

1. Who is India's first woman Rafale fighter jet pilot?

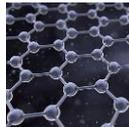
- A) Shivangi Singh
 B) Bhawana Kanth
 C) Mohana Singh
 D) Avani Chaturvedi



- ✓ The country's first woman Rafale fighter jet pilot Shivangi Singh was part of the Indian Air Force tableau at the Republic Day parade. Last year, Flight Lieutenant Bhawana Kanth became the first female fighter jet pilot to be part of the IAF tableau. Shivangi is only the second woman fighter jet pilot to be part of the IAF tableau.

2. MeITY has approved the project of state to set up India's first 'Graphene Innovation Centre'?

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



- ✓ The Ministry of Electronics and IT, Government of India, has given approval to Kerala for setting up India's first 'Graphene Innovation Centre'. The state-run Digital University Kerala (DUK), along with CMET-Trichur, is to set up "India Innovation Centre for Graphene", an R&D incubation centre.
- ✓ It will be implemented with the support of Government of Kerala, and Tata Steel Ltd will be the industrial partner of the centre. Graphene is the thinnest and strongest material in the world.

3. Which country inaugurated the Ijmuiden Sea Lock, the world's largest sea lock?

- A) USA
 B) The Netherlands
 C) Australia
 D) India



- ✓ Dutch King Willem-Alexander officially opened the Ijmuiden Sea Lock, which is claimed to be the largest sea lock in the world. The 500-metre long and 70-metre-wide structure replaces a smaller 100-year-old one at Ijmuiden, a port city connecting the North Sea Canal to the port of Amsterdam. The structure is deep enough that ships will not have to wait for a favourable water level to enter the canal.

4. 'Scheme for enhancement of competitiveness of capital goods sector' is associated with which Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Steel
 B) Ministry of Heavy Industries
 C) Ministry of Textiles
 D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry



- ✓ Ministry of Commerce and Industry notified the second phase of the scheme for enhancement of competitiveness in the capital goods sector. The scheme was notified with a financial outlay of ₹1,207 crore.
- ✓ It would consist of a budgetary support from the government of ₹975 crore and the rest of ₹232 crore would come through the industry contribution.

5. When is the 'World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day' observed?

- A) January 25
 B) January 30
 C) February 1
 D) February 3



- ✓ 'World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day' is observed on January 30 every year, to raise awareness on neglected tropical diseases.
- ✓ This year's World NTD Day was commemorated under the theme "Achieving health equity to end the neglect of poverty-related diseases". Some examples of NTDs are Chikungunya, Dengue, Leprosy and Rabies among others. They affect 1 billion people globally.

6. 'Lake Albert' is located as a border between which two countries?

- A) Uganda–Democratic Republic of Congo
 B) Algeria–Libya
 C) South Africa– Tanzania
 D) Uganda– Ethiopia



- ✓ Two Oil Giants– France's TotalEnergies and the China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) signed a USD 10 million deal to develop Uganda's energy resources and build a regional oil pipeline.
- ✓ The project aims to exploit the crude oil reserves at Lake Albert, a 160-kilometre natural border between Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

7. Paschim Lehar, is a joint Defence Exercise held by which country?

- A) Nepal
 B) India
 C) Bangladesh
 D) Myanmar



- ✓ A joint maritime exercise Paschim Lehar was conducted by the Indian Navy concluded off the West Coast recently. The Exercise aims to enhance the inter-service synergy among the Indian Navy, Indian Air Force, Indian Army and Coast Guard.
- ✓ It was conducted over a duration of 20 days with participation of various equipment of the armed forces.

8. Which Ministry released the 'Drone certification scheme'?

- A) Ministry of Science and Technology
 B) Ministry of Civil Aviation
 C) Ministry of Electronics and IT
 D) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting



- ✓ The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) notified a 'Drone certification scheme (DCS)' to ensure minimum safety and quality requirements and to boost indigenous manufacturing.
- ✓ The objective of this DCS, released under liberalized Drone Rules, 2021, is to provide the minimum requirements for security requirements for drones and enable their evaluation for certification. The liberalised Drone Rules, 2021, was released by the MoCA in Aug-2021.

9. 'Clinker Boats' which were added to UNESCO Heritage List, belongs to which region?

- A) Nordic Countries
 B) Baltic Countries
 C) Balkan States
 D) East African Countries



- ✓ UNESCO has added 'Clinker Boats' to its list of traditions that represent the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.
- ✓ Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden jointly sought the UNESCO designation. It is a Nordic Tradition and for thousands of years, wooden sailboats enabled the peoples of Northern Europe to

undertake trade.

10. Which country played host to the first India–Central Asia Summit?

- A) India
- B) Kazakhstan
- C) Tajikistan
- D) Uzbekistan



- ✓ India hosted first India–Central Asia Summit in a virtual format. Prime Minister Narendra Modi stressed on the need for India and Central Asian countries to define an ambitious vision, as the relations completed 30 years. The event that saw a participation of the Presidents of five countries, including Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.