

1. Recently, Scientists have discovered the oldest DNA on record from the fossil of which ancient animal?

- A) Dinosaur
B) Whale
C) Mammoth
D) Tiger



- ✓ Recently, Scientists have recovered the oldest DNA on record. It has been extracted from teeth of mammoths found in north-eastern Siberia that existed to 1.2 million years. This is seen as a major breakthrough in understanding the evolution of species and determine the characteristics of extinct species.

2. The Dhubri Phulbari bridge which was making news recently, is to be built over which river?

- A) Brahmaputra
B) Kopili
C) Teesta
D) Lohit



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently laid the foundation stone for Dhubri-Phulbari Bridge over Brahmaputra river. It is a 19 km long 4-lane bridge to be laid from Dhubri in Assam to Phulbari in Meghalaya.
✓ The bridge will improve transport connectivity in the Barak valley. It also reduces the distance between the four North eastern states of Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram and Assam.

3. Who is the only Indian activist to feature in the 2021 TIME100 Next, TIME magazine's annual list of 100 emerging leaders?

- A) Chandrashekhar Azad
B) Kailash Satyarthi
C) Disha Ravi
D) Safoora Zargar



- ✓ The TIME magazine's annual list of 100 "emerging leaders who are shaping the future", named the "2021 TIME100 Next", was released recently. Chandrashekhar Azad, the leader of the Bhim army, which runs school to educate Dalit children and works to curb caste-based violence, featured in the list.
✓ Other 5 Indian origin personalities are UK finance minister Rishi Sunak, Twitter lawyer Vijaya Gadde, Instacart founder and CEO Apoorva Mehta, ED of nonprofit Get Us PPE Shikha Gupta and founder of nonprofit Upsolve Rohan Pavuluri.

4. Which organisation delivered the 100th K9 Vajra tracked self-propelled howitzer to the Indian Army?

- A) DRDO
B) OFB
C) L&T
D) HAL



- ✓ Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has built and delivered the 100th K9 Vajra tracked self-propelled howitzer. This is the last howitzer of the contract awarded in 2017. This system has been built with technology transfer from South Korean defence major Hanwha Defense.
✓ The howitzer was flagged off at the Indian Army's armoured system complex at Hazira in Gujarat.

5. 'QUAD' is a group of four countries: India, United States, Japan and?

- A) United Kingdom
B) Australia
C) Canada
D) France

QUAD

- ✓ External Affairs S. Jaishankar participated in a virtual ministerial meeting of the QUAD, which is a group of four countries: India, United States, Japan and Australia. The QUAD association was revived in the year 2017, to tackle the aggression of China and enhance the strength of the Indo-Pacific regions. President Joe Biden has reiterated the US commitment for the same issue.

6. Jiling-Langlota Iron ore Block and Guali Iron ore Block are situated in which Indian state?

- A) Bihar
B) Jharkhand
C) Odisha
D) Chhattisgarh



- ✓ Union Minister for Mines, Pralhad Joshi and Chief Minister of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik jointly inaugurated the production in two new iron ore mines of Odisha namely Jiling-Langlota Iron ore Block and Guali Iron ore Block.
✓ These mines will generate approximately Rs 5000 crores of annual revenue for Odisha and a wide variety of employment opportunities.

7. Which country chaired the Commonwealth Law Ministers Meeting on the legal aspects of COVID-19?

- A) Sri Lanka
B) India
C) United Kingdom
D) Bangladesh



- ✓ The Commonwealth High-Level Law Ministers Meeting on the Legal aspects of COVID-19 was chaired by the Law Minister of Sri Lanka. It was organised in virtual mode by Commonwealth Secretariat. Anoop Kumar Mendiratta, Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law & Justice represented India on behalf of Union Minister for Law & Justice Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad.
✓ He said that India used video-conferencing to dispose the cases in a timely fashion during the pandemic.

8. What is the name of the fund set up by Government of India to complete stalled housing projects?

- A) SWAYAM
B) SVAGRUH
C) SWAMIH
D) AHAM



- ✓ Special Window for Completion of Construction of Affordable and Mid-Income Housing Projects' (SWAMIH) fund was set up by the Government of India with a corpus of Rs.250 billion.
✓ The fund was established to complete stalled housing projects in India. SBICAP Ventures Ltd is the fund manager. It is proposed to handover 16 projects in the current financial year.

9. 'Kala Namak Rice' or Buddha Rice, which was making news recently, is associated with which Indian state?

- A) Bihar
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Maharashtra



- ✓ Uttar Pradesh is set to export a consignment of 20 tonnes of Buddha Rice, also known as "Kala Namak" Rice to Singapore. This variety of rice is one of the finest varieties of aromatic rice in India.
- ✓ This will boost the farm exports of the states with more focus on the Buddhist countries. The state Government has declared it as the 'One District One Product' of Siddharth Nagar district.

10. Which Indian state hosts the famous 'Khajuraho Dance Festival'?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) West Bengal
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Bihar



- ✓ Khajuraho city in the state of Madhya Pradesh has several ancient Hindu and Jain temples. It is also a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ✓ The six-day Khajuraho Dance Festival began on the temple premises after 44 years. ASI had cancelled the permission as there were reports of destruction of monuments and defacement of idols. For the last 44 years, the festival was organised in open grounds.