

1. The 'Regional Plan of Action for Adaptation to Drought' is associated with which institution?

- A) G-20  
B) BRICS  
C) ASEAN   
D) BIMSTEC



- ✓ United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) launched the ASEAN Regional Plan of Action for Adaptation to Drought (ARPA-AD). The actions are divided into 26 sub-actions and an implementation plan covering 2021–2025.
- ✓ One of the key recommendations is for the establishment of a Technical Working Group on Adaptation to Drought. The plan consists of nine groups of action covering a drought management cycle and coordination on the regional and national levels.

2. What is the theme of World Diabetes Day 2021?

- A) Access to Diabetes Care   
B) Leaving None behind  
C) Importance of Insulin sensitisers  
D) Respect to Sir Frederick Banting



- ✓ World Diabetes Day is celebrated every year on November 14 to mark the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who discovered the insulin hormone in 1922 along with Charles Herbert Best.
- ✓ According to experts, an estimated 463 million people worldwide suffer from diabetes, with Type-2 diabetes (to be treated with insulin sensitisers) at 90 per cent of the cases. The theme for World Diabetes Day 2021–23 is "Access to Diabetes Care – If Not Now, When?".

3. Which racing driver won the Sao Paulo (Brazilian) Grand Prix tournament?

- A) Lewis Hamilton   
B) Max Verstappen  
C) Charles Leclerc  
D) Valtteri Bottas



- ✓ Lewis Hamilton, a seven-time world champion, beat Max Verstappen and obtained a stunning victory at the Brazilian Sao Paulo Grand Prix tournament. Though Hamilton started from 10<sup>th</sup> position on the grid due to a penalty, he finished first in the race. Valtteri Bottas finished at third place in the tournament.

4. 'Bhagwan Birsa Munda Smriti Udyan cum Freedom Fighters Museum' has been recently inaugurated in which Indian state?

- A) Odisha  
B) Jharkhand   
C) West Bengal  
D) Chhattisgarh



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Bhagwan Birsa Munda Smriti Udyan cum Freedom Fighters Museum in Ranchi via video conferencing. Jharkhand was carved out of Bihar on the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, the 19<sup>th</sup> century freedom fighter and tribal leader on November 15, 2000.
- ✓ The state's Chief Minister Hemant Soren launched a universal pension scheme for vulnerable sections, to mark the state's foundation day.

5. Babasaheb Purandare, who passed away recently, was associated with which profession?

- A) Sportsperson  
B) Historian   
C) Businessperson  
D) Politician



- ✓ Eminent historian and author Babasaheb Purandare passed away at the age of 99, due to ailments associated with old age and pneumonitis. Purandare, a celebrated writer and theatre personality, was known for his work on the history of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. He has also written several books on Shivaji, his style of administration, as well as the forts from the period.

6. Which country won the T20 World Cup trophy in 2021?

- A) New Zealand  
B) Australia   
C) England  
D) South Africa



- ✓ Australia has recently won its maiden T20 World Cup trophy, after 14-year-long wait. Australia chased the 173-run target set by New Zealand due to Kane Williamson's 85 runs. Australia had reached the final match in 2010, however the team has not reached the summit clash after that. Australia also set a new record for the highest-successful run chase as they reached 173 with 7 balls to spare.

7. Which country is set to host the first tribal nations' summit since 2016?

- A) India  
B) USA   
C) Japan  
D) Russia



- ✓ The United States is set to host the first tribal nations' summit since 2016. President Joe Biden will announce steps to improve public safety and justice for Native Americans during the summit. Leaders from more than 570 tribes in the United States are expected to participate in the two-day event. The summit is being held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic that has heavily affected Native Americans and Alaska Natives.

8. Checkmate, a new stealth aircraft seen in the news, is being developed by which country?

- A) USA  
B) Russia   
C) China  
D) Israel



- ✓ Russia is developing its second stealth fighter jet after the twin-engine Su-57 Felon. 'Su-75 Checkmate', the new stealth aircraft is also known as the Light Tactical Aircraft (LTC). The aircraft has been developed by the United Aircraft Corporation, which is a part of state defense and technology conglomerate, Rostec. Checkmate is a fifth-generation light fighter jet, which will take its maiden flight in 2023.

9. Which country has launched a campaign to attract over 30000 talents globally to study, work and establish start-ups by 2023?

- A) Germany  
B) Finland   
C) Australia  
D) Norway



- ✓ Finland has recently launched a 'Future is made in Finland' campaign, under which it is planning to attract over 30,000 skilled talents globally, including from India, to study, work and establish start-ups in the country by 2023. Finland is also voted the World's Happiest Country for the fourth year.
- ✓ Based on Finnish government programme 2019–2023, the country is aiming to get 10,000 skilled talents in Finland, annually.

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10. Which institution has launched the 'Swavalamban Challenge Fund'?

- A) NABARD
- B) SIDBI
- C) SEBI
- D) RBI



- ✓ Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has launched the second window of Swavalamban Challenge Fund (SCF). The theme of the fund is 'Green Bharat'. The focus of the fund is on innovative projects addressing the green and clean climate change. Other themes are sustainable livelihood, financial inclusion, and access to financial services and promoting the culture of entrepreneurship.
- ✓ A challenge fund is a financing mechanism to allocate funds for specific purposes using competition among organisations. The first window of SCF was launched in August this year.