

1. Who won the Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2021?

- A) Sanjay Gupta  
 B) Deepak Tilak  
 C) Cyrus Poonawalla   
 D) Adar Poonawalla



- ✓ Deepak Tilak, the president of the Lokmanya Tilak Trust recently announced that Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla, chairman of Serum Institute of India (SII) will be honoured with the prestigious "Lokmanya Tilak Award 2021". He will be awarded for his contribution towards the society by manufacturing Covisheild and hence helping in saving many lives during the coronavirus pandemic.
- ✓ Lokmanya Tilak National Award was started in 1983. The award is annually given on August 1, the death anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak.

2. On which date, "Muslim Women Rights Day" was observed in India for the first time?

- A) August 12  
 B) July 30  
 C) August 1   
 D) July 26



- ✓ On August 1, "Muslim Women Rights Day" was observed across the country for the first time. This day was observed to celebrate the enactment of the law against 'Triple Talaq' for completing its two years.
- ✓ According to Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of Minority Affairs, the Government enacted the law against Triple Talaq on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2019 and this law made the social malpractice of Triple Talaq as a criminal offense.

3. Who is the first Indian woman to win two Olympic medals?

- A) Deepika Kumari  
 B) Manika Batra  
 C) P V Sindhu   
 D) Saina Nehwal



- ✓ P V Sindhu is the first Indian woman to win two Olympic medals. She won her first Olympic medal, which was a silver medal, at Rio Olympics 2016. She won a bronze medal at Tokyo Olympics 2021 after defeating He Bing Jiao of China. PV Sindhu belongs to Hyderabad, Telangana.
- ✓ Her Personal coach is Park Tae Sang and the national coach of Badminton is Pullela Gopichand. She got Padma Bhushan Award in 2020. She has been also awarded with Padma Shri (2015), Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in 2016 and Arjuna Award in 2013.

4. Who has been appointed as the new Controller General of Accounts (CGA) in August, 2021?

- A) V.N. Kaul  
 B) Rajiv Mehrishi  
 C) Soma Roy Burman  
 D) Deepak Das



- ✓ Government of India has appointed Deepak Das as the new Controller General of Accounts (CGA) of India. CGA comes under the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. Deepak Das is the 25<sup>th</sup> CGA. He is a 1986-batch Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS) officer.
- ✓ He earlier served as the Principal Chief Controller of Accounts in the Central Board of Direct Taxes.

5. Which institute has collaborated with the Ministry of Ayush to conduct a study on 'Ashwagandha' for promoting recovery from Covid-19?

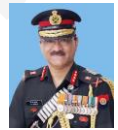
- A) Gautam Buddha University  
 B) IIT Delhi  
 C) Patanjali Ayurveda College  
 D) London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine



- ✓ All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to conduct study on 'Ashwagandha' for promoting recovery from Covid-19. Clinical trials will be conducted on 2000 participants in three U.K. Cities: Birmingham, Leicester and London.

6. Who has been appointed as the new Director General Artillery?

- A) Major General Vikas Joshi  
 B) Lt Gen J P Singh  
 C) Lt Gen Tarun Kumar Chawla   
 D) Lt Gen Vinod Nayanar



- ✓ On 1 August 2021, Lt Gen Tarun Kumar Chawla has been appointment as the Director General of Artillery. He takes over the appointment from Lt Gen K Ravi Prasad, PVSM, VSM who completed thirty-nine years of distinguished service in the army. Lt Gen Tarun Kumar Chawla, AVSM is an alumnus of St. Thomas High School and National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla.
- ✓ He was commissioned into a Field Regiment of Artillery in June 1984. He has also served as a Military observer at the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNOMIL).

7. Under whose chairmanship, the BRICS Counter Terrorism Working Group Meeting, 2021 was organized recently?

- A) Brazil  
 B) Russia  
 C) India   
 D) China



- ✓ A virtual meeting "BRICS Counter Terrorism Working Group" was organised recently on July 28-29 under the chairmanship of India. It was the 6th meeting of the BRICS Counter Terrorism Working Group.
- ✓ The main outcome of the meeting was the finalisation of the BRICS Counter Terrorism Action Plan containing specific measures for the implementation of the BRICS Counter Terrorism Strategy adopted by BRICS leaders in 2020.

8. Which initiative has been launched by the Government of India for Pre-school kids?

- A) NDEAR  
 B) SAFAL  
 C) Vidya Pravesh   
 D) Academic Bank



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched some initiatives as a part of the extension to the National Education Policy 2020 on July 29th, 2021. Vidya Pravesh initiative has been launched for Pre School Kids, basically for Grade 1 students. Under this initiative, three-month play module will be set for the children to prepare them for school. It will also include a subject of Indian Sign language at the Secondary Level.

9. Who has been appointed as the new General Manager of South Western Railway (SWR)?

- A) Rahul Jain
- B) Sanjay Kumar Mohanty
- C) Sanjeev Mittal
- D) Sanjeev Kishore



- ✓ Sanjeev Kishore has been appointed as the new General Manager of South Western Railway (SWR). Earlier, he served as Additional Member (Production Units) of Railway Board. South Western Railway is one of the 18 Railway zones in India. It is headquartered at Hubballi in Karnataka state. It was carved out from Southern Railways and South-Central Railways in 2003.

10. Which personal reading machine has been designed by CSIR for visually impaired people?

- A) Think Pad
- B) Inditrust
- C) Kindle
- D) Divya Nayan



- ✓ CSIR - Central Scientific Instruments Organisation, Chandigarh developed a personal reading machine "Divya Nayan" for visually impaired people. In this device, any printed or digital document can be accessed in the form of speech output. User can place the device over the document to be read and manually scan it.
- ✓ The image is converted into text, text is converted to speech and audio with the help of language dependent optical character. Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) was established by the Government of India in September 1942. It is an autonomous body and has emerged as the largest research and development organisation in India. The institute was founded by Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar.