

Third stimulus check for 1.9 trillion passed

Vice President Kamala Harris casts tie-breaking vote

Washington DC, Feb 5: A stimulus check is a check sent to a taxpayer by the U.S. government. Stimulus checks are intended to stimulate the economy by providing consumers with some money for spending. Earlier during the pandemic, two stimulus packages were released in the U.S. President Joe Biden's relief plan has a \$1.9 trillion being directly paid to millions of Americans as the third stimulus check. Before the stimulus package is distributed it has to be approved by the House of Representatives and Senate.



Harris being sworn in as vice president Image credit: Wikipedia.org

After an all-night discussion that took nearly fifteen hours, when senators voted on the package, there was a 50-50 split (fifty Democratic senators and fifty Republican senators). As a result, Vice President Kamala Harris had to use her first ever tie-breaking vote in favor of the package. Democrats in the Senate applauded after Harris announced the finalized 51-50 vote at around 5:30 AM on Friday.

201 MoUs signed on last day of Aero India 2021

Bengaluru, **Feb 5**: A memorandum of understanding is a document that describes the broad outlines of an agreement that two or more parties have reached.

A total of 201 MoUs, technology transfers, and product launches were done in the Bandhan Ceremony held today on the last day of Aero India 2021.

Defense minister Rajnath Singh said that the Bandhan Ceremony exemplifies the spirit of public-private partnership in the defence and aerospace sectors and has forged strategic ties that are poised to transform defence and aerospace manufacturing. "Aero India 2021 is a living proof of India's ever-growing strength in the defence and aerospace sectors at the global level. The event has exhibited that the global confidence in India's capabilities is growing steadily," Singh wrote in a tweet.



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressing in Aero Space 2021 Image credit: twitter handle of @rajnathsingh

Buildings Around the World: Bodiam Castle By Pravar Mukkala

Bodiam Castle is a moated castle built during the 14th century. It is located near Robertsbridge, East Sussex, a village in southern England.

It was built by Sir Edward Dalyngrigge to defend England from French invasions during the Hundred Years' War. The Hundred Years' War was a conflict between England and France, two kingdoms separated by the English Channel. The war was to decide who was to rule France - either the English royal family, the House of Plantagenet, or the French royal family, the House of Valois. Because the French fleet of 1,200 ships was prone to attack the English coast at any time, Edward Dalyngrigge applied for a license to crenellate (fortify) his manor.

Using the license Dalyngrigge received, he found a fresh site to build his castle on (instead of fortifying his existing manor). The castle's construction was completed relatively quickly in one phase, mostly due to the pressure of the impending French invasion. The castle was completed before 1392.





The land around Bodiam Castle was landscaped so that the castle would be emphasized. There is a moat around the quadrangular (square- or rectangle-shaped) castle, whose exterior has survived. However, the interior of the castle is pretty much in ruins.

During the Wars of the Roses, the then owner of the castle, Sir Thomas Lewknor, supported the House of Lancaster, a family who was on one side of the war. When the family on the other side, the House of York, won, they sent a force to lay siege to Bodiam Castle, which promptly surrendered.

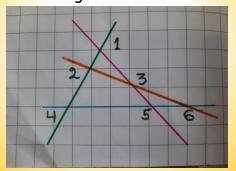
Bodiam Castle is a Grade I listed building, meaning it cannot be destroyed or changed without getting permission from local authorities, and a Scheduled Monument, which means it is a nationally important architectural site. It is owned by the National Trust, an organization in the UK (excluding Scotland) for the conservation and protection of sites or land of national interest.

Grandma's Corner by Kiran aunty

3 books are kept on the table one above the other. Height of each book is 3cms 4 mms. The thickness of the hard cover is 2 mms. A book worm started making straight hole from the first page of the book and reaches the top of the 3rd book. What is the distance covered by the book worm?

Last Week's Answer!!!!!

Maximum number of points in which four non parallel lines will intersect is 6 as in the figure given below



Saturday Champions!

Champs who answered last week's Grandma's corner is: Tanay Sahu

Champs who made out last week's close-up (Earring / Jhumka) are:

Amey Haldankar, Preesha Jain, Manasvini B. Patel, Sneha Vedpathak, Yukti Roshan Katle, Aashi Gupta, Anjali Rani, Anushree Kambale, Ishan Rangnekar, Krishu Kumari, Chhavi Jain, Payal Ashok Sharma, Dhanashree Ramesh Charwadikar, Mrinmoy Halder, Yashika Gupta, Prachitee Santosh Mohite, Ananya Sanjeev Sharma, Priyansh Jain

Know the States of India Amey Haldankar

Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh is a south Indian state bordered by Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Telangana, Chattisgarh, Odisha, and Puducherry.

The state has 13 districts.



The acting capital of the state is currently Hyderabad. However, Kurnool, Vishakhapatnam and Amaravati will be the future capitals of the state, which will make it the only state with three capitals.

The state is made up of the Andhra coastal plains on its coast on the Bay of Bengal, the Eastern Ghats in the east, and the Deccan Plateau in the west.

The Krishna, Penneru, Godavari, and Vamsadhara are the major rivers.

Andhra Pradesh is 7th largest state in India with an area of 160,205 sq. km.

The population of Andhra Pradesh is 49.39 million according to a 2011 survey. Vishakhapatnam, Machilipatnam, Nellore, Vijayawada, Guntur, Amravati and Tirupati are some of the major cities in Andhra Pradesh.

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Editorial

Hello Explorers,

The Saturday edition is becoming a mini geography edition with all the features that are being included ©. Hope you all enjoy the new addition about the states of India by Amey Haldankar. Be sure to answer the question at the end!!!

With lots of love, Poornima aunty tcpedit@gmail.com

Know the States of India Continued from page 3...

Telugu is the most commonly spoken language followed by Tamil and Kannada. The literacy rate of Andhra Pradesh is 67.41%

according to a 2011 survey.

Some of the tourist spots in Andhra Pradesh are the Shri Venkateswara Temple in Tirupati, the Shore Temple of Mamallapuram, the Buddha statue at Nagarjunakonda, and the Horsley Hills and Gandikota in Kadapa district.

Fun fact: Andhra Pradesh has the second longest coastline of 973.7 km after Gujarat.

A question for you: What was the name of Andhra Pradesh before 1956?





Diya Bhatikare



Countries of the World Praneeth Udathu

Portugal is located in southwestern Europe and is bordered by Spain and the Atlantic Ocean. It also consists of the islands of the Azores and Madeira on the northwestern coast of Africa.



Originally, the area was conquered by the Romans, and then was conquered by the Islamic Umayyad Caliphate. Portugal formed and began pushing the Umayyads back. The 'Age of Discoveries' began in the 1400s as explorers from Portugal discovered Brazil and were the first Europeans to find eastern Asia. Eventually, the Portuguese Empire held Brazil, Angola, Puducherry, and many more areas at the height of their empire in the 15th and 16th centuries. The empire began to collapse in the late 1500s. After then being governed by Napoleon and then forming its own monarchy, it became a republic before WWI but was still very unstable. It became a democracy later in the 19th century but still has a very large wealth disparity as it has been unable to recover from the 2008 financial crisis. The capital of Portugal is Lisbon and other large cities include Braga and Porto. The official language is Portuguese. The currency is the euro. Portugal is the oldest country in Europe with the country crowning its first ruler in 1139. The current national population is 10.2 million.

Sports News: England vs. India Test Cricket match

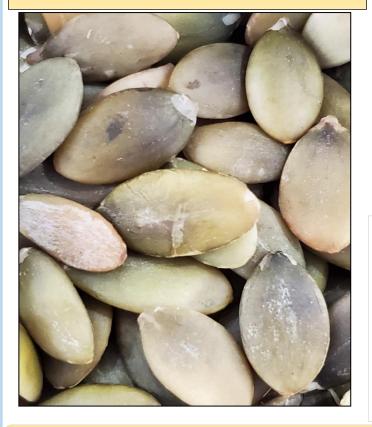
Chennai, Feb 5: On the first day of the first test match between India and England, England won the toss and elected to bat. By the end of first day, they scored 263 runs at a loss of 3 wickets. The English team's captain Joe Root was not out by the end of the day at 128 runs. Dom Sibley scored 87 runs and Rory Joseph Burns scored 33 runs. Indian bowlers Jaspreet Bumra took 2 wickets and Ravichandran Ashwin took one wicket.



Make-up the Close-up

Look at the close-up picture of a larger object below and tell us what that object is ©

Hint: We are full of valuable nutrients and are high in antioxidants and fiber. What are we?



Artist Corner: Ameya



Credits and Answers

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