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Rajnath Singh Pays Glowing Tributes To Indian National Army Veteran

- Rajnath Singh paid glowing tributes to INA veteran Major Ishwar Lal Singh at a memorial service held in New Delhi. After laying a wreath, at the urn containing ashes of Major Ishwar Lal Singh.
- Major Ishwar Lal Singh, a 92-year-old Singaporean veteran of the Indian National Army served under the leadership of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. In his early teens, his father had arranged for him to join the INA. He died on 5th August 2022.

Azad Hind

- In the 1940's the major inspiration for carrying on a relentless struggle against Britain came from Subhas Bose's adventures abroad.
- Bose had set up an Indian Legion in Berlin in 1941 but developed difficulties with the Germans when they tried to use it against Russia and decided to go to Southeast Asia.
- He reached Japanese-controlled Singapore from Germany in July 1943, issued from there his famous call, 'Delhi Chalo', and announced the formation of the Azad Hind Government and the Indian National Army on 21st October 1943.
- The link with the old revolutionary tradition was emphasized by giving a post of honour in the government to Rashbehari Bose, who had been living in exile in Japan since 1915.
- Despite all his differences with Gandhiji, Bose did not forget to ask for the blessings of the 'Father of the Nation' while starting his enterprise.
- Indian prisoners of war in Japanese camps provided a ready recruiting ground for the I.N.A., which was able to rally about 20,000 out of the 60,000 prisoners

of war, and financial aid and volunteers came from Indian trading communities settled in Southeast Asia.

- Between March and June 1944, the I.N.A. was in action on Indian soil, besieging Imphal (Manipur) along with Japanese troops in a campaign that ended in total failure.
- The Japanese collapse in 1945 made the I.N.A. men prisoners again, while Bose mysteriously disappeared, allegedly killed in an air crash that some still believe to have been faked.
- In November 1945, a British move to put the I.N.A. men on trial immediately sparked massive demonstrations all over the country.
- Even more significant was the probable link between the I.N.A. experience and the wave of disaffection in the British Indian army during the winter of 1945-46, which culminated in the great Bombay naval strike of February 1946 and was quite possibly one of the most decisive reasons behind the British decision to make a quick withdrawal.



Rajnath Singh Interacts With Troops At Hq Inspector General Assam Rifles

- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh visited Headquarters Inspector General Assam Rifles (South) at Mantripukhri in Manipur on August 19, 2022 and interacted with troops of Red Shield Division and Assam Rifles. He was accompanied by Chief of the Army Staff General Manoj Pande, GOC-in-C Eastern Command Lieutenant General RP Kalita, and GOC Spear Corps Lieutenant General RC Tiwari along with other senior officers of the Army and Assam Rifles. During the visit, the Raksha Mantri was briefed about the counter-insurgency as well as border management operations on the Indo-Myanmar border to maintain peace and tranquility in the region.
- Addressing the personnel, Shri Rajnath Singh appreciated the officers and soldiers for performing their duty with courage and conviction despite challenges posed by terrain & weather and for improving the security situation in Manipur. It's a matter of great pride to stand amongst the Indian Army and Assam Rifles troops, he said.
- The Raksha Mantri lauded the contribution of the Red Shield Division ever since its raising is it in the 1971 war, as part of IPKF in Sri Lanka, or in its present role. He commended the stellar role of Assam Rifles in the last seven decades and their immense contribution to internal security, securing the Indo-Myanmar border and key role in bringing Northeast into the national mainstream. "For this reason, you are called 'Friends of the Northeast People' and 'Sentinels of North East'," he stated.
- Shri Rajnath Singh exhorted the forces to keep the National Flag high through unflinching dedication, asserting that the Nation can achieve absolute potential only when its borders are safe. More than 1,000 troops of the Red Shield Division and Assam Rifles took part in the interaction with the Raksha Mantri.



COAS Visits Dimapur To Review Operational Preparedness

- General Manoj Pande, Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) visited HQ 3 Corps at Rangapahar Military Station, Dimapur on 19 August 2022. During the visit, he was accompanied by Lieutenant General RP Kalita, GOC-in-C Eastern Command.
- The COAS was briefed by GOC, 3 Corps, IGAR (South) and IGAR (North) on border management and hinterland operations to maintain peace and tranquillity in the region. Expressing satisfaction over the robust deployment posture and operational synergy, the Army Chief commended all ranks of the formation for their stellar contribution to improving the security situation of NE states and Nation building.
- Emphasising the need to keep abreast with emerging challenges, the COAS also commended all agencies for the synergy between them in maintaining peace in the region.
- The Eastern Command is one of the six operational commands of the Indian Army. It is headquartered in **Fort William** in the city of Kolkata in the state of West Bengal. The Eastern Command was formed on 1 November 1920.
- The Command is commanded by a three-star rank officer with the title General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-in-C).



IAF Participation In Exercise PITCH BLACK 2022

- An IAF contingent has reached Australia for participating in Exercise Pitch Black 2022 scheduled to be held from 19 Aug 22 to 08 Sep 22 in Darwin. This is a biennial, multi-national exercise hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force.
- It will focus on Large Force Employment warfare. The last edition was conducted in 2018. This year's exercise will see the participation of over 100 aircraft and 2500 military personnel from various air forces.
- The IAF contingent, led by Group Captain YPS Negi, comprises over 100 air warriors, deployed with four Su-30 MKI fighters and two C-17 aircraft. They will undertake multi-domain air combat missions in a complex environment and will exchange best practices with the participating air forces.



Rajnath Singh To Inaugurate National Seminar on 'Introspection: Armed Forces Tribunal'

- Rajnath Singh will inaugurate a National Seminar on 'Introspection: Armed Forces Tribunal' being organised by the Armed Forces Tribunal (Principal Bench) Bar Association in New Delhi on August 20, 2022.
- The seminar is being conducted to examine the functioning of the Armed Forces Tribunal, established to ensure the speedy and inexpensive justice to Ex-Servicemen, their families and War-Widows, besides the serving personnel of Armed Forces.
- The objective of the seminar is to analyse its working, suggest remedies for any shortcomings and resolve the problems and difficulties faced by the litigants in course of availing speedy justice.
- Armed Forces Tribunal is a military tribunal in India. It was established under the Armed Forces Tribunal Act, 2007.
- In 1999, the Law Commission's 169th report stated that disciplinary and service matters required quick resolutions and proposed a special tribunal for the military forces (viz. The Indian Army, The Indian Navy & The Indian Air Force)



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Armed Forces Tribunal Hq Is Located At

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Kapurthala
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: A

2. Armed Forces Tribunal Established Under Which Act

- A. Armed Forces Tribunal Act, 2007
- B. Armed Forces Tribunal Act, 2008
- C. Armed Forces Tribunal Act, 2009
- D. None

ANSWER: A

3. Ex 'PITCH BLACK' Hosted by

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. Australia
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

4. SLINEX 2022 Held At

- A. Columbo

- B. Kochi
- C. Dhaka
- D. Vishakhapatnam

ANSWER: D

5. Which Aren't India's Priorities in G20 Summits

- A. Checking tax evasion to fight corruption
- B. Choking terror funds
- C. Market access for key drugs
- D. Compete with China

ANSWER: D

6. AUSINDEX Ex Conducts B/W

- A. India & Indonesia
- B. India & Australia
- C. India & Sri Lanka
- D. India & Thailand

ANSWER: B

7. Hq of SIPRI Is At

- A. Solna
- B. Berlin
- C. Paris
- D. Moscow

ANSWER: A

8. “Bolo Hindustan Ki Jay” Is The War Cry Of

- A. JKRF
- B. RR
- C. MAHAR REGIMENT
- D. JKLIR

ANSWER: C

9. The Raisina Dialogue Is A Multilateral Conference Held Annually In

- A. Kolkata
- B. New Delhi
- C. Mumbai
- D. Kochi

ANSWER: B

10. Army Medical Corps Motto Is

- A. Service Before Self
- B. Sarve Santu Niramaya
- C. Always Brave
- D. Valour & Faith

ANSWER: B

11. Project 15B & P17A class Ships Made By

- A. GRSE
- B. DRDO
- C. MDL
- D. CSL

ANSWER: C

12. TALLINN Is The Capital Of

- A. ESTONIA
- B. Qatar
- C. UAE
- D. ETHIOPIA

ANSWER: A

13. "Girl Power – Indian Women Who Broke The Rules" Book Is Written By

- A. Neha J Hiranandani
- B. Simon Mundy
- C. Minhaz Merchant
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

14. 'श्रमेण सर्वम साध्यम्' Is The Motto Of

- A. ICG
- B. BRO
- C. NSG
- D. CRPF

ANSWER: B

15. Ex Sampriti X Held In

- A. Jashore, Bangladesh

- B. Ranikhet, UK
- C. Dhaka, Bangladesh
- D. None

ANSWER: A

16. Who Has Participated In The "Khaan Quest 2022" Exercise In Mongolia?

- A. Indian Air Force
- B. Indian Navy
- C. Indian Coast Guard
- D. Indian Army

ANSWER: D

17. Range of Astra Missile Mk 2 Is

- A. 110 km
- B. 160 km
- C. 170 km
- D. 250 km

ANSWER: B

18. Armoured Corps Centre & School (ACC&S) Is In

- A. Chennai
- B. Pune
- C. Ahmednagar
- D. Nashik

ANSWER: C

19. Which Ministry Is Responsible For Armed Forces Tribunal Working?

- A. MOD
- B. MHA
- C. MEA
- D. None of these

ANSWER: A

20. INS Delhi Is A













- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Frigate

ANSWER: A



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