

1. 'Red umbrella' is a symbol for the rights of which section of the population?

- A) Sex workers ☒
- B) LGBT Activists
- C) Environmental Activists
- D) Animal Activists



- ✓ International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers is observed every year on December 17. It seeks to highlight the hate crimes committed against sex workers all over the globe. 'Red umbrella' is an important symbol for sex worker rights and is used for events which are held on December 17. The red umbrella symbol was first used by sex workers in Venice, Italy, in the year 2001.

2. Which state recently issued Child Labour (prohibition and regulation) (amendment) Rules 2021?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Telangana ☒
- C) West Bengal
- D) Odisha



- ✓ The Telangana State Government has issued the Telangana Child Labour (prohibition and regulation) (amendment) Rules 2021. It seeks to initiate stringent action against those employing child labour in different works. As per the rules, children would not perform any tasks during school hours and between 7 p.m and 8 a.m the next day.

3. The Union Cabinet passed a proposal to raise the legal age of marriage for women to ..... years

- A) 19
- B) 20
- C) 21 ☒
- D) 25

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- ✓ The Union Cabinet passed a proposal to raise the legal age of marriage for women from 18 to 21 years – the same as men. This step is based on recommendations submitted to NITI Aayog in December 2020 by the task force headed by Jaya Jaitly.

4. Which language's calligraphy has been added to UNESCO heritage list?

- A) Tamil
- B) Arabic ☒
- C) Urdu
- D) Japanese



- ✓ 'Arabic Calligraphy: Knowledge, Skills and Practices' has been officially added to UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. This was done after collaboration between 15 Arab countries, led by Saudi Arabia and under the supervision of the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization.

5. Which city hosted the "National Conference on Tuberculosis"?

- A) Chennai
- B) New Delhi ☒
- C) Patna
- D) Varanasi



- ✓ Ministry of Women and Child Development has organised a National Conference on Tuberculosis at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu was the Chief Guest, along with Minister

of Women & Child Development Smriti Irani and Minister of Health & Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya.

- ✓ Prime Minister of India announced the government's vision to eliminate TB by 2025, ahead of the SDG timeline of 2030.

6. Which publishing company/ website has named 'Allyship' as the word of the year?

- A) Dictionary.com ☒
- B) Collins
- C) Oxford
- D) Wren and Martin



- ✓ Allyship has been named as Dictionary.com's word of the year. It is an old noun made new again, in the recent years. As per the website, though "allyship" first surfaced in the mid-1800s, in the past few decades, the term has evolved to take on a nuanced and specific meaning.

7. India signs agreement for procurement of 6 lakh AK-203 rifles from which country?

- A) Russia ☒
- B) France
- C) Israel
- D) USA



- ✓ A contract for procurement of quantity 6,01,427 Assault Rifles AK-203 was signed on December 06, 2021 between Ministry of Defence and Russia, in the share holding of 50.5% and 49.5% respectively. These rifles will be produced by Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL) at Korwa, Uttar Pradesh.

8. As per the recent data from Environment Ministry, which state has recorded the highest deaths of elephants due to electrocution during 2009 and 2019?

- A) Odisha ☒
- B) Maharashtra
- C) West Bengal
- D) Gujarat



- ✓ As per the data given by Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, 600 elephants have died due to electrocution across the country between 2009 and 2019. Of this, 117 deaths have taken place in Odisha, 116 in Karnataka and 105 in Assam. Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura and Maharashtra are the only states which recorded zero elephant deaths due to electrocution.

9. 'Shakti Criminal Laws Bill' is associated with which state?

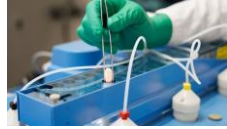
- A) Bihar
- B) Gujarat
- C) Maharashtra ☒
- D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ Maharashtra government tabled a report with recommendations of a joint selection committee, to amend the Shakti Bill. The Maharashtra government's Shakti Criminal Laws (Maharashtra Amendment) Bill, 2020, proposes to increase the punishment for offences such as rapes, acid attacks.

10. Paxlovid, which was seen in the news recently, is the first authorised pill against which disease?

- A) COVID-19 ☒
- B) Pneumococcal Disease
- C) Cardiovascular Disease
- D) AIDS



- ✓ US health regulators have authorised the first pill against COVID-19. Named Paxlovid, it is a Pfizer drug that has been approved by Food and Drug Administration. The drug has been authorised for adults and children ages 12 and older at home with a positive COVID-19.
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