

1. What is the new name of the Mumbai-Karnataka region comprising seven districts in Karnataka?

- A) Kalyana-Karnataka  
 B) Kittur-Karnataka   
 C) Belgavi-Karnataka  
 D) Rani-Karnataka



- ✓ Karnataka government has decided to rename the Mumbai-Karnataka region comprising seven districts as 'Kittur Karnataka'. The Mumbai-Karnataka region consists of Uttara Kannada, Belagavi, Dharwad, Vijayapura, Bagalkote, Gadag and Haveri districts. Kittur is a historical taluk in Belagavi district that was ruled by Rani Chennamma. In 2019, the Hyderabad-Karnataka region was renamed as "Kalyana-Karnataka".

2. What is the rank of India in the inaugural Global Drug Policy Index 2021?

- A) 10  
 B) 18   
 C) 25  
 D) 30



- ✓ The inaugural Global Drug Policy Index was recently released by the Harm Reduction Consortium. Norway, New Zealand, Portugal, the UK and Australia were ranked at the top 5 spots on humane and health-driven drug policies.  
 ✓ India's rank is 18 out of 30 countries with a score of 74/100. The five lowest-ranking countries are Brazil, Uganda, Indonesia, Kenya, and Mexico. The index comprises of 75 indicators of drug policy.

3. What is the name of the famous meteor shower that occurs every November?

- A) Leonids Meteor Shower   
 B) Perseid meteor Shower  
 C) Orionids Meteor Shower  
 D) Tempel Meteor Shower



- ✓ Originally discovered in 1833, the Leonids Meteor Shower is observed every November. The meteor began on November 6 this year and will continue until November 30 and can be witnessed through the naked eye. The Meteor Shower contains debris left behind by the 55P/Tempel-Tuttle comet that enter Earth's atmosphere. These debris objects are called meteors.

4. What is the name of the world's first plasmid DNA vaccine to treat COVID?

- A) ZyCoV-D   
 B) Moderna  
 C) Sputnik V  
 D) Covaxin



- ✓ Zydus Cadila's ZyCoV-D is the world's first plasmid DNA vaccine. It is also the first Covid-19 vaccine that can be administered using a needle-free applicator. The 3-dose shot was approved by the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) for emergency use in adults and children aged 12 years and above.

5. As per the recent amendments made in Minerals Concession Rules, 2021, what percent of mineral produced from captive mines can be sold?

- A) 25  
 B) 50   
 C) 75  
 D) 100



- ✓ The Mines ministry has notified the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Mineral) Concession (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2021. Under the new mechanism, 50 percent of mineral produced from the captive mines can be sold.  
 ✓ It also facilitates transfer of mines without any charges. Minimum area for grant of mining lease has been revised from 5 ha. (hectares) to 4 ha.

6. The National Achievement Survey (NAS) is conducted once in how many years?

- A) Two years  
 B) Three years   
 C) Five years  
 D) Six years



- ✓ The National Achievement Survey (NAS) is conducted every three years. The survey was last conducted in 2017 and was scheduled to take place in 2020. Due to the Covid-19 situation, it was postponed until this year.  
 ✓ Around 3.8 million students from 1, 23,000 schools from across 36 states and UTs will participate in the National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021. The survey assesses the competencies developed by the students at grades 3, 5 and 8. This is the first time that private schools are included in this NAS.

7. Which is the only state/UT in the country to have metro facilities in five districts?

- A) West Bengal  
 B) New Delhi  
 C) Uttar Pradesh   
 D) Kerala



- ✓ Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath recently flagged off the trial run of the Kanpur Metro. The work on Kanpur Metro had started on November 15, 2019.  
 ✓ Uttar Pradesh is currently having operational metro railway service in Ghaziabad, Noida, Greater Noida and Lucknow. After the Kanpur Metro is flagged off, Uttar Pradesh would be the only state in the country to have metro facilities in five districts.

8. Which country's Army Chief was conferred the honorary rank of General of the Indian Army recently?

- A) Nepal   
 B) Sri Lanka  
 C) Bangladesh  
 D) Bhutan



- ✓ Nepal Army Chief General Prabhu Ram Sharma was conferred the honorary rank of General of the Indian Army by President Ram Nath Kovind. It is a customary practice by the two countries to confer the honorary rank of General on each other's Army Chiefs. Gen. Sharma took over as the Chief of the Army Staff in September 2021. He is also a graduate of the National Defence College in India.

9. 'Clean Green Village week' has been observed under which scheme?

- A) DDU-GKY  
 B) MGNREGS   
 C) DAY-NRLM  
 D) DAY-NULM



- ✓ As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, States/UTs have conducted week-long Clean Green Village activity under MGNREG scheme from 29th October to 4th November 2021.
- ✓ During the Clean Green Village Week, the focus was on the identification and construction of Soak pits, Vermicompost/NADEP pit and initiatives such as vermin-composting, reuse of waste materials, recycling of non-biodegradable waste.

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10. "Retail Direct Scheme" and "Integrated Ombudsman Scheme" have been launched by which organisation?

- A) Reserve Bank of India
- B) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority
- C) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
- D) Securities and Exchange Board of India



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India's "Retail Direct Scheme" and "Integrated Ombudsman Scheme" has been launched and dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Under the Retail Direct Scheme, retail investors can buy and sell government securities online. The Integrated Ombudsman Scheme helps improve the grievance redressal mechanism on customer complaints.