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**January 1<sup>st</sup> week Current Affairs MCQ**

1. Recently DRDO has celebrated its 64th foundation day. Who is currently serving as the chairman of Defence Research and Development Organization?

- (a) Ramsingh Parmar
- (b) G Satheesh Reddy
- (c) R. S. Sodhi
- (d) Amit Banerjee
- (e) Arvind Kumar Arora

**Answer: B**

Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) celebrated the 64th DRDO Day on January 1, 2022. The DRDO was formed in 1958 from the amalgamation of the then already functioning Technical Development Establishment (TDEs) of the Indian Army and the Directorate of Technical Development & Production (DTDP) with the Defence Science Organization (DSO). Over 175 transfers of technologies will happen in 2021. G Satheesh Reddy is currently serving as the chairman of Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO).

2. Recently the Prime Minister has laid the foundation of Major Dhyan Chand Sports University in Meerut at an estimated cost of \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Rs. 200 Crore
- (b) Rs. 400 Crore
- (c) Rs. 500 Crore
- (d) Rs. 600 Crore

(e) Rs. 700 Crore

**Answer: E**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of Major Dhyan Chand Sports University at Salawa and Kaili villages of Sardhana town in Meerut at an estimated cost of about 700 Crore rupees. The Sports University will be equipped with modern and state-of-the-art sports infrastructure including synthetic Hockey ground, Football ground, Basketball, Volleyball, Handball, Kabaddi ground, Lawn tennis court, Gymnasium Hall, Synthetic running stadium, Swimming pool, Multipurpose Hall and a Cycling Velodrome. The University will have the capacity of training 1080 sportspersons, including 540 female and 540 male sportspersons.

3. The Losar Festival has been celebrated at the onset of the New Year in the traditional schedule of Tibetan Buddhism in which State/UT?

- (a) Jammu
- (b) Srinagar
- (c) Ladakh
- (d) Assam
- (e) Sikkim

**Answer: C**

The Losar Festival in Ladakh is celebrated at the onset of the New Year in the traditional schedule of Tibetan Buddhism. It is celebrated by the Buddhist Community in the Ladakh

region. The Losar is a 15 days festival, from the start of the Tibetan Lunar calendar, marking the 1st day of the 11 months in the Tibetan Calendar. Losar is a Tibetan word that means 'New Year'.

4. The Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched which reading campaign to emphasize on the promotion of joyful reading culture for children?

- (a) Padhe Bharat
- (b) Naya Bharat
- (c) Seekhe Bharat
- (d) New India - Educated India
- (e) Digital Bharat

**Answer: A**

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched a 100-day reading campaign 'Padhe Bharat'. The launch of the 100 Days Reading Campaign is in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 which lays emphasis on the promotion of joyful reading culture for children by ensuring the availability of age-appropriate reading books for children in local/mother tongue/regional/tribal language. Hence, 100 days Reading Campaign is envisaged to support and encourage students, along with their schools, teachers, parents, and communities, in every possible way and encourage children to read for a joyful learning experience.

5. Which power company has recently celebrated the first anniversary of One Nation - One Grid - One Frequency?

- (a) PGCIL
- (b) NTPC
- (c) Tata Power
- (d) PCIL
- (e) JSW Energy

**Answer: A**

State-owned Power Grid Corp. of India Ltd (PGCIL) has celebrated the first anniversary of One Nation-One Grid-One Frequency. "POWERGRID celebrated the anniversary of this momentous occasion on 31st December, 2021 by organizing a number of events. 70 Sub-stations across India along with Regional Headquarters have been lit up in tricolor to mark this momentous achievement," All possible measures are taken to ensure that the grid frequency always remains within the 49.90 - 50.05 Hz (hertz) band.

6. Which city has recently maintained its position as the city with the largest Metro network in the world, with the opening of two driverless lines?

- (a) Shanghai
- (b) Beijing
- (c) Washington DC
- (d) Geneva
- (e) Singapore

**Answer: A**

Shanghai has maintained its position as the city with the largest Metro network in the world, with the opening of two driverless lines—Line 14 and Phase One of Line 18. With the inauguration of the new Metro lines, the Shanghai subway network will expand largely along 831 km. The total number of automatic or driverless Metro lines in Shanghai has reached five. Shanghai city now boasts 508 stations. Shanghai's Metro network is followed by Beijing, which has the second-largest subway network.

7. Which mutual funds company has recently announced the launch of an Auto exchange-traded fund?

- (a) Axis Short Term Mutual Fund
- (b) Nippon India Mutual Fund
- (c) Aditya Birla Sun Life Equity Fund
- (d) Baroda Short Term Bond Fund
- (e) Essel Liquid Fund

**Answer: B**

Nippon Life India Asset Management Limited (NAM India), asset manager of Nippon India Mutual Fund (NIMF), has announced the launch of Nippon India Nifty Auto ETF. The Nippon India Nifty Auto ETF is an open-ended scheme that will replicate the Nifty Auto Index. The ETF or exchange-traded fund will predominantly invest in stocks comprising the Nifty Auto Index in the same proportion as the index adding that it will provide exposure to top 15 (as per Nifty Auto Index methodology) companies representing auto-related sectors.

8. Which payment Bank has recently received the Reserve Bank of India's approval for commencing international remittance business under the Money Transfer Service Scheme?

- (a) Airtel Payments Bank
- (b) India Post Payments Bank
- (c) Jio Payments Bank
- (d) Fino Payments Bank
- (e) NSDL Payments Bank

**Answer: D**

Fino Payments Bank has received the Reserve Bank of India's approval for commencing international remittance business under the Money Transfer Service Scheme (MTSS). The bank will be undertaking inward cross-border money transfer activities in association with an overseas principal. As a new offering international remittance will help augment income of merchants and the bank leading to strengthening of Fino's robust distribution network. There is a major inward remittance corridor in states like Gujarat, Punjab, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

9. Which of the following schemes is not a part of small savings schemes as per the government of India?

- (a) Public Provident Fund
- (b) National Savings Certificate
- (c) Senior Citizen Savings Scheme
- (d) Sukanya Samridhi Yojana
- (e) Atal pension Yojana

**Answer: E**

The government has recently provided relief to fixed income investors by keeping the interest rates on small savings schemes unchanged for the January-March period 2022. This means small savings schemes such as the Fixed Deposits, Public Provident Fund (PPF), Senior Citizen Savings Scheme (SSCS), National Savings Certificate (NCS), Sukanya Samridhi Yojana etc will continue to fetch/earn the same interest rates for the quarter ending March 2022.

10. According to the government data, India's fiscal deficit at the end of November 2021 has stood at \_\_\_\_\_ against the annual estimate of Rs 15.06 lakh crore.

- (a) Rs. 6.06 lakh crore
- (b) Rs. 6.95 lakh crore
- (c) Rs. 4.06 lakh crore
- (d) Rs. 3.69 lakh crore
- (e) Rs. 2.06 lakh crore

**Answer: B**

According to the government data, India's fiscal deficit at the end of November came at 46.2% of the FY22 budget estimate on the back of robust revenues. In actual terms, the deficit stood at Rs 6.95 lakh crore at the end of November 2021 against the annual estimate of Rs 15.06 lakh crore, as per data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA). For the current financial year, the government expects the deficit at 6.8% of GDP or Rs 15.06 lakh crore.

### January 2<sup>nd</sup> week Current Affairs MCQ

1. On which of the following day Pravasi Bharatiya Divas has been celebrated every year?

- (a) 9 January
- (b) 7 January
- (c) 6 January
- (d) 5 January
- (e) 4 January

**Answer: A**

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated every year on 9 January.

It is observed to strengthen the engagement of the overseas Indian community with the Government of India and reconnect them with their roots.

The day was first observed in 2003.

On this day in 1915, Mahatma Gandhi returned to India from South Africa. He got the title of the greatest 'Pravasi'.

2. Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti has been annually celebrated on 9 January. This day is also known as \_\_\_\_\_.



- (a) Sant Parv
- (b) Prakash Parv
- (c) Surya Parv
- (d) Purnima Parv
- (e) Guru Parv

**Answer: B**

Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti also known as the Prakash Parv, was celebrated on 9 Jan '22.

It is the birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh, **the tenth Sikh Guru.**

He formally became the leader and protector of the Sikhs at the age of nine after his father, Guru Tegh Bahadur, the ninth Sikh Guru, was executed by Aurangzeb.

He declared Guru Granth Sahib as Sikhism's holy scripture in 1708

**3. Tata Power has secured the highest environment, sustainability and governance score in S&P Global's Corporate Sustainability Assessment. What is its score?**

- (a) 63
- (b) 64
- (c) 65
- (d) 66
- (e) 67

**Answer: E**

Tata Power has secured the highest environment, sustainability, and governance (ESG) score in S&P Global's Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA).

It has scored 67 out of 100.

The S&P Global CSA is an annual evaluation of companies' sustainability practices since 1999.

In this assessment, over 10,000 companies from around the world were evaluated.

**4. Which among the following organization has appointed Haitham Al-Ghais as its new Secretary-General?**

- (a) OPEC
- (b) World Bank
- (c) IMF
- (d) ADB
- (e) UNESCO

**Answer: A**

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has appointed Kuwait's Haitham Al-Ghais as its new Secretary-General. He will take up the role from August 2022, for a period of three years.

Al-Ghais has previously worked for the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) and served as Kuwait's OPEC Governor from 2017 to June 2021.

About OPEC

**Headquarters: Vienna, Austria**

**5. According to which ministry, 20 crore unorganized workers have registered on E-shram portal?**

- (a) Ministry of Civil Aviation
- (b) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- (c) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (d) Ministry of External Affairs

(e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**20 crore unorganised workers have registered on E-shram portal.**

On this achievement, Minister of Labour and Employment Bhupender Yadav has thanked everyone for their efforts.

eSHRAM portal was launched on 26 August last year with the objective of creating a National Database of Unorganized Workers.

**6. Who among the following has declared December 26 as 'Veer Baal Diwas'?**

- (a) Ramnath Kovind
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) Dharmendra Pradhan
- (d) Smriti Irani
- (e) Amit Shah

**Answer: B**

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced that 26th December will be marked as Veer Baal Diwas.**

Mr. Modi said it will be a fitting tribute to the courage of the Sahibzades, the sons of Guru Gobind Singh and their quest for justice.

Announcing this on the Parkash Purab of Guru Gobind Singh, Mr Modi said, Veer Baal Diwas will be on the same day Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh attained martyrdom after being sealed alive in a wall.

He said, these two greats preferred death instead of deviating from the noble principles of Dharma.

**7. Recently in which city of Uttar Pradesh, KVIC has launched the country's first Mobile Honey Processing Van?**

- (a) Prayagraj
- (b) Lucknow
- (c) Shahjahanpur
- (d) Ghaziabad
- (e) Meerut

**Answer: D**

**KVIC chairman Vinai Kumar Saxena launched the country's first Mobile Honey Processing Van at a Sirora village in Ghaziabad, UP.**

The Mobile Van has been designed in-house by KVIC at its Multi-disciplinary training centre, Panjokhra, at a cost of Rs 15 lakh.

This mobile honey processing unit can process up to 300-KG of honey in 8 hours.

The van is also equipped with a testing laboratory that would instantly examine the quality of honey.

**8. Recently which state government has partnered with the LNG alliance for the import, regasification terminal for LNG containerisation & truck loading facility?**

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Kerala
- (e) West Bengal

**Answer: A**

**The Government of Karnataka and Port Authority New Mangalore Port Trust (NMPT)**

have partnered with Singapore's LNG Alliance for the facility, which will have an initial capacity of four million tonnes per annum (MTPA).

It will have the potential for expansion up to 8 MTPA, in line with estimated demand increase over the next 20 years.

The import and regasification terminal will also have the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) LNG containerisation and LNG truck loading facility for serving the industrial and transportation sector.

LNG Alliance intends to invest around \$290 million (£214m) to develop, build and operate a floating storage and regasification unit and manage the LNG supply.

**9. Who among the following has emerged as the World Rapid Chess champion in January 2022?**

- (a) Carlsen
- (b) G Kartikeyan
- (c) Nodirbek Abdusattorov
- (d) Alexandra Kosteniuk
- (e) P Iniyar

**Answer: C**

**Nodirbek Abdusattorov, a 17-year-old chess prodigy from Uzbekistan, emerged as the World Rapid Chess champion after overcoming a stacked field in the open event which included Ian Nepomniachtchi, defending champion Magnus Carlsen and Fabiano Caruana.**

In the women's section, Alexandra Kosteniuk won her first world crown in rapid chess.

After earning 9.5 points from 13 rounds, Abdusattorov was the first among four players tied for the top spot along with Nepomniachtchi, Carlsen and Caruana.

**10. Shandre Fritz would be the match referee for Legends League Cricket. He is from which country?**

- (a) England
- (b) South Africa
- (c) Australia
- (d) Pakistan
- (e) Hong Kong

**Answer: B**

**To promote women's empowerment, Legends League Cricket (LLC) has appointed cricketer Jhulan Goswami as an ambassador, LLC said.**

LLC also announced an 'All Women Match Official Team' for the League that includes ICC empanelled female umpires and match referees from all across the world.

Shandre Fritz from South Africa will be the match referee for the entire League while Shubdha Bhosle Gaikwad, the youngest female umpire in India, Lauren Agenbag from South Africa, Humaira Farah from Pakistan, and Renee Montgomery from Hong Kong will be officiating umpires.



**January 3<sup>rd</sup> week Current Affairs MCQ**

1. Recently the boxing federation of India has decided to pull out from which championship, to be held in Uzbekistan?

- (a) Asian Under-19
- (b) Asian Under-21
- (c) Asian Under-22
- (d) Asian Under-16
- (e) Asian Under-25

**Answer: C**

The **Boxing Federation of India** has decided to pull out of the **Asian Under-22 Championships** for men and women in Tashkent, Uzbekistan due to the global surge in **COVID-19** cases but is willing to participate if the tournament is rescheduled to a time when the pandemic subsides. The event was scheduled to be held from **January 20 to 30**. Indian boxing has been hit by a **COVID** crisis of its own. The men's senior national camp in **Patiala** has reported **26** cases, including **20** boxers.

2. Recently passed **Toshiki Kaifu** was the former Prime Minister of which country?

- (a) China
- (b) Vietnam
- (c) Bhutan
- (d) Nepal
- (e) Japan

**Answer: E**

The former Prime Minister of Japan, **Toshiki Kaifu** has passed away at the age of **91** years in Japan. He served as the PM from **1989 to 1991**. He is known for sending the **Maritime Self-Defense Force** to the **Persian Gulf** in **1991**. After the **Gulf War**, the **Japanese Self-Defense Force** was deployed to the **Gulf region** to conduct **minesweeping operations** during **Kaifu's** term of office.

3. Recently **Tata Consultancy Services** has announced to donate \_\_\_\_\_ person-hours toward the **TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon**.

- (a) 30,000
- (b) 32,000
- (c) 16,000
- (d) 20,000
- (e) 24,000

**Answer: B**

**Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** has partnered with **Canada Running Series (CRS)** to become the new title sponsor and official **IT services and technology consulting partner** of the **Toronto Waterfront Marathon and Virtual Race** through **November 2026**. This news follows **TCS** renewal of its title and technology sponsorship of the **TCS New York City Marathon**. **TCS** will also donate **32,000** person-hours toward helping the **TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon**

become the most sustainable race in Canada. CRS' goal is to achieve Evergreen Certification by 2022.

**4. Recently who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director of Air India?**

- (a) Rajiv Bansal
- (b) Vikram Dev Dutt
- (c) Subhash Mishra
- (d) Abhijeet Tyagi
- (e) Shipra Mohan

**Answer: B**

The Ministry of Civil Aviation appointed Vikram Dev Dutt as Chairman and Managing Director of Air India as part of a senior-level bureaucratic reshuffle. He has been appointed as the Air India chief in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary. He succeeded Rajiv Bansal at the helm of the national carrier, after the latter took over as the secretary at the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA).

**5. Recently Dileep Sanghani has been elected as the 17th chairman of which of the following organization?**

- (a) IFFCO
- (b) SAIL
- (c) LIC
- (d) NIACL
- (e) NCDC

**Answer: A**

The Board of Directors of IFFCO unanimously elected Dileep Sanghani, a former cabinet minister in the Government of Gujarat and

senior co-operator, as the 17th chairman of Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative (IFFCO). The election of the new chairman was held due to the demise of incumbent Chairman Balvinder Singh Nakai earlier on 11th October 2021. Sanghani is a senior co-operator from Gujarat and he is also the chairman of Gujarat State Cooperative Marketing Federation Ltd, a post he has held since 2017.

**6. From which of the following year, National Disaster Response Force's raising day came into existence?**

- (a) 2005
- (b) 2006
- (c) 2007
- (d) 2008
- (e) 2009

**Answer: B**

National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) celebrates its Raising Day every year on January 19, since it came into existence on January 19, 2006. In 2022, the NDRF is observing its 17th Raising Day. There are 12 NDRF battalions located in different parts of the country and comprises as many as 13,000 NDRF personnel who work to build a safer country. NDRF is an Indian specialized force under the National Disaster Management Authority, constituted under the Disaster Management Act 2005.

7. Which one of the famous Bengali comics was related to recently passed Padma Shri Awardee Narayan Debnath?

- (a) Handa Bhonda
- (b) Nonte Phonte
- (c) Bantul the great
- (d) All of the above
- (e) Only B&C

**Answer: D**

On Jan 18, 2022, **Legendary Bengali cartoonist and Padma Shri Awardee Narayan Debnath** passed away at the age of 96. Narayan Debnath was born on **25 November 1925** in **Howrah, Bengal Presidency, and British India**. He was an **Indian comic's artist, writer and illustrator**. He was the creator of the popular **Bengali comic strips of Handa Bhonda (1962), Bantul the Great (1965) and Nonte Phonte (1969)**.

8. Recently passed Major HPS Ahluwalia founder of the Indian Spinal Injuries Center, has received which of the following awards?

- (a) Padma Vibhushan
- (b) Padma Bhushan
- (c) Padma Shri
- (d) Bharat Ratna
- (e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Padma Shri recipient and founder of the Indian Spinal Injuries Center Major HPS Ahluwalia** died at the age of 85. Major Hari Pal Singh Ahluwalia was an **Indian mountaineer, author,**

**social worker and retired Indian Army officer**. During his career he made contributions in the fields of **adventure, sports, environment, disability and social work**. He was the **Chairman of the Indian Spinal Injuries Center**. He has written **thirteen books** including two on Everest - **"Higher than Everest" and "Faces of Everest"**.

9. Which ministry has recently announced "open data week" to encourage and promote innovation across India's urban ecosystem?

- (a) Ministry of Rural Development
- (b) Ministry of Information Technology
- (c) Ministry of Science and Technology
- (d) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- (e) Ministry of Telecommunications

**Answer: D**

The **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)** has announced the initiation of the **Open Data Week** to encourage the adoption of open data and promote innovation across India's urban ecosystem. It will be conducted during the **third week of January, i.e., from 17th January 2022 to 21st January 2022**. The event will see **participation from all 100 Smart Cities** that will be publishing **high-quality datasets and data blogs** on the **Smart Cities Open Data Portal**. Presently, **more than 3,800 datasets and more than 60 data stories** are already available on the Portal.

10. Recently the Odisha government has partnered with which organization to improve

household food security and reach out to Women's Self-Help Groups?

- (a) World Health Organization
- (b) World Food Programme
- (c) Food and Agriculture Organization
- (d) United Nations Standing Committee on Nutrition
- (e) International Fund for Agricultural Development

**Answer: B**

The Odisha government and United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) have joined hands to improve household food and nutritional

security by strengthening livelihood initiatives and reaching out to thousands of state-supported Women's Self-Help Groups (WSHGs). The partnership, effective till December 2023, will also focus on improving the linkage of women's groups with government procurement systems, increasing awareness on entitlements and building capacity of women's groups.

### January 4<sup>th</sup> week Current Affairs MCQ

1. Which of the following ship has recently handed over to the Diu administration for being used as a full scale museum?

- (a) INS Sindhu
- (b) INS Vela
- (c) INS Khukri
- (d) INS Shalki
- (e) INS Vikramaditya

**Answer: C**

Decommissioned Indian naval ship (INS) Khukri was handed over to the Diu administration so that it can be developed as a full-scale museum. The missile corvette was decommissioned on December 23 last year after 32 years of service. INS Khukri had the distinction of being part of both — western as well as eastern fleets — during its service. Built

by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Khukri was commissioned on August 23, 1989 in Mumbai by the then Defence Minister Krishna Chandra Pant.

2. Who amongst the following have covered under the "Max Life Smart Secure Plus Plan" recently launched on Policy bazaar?

- (a) Senior Citizen
- (b) Infant
- (c) Couples
- (d) Independent Men
- (e) Independent Women

**Answer: E**

Max Life Insurance Co. Ltd. has announced protection offering for Indian homemakers by extending its "Max Life Smart Secure Plus

**Plan**". The 'Max Life Smart Secure Plus Plan' offered on **Policy bazaar** will help **secure female homemakers' lives independent of their spouse's life insurance cover**. The 'Max Life Smart Secure Plus Plan' will be available to consumers where household income is a minimum of Rs. 5 Lakhs per annum to homemakers in the age group of 18 to 50 years.

**3. Recently Tata Motors has announced its sponsorship to the Tata open tennis tournament to be held in which of the following states/UT?**

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Ladakh
- (e) Delhi

**Answer: B**

**Tata Motors has extended its partnership with the Tata Open Maharashtra tennis tournament for the fourth year, and will be this year's title sponsor. The tournament, scheduled from 31 January to 6 February at the Balewadi stadium, is South Asia's only ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) tournament and India's oldest international sporting event.**

**4. Recently dancer Milena Salvini of France passed away. He was related to which dance forms?**

- (a) Bharatanatyam
- (b) Kathak
- (c) Manipuri

(d) Kathakali

(e) Lavni

**Answer: D**

**Kathakali dancer Milena Salvini of France has passed away. Italian-born Salvini was a regular visitor to India, especially Kerala where she learnt Kathakali, and ran 'Centre Mandapa', a school for Indian dance forms, in Paris. The Government of India conferred the Padma Shri award on Salvini in 2019 for her contribution in the field of performing arts.**

**5. Every year January 26 has been celebrated as which of the following day internationally?**

- (a) International Braille Day
- (b) International Customs Day
- (c) International Day of War Orphans
- (d) International Family Day
- (e) International Day of Education

**Answer: B**

**January 26 is celebrated as the International Customs Day (ICD). It is the day designated to honour the custom officials and agencies for their function in taking care of the flow of goods across the world borders. This year, the theme chosen by WCO for ICD is 'Scaling up Customs Digital Transformation by Embracing a Data Culture and Building a Data Ecosystem'. The day was instituted by the World Customs Organization (WCO) to commemorate the day in 1953.**



**6. Recently Paula Badosa has won the Sydney Tennis Classic final by defeating whom in the finale?**

- (a) Barbora Krejckikova
- (b) Aslana Karatsev
- (c) Ashleigh Barty
- (d) Sania Mirza
- (e) Karolina Pliskova

**Answer: A**

In tennis, Aslan Karatsev defeated Andy Murray by 6-3, 6-3, to win the men's single title at the Sydney Tennis Classic final, to claim his third ATP Tour title. **The women's single title was claimed by Spanish world number nine Paula Badosa, who defeated Barbora Krejckikova to capture her third career title.**

**7. Which of the following country has participated in the first meeting of the India-Central Asia Summit recently?**

- (a) Pakistan
- (b) Afghanistan
- (c) Nepal
- (d) Tajikistan
- (e) Bangladesh

**Answer: D**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be hosting the first meeting of the India-Central Asia Summit in a virtual format. Presidents of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan will participate. This will be the first engagement of its kind between India and the Central Asian countries

at the level of leaders. The first India-Central Asia Summit is a reflection of India's growing engagement with the Central Asian countries, which are a part of India's "Extended Neighbourhood".

**8. Which of the following joint naval exercise has recently been conducted among Iran, Russia, and China in the gulf of Oman?**

- (a) Yudh Abhiyaas 2022
- (b) CHIRU - 2Q22
- (c) Malabar Exercise 2022
- (d) Sampriti X - 2022
- (e) SIMBEX 2022

**Answer: B**

Iran, Russia, and China navies began a joint naval exercise CHIRU-2Q22 in the Gulf of Oman from January 18 to 22, 2022. The drill will be staged in the northern parts of the Indian Ocean, and it will involve forces from the marine and airborne units of the Iranian Navy. This is the third joint naval drill between the countries since 2019. **At least 140 warships and over 60 aircraft with nearly 10,000 military personnel would be taking part in the military exercises.**

**9. Recently at what cost India's first innovation centre for graphene has set up in Kerala by the Digital University Kerala?**

- (a) Rs 86.41 crore
- (b) Rs 77.29 crore
- (c) Rs 46.18 crore
- (d) Rs 41.29 crore

(e) Rs 26.81 crore

**Answer: A**

India's first innovation centre for graphene will be set up in Kerala by the Digital University Kerala (DUK), along with the Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (C-MET) in Thrissur, for Rs 86.41 crore. This will be the first graphene Research and Development (R&D) incubation centre in the country. Tata Steel Limited is set to be the industrial partner of the centre. Graphene is known for its extraordinary electrical and electronic properties, and as per latest research, it could replace indium and thereby bring down the cost of OLED (organic light-emitting diode) screens in smartphones.

**10. Which logo(s) has recently featured to mark the 30th anniversary of diplomatic ties between India and Israel?**

- (a) Star of David
- (b) Ashoka Chakra
- (c) National Emblem
- (d) Both a and c
- (e) Both a and b

**Answer: E**

India and Israel have launched a commemorative logo to mark the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries. The logo was unveiled virtually at an online event in the presence of Ambassador of Israel to India Naor Gilon and Indian envoy to Israel, Sanjeev Singla. The logo features the Star of David and the Ashoka Chakra. Israel and India established diplomatic relations on 29th of January 1992. The 30th anniversary of relations between Israel and India will be marked throughout the year with an elaborate array of cultural events.