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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.

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.
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1. On which date, the National Cancer Awareness Day was observed?

- A) November 7 ☒
 B) November 8
 C) November 10
 D) November 12



- ✓ In India, the National Cancer Awareness Day (NCAD) is observed every year on 7th of November. The main motto of the special day is to educate people on early detection & cure of cancer. It is estimated that there are about 2.9 million cases of cancer in the country with 1.1 million new cases being reported annually.

2. When is the 'National Legal Services Day' observed in India?

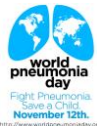
- A) November 7
 B) November 9 ☒
 C) November 11
 D) November 13



- ✓ 'National Legal Services Day' is observed across the country annually on 9 November. It aims to commemorate the enactment of the Legal Services Authorities Act and to create awareness about the provisions related to the act. The Legal Services Authorities Act was enacted in 1987. The Act came into existence on 9 November 1995.

3. When is 'World Pneumonia Day' observed?

- A) November 10
 B) November 12 ☒
 C) November 14
 D) November 16



- ✓ World Pneumonia Day is observed every year on 12 November. The day was established by the Stop Pneumonia Initiative in 2009 to raise awareness about the disease. Pneumonia is considered as the leading disease which causes more deaths of children around the world. 'Stop Pneumonia Initiative' and 'Every Breath Counts Coalition' jointly mobilise the people about tackling the disease.

4. On which date, the World Kindness Day is celebrated?

- A) November 13 ☒
 B) November 14
 C) November 15
 D) November 16



- ✓ The World Kindness Day is celebrated every year on 13th of November to highlight good deeds in the community focusing on the positive power and the common thread of kindness which binds us. Kindness is a fundamental part of the human condition which bridges the divides of race religion, politics, gender and zip codes.
- ✓ The day was introduced in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement, a coalition of nations' kindness NGOs.

5. On which date, World Diabetes Day is observed?

- A) November 10
 B) November 12
 C) November 14 ☒
 D) November 16



- ✓ November 14 is observed as World Diabetes Day. It is jointly organized by the World Health Organisation and the International Diabetes Federation. The logo of World Diabetes Day is a blue circle, which

symbolizes life and health. November 14 marks the birthday of the man who co-discovered insulin, Frederick Banting.

- ✓ "Access to Diabetes Care – If Not Now, When?" is the theme for the World Diabetes Day 2021-2023.

6. On which date, National Children's Day is celebrated?

- A) November 12
 B) November 13
 C) November 14 ☒
 D) November 15



- ✓ Children's Day is celebrated on 14 November in India. This day increases awareness in people about the rights, care, and education of children. Children are the future of the country. This day commemorates the birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru.

7. "International Day for Tolerance" is celebrated on which date?

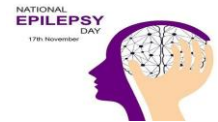
- A) November 16 ☒
 B) November 14
 C) November 12
 D) November 10



- ✓ The United Nations' International Day for Tolerance is annually observed on November 16 to educate people about the need for tolerance in society and to help them understand the negative effects of intolerance. The International Day for Tolerance educates people about the importance of global tolerance.

8. On which date, the National Epilepsy Day is observed?

- A) November 17 ☒
 B) November 16
 C) November 13
 D) November 14



- ✓ In India, the National Epilepsy Day is observed every year on 17th of November to create awareness about epilepsy. Epilepsy is a chronic disorder of brain characterized by recurrent 'seizures' or 'fits'.
- ✓ The seizures are caused as a result of sudden, excessive electrical discharges in the neurons (brain cells). The condition can affect people at any age.

9. The new indigenous ship, named 'ICGS Sarthak', which was recently commissioned, is set to be based at which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
 B) Kerala
 C) Gujarat ☒
 D) Maharashtra



- ✓ A new indigenous ship, named 'Sarthak' was recently commissioned and dedicated to the nation in Goa. ICGS Sarthak will be based at Porbandar in Gujarat and operate on India's Western Seaboard. It will be operated under the Operational and Administrative Control of the commander of Coast Guard Region (Northwest).
- ✓ ICGS Sarthak is fourth in the series of five Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) that are being built indigenously by Goa Shipyard Limited for the Indian Coast Guard.

10. Which country is set to host the UN climate change conference COP27 in 2022?

- A) India
- B) China
- C) USA
- D) Egypt ☒



- ✓ The United Nation Climate Change conference – COP27 would be hosted by Egypt in the year 2022 and the COP 28 would be hosted by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in 2023.
 - ✓ The COP is the decision-making body of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The Convention has 197 Parties and is striving to achieve the goals set out in the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change.
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1. Two-day Regional Conference on "Strengthening the State Institutes of Public Administration" was held at which place?

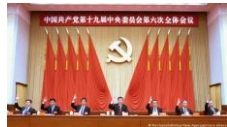
- A) Mumbai
- B) Delhi
- C) Ahmedabad
- D) Lucknow ☒



- ✓ The Government of India's Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances in association with the Government of Uttar Pradesh has organized a Two-day Regional Conference on "Strengthening the State Institutes of Public Administration" at Lucknow. The objective of the conference was to bring various training institutes on one platform to share best practices and requirements in governance and administrative training.

2. "Historical Resolution" which is in the news recently, is associated with which country?

- A) USA
- B) Japan
- C) China ☒
- D) New Zealand



- ✓ The Communist Party of China has adopted a landmark resolution commonly called the "Historic Resolution", which would enable ruling President Xi Jinping to secure an unprecedented third term in office next year and rule China throughout his life.
- ✓ By adopting this resolution, he is placed equal to iconic past leaders Mao Zedong and Deng Xiaoping and has become the third leader of China to have a Historical Resolution.

3. As per the 'Digital 2021: October Global Snapshot', what is the world's population that uses a mobile phone?

- A) 45
- B) 65 ☒
- C) 75
- D) 80



- ✓ Research firm We Are Social released a report titled 'Digital 2021: October Global Snapshot'. As per the report, more than 65% of the world's population now uses a mobile phone. Global mobile phone users reached 5.29 billion in October. The report also highlighted that, social media users are likely to be adopted by 60% of the global population in the first half of 2022.

4. Who represented India in the Summit for Information and Democracy held at New York?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Anurag Thakur ☒
- C) Piyush Goyal
- D) Nirmala Sitharaman



- ✓ Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur addressed the Summit for Information and Democracy on the sidelines of the UNGA organised in New York. He participated in the discussion, by joining from Leh, Ladakh.
- ✓ The 'International Partnership for Information and Democracy' was launched in New York on Sept.26 2019. It aims to promote freedom of opinion and expression and access to free, pluralistic and reliable information. The partnership has been signed by 43 States, till date.

5. Which Indian has been selected as the external auditor of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)?

- A) Vinod Rai
- B) Shashi Kant Sharma
- C) Rajiv Mehrishi
- D) GC Murmu ☒



- ✓ India's Comptroller and Auditor General G C Murmu selected as the external auditor of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). IAEA is a prestigious international institution that promotes peaceful use of nuclear energy. As per the Union Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), his candidature received majority support of the IAEA general conference and his tenure will be for six years, from 2022 to 2027.

6. DigiSaksham programme, which was making news recently, was launched by which Union Ministry?

- A) Ministry of MSME
- B) Ministry of Finance
- C) Ministry of Labour and Employment ☒
- D) Ministry of Textiles



- ✓ Union Labour and Employment Minister Bhupendra Yadav announced a collaboration with Microsoft India to launch DigiSaksham programme. Through DigiSaksham, 10 million active registered job seekers will be able to access the training including computing and computer science training on the National Career Service Portal.
- ✓ The programme is aimed to impact 3,00,000 job seekers in the first year by training them in subjects like programming languages, data analytics, software development etc.

7. "International Day for Tolerance" is celebrated on which date?

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- D) November 10



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8. Which Union Ministry is set to launch "Nutrition Smart Village" initiative?

- A) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare ☒
- B) Ministry of Rural Development
- C) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D) Ministry of Food Processing industries



- ✓ Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is set to launch a programme on "Nutrition Smart Village" to strengthen the Poshan Abhiyan. This scheme is a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- ✓ This initiative aims to reach out to 75 villages across India. It aims to promote nutritional awareness, education and behavioural change in rural areas, using local recipe to overcome malnutrition and implementing nutrition-sensitive agriculture.

9. Which country formed a Parliamentary Friendship Association with India recently?

- A) Sri Lanka ☒
- B) Nepal
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Japan



- ✓ Sri Lanka formed India-Sri Lanka Parliamentary Friendship group, with senior members of Lankan parliament to promote bilateral ties with India. The country had earlier decided to buy fertiliser from India after rejecting the Chinese fertiliser consignment. The India- Sri Lanka Parliamentary Friendship Association for the 9th Parliament of Sri Lanka was established recently.
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10. The UN Peacekeeping Chief warned about crisis in Sahel region, located in which continent?

- A) Africa ☒
- B) Asia
- C) Europe
- D) Australia



- ✓ The UN peacekeeping chief warned about the crisis in Africa's Sahel region. He highlighted that Millions of people are displaced. He also warned about the lack of access of schools to children and lack of primary health care to the people. He was speaking at a UN Security Council meeting on the G5 Sahel force.
 - ✓ It was set up by five African nations namely Chad, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger and Mauritania in 2017 to fight the terrorist threat in the Sahel region.
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1. When is the 'World Pneumonia Day' observed?

- A) November 12 ☒
 B) November 14
 C) November 16
 D) November 18



- ✓ World Pneumonia Day is observed every year on November 12. Over 100 children organisations joined the Global Coalition against Child Pneumonia to hold the first World Pneumonia Day. Under the universal immunisation programme, the Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) programme was launched in India.
- ✓ The programme aims to spread awareness and reduce mortality and morbidity among children due to pneumonia. In India, it is estimated that 1.2 million children die before 5 years and 15.9% of deaths are due to pneumonia.

2. Which Indian state is set to host the 'Tribal Pride Day Mahasammelan'?

- A) Gujarat
 B) Madhya Pradesh ☒
 C) Sikkim
 D) Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ Tribal Pride Day Mahasammelan is scheduled to be held on November 15 at Jamboori Maidan Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. Mahasammelan is being organised on the birth anniversary of Lord Birsa Munda. This year, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the Tribal Pride Day Mahasammelan.

3. 'HARBINGER 2021' is the global hackathon announced by which Indian organisation?

- A) NITI Aayog
 B) Reserve Bank of India ☒
 C) Supreme Court of India
 D) Election Commission of India



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced its first 'HARBINGER 2021 - Innovation for Transformation' with the theme of "smarter digital payments". Registration for the hackathon starts from November 15. The Hackathon invites participants to develop solutions to make digital payments accessible to the under-served, enhance the ease of payments, user experience and security of digital payments.

4. How many countries are members of the Like-Minded Group of Developing Countries (LMDCs)?

- A) 12
 B) 18
 C) 24 ☒
 D) 36



- ✓ A group of 24 nations are members of the Like-Minded Developing Countries (LMDCs). They serve as negotiators in international organizations such as the United Nations and the World Trade Organization. It includes China, India, Sri Lanka, and Malaysia among others. Recently the LMDCs and African countries, have sought at least US \$1.3 trillion per year from the wealthy countries in climate finance starting from 2030 at COP 26 summit.

5. 'Shuttler's Flick: Making every match count' is the autobiography of which famous personality?

- A) Gopi Chand ☒
 B) P V Sindhu
 C) Carolina Marin
 D) Saina Nehwal



- ✓ India's chief national badminton coach P Gopi Chand formally launched his autobiography Shuttler's Flick: Making every match count. The Book has been co-authored by Priya Kumar. It narrates his journey into badminton as a player, coach and the challenges he faced in producing top players, including Olympic medallists Saina Nehwal, P.V. Sindhu, B. Sai Praneeth and former World No.1 K. Srikanth.

6. The Final Glasgow COP 26 agreement aimed at capping global warming at degrees Celsius.

- A) 1
 B) 1.5 ☒
 C) 2.0
 D) 3.0



- ✓ UN climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland has concluded with a global agreement aimed at capping global warming at 1.5 degree Celsius. This Glasgow Pact is the first-ever climate deal to explicitly plan to reduce coal, the worst fossil fuel for greenhouse gases.

7. Which Union Ministry has launched a unified mobile app for the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' events?

- A) Ministry of External Affairs
 B) Ministry of Culture ☒
 C) Ministry of Home Affairs
 D) Ministry of Tourism



- ✓ The Ministry of Culture has launched a unified mobile app for the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' events to enable access to all information related to the celebrations. Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is the 75th anniversary of India's Independence.
- ✓ The app includes links to sections such as 'Digital District Repository' and 'Unsung Heroes' under 'History Corner'.

8. 'DAVINCI' is a mission of which space agency to explore Venus?

- A) NASA ☒
 B) ISRO
 C) JAXA
 D) ESA



- ✓ NASA has planned to explore Venus by launching two missions in the early 2030s, namely VERITAS, (to orbit the planet) and DAVINCI - Deep Atmosphere Venus Investigation of Noble gases, Chemistry, and Imaging. NASA recently released a video about the DAVINCI mission, which is set to launch in 2029.
- ✓ The mission aims to observe various parameters including whether it had water. It will also find answers to fundamental questions about the origin, evolution, and composition of Venus.

9. Which state has approved 'Kaiser-i-Hind' as the State butterfly?

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



- ✓ The Arunachal Pradesh State Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Pema Khandu approved the large, brightly coloured Kaiser-i-Hind as the State butterfly. The Cabinet meeting was held at the Pakke Tiger Reserve for the first time.
- ✓ Kaiser-i-Hind (*Teinopalpus imperialis*) means Emperor of India. This butterfly with a 90-120 mm wingspan is found in six States.

10. What is the phenomenon named, when the sun, Earth and a full moon form a perfect line-up and the moon moves into the Earth's shadow?

- A) Solar Eclipse
- B) Lunar Eclipse ☒
- C) Summer Solstice
- D) Winter Solstice



- ✓ The phenomenon when the sun, Earth and a full moon form a perfect line-up and the moon moves into the Earth's shadow is called the Lunar Eclipse. The United States of America would witness the longest partial lunar eclipse and the longest in 580 years on 17th November 2021, as per NASA. NASA has stated that the eclipse would last for three hours and 28 minutes.

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 10th 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 19th 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.

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.