

1. Who is the head of the committee set up to review the existing guidelines of the Journalist Welfare Scheme?

- A) Ashok Tandon
 B) Shashi Shekhar Vempati
 C) Neerja Sekhar
 D) Alok Agrawal



- ✓ The Government set up a 12-member committee to review the existing guidelines of the Journalist Welfare Scheme (JWS). The committee is headed by Prasar Bharti Board member Ashok Tandon. The committee will examine the need for revision of the amount of ex-gratia payment in death as well as other cases under the JWS.

2. Which country is organising the first ever BRICS Film Technologies Symposium in 2021?

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



- ✓ India's Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and Ministry of External Affairs is organising BRICS Film Technologies Symposium on 1-2 September. The symposium has been conducted in collaboration with FICCI in virtual format.
- ✓ India is organising the first ever BRICS Film Technology Symposium as a part of the special event planned before BRICS summit to be held in India. The focus of the BRICS Film Tech symposium is to acknowledge the service sector and technicians working for the film industry.

3. The C.1.2 variant of the Coronavirus disease, was first reported in which country?

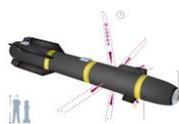
- A) China
 B) South Africa
 C) India
 D) USA



- ✓ The C.1.2 variant of the Coronavirus disease was first reported from South Africa. The variant has now spread to at least six countries, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO).
- ✓ As per the Indian Government, India has no cases of the new C.1.2 coronavirus disease (COVID-19) variant detected so far. The public health body of the United Nations announced that it was monitoring the new C.1.2 virus strain.

4. R9X Hellfire missile, also called as the 'Ninja' bomb, is associated with which country?

- A) USA
 B) China
 C) UAE
 D) India



- ✓ The United States used a special missile in its drone strikes in Afghanistan that does not explode but releases knife-like blades. The US drone strikes were carried out using the Hellfire missile. There are various variants of the Hellfire missile.
- ✓ The R9-X is also called the 'Ninja' bomb. It weighs about 45 kg and the missile can also be launched from helicopters, aircraft and Humvees. The range of these missiles varies from 500 metres to 11 km.

5. Recently, Ismail Sabri Yaakob has been appointed as the prime minister of which country?

- A) Malaysia
 B) Australia
 C) Myanmar
 D) Indonesia



- ✓ King of Malaysia has appointed Ismail Sabri Yaakob as the prime minister of the country on August 20, 2021. Ismail Sabri Yaakob replaced Muhyiddin Yassin as Prime Minister.
- ✓ Yassin stepped down as he lost the majority in parliament as he failed to effectively manage public health system. Ismail Sabri was earlier Muhyiddin's deputy. Ismail Sabri secured majority support of 114 out of 222 members in Parliament.

6. Recently, which bank has opened an ATM on a Houseboat at Dal Lake, Srinagar?

- A) State Bank of India
 B) HDFC Bank
 C) ICICI Bank
 D) Indian Bank



- ✓ State Bank of India (SBI) has opened an ATM on a Houseboat at Dal Lake, Srinagar for the convenience of locals and tourists. The floating ATM was inaugurated by the SBI Chairman Dinesh Khare. SBI had launched the first floating ATM in Kerala in 2004. This floating ATM of SBI was installed in Jhankar yacht owned by Kerala Shipping and Inland Navigation Corporation (KSINC).

7. Exercise Bright Star is a multinational military exercise, held in which country?

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



- ✓ Exercise Bright Star is a multinational military exercise, held once in two years at Egypt. This year's exercise would witness participation from 21 countries including the USA. The first such exercises were held in the year 1980 after signing of the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel. The last Bright Star exercise was conducted in 2018, with 16 participating nations.

8. 'Patrakar Kalyan Kosh' is a scheme for journalists, implemented in which state?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
 B) Maharashtra
 C) Haryana
 D) Chhattisgarh



- ✓ The State Government of Chhattisgarh has implemented the scheme named 'Patrakar Kalyan Kosh'. Under this scheme, the families of journalists who lost their lives in COVID, would be provided with financial assistance. Further, under this scheme, a sum of Rs 2 lakh would be given to journalists for treatment of COVID disease.
- ✓ The state has also decided to increase the monthly pension to senior journalist from Rs.5000 to Rs.10,000, under the Senior Journalist Samman Nidhi scheme.

9. "University of Health Sciences Bill" has been passed by the assembly of which state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Kerala
- C) Odisha
- D) Karnataka



- ✓ The Legislative Assembly of Odisha has passed the University of Health Sciences Bill 2021, recently. This bill seeks to bring all the medical and paramedical institutions of the state under a single University of Health Sciences.
- ✓ Presently, various medical and paramedical institutions of the state are affiliated to different universities. This bill has been passed amidst strict opposition from various fronts.

10. Where was the World Stamp Exhibition 'Philanippon 2021' held?

- A) China
- B) Malaysia
- C) Taiwan
- D) Japan



- ✓ Philanippon 2021 is the World Stamp Exhibition, held recently in Tokyo, Japan. This event is held every 10 years in Japan since 1971, to mark the founding of Postal service in Japan. This year marked the 150th year anniversary of Japan's postal service.