

1. "Copyright (Amendment) Rules, 2021", which was seen in the news recently, has been notified by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Commerce and Industry ☒
- C) Ministry of Home Affairs
- D) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting



- ✓ Ministry of Commerce and Industry notifies Copyright (Amendment) Rules, 2021. It also added a new provision regarding publication of a copyrights journal, thereby eliminating the requirement of publication in the Official Gazette. In India, the copyright regime is governed by the Copyright Act, 1957 and the Copyright Rules, 2013.

2. 'SARTHAQ', which was seen in the news recently, is an implementation plan related to which policy?

- A) Agriculture Laws
- B) New Education Policy ☒
- C) Public Sector Enterprises Policy
- D) Environment Impact Assessment



- ✓ Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal chaired a high-level meeting on implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
- ✓ A suggestive implementation plan for school education named 'Students & Teachers' Holistic Advancement through Quality Education (SARTHAQ) was also released.

3. With reference to astronomy, what is 'Osiris', that was seen in the news recently?

- A) Meteor
- B) Black Hole
- C) Exo-Planet ☒
- D) Asteroid



- ✓ 'Osiris', which is officially called HD 209458 b, is the first-ever planet the astronomers have spotted beyond the Earth's solar system. As per a new study published in Nature, it has been found that six chemicals are present in the atmosphere of Osiris.
- ✓ The composition of the chemicals confirm that the exoplanet is over 100 times farther than its current position, when it came into existence.

4. A ₹100-crore fast patrol vessel (FPV) named 'PS Zoroaster', was handed over to which country by India?

- A) Germany
- B) USA
- C) Seychelles ☒
- D) France



- ✓ India formally handed over a fast patrol vessel (FPV) named 'PS Zoroaster' to Seychelles. PM Modi participated in virtual meeting with President of Seychelles Wavel Ramkalawan. This is the fourth made-in-India patrol boat to be gifted to Seychelles since 2005.
- ✓ It was built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineering and will be used for patrolling, anti-smuggling and anti-poaching operations, search and rescue.

5. When was the "United Nations Trust Fund for Counter-Terrorism" established?

- A) 1945
- B) 1992
- C) 2009 ☒
- D) 2020

2009

- ✓ The UN Trust Fund for Counter-Terrorism was established by the Secretary-General in 2009. The fund is used for providing capacity building support to Member States through the UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCT) and the Special Projects and Innovation Branch (SPIB).
- ✓ India has recently contributed an additional USD 500,000 to the United Nations Trust Fund for Counter-Terrorism. With this, India's total contribution to the fund so far is USD 1.05 million.

6. Which technology company has launched 'Women Will' web platform in India?

- A) Google ☒
- B) Samsung
- C) Microsoft
- D) LG

women will

- ✓ Google introduced a new 'Women Will' web platform in India. This program aims to provide guidance to women who want to become entrepreneurs. Google also announced to shut down the Internet Saathi initiative inaugurated at the first Google for India event back in 2015. In the last six years, the initiative has trained over 30 million women across rural India.

7. With reference to bio-diversity, what is "Orretherium tzen", which was making news recently?

- A) Plant species
- B) Animal species ☒
- C) Bird species
- D) Bacteria



- ✓ The fossil of a mammal that lived during the age of dinosaurs has been discovered in Patagonia region of Chile, South America. Named as "Orretherium tzen" meaning 'Beast of Five Teeth', it is claimed to have lived between 72 and 74 million years ago.
- ✓ It is said to have been a herbivore and said to have lived in South America at the end of the Mesozoic era.

8. An ancient city named "Aten", which was seen in the news recently, has been discovered in which country?

- A) Italy
- B) Egypt ☒
- C) Australia
- D) Greece



- ✓ A group of archaeologists has recently found the largest ancient city ever discovered in Egypt. The city is named "The Rise of Aten", which dates back to 3,000 years.
- ✓ It was discovered under the sand on the western bank of Luxor, and dates to the reign of King Amenhotep III, who ruled Egypt between 1391 and 1353 BCE. The city was the largest administrative and industrial settlement in the period of the Egyptian empire.

9. La Soufriere volcano, which recently erupted is located in which country?

- A) Philippines
- B) St. Vincent and the Grenadines ☒
- C) Indonesia
- D) Japan



- ✓ The La Soufriere volcano located on the eastern Caribbean island of St. Vincent erupted after several decades of inactivity.

- ✓ The volcano was dormant since 1979 and it showed signs of activity in December last year. The Prime Minister had earlier ordered for evacuation of people in the area.
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10. What is the name of the global experiment which aims to measure the impact of reduction in ambient human sounds in Oceans?

- A) International Human–Ocean Experiment  
B) International Ocean Sound Experiment  
C) International Ambient Sound Experiment  
D) International Quiet Ocean Experiment ☒



- ✓ The International Quiet Ocean Experiment was originally formed in 2011 to create a time series of measurements of ambient sound in different ocean locations. Recently, a team of scientists from the International Quiet Ocean Experiment (IQOE), have been undertaking experiments to understand and measure the impact of the reduction in ambient human activity due to the COVID-19 lockdown, in oceans.
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