

1. 'Basaveshwara' is a famous statesman-saint of which Indian state/UT?

- A) Delhi
- B) Karnataka ☒
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Telangana



- ❖ Basavanna also called as 'Basaveshwara' was a 12th century statesman, Lingayat saint during the reign of the Kalyani Chalukya dynasty. He is considered a famous icon of the Lingayat community in Karnataka.
- ❖ Recently, the Karnataka CM B.S. Yediyurappa laid the foundation stone for the Rs 500-crore project 'New Anubhava Mantapa' in Basavakalyan. It is considered as the place where the philosopher lived.

2. Which Indian state/UT has introduced a new "School-bag Policy"?

- A) Delhi ☒
- B) Karnataka
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Telangana



- ❖ The Delhi Government has introduced a new "School bag policy", to reduce the weight of school bags of the students, in line with the National Education Policy. The Government also directed the schools in the National Capital Region to implement the policy soon.
- ❖ As per the policy, the weight of school bags for students between classes 1-10 should not be more than 10 per cent of their body weight.

3. What is 'Meliponiculture', which was making news recently?

- A) Stingless Honeybee Farming ☒
- B) Seedless Fruits Production Method
- C) Featherless Poultry Farming
- D) Seedless Vegetables Production Method



- ❖ Karshaka Vidyapeedam, a farmers' university headquartered in Kasaragod, has launched a meliponiculture project in Champeri. A four-month training course on meliponiculture, which means stingless honeybee farming, was also launched.
- ❖ 'Indigenous beehives' designed by the research forum of the University will also be provided in the course along with follow-up assistance.

4. As per the recent announcement of the Lok Sabha speaker, which campaign is to be undertaken in schools and colleges?

- A) Know your MLA
- B) Know your MP
- C) Know your Constituency
- D) Know your Constitution ☒



- ❖ The Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla recently chaired the event organised by the Uttarakhand Panchayati raj department.
- ❖ During the occasion, he announced that the Central Government would soon undertake a campaign named "Know your Constitution" in schools, colleges and universities across the country. It aims to create awareness about various aspects of the Constitution.

5. Trade Policy Review (TPR), which was making news recently, is associated with which organisation?

- A) World Bank
- B) WTO ☒
- C) IMF
- D) FAO



WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

- ❖ Trade Policy Review (TPR) is a mechanism under the World Trade Organisation (WTO), in which trade and related policies of members are examined, to improve compliance to its rules. Recently, India's seventh Trade Policy Review (TPR) at the WTO concluded in Geneva.
- ❖ India's previous TPR was conducted in the year 2015. India backed a set of measures to increase manufacturing capacity and timely availability of new diagnostics and vaccines for Covid-19.

6. IREDA, which was making news recently, is an organisation under which Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Power ☒
- B) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- C) Ministry of Communication
- D) Ministry of MSME



- ❖ Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) is a Mini Ratna company under the administrative control of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
- ❖ Recently, IREDA has signed an agreement with the Power Ministry's PSU, NHPC Limited, to collaborate in renewable energy (RE) projects. IREDA will also provide knowledge and technology transfer, and consultancy services.

7. Who is the head of the Labour Ministry's commission, which recommended a basic living wage?

- A) Santosh Kumar Gangwar
- B) C V Ananda Bose ☒
- E) Apoorva Chandra
- D) Alok Kumar Mathur



- ❖ A one-member commission was created under the Labour Ministry's Central Advisory Contract Labour Board (CACLB), to prepare an action plan for the welfare and development of guest and contract workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ❖ Veteran IAS officer C V Ananda Bose, who was in-charge of the commission, has recommended payment of a basic living wage in the event of employment loss. He also sought to establish Labour Authority of India as a nodal body.

8. 'Pioneers' is a programme of which country's space agency?

- A) India
- B) USA ☒
- C) Britain
- D) Germany



- ❖ The Pioneers Program was started by US space agency NASA in 2020, which aims to research on astrophysics science using smaller hardware. Recently, NASA has approved four small-scale astrophysics missions as a part of the Pioneers Program.
- ❖ The concepts include small satellites named Aspera, Pandora and StarBurst and a balloon mission named PUEO. These missions will help study about cosmic phenomena.

9. Which state has announced to launch the country's first Solar Electric RO-RO service?

- A) Kerala ☒
- B) West Bengal
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Andhra Pradesh



- ❖ The country's first Solar Electric RORO service will be introduced during the year 2021-2022, the Kerala Governor announced in the Assembly. He also announced that the state's first amphibious water bus will also be launched. The state has planned to launch barge service for cargo movement and high-speed tourist services.

10. Which civic body of India has launched the 'Period room' initiative, for improving menstrual hygiene of women?

- A) Tiruvananthapuram Municipal Corporation
- B) Thane Municipal Corporation ☒
- C) Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation
- D) Bengaluru Municipal Corporation



- ❖ The Thane Municipal Corporation has taken a step and introduced a 'period room' in a toilet block located in the corporation. One out of the ten stalls of the toilet block has been converted into a 'period room' with all required amenities. This step is taken to improve menstrual hygiene.