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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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1. "HCCR" portal, which was recently launched by the AYUSH Ministry, is associated with which field?

- A) Ayurveda
- B) Unani
- C) Homeopathy ☒
- D) Yoga



- ✓ Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH), is an autonomous apex research organization under Ministry of AYUSH. It has recently launched a unique digital initiative, the Homoeopathic Clinical Case Repository (HCCR) portal on World Homeopathy Day – April 10.
- ✓ The portal aims to create a standard platform for Homoeopathic clinicians, researchers, medical students to enter clinical cases.

2. "Advanced Antiquities Management System", which was making news recently, is launched by which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Kerala
- C) Goa ☒
- D) Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ The Directorate of Archives and Archaeology (DAA) of Goa inaugurated the Advanced Antiquities Management System (AAMS). This is said to be the first system in the country for storage of antiquities.
- ✓ The AAMS is a software-driven automated storage which is used for the storage of various objects. The system provides information about an antiquity and will ensure safety of the antiquities.

3. As per a recent notification from the Finance Ministry, a basic savings bank account can be opened in which institution?

- A) Payment Bank
- B) Foreign Bank
- C) Post Office ☒
- D) Small Finance Bank



- ✓ The Finance Ministry has notified changes in Post Office Savings Account Scheme, 2019. As per the notification, a beneficiary of the Government welfare scheme can open a basic savings bank account with a post office. As per the notification, there is no minimum deposit required for opening of such an account.
- ✓ There will also be no requirement for maintaining minimum balance. The ministry also reduced fee for not maintain the balance in a savings account.

4. Which Municipal Corporation of India issued the first 'Green Bonds' in the country?

- A) Chennai
- B) Greater Noida
- C) Ghaziabad ☒
- D) Ahmedabad



- ✓ The Green bonds issued by Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation was the first of the kind in India. Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation raised a sum of Rs.150 crores through green bond route. The proceeds of the bond were being used for creating tertiary water treatment infrastructure in the city. These bonds have been listed in BSE recently.

5. Which body collaborated with Hindustan Unilever and Google, for conducting "AI for Agriculture Hackathon"?

- A) UNESCO
- B) NITI Aayog
- C) AIM
- D) MyGov India ☒



- ✓ Hindustan Unilever, Google and MyGov India have collaborated together for conducting a hackathon in the field of agriculture. The three entities have come together to find innovative solutions for water conservation in agriculture and to bring start-ups in designing sustainable solutions for farmers.

6. Which constitutional body has recently stated that all adults above 18 were free to choose a religion of their choice?

- A) National Human Rights Commission
- B) National Administrative Tribunal
- C) Supreme Court of India ☒
- D) National Commission for Backward Class



- ✓ The Supreme court has recently held that the word "propagate" mentioned in Indian Constitution permits any above the age of 18 to freely a religion of his / her choice. Quoting the above, the supreme court has dismissed a public interest litigation which had sought court intervention to stop "fraudulent" conversions in India.

7. Which institution is set to launch a hand book for Online Dispute Resolution (ODR)?

- A) SEBI
- B) RBI
- C) NITI Aayog ☒
- D) IRDAI



- ✓ Indian Government's think tank – NITI Aayog has planned to launch a hand book for Online Dispute Resolution (ODR). This book would serve as an invitation to business leaders to adopt ODR in India.
- ✓ The book would be published in association with organizations like Agami and Omidyar Network India, ICICI Bank, Ashoka Innovators for the Public etc.

8. As per the Julius Baer Lifestyle Index, which is the costliest place to live in the world?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Shanghai ☒
- C) Melbourne
- D) Moscow

Julius Bär

- ✓ China is set to become the world's biggest economy by 2028, and its commercial capital Shanghai has become the costliest place in the world. As per the recently released Julius Baer Lifestyle Index, China's Shanghai is the most expensive city in the world. Shanghai is followed by Tokyo and Hongkong in the list at 2nd and 3rd position.

9. Olivier Dassault, who died in a helicopter crash recently, was a politician and billionaire of which country?

- A) Philippines
- B) France ☒
- C) Indonesia
- D) Japan



- ✓ French billionaire politician Olivier Dassault recently died in a helicopter crash occurred in northwest France. He was also a member of the National Assembly of the country. He was a descendant of the Dassault aircraft-making family. The Dassault Aviation group is a leading French plane manufacturer. He was estimated to be the 361st most wealthy person on the planet.

10. Which Indian state has inaugurated India's first World Skill Centre?

- A) Odisha ☒
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Nagaland



- ✓ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has recently inaugurated the World Skill Centre (WSC) at Mancheswar. India's first skill centre, the WSC is developed at an outlay of Rs 1,342 crore with support from the Asian Development Bank under the Odisha Skill Development Project. It aims to impart advanced and employable skills to the youth in the state.
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1. Which country has launched a hotline to report online defamatory comments done by "Historical nihilists"?

- A) North Korea
- B) China ☒
- C) Brazil
- D) Cuba



- ✓ "Historical nihilism" is a phrase used in China which describes public doubt over the description of past events by Chinese Communist Party. Recently, China's cyber regulator has launched a hotline to report online comments that tend to defame the ruling Communist Party and its history. The Party's 100th anniversary falls on July this year.

2. Which movie won the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) – Best picture award?

- A) Nomadland ☒
- B) Soul
- C) Another Round
- D) Judas



- ✓ "Nomadland" won four prizes including the one for Best picture at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA). Chloe Zhao, became only the second woman to win the BAFTA for best director for the movie 'Nomadland'. Best actor award went to 83-year-old Anthony Hopkins while Best actress award was given to Frances McDormand.

3. Sputnik V, the COVID-19 vaccine, which was approved by the Indian Experts panel, was launched by which country?

- A) China
- B) Russia ☒
- C) Germany
- D) USA



- ✓ The expert committee recommended the emergency use of Russia's Sputnik V vaccine in India. Now, the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) will consider this recommendation and authorise the restricted emergency use in India. The other two vaccines are Covishield by Serum Institute and Covaxin by Bharat Biotech. Sputnik V will be manufactured in India by several companies in India.

4. What is the original name of the Antarctica's "Doomsday Glacier", which was making news recently?

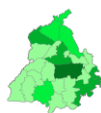
- A) Thwaites Glacier ☒
- B) Pine Island Glacier
- C) Jakobshavn Glacier
- D) Helheim Glacier



- ✓ Thwaites Glacier – also called the "Doomsday Glacier" is present in Antarctica and has been melting fast over the years. Due to its large size of 1.9 lakh square km, it contains enough water to raise the world sea level by more than half a metre. Recently, Researchers at Sweden's University of Gothenburg have found that the glacier is melting at a higher rate than it was originally thought.

5. Which state is to involve "Arhtiyas" in the direct payment process for Farmers?

- A) Rajasthan
- B) Punjab ☒
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ The Punjab government has said to the central government that it will pay the Minimum Support Price directly into the accounts of farmers. Earlier, the Arhtiyas (commission agents) used to pay the farmers.
- ✓ Punjab Chief Minister captain Amarinder Singh announced that the State Food Department has amended the procurement software so that the Arhtiyas will continue to be involved in the direct payment process.

6. With reference to the process of vaccination, what is the full form of AEFI, which was seen often in the news?

- A) Adequate events following immunisation
- B) Adverse events following immunisation
- C) Appropriate events following immunisation ☒
- D) Affected events following immunisation



- ✓ AEFI stands for "Adverse events following immunisation". India had earlier constituted a national committee on AEFI. Around 617 severe and serious (including deaths) AEFI and 180 deaths were reported. A member of the National committee on AEFI highlighted that Indian has elaborate machinery to monitor the situation.

7. Commerce and Industry Minister launched the 'Trade facilitation mobile app' of which office?

- A) DGFT ☒
- B) DGTR
- C) MPEDA
- D) APEDA



- ✓ Commerce and industry Minister Piyush Goyal recently launched the "Trade facilitation mobile app" of the Directorate General of Foreign Trade. The app has a state-of-the-art system and provides real-time trade policy updates, applications and real-time data.
- ✓ It will also provide artificial intelligence-based 24x7 assistance and all services of the DGFT.

8. What is the name of the movement to be launched by the Health Minister to emphasise on nutritionally balanced diet?

- A) POSHAN Kranti
- B) Aahar Kranti ☒
- C) Food India Movement
- D) No food waste Movement



- ✓ Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan is set to launch "Aahaar Kranti" mission, which aims to emphasis the need for a nutritionally balanced diet. Vijnana Bharati (Vibha) and Global Indian Scientists' and Technocrats' Forum (GIST) have partnered to launch the mission with the motto of "Good Diet-Good Cognition". The program will train teachers who will in turn teach the students and their families.

9. As per recent data, the population of which species has doubled in the Chilika lake?

- A) Dolphins ☒
- B) Crocodiles
- C) Cat-fishes
- D) Turtles



- ✓ Chilika Lake is India's largest brackish water lagoon, which is spread over the Puri, Khurda and Ganjam districts of Odisha.
- ✓ As per a recent data release by the State Forest and Environment Department, the number of dolphin populations in the lake has

doubled this year compared with last year. The state's Chilika lake is known for its Irrawady dolphins.

10. Artemis program is undertaken by which organization?

- A) DRDO
- B) ISRO
- C) NASA ☒
- D) World Bank



- ✓ The Artemis program is NASA's manned mission to the moon which is set to be executed in the year 2024. Recently, NASA has stated that it will land the first person of colour on the moon and the first woman on moon as a part of the mission in 2024.

1. What is the overall capital expenditure by 37 large CPSEs and Government departments for FY21?

- A) Rs 4.6 lakh crore ☒
- B) Rs 10.6 lakh crore
- C) Rs 40.6 lakh crore
- D) Rs 100.6 lakh crore



- ✓ As per the data released by the Government of India, the combined capital expenditures by 37 large CPSEs and departmental undertakings stood at Rs. Rs.4.6 lakh crore for the FY 2020-21.
- ✓ The capital expenditure target for the FY 2020-21 was Rs.5 lakh crore and the achievement were 92% of the budget.

2. Which Institute has launched the 'Little Guru' app?

- A) ISRO
- B) ICCR ☒
- C) BHEL
- D) BARC



- ✓ The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), has celebrated its 71st Foundation Day recently. At the celebrations in Swami Vivekanand Cultural Centre at Indian Embassy in Beijing, the foundation day celebrations were accompanied by the launch of 'Little Guru' app. This is the world's first Gamified Sanskrit learning App.

3. India has extended the ceasefire agreement with three insurgent groups of which state, for one more year?

- A) Assam
- B) Sikkim
- C) Nagaland ☒
- D) Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ The Indian Government has extended the ceasefire agreement with three insurgent groups of Nagaland for one more year. The ceasefire agreements were extended till April 2022.
- ✓ As per the Ministry of Home Affairs, the ceasefire agreements are in operation between the government of India and three groups- NSCN/NK, NSCN/R and NSCN/K-Khango.

4. What is the name of the tropical cyclone that has made landfalls in Western Australia?

- A) Seroja ☒
- B) Bob
- C) Nivar
- D) Fani



- ✓ Tropical cyclone Seroja recently hit and damaged a 1,000 km stretch of Western Australia. With a windspeed of up to 170km/h, the category three storm made landfalls. As per the country's Bureau of Meteorology the storm had weakened yet it would cause damages with the peak winds of 110 km/hr.

5. "eSanta", a digital platform which was launched recently, is associated with which type of products?

- A) Drugs
- B) Aquaculture Products ☒
- C) Electronic Products
- D) Textile Products



- ✓ Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal virtually inaugurated e-SANTA, an electronic marketplace to connect aqua

farmers and the buyers. eSanta stands for "Electronic Solution for Augmenting National Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture (NaCSA) farmers' Trade in Aquaculture". NaCSA is an extension arm of Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA).

6. Hideki Matsuyama, is the first Japanese player to claim a major championship in which sports?

- A) Tennis
- B) Golf ☒
- C) Chess
- D) Badminton



- ✓ Hideki Matsuyama won the Masters at Augusta National Golf Club to become the 1st player from Japan to claim men's major championship.
- ✓ The 29-year-old has 15 worldwide wins, eight career top-10 finishes in major championships, and four Presidents Cup appearances. In 2012, Matsuyama reached number one in the World Amateur Golf Ranking.

7. Which country is the first to introduce Climate Change law for Financial sector?

- A) Brazil
- B) Germany
- C) New Zealand ☒
- D) France



- ✓ New Zealand has become the first country in the world to introduce a Climate Change law for Financial sector. The law requires banks, insurers and investment managers to report the impacts of climate change on their business. It requires financial firms to explain how they would manage climate-related risks and opportunities.

8. The day on which the Indian Army launched Operation MEGHDOOT is observed as which special Day?

- A) Vijay Diwas
- B) Kargil Diwas
- C) Siachen Day ☒
- D) Rakshak Diwas



- ✓ On 13 April 1984, the Indian Army launched 'Operation MEGHDOOT' to secure Bilafond La and other passes on the Saltoro Ridgeline. Siachen Day every year commemorates the courage displayed by troops of the Indian Army in securing Siachen Glacier, the highest and coldest battlefield in the world.

9. Which institution launched 'Poshan Gyan' - a national digital repository on health and nutrition?

- A) Women and Child Development Ministry
- B) NITI Aayog ☒
- C) National Commission on Women
- D) Finance Commission



- ✓ NITI Aayog, in partnership with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Centre for Social and Behaviour Change, Ashoka University launched 'Poshan Gyan'. It is a national digital repository on health and nutrition.
- ✓ It is a collection of communication materials created by government agencies and other development organizations for awareness creation and behaviour change in the nutrition sector.

10. The National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) is to deploy "NSV" to provide better roads. What does NSV stand for?

- A) National Standard Vehicle
- B) Network Survey Vehicle ☒
- C) National Signal Variance
- D) New Standard Vehicle



- ✓ The National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) is set to deploy Network Survey Vehicle (NSV), to provide better roads to commuters. NHAI has made road condition survey using NSV mandatory at the time of certifying completion of the project and every six months thereafter.
 - ✓ This has also been included as a part of the standard bidding document of consultancy services.
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1. What is the name of the farthest gamma-ray emitting galaxy that has been discovered recently?

- A) Narrow-Line Seyfert 1 ☒
- B) Andromeda
- C) Sky Way
- D) Milk Line



- ✓ Recently, space scientists have discovered a new active galaxy, which is considered to be the farthest gamma-ray emitting galaxy discovered so far. This galaxy is named Narrow-Line Seyfert 1 (NLS1) galaxy, which is about 31 billion light-years away from earth. This has been described as a rare space entity.

2. By what percentage, the net indirect tax collection in 2020-21 has grown over the previous year?

- A) 1%
- B) 10%
- C) 12.3% ☒
- D) 15%

12.3%

- ✓ As per the data released by the Union Finance Ministry, net indirect tax collection in 2020-21 grew 12.3% over the previous financial year. The total collection stood at Rs.10.71 lakh, thereby exceeding the indirect tax collection target of Rs.9.89 lakh set for the FY 2020-21.

3. "Central Asia" center for trade and economic cooperation is being constructed by which countries?

- A) Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan ☒
- B) USA and India
- C) China and Japan
- D) USA and UK



- ✓ 'Central Asia' is the name of an international center for trade and economic cooperation, being constructed by Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan at the borders of the two countries.
- ✓ The center would have a capacity of accommodating 35,000 people and 5,000 trucks per day in both directions. It would serve as a large industrial, trade and logistics platform for both countries.

4. Who has been appointed as the Chief Election Commissioner?

- A) Sushil Chandra ☒
- B) Prasanna Chandra
- C) Ajay Kumar Bhalla
- D) Injeti Srinivas



- ✓ The Government of India has appointed Sushil Chandra as the next Chief Election Commissioner of India. He succeeds Sunil Arora who retired on 2021 April.13. Sushil Chandra is the former CBDT (Central Board of Direct Taxes) Chairman and was appointed as an election commissioner on February 14, 2019.

5. Over 4200 tonnes of salmon have been killed by a killer alga in which country?

- A) United Kingdom
- B) United States of America
- C) Canada
- D) Chile ☒



- ✓ In the South American country of Chile, has witnessed the spread of a killer algae which has claimed the lives of more than 4,200 tonnes

of salmon. The algal bloom has led to decreased water availability that led to suffocating the salmon.

- ✓ This is considered to be the latest mass mortality event recorded in Chile, which is the world's second largest producer of salmon.

6. The European Commission has planned to raise what amount annually until 2026, to make its economy green and digital?

- A) 150 billion euros ☒
- B) USD 1000 million
- C) Rs.1000 crore
- D) USD 50 million



- ✓ The European Commission has proposed to make borrowings amounting 150 billion euros till the year 2026. The proceeds of the borrowing will be used to make its economy greener and more digitalized. The funds are proposed to be raised through auctions and syndication through a primary deal network.

7. Which Pakistani Player has topped the ICC men's ODI batting rankings, surpassing Virat Kohli?

- A) Babar Azam ☒
- B) Hasan Ali
- C) Mohammad Amir
- D) Fakhar Zaman



- ✓ Pakistani cricketer Babar Azam has topped the ICC men's ODI batting rankings. He has clinched the top spot after a huge gap by any one from the country since 2003. He has replaced Indian Skipper and Batsman Virat Kohli after he gained 13 points in the Pakistan South Africa series.

8. Which country has mandated banks, insurers and investment managers operating in the country to report the impacts of climate change on their business?

- A) India
- B) New Zealand ☒
- C) Australia
- D) Switzerland



- ✓ The Government of New Zealand has introduced a new legislation, whereby banks, insurers and investment managers operating in the country are required to report the impacts of climate change on their business. New Zealand is the first country to bring such legislation.
- ✓ As per the new legislation, banks with total assets of more than NZ\$1 billion and insurers with more than NZ\$1 billion in total assets have to make the disclosure.

9. What does "C" in NEGVAC stand for?

- A) Commission
- B) Collection
- C) Corruption
- D) COVID-19 ☒



- ✓ The National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) was constituted by the Government of India for vaccine procurement, inventory management, vaccine selection, vaccine delivery and tracking mechanism.
- ✓ Recently, the expert group recommended that COVID-19 vaccines manufactured in foreign countries and granted emergency approval by authorities of US, Europe, the UK, Japan or those listed with WHO Emergency Use listing may be given emergency use approval in India.

10. Which board or organisation has launched the National Nursery Portal?

- A) National Housing Board
- B) National Horticulture Board ☒
- C) National Tea Board
- D) NITI Aayog



- ✓ The National Nursery Portal has been launched by National Horticulture Board. It is a platform which is available both in the form of a web portal and a mobile application. It intends to create an online market place where nurseries and buyers can interact for sale of plants.
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1. Which technology company has entered the Renewable energy project in India?

- A) Amazon
- B) Facebook ☒
- C) Microsoft
- D) Samsung

facebook.

- ✓ Technology and Social media giant Facebook have signed a deal to buy renewable energy in India. This is the first such deal of Facebook in the country. Facebook and CleanMax are working together for supplying renewable power into India's electrical grid. The 32-megawatt wind power project is located in the state of Karnataka.

2. Which Union Ministry has launched the EatSmart Cities Challenge and Transport 4 All Challenge?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs ☒
- C) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- D) Ministry of Women and Child Development



- ✓ Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched the EatSmart Cities Challenge and Transport 4 All Challenge. EatSmart Cities Challenge was organized in association with Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and Smart cities mission. It aims to encourage smart cities develop a sustainable food environment.
- ✓ Transport 4 All Challenge was launched in association with Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP), to improve public transport.

3. Which organization hosted the BRICS seminar on misuse of the Internet by terrorists?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) Indian Army
- C) National Investigation Agency ☒
- D) CDAC



- ✓ India hosted the BRICS seminar on "Misuse of Internet for Terrorist Purposes and Role of Digital Forensics in Terrorist Investigations", which was organised by the National Investigation Agency (NIA).
- ✓ It is a two-day event organized in a virtual format which emphasized on international cooperation and seamless sharing of good practices in tackling cyber terrorism.

4. USA has decided to withdraw all American troops from which country by September 11?

- A) Iran
- B) Iraq
- C) Ukraine
- D) Afghanistan ☒



- ✓ The United States of America headed by President Biden has decided to withdraw all American troops from Afghanistan over the next few months. The exit of troops is set to be completed by September 11th this year, which marks the 20th year anniversary of Twin tower attacks on the USA by the Taliban.

5. Union Agriculture Ministry has signed a MoU with which organization, for a pilot project in 100 villages of six states?

- A) Amazon
- B) Microsoft ☒
- C) NSDC
- D) ONGC



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Agriculture, has entered into an MoU with Microsoft for implementing a pilot project in 100 villages of six states – Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh. Under the project, Microsoft will develop a farmer interface for smart and well-organized agriculture, which includes post-harvest management and distribution.

6. Under the aegis of which ministry, the "Hydrogen Economy– the Indian Dialogue–2021" is organized?

- A) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas ☒
- B) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- C) Ministry of Power
- D) Ministry of Defense



- ✓ Under the aegis of Union Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, The Energy Forum (TEF) and the Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry (FIPI) have organized a round table conference titled – "Hydrogen Economy– the Indian Dialogue–2021". The round table was conducted in a virtual mode on 15th April 2021.
- ✓ Discussions on emerging hydrogen ecosystems and exploring opportunities for collaboration were agenda for discussion.

7. Which institution released a report titled "My Body is My Own"?

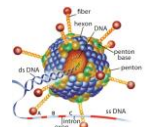
- A) World Bank
- B) UNFPA ☒
- C) Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- D) UN Women



- ✓ The United Nations Population Fund's (UNFPA) flagship State of World Population Report 2021 was released recently. As per the report titled 'My Body is My Own', only 55% of women are fully empowered to make choices. Around half the women from 57 developing countries do not have the right to make decisions regarding their bodies, using contraception, seeking healthcare or on their sexuality.

8. Vaccines produced by Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca use which virus as the basis for COVID-19 vaccines?

- A) Adeno Virus ☒
- B) Papova Virus
- C) Herpes Virus
- D) Pox Virus



- ✓ Adenoviruses are a family of viruses that can cause a wide variety of illnesses in humans, including the common cold, gastrointestinal infections and pink eye. There are 88 types of adenovirus that would infect humans, and these are grouped into 7 different species, A–G.
- ✓ Recently, in several COVID-19 vaccines, including those produced by Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca, these viruses are the basis for several COVID-19 vaccines.

9. With reference to forest, what is the season between winter and monsoon referred to as?

- A) Rainfall Season
- B) Forest fire season ☒
- C) Post-winter season
- D) Spring Season



- ✓ The season between winter and monsoon, referred to as the 'forest fire season', is increasing in India due to climate change and scarce rainfall in the Himalayan regions. The forests of Uttarakhand have not stopped burning in the last six months. There were 470 incidents of fire in Uttarakhand's forests between November 2020 and January 2021 against the previous year's count of 39.

10. Which state is set to form a committee to prepare the "Register of Indigenous Inhabitants" of the state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Arunachal Pradesh
- C) Kerala
- D) Nagaland ☒



- ✓ The Nagaland government has decided to form a joint consultative committee (JCC) for taking an exercise to register the State's indigenous inhabitants.
- ✓ In July 2019, the Nagaland government launched the RIIN, seen as a variant of Assam's National Register of Citizens. The committee will prepare the Register of Indigenous Inhabitants of Nagaland (RIIN).