by the candidates will remain valid for a period of three years from the date of announcement of results. The test papers will be in English, Computer Based Test (CBT) of 3 hrs duration.

Website:

# 5. Joint Entrance Screening Test (JEST)

Conducted for admission to Integrated Ph.D Programme in Physics or Theoretical Computer Science or Neuroscience or Computational Biology in one of the Participating Institutes.

# > Eligibility:

For Integrated M.Sc. / M.Tech - Ph.D Programme (Physics) - (B. Sc. (Physics / athematics/Computer Science/Electronics) / B.E. / B.Tech.)

For Integrated Ph.D Programme in Theoretical Computer Science at IMSc - B.Sc./B.E./B.Tech./M.C.A. in Computer Science or related disciplines and should be interested in the mathematical aspects of computer science.

For Integrated Ph.D. Programme at IISER Kolkata and IISER. TVM. - (B. Sc. (Physics) or B.E. / B. Tech. in any discipline.).

For M. Sc. Programme at HRI. - (B. Sc. (Physics) or B.E./B.Tech. degree in any discipline). For Joint SPPU-IUCAA MSc Physics (Astrophysics) programme - (B. Sc. (Physics and Mathematics) or B.E. / B. Tech. in any branch of engineering, with a minimum of 55% marks.).

#### Exam Pattern:

Test consists of two parts - i) Computer Based, and ii) a descriptive part to be answered using pen and paper, for a total duration of 3 hours.

Website: www.jest.org.in

# 6. Joint Admission Test for Masters (IIT JAM)

For admission to post-graduate science programmes such as (i) M.Sc., (ii) M.Sc. (Tech.), (iii) MS (Research), (iv) M.Sc. - M.Tech. Dual Degree, (v) Joint M.Sc. - Ph.D., and (vi) M.Sc. - Ph.D. Dual Degree at Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and National Institutes of Technology (NITs).

# **Eligibility:**

Eligibility Requirements of candidates are requested to refer the websites of the respective admitting institute.

#### Exam Pattern:

JAM Examination conducted as a Computer Based Test in SEVEN Test Papers, namely, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Economics, Geology, Mathematics, Mathematical Statistics, and Physics.

Website: <a href="https://jam.iitm.ac.in/">https://jam.iitm.ac.in/</a>

# 7. PG Common-Law Admission Test (PG - CLAT)

Conducted for admissions to postgraduate (PG) law programmes offered by 22 National Law Universities in India.

# Eligibility:

An Ll.B. Degree or an equivalent examination with a minimum of Fifty percent (50%) marks or its equivalent grade in case of candidates belonging to General/OBC/PWD/NRI/PIO/OCI categories and Forty-Five percent (45%) marks or its equivalent grade in case of candidates belonging to SC/ST categories.

#### Exam Pattern:

120 minutes duration and include 120 objective-type questions carrying 1 mark each. There shall be a negative marking of 0.25 marks for every wrong answer. The paper will be based on the mandatory subjects of the undergraduate program and include Constitutional Law, Jurisprudence, Administrative Law, Law of Contract, Torts, Family Law, Criminal Law, Property Law, Company Law, Public International Law, Tax Law, Environmental Law, and Labour & Industrial Law.

Website: https://consortiumofnlus.ac.in/clat

#### 8. CUET (PG)(Common University Entrance Test) PG

For admission into PG programmes in Central and participating Universities

#### > Eligibility:

Pass bachelor degree/equivalent examination.(\*\*\*The eligibility for the courses and the topics to be faced in the entrance examination should be understood from the notifications published by the University from time to time as admissions are made in various courses by conducting a common entrance examination.\*\*\*)

#### Exam Pattern:

CUET (PG) conducted in Computer Based Test mode only. Duration of exam is 105 Minutes. The Question paper will have 75 Questions. Four marks would be awarded for each correct answer and one mark will be deducted for each wrong answer.

Website: https://pgcuet.samarth.ac.in/

# 9. National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) Entrance Test

Conducted for admission to 2 Yrs Master Programme (Masters of Design, Masters of Fashion Management, Masters of Fashion Technology).

# **Eligibility:**

Undergraduate Degree in any discipline or Undergraduate Diploma of minimum three years duration from NIFT/NID [For Master of Fashion Technology (M.F.Tech) B.F.Tech. from National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT).or B.E/B.Tech.]

#### Exam Pattern:

For the PG Design programme, will take a entrance examination comprising of a Creative Ability Test (CAT) and General Ability Test (GAT)

Website: www.nift.ac.in/

# 10. Kerala Law Entrance Examination

Conducted for admission to the 3 Year LLB Course in any of the Govt. Law Colleges of the State of Kerala or in Government Merit seats in private self-financing law colleges of the State.

### **Eligibility:**

Graduate in any faculty of any University in Kerala or of any other Universities with a minimum of 45% marks (i.e., 45% marks for all the parts of the Degree Examination taken together). (However, candidates belonging to Socially and Educationally Backward Classes need only 42% marks and those belonging to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes need only 40% marks in the qualifying examination.) The applicant should have completed 17 years of age.

#### Exam Pattern:

The Entrance Examination shall be a Computer Based Test (CBT) of two hours duration and will consist of 200 objective type questions in (a) General English (60 questions), (b) General Knowledge (45 questions), (c) Arithmetic and Mental Ability (25 questions) and (c) Aptitude for Legal Studies (70 questions).

Website: www.cee.kerala.gov.in

#### 11. VITMEE

Conducted for admission into M.Tech 2 Year PG Engineering Programmes & MCA Programmes at VIT - Vellore, VIT - Chennai, VIT - AP, VIT - Bhopal.

# > Eligibility:

A degree with 60 % marks

#### Exam Pattern:

A Computer Based Objective test of 100 questions with a Maximum of 100 marks

Website: https://vit.ac.in/

#### **ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS AFTER PLUSTWO**

# 1. Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Main

Conducted For admission to Undergraduate Engineering Programs (B.E/B. Tech) at NITs, IIITs, other Centrally Funded Technical Institutions (CFTIs), Institutions/Universities funded/recognized by articipating State Governments. It is also an eligibility test for JEE (Advanced), which is conducted for admission to IITs.

# > Eligibility:

Class 12/Diploma recognized by AICTE or a State board of technical education of at least 3 years duration.

Should have secured at least 75% marks. (for SC / ST 65%).

For BE/B Tech -Passed qualifying examination with Physics and Mathematics as compulsory subjects along with one of the Chemistry/Biotechnology/Biology/ Technical Vocational subjects.

For B Arch - with at least 50 % aggregate marks in Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics and also at least 50 percent marks in aggregate of the 10+2 level examination or passed the 10+3 Diploma Examination with Mathematics as a compulsory subject with at least 50 % marks in aggregate.

For B Planning - Pass the qualifying examination with Mathematics.

#### Exam Pattern:

The Joint Entrance Examination Main (Computer Based Test(CBT)) mode comprises two papers. Paper 1 is conducted for admission to B.E./B.Tech. Paper 2 is conducted for admission to B. Arch and B. Planning.

Website: <a href="https://jeemain.nta.ac.in/">https://jeemain.nta.ac.in/</a>

#### 2. Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Advanced

Conducted for Admission to B Tech, B S, B Arch, Dual Degree B Tech- M Tech, Dual Degree B S - MS,Integrated M Sc, Integrated M Tech at IIT's & some CFTI's. Candidates should be among the top 2,50,000 successful candidates (including all categories) in B.E./B.Tech. Paper of JEE (Main).

### Eligibility:

Class 12/Diploma recognized by AICTE or a State board of technical education of at least 3 years duration. Should have secured at least 75% marks. (For SC / ST 65%).

#### Exam Pattern:

The candidates can appear for 2 sessions in JEE Main Exam in one academic year. The best score out of two shall be considered. The examination consists of two papers (Paper 1 and Paper 2) of three hours duration each. Appearing in both the papers is compulsory.

Website: http://www.cee-kerala.org

# 3. National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA)

Conducted for the admission to Bachelor of Architecture offered by Universities / Institutions in the country

> Eligibility:

Pass 10+2 with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics as compulsory subjects with at least 50% marks in aggregate or pass 10+3 Diploma Examination with Mathematics as compulsory subject with at least 50% marks in aggregate.

# > Exam pattern:

The candidates can appear for maximum of 3 attempts in NATA in one academic year. The best score out of all the attempts shall be considered for declaration of results. The score of NATA Test would be valid for a period of 2 academic years. The Tests shall be 3 hours duration comprising with Part A - Drawing and Composition Test - Offline Test - 90 Minutes and Part B - MCQ - Computer based online Test - 90 Minutes.

Website: <a href="https://www.nata.in/">https://www.nata.in/</a>

# 4.Kerala Engineering, Architecture and Medical Entrance Exam (KEAM)

For admission to any of the following courses in the institutions controlled by the State of Kerala - Engineering, Architecture, B.Pharm, MBBS, BDS, Ayurveda, Homoeopathy, Siddha, Unani, Agriculture, Co-Operation & Banking, Climate Change & Environmental Science, B.Tech Biotechnology (under KAU), Forestry, Veterinary and Fisheries- should apply.

### > Eligibility:

For engineering courses-Plus two with Physics, Mathematics as compulsory subjects and Chemistry/Computer Science/Biotechnology as one of the optional subjects with atleast 45% marks.

For Architecture course- Plus two with Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics or pass in 10+3

Diploma Examination with Mathematics as compulsory subject with at least 50 % marks in aggregate.

For B Pharm: Pass Plus two with English as one of the subjects and Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics/Biology as optional subjects.

# Exam pattern:

Entrance Examination for Engineering courses will be conducted in Paper I - Physics & Chemistry Paper II – Mathematics. Admission to Engineering courses shall be regulated on the basis of merit as assessed by giving equal weightage of 50:50 to the marks obtained in the Entrance Examination for Engineering (Paper I & Paper II put together), and the grade/marks obtained for Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry put together in the final year of the qualifying examination, after effecting the standardization procedure. For admission to the Architecture course, the merit as assessed by giving equal weightage to the marks obtained in the NATA. Admission to Medical & Allied courses are regulated on the basis of merit as assessed in the NEET-UG. Admission to the B. Pharm course is regulated on the basis of marks obtained in the Paper-I (Physics & Chemistry) of KEAM Exam.

Website: <a href="http://www.cee-kerala.org/">http://www.cee-kerala.org/</a>

# 5. Indian Maritime University Common Entrance Test

Conducted to get admission in B.Tech, B.Sc (NS) courses at IMU Campuses and other affiliated institutions.

# Eligibility:

Pass in 10+2/equivalent (PCM Average - Minimum 60% with minimum of 50% marks in English subject in 10th / 12th Examination). Candidates must be medically fit and must meet the physical standards as prescribed in the Merchant Shipping (Medical Examination) Rules, 2000.

#### Exam pattern:

IMU-CET consists of 200 multiple choice questions from English, General Aptitude, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics at Plus 2 level.

Website: <a href="https://www.imu.edu.in/">https://www.imu.edu.in/</a>

#### 6.BITSAT (BITS Aptitude Test)

Conducted for Admission to BE, B Pharm & 5 Year Integrated M.Sc. Programmes at BITS Pilani, Goa & Hyderabad Campus.

### Eligibility:

Admission to any of the First Degree programmes of BITS except B.Pharm:

Candidates should have passed the 12th examination with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics (PCM).

For admission to B. Pharm: candidates should have passed the 12th examination with Physics, Chemistry, and Biology or Mathematics.

The candidate should have obtained a minimum of aggregate 75% marks in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics or a minimum of aggregate 75% marks in Physics, Chemistry and Biology, with at least 60% marks in each of the Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics / Biology subjects.

# Exam pattern:

Admissions will be made purely on merit. The candidate's merit position will be based on the score obtained by the candidate in a computer-based Online Test (BITSAT) conducted by BITS, Pilani.

Website: www.bitsadmission.com

# 7. National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test (NEET)

Conducted for admission to MBBS, BDS,BHMS,BAMS, BUMS, BSMS, BVSc & AH, BSc./Integrated M.Sc. at IISc, IISERs & others.

## Eligibility:

Class 12 (Physics, Chemistry, Biology/Bio-technology and also English as a compulsory subject and must have obtained a minimum of 50% marks taken together in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology/Bio technology).

#### Exam pattern:

NEET (UG) - 2023 is a Pen & Paper-based Test, to be answered on the specially designed machine gradable OMR sheet using Ball Point Pen is provided at the Centre.

The duration of the test03 hours 20 minutes.

The Test pattern of NEET (UG) - comprises four Subjects Physics, Chemistry, Botany & Zoology. Each subject will consist of two sections. Section A will consist of 35 Questions and Section B will have 15 Questions, out of these 15 Questions, candidates can choose to attempt any 10 Questions. Total marks is 720. Correct option marked will be given (4) marks and Incorrect option marked will be given minus one (-1) mark.

Website: https://www.nta.ac.in//

# 8.Indian Council of Agricultural Research ICAR AIEEA-UG

Conducted for admission to BSc Agriculture programme at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi ,Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi, Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology (GBPUAT), Pantnagar, Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU), Amritsar , Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University (CCS HAU), Hisar ,Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (RVSKVV), Gwalior etc. & 15 % seats in Kerala.

# Eligibility:

Candidates must have passed Class 12 with at least 50% marks in aggregate for General, OBC, and UPS categories, and 40% marks for SC, ST, and PC categories. Candidates must have passed Class 12 with Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics (PCM) or Biology, Chemistry, and Mathematics (BCM) in Class 12.

# > Exam pattern:

ICAR AIEEA -UG is a computer based test of 2 hrs duration (150 questions) (Physics: 50 questions Chemistry: 50 questions Mathematics: 50 questions Biology: 50 questions Agriculture: 50 questions).(For correct answer: +4 marks & Incorrect answer: -1 mark.)

Website: www.icar.org.in/

# 9. National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) Entrance Test

Conducted for admission to 4 Yrs B. DES (Fashion Communication, Accessory Design, Fashion Design, Knitwear Design, Leather Design, Textiles Design) & 4 Yrs Bachelors of Fashion Technology (B. F. TECH).

### > Eligibility:

For Bachelor of Design (B.Des) - Plus Two For Bachelor of Fashion Technology (B.F. Tech) - Plus Two with Physics and Mathematics.

# Exam pattern:

Candidates to the UG Design programmes, will take a entrance examination comprising of a General Ability Test (GAT) and Creative Ability Test (CAT). Candidates shortlisted on the basis of the entrance examination will take a Situation Test. (For Fashion Technology programme, will take a entrance examination comprising of a General Ability Test (GAT).

Website: www.nift.ac.in/

# 10. Undergraduate Common Entrance Exam for Design (UCEED)

Conducted for <u>admissions</u> to the Bachelor of Design (BDes) programmes at IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, IIT Guwahati, IIT Hyderabad, and IIITDM Jabalpur are done through the Undergraduate Common Entrance Exam for Design (UCEED). Many institutes also recognize the UCEED Score Card for admissions to their BDes programme.

# Eligibility:

Class XII (or equivalent) in ANY STREAM (Science, Commerce, or Arts & Humanities)

# Exam pattern:

There will be one question paper of 300 marks in English of three hours duration. The question paper will consist of two parts: Part-A and Part-B. It is compulsory to attempt questions from both parts. Part A will be administered through a computer-based test and consist of three sections. Part-B consists of TWO questions to test the candidates' drawing skills and design aptitude.

Website: <a href="https://www.uceed.ac.in/">https://www.uceed.ac.in/</a>

#### 11.CUET(UG)(Common University Entrance Test) UG

The Common University Entrance Test (CUET) is for admission into all UG Programmes in all Central Universities.

# > Eligibility:

Plus Two or equivalent.

# > Exam pattern:

CUET (UG) conducted in Computer Based Test (CBT) mode. Section 1A -Languages (There are 13 different languages. Any of these languages may be chosen), Section 1B - Languages (There are 20 Languages. Any of these languages may be chosen), Section 2 - Domain (There are 27 Domains specific subjects being offered under this section. A candidate may choose any subject as desired by the applicable University/ Universities. ), Section 3 - General Test (For any such undergraduateprogramme / programmes being offered by Universities where a General Test is being used for admission.)

Website: https://cuet.samarth.ac.in/

# **OPPORTUNITIES**

# **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

### 1. Airport Authority of India

# **Notification for 119 Assistant Vacancies**

Last date of application-26.01.2023

Junior Assistant (Fire Service)-

Educational qualifications:

10th Pass + 03 years Regular Diploma in Mechanical/ Automobile/ Fire (OR) Matric with 12th Class Pass. (2) Valid Heavy Vehicle Driving License (OR) Valid Medium Vehicle License issued at least one year before 20/12/2023 (OR) Valid Light Motor Vehicle(LMV) license issued at least two years before 20/12/2023.

#### **Junior Assistant (Office)**

Educational qualifications:

(1) Bachelor's Degree in any discipline.

#### **Senior Assistant (Electronics)**

**Educational qualifications:** 

- 1) Diploma in Electronics /Telecommunication/ Radio Engineering.
- (2) Minimum 02 years relevant experience in the concerned discipline.

#### **Senior Assistant (Accounts)**

**Educational qualifications:** 

Bachelor's Degree preferably B.Com

(2) Minimum 02 years relevant experience in the field of preparation of Financial Statements, taxation (direct & indirect), audit and other Finance & Accounts related field experience.

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# 2. Technician Posts @Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT)

#### **Total-62 vacancies**

**Educational qualifications:** Bsc in chemistry/industrial chemistry OR Diploma in chemical engineering/chemical technology & 2 years of experience in relative field

Last date to apply-23.01.2023

Salary Rs. 23,350-2,00,000/- Per month

Official Website: <a href="https://fact.co.in">https://fact.co.in</a>

# **IT JOBS**

Company	POST	Qualification	Email/website
GALTech Technologies Pvt Ltd (Infopark Thrissur Campus)	PPC SPACIALIST	Education: Bachelor's degree  • 2+ years of PPC experience. • Strong analytical and communication skills.	hr@galtech.org
Airo Global Software Pvt Ltd (Infopark Kochi Phase II)	FLUTTER DEVELOPER	<ul> <li>should have very good knowledge in Flutter / Dart</li> <li>Good communication skill is required</li> <li>Should study API implementation with HTTP</li> <li>6 Months experience</li> </ul>	HIRING@AIROGL OBALSOFTWARE .COM
Chillar Payment Solutions Pvt.Ltd.  (Infopark Kochi Phase II)	WEB FLOW DEVELOPER	<ul> <li>Bachelor's degree in Computer Science</li> <li>2-3 years of hands-on experience.</li> <li>Proficient in Web Flow, HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.</li> <li>Excellent problem-solving and communication skills.</li> </ul>	HR@CHILLARPA YMENTS.COM

# \* Required 23 IT Professionals on contract basis@ Kerala IT Mission

Candidates should apply in the prescribed application format downloaded from website. Duly filled application along with the copies of all documents to prove age ( SSLC / Matriculation certificate ) , qualification, experience etc. shall reach the Director, Kerala State IT Mission, 'Saankethika', Vrindavan Gardens, Pattom Palace P O, Trivandrum – 695 004 on or before 15/01/2024

For more details visit: <a href="https://itmission.kerala.gov.in/node/868">https://itmission.kerala.gov.in/node/868</a>

# **GK CORNER**

# Important Days in January

Day	Importance
January1	Global family day
January 4	World Braille day
January 6	World war orphans day
January 9	Pravasi bharathiya divas
January 10	World Hindi day
January11	National milk day
January15	National youth day
January 26	Republic day

#### **GK & CURRENT AFFAIRS**

- 1. Who has been appointed as chairman of the ad hoc committee for overseeing the operations of the Wrestling Federation of India?
- [A] Sanjay Singh
- [B] Bhupinder Singh Bajwa
- [C] MM Somaya
- [D] Manjusha Kanwar

**Correct Answer:** B [Bhupinder Singh Bajwa]

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) formed a three-member ad hoc committee to run the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) after the sports ministry suspended the wrestling body. The IOA appointed Bhupinder Singh Bajwa as the chairman of the committee with MM Somaya and Manjusha Kanwar as the members of the committee to run the day-to-day affairs of the WFI.

- 2. Which country has recently launched Fatah-II, a multi-launch rocket system?
- [A] Bangladesh
- [B] Iraq
- [C] UAE
- [D] Pakistan

**Correct Answer:** D [Pakistan]

On December 27, 2023, Pakistan's military successfully conducted a flight test of the indigenously developed guided multi-launch rocket system Fatah-II. Fattah-2, new and improved hypersonic weapon has been launched by Iran in November 2023.

- 3. Nandankanan Zoological Park, that was recently making news, is located in which state?
- [A] Uttar Pradesh
- [B] West Bengal
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Karnataka

Correct Answer: C [Odisha]

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#### **Notes:**

The Central Zoo Authority (CZA) has approved the transfer of a cheetah, African lion, and Chimpanzee from Dubai Safari Park to Nandankanan Zoological Park (NZP) in Odisha. The NZP, in exchange, will provide various animals including Hippopotamus, blackbuck, hog deer, gaur, red junglefowl, and gharial.

- 4. Under what brand name, the central government has recently decided to sell rice at Rs 25 per kilo through public distribution system?
- [A] Namo
- [B] Bharat
- [C] Annapurna
- [D] Desh

**Correct Answer:** B [Bharat ]

#### Notes

Amid rising inflation hitting 10% for rice, the government has decided to start selling rice under the 'Bharat' brand at Rs 25 per kilo through public distribution channels. This is an attempt to boost supply and make the staple more affordable as high cereal costs drive food inflation. The government already sells atta and pulses under the Bharat brand to stabilize prices.

- 5. Shinkansen Technology, that was recently in the news, is related to which sector?
- [A] Aerospace
- [B] Automotive
- [C] Rail Transportation
- [D] Healthcare

**Correct Answer:** C [Rail Transportation]

#### **Notes:**

National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited said that nearly 99.95% of total land acquisition has been completed so far for the 508 km Ahmedabad-Mumbai bullet train corridor. The project is funded by a soft loan from Japan and aims to build India's first high speed rail line based on Japan's Shinkansen technology to cover the route in under 3 hours. Shinkansen, also known as the Japanese Bullet Train, is a high-speed rail system. It utilizes advanced technology, like aerodynamic designs, electromagnetic braking, and dedicated tracks, to achieve speeds up to 200 mph, making it efficient and safe for passenger transport.

- 6. What is the name of the fund to be launched by the Government of India for catalysing deep tech start-ups?
- [A] Digital India Innovation Fund
- [B] Start Up Integration Fund
- [C] Deeptech Innovation Fund
- [D] Bharat Innovation Fund

**Correct Answer:** A [Digital India Innovation Fund]

#### Notes

The Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Rajeev Chandrasekhar announced Government of India is going to launch a Digital India Innovation Fund.

The Fund aims to catalyse Deep-tech Startups. He announced this during his address in the event of 'New India for Young India: Techade of Opportunities' program at the Catholic Bishop House Campus in Kerala.

- 7. Which Ministry has been appointed as the nodal ministry for matters relating to online gaming with monetary risks?
- [A] Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- [B] Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- [C] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Finance

**Correct Answer:** A [Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology]

#### **Notes:**

The Centre recently appointed the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) as the nodal ministry for matters relating to online gaming with monetary risks. As per a notice by the ministry, online companies may be required to practice self regulation. They will also be required to practice due diligence.

- 8. Which state announced the 'Chief Minister's Village Roads Improvement Scheme'?
- [A] Tamil Nadu
- [B] West Bengal
- [C] Odisha
- [D] Bihar

Correct Answer: A [Tamil Nadu]

#### Notes:

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin announced that the government will launch the Chief Minister's Village Roads Improvement Scheme. The scheme will be aimed at improving the quality of 10,000 km of panchayat union roads, with a budget of ₹4,000 crore over the next two years. The government has decided to extend the Chief Minister's Breakfast scheme, launched for school students studying in classes I to, to all the school across Tamil Nadu in a phased manner.

- 9. Jal Jeevan Mission was announced on the Independence Day of which year?
- [A] 2014
- [B] 2016
- [C] 2019
- [D] 2021

Correct Answer: C [2019]

#### **Notes:**

Jal Jeevan Mission was announced on 15th August, 2019 to provide every rural household with tap water connection by 2024. As India celebrates its 74th Republic Day, over 11 Crore rural households of the country have access to tap water connection. Only 3.23 Crore (16.72%) had access to tap water, when the mission as launched in 2019.

- 10. Which Union Ministry is set to launch the virtual facility for e-adjudication of company law violations?
- [A] Ministry of Finance
- [B] Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- [C] Ministry of External Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Commerce and Industry

**Correct Answer:** B [Ministry of Corporate Affairs]

#### **Notes:**

The Ministry of corporate affairs will roll out the facility for e-adjudication of company law violations entirely in the virtual mode before the end of this financial year. The process of revamping the corporate filing system will also be completed by end of March. The ministry is also setting up a new national centre, the Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit, to act as a single window facility for companies that wish to voluntarily exit from business.

# **50 YEARS OF BUREAU**

# University Employment Information and Guidance Bureau, CUSAT has completed 50 years of service in the year 2023

The University Employment Information and Guidance Bureau attached with Cochin University of Science and Technology came into existence on 10.01.1973. This is the joint venture of the University and National Employment Service (Kerala) Department. The Chief of the Bureau is nominated by the Vice Chancellor of the University and the Deputy Chief of the Bureau is an Employment Officer of National Employment Service (Kerala) Department, nominated by the Director of Employment. Bureau is situated at Common Facility Centre in the main campus of CUSAT. It has two class rooms and a career library having more than thousand career related reference books. Over these years the bureau has made a mark for itself in organizing a range of programmes aimed at developing individual competencies in self-knowledge, educational and occupational exploration and career planning. The bureau has been fairly successful in disseminating Occupational and Vocational Information to the student community both within the CUSAT campus and outside.

# Major Activities and Objectives

- To give employment information and advice to the University alumni.
- To give information on various courses of higher studies in India and abroad
- To collect and disseminate Career-Guidance Literature, Magazine etc to help students in their career planning
- To render vocational guidance to the students
- ❖ To collect ,disseminate and provide information on Competitive examinations conducted by the various public service commissions
- To prepare employment guidance bulletin to help students in their educational and vocational planning
- To organise Campus interview in collaboration with the University departments
- To organise pre-examination coaching scheme for some competitive examinations
- ❖ To get the enterprising Un-employed youths and incentives under the self-employment scheme for the registered unemployed.

# **Facilities**

- The library is updated with latest books like Association of Indian Universities hand book and guides for competitive examinations. Books containing information about scholarships, research opportunities etc are available in our library.
- ❖ Besides the Bureau is subscribing useful magazines like Employment News, Civil Service Chronicle, Banking Service Chronicle, Competition Success Review, Prathiyogitha Kiran, Competition Affairs etc.

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