

1. The Land Allotment Policy 2021–30, which was making news recently, was released by which state/UT?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Kerala
- C) Jammu & Kashmir ☒
- D) Gujarat



- ❖ The Jammu and Kashmir administration approved the adoption of a new policy named 'Land Allotment Policy 2021–30'. The policy aims to lay down a framework to regulate zoning of industrial areas.
- ❖ It will also cover land allotment for health institutions and educational institutions. The policy aims to promote fair industrial growth in the UT.

2. 'Ooceraea joshii', is an Ant species recently discovered in which state?

- A) Telangana
- B) Kerala ☒
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Karnataka



- ❖ Two new species of a rare ant genus have been recently discovered in Kerala and Tamil Nadu by a team of scientists from Punjabi University. One of the two species which was discovered found in the Periyar Tiger Reserve of Kerala has been named Ooceraea joshii, to honour the veteran biologist 'Amitabh Joshi'.

3. "Operation Sard Hawa", which was making news recently, was organised by which organisation?

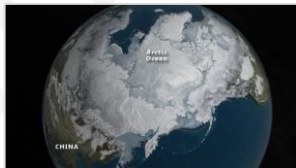
- A) DRDO
- B) ISRO
- C) BSF ☒
- D) ITBP



- ❖ Border Security Force (BSF) organises the Operation "Garam Hawa" in summer season and operation "Sard Hawa" during the winter season every year. BSF has recently launched "Operation Sard Hawa" of this year, under which it aims to increase security on the borders in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. This operation was scheduled from January 21 to 27, coinciding with the Republic Day.

4. Which country has recently revealed a "Draft Arctic Policy"?

- A) China
- B) United States of America
- C) India ☒
- D) South Africa



- ❖ A new draft 'Arctic' policy has been released recently by the Government of India. The draft policy would be available for public opinion till Jan 26, 2021. It has been prepared after deliberations with several Ministries. The policy aims to expand India's scientific research, sustainable tourism and mineral oil and gas exploration in the Arctic region.

5. As per the release by Department of Science and Technology, what is India's position in number of scientific publications?

- A) 2
- B) 3 ☒
- C) 4
- D) 5



- ❖ Department of Science and Technology has stated recently that the number of scientific publications from India has increased exponentially over the last ten years and that India stands at 3rd position globally in number of scientific publications.
- ❖ China and USA are ahead of India in the list. In the year 2017–18, 1,937 out of the total 13,045 patents were filed by Indians.

6. Which organization has adopted a resolution titled "Promoting a culture of peace and tolerance to safeguard religious sites"?

- A) WHO
- B) WTO
- C) United Nations ☒
- D) WIPO



- ❖ A resolution titled "Promoting a culture of peace and tolerance to safeguard religious sites" has been adopted in the United Nations General Assembly recently. The resolution calls for efforts to promote a culture of tolerance and peace at all levels.
- ❖ It also invites the Secretary General to convene a global conference to advance the UN's "Plan of Action to Safeguard Religious Sites".

7. Which is the venue of the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) Defence Ministers Conclave, to be hosted by India in 2021?

- A) Chennai
- B) Bengaluru ☒
- C) New Delhi
- D) Madurai



- ❖ India is to host the Defence Ministers of the countries of the Indian Ocean Region in Bengaluru city on February 4, 2021. This conclave will be organised alongside the upcoming Aero India in Bengaluru. The theme of the conclave will be 'Enhanced Peace, Security and Cooperation in the Indian Ocean'.

8. The train named 'Vasuki', that is seen in news recently, is associated with railway zone?

- A) South East Central Railway ☒
- B) Central Railway
- C) Southern Railway
- D) Western Railway



- ❖ The freight train named 'Vasuki' operated by South East Central Railway has created a new record for longest ever freight train. This train has been formed by amalgamation five rakes of goods trains as a single unit of around 3.5 km. The train has covered a total distance of 224 km between Bhilai and Korba.

9. Union Environment Ministry has installed "Firefly bird diverter" initiative to save which species?

- A) White Stork
- B) Hornbill
- C) Great Indian Bustard ☒
- D) Alexandrine Parakeet



- ❖ The Union Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) along with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) India has launched a unique initiative named a "firefly bird diverter", to save Great Indian Bustard. The diverter is a flap installed on overhead power lines in areas where GIB populations are found in the forests.

- ❖ They look like fireflies and act as reflectors for bird species like the GIB, which can spot them from distance and change their path of flight without colliding on power lines.

10. The Prime Minister released a postage stamp during the centenary celebrations of which University?

- A) Madras University
- B) Aligarh University ☒
- C) Banaras University
- D) Anna University



- ❖ Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) is a Central university in Aligarh. It was originally established by Sir Syed Ahmad Khan in 1875. After the Aligarh Muslim University Act, its original name of 'Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College' was changed to Aligarh Muslim University in 1920. The Prime Minister addressed the Centenary celebrations of the University and also released a postage stamp dedicated to AMU.