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Raksha Mantri Inaugurates 29 Bridges & Six Roads Constructed By BRO

- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh dedicated to the nation 35 infrastructure projects of BRO built at a cost of Rs 670 crore, during an event organised at Joshimath- Malari Road in Uttarakhand on January 19, 2024.
- Out of the 35 projects inaugurated by Shri Rajnath Singh, 29 are bridges and six are roads. Eleven (11) of them are in Jammu & Kashmir; nine in Ladakh; eight in Arunachal Pradesh; three in Uttarakhand; two in Sikkim; and one each in Mizoram & Himachal Pradesh.
- The remaining 34 projects, which were e-inaugurated by Shri Rajnath Singh, include Ragini-Ustad-Pharkian Gali Road in J&K. It is a 38.25-km long CL-9 road, which will provide all weather connectivity between Tangdhar and Keren sector, bolstering the operational readiness of the military.



‘Viksit Bharat’ and ‘Bharat - Loktantra ki Matraka’ To Be The Main Themes: Defence Secretary

- With the themes of ‘Viksit Bharat’ and ‘Bharat - Loktantra ki Matraka’, the 75th Republic Day Parade at Kartavya Path on January 26, 2024, will be women-centric.

- For the first time, the parade will be heralded by 100 women artists playing Indian musical instruments. The parade would commence with the music of Sankh, Naadswaram, Nagada, etc. to be played by women artists.
- The parade will also witness an all-women Tri-Service contingent marching down Kartavya Path for the first time. The CAPF contingents will also consist of women personnel. “Best representation of women will be seen in this year’s Republic Day parade,” the Defence Secretary said.
- The parade will start at 1030 hrs and run for a duration of approx. 90 minutes. The seating capacity at Kartavya Path is 77,000, of which 42,000 is reserved for the general public.



CIC Instructs Defence Ministry To Reconsider Refusal To Disclose Records On 'Agnipath' Scheme

- Central Information Commission (CIC) has instructed the Defence Ministry to review its denial of disclosing records related to the Agnipath military recruitment scheme under the Right to Information (RTI) Act.
- Earlier, the Ministry had classified the files as "secret," citing Section 8(1)(a) of the RTI Act. This comes in response to a RTI application filled by Activist Vihar Durve, who contested the use of the term "secret", alleging that the Act did not explicitly include such a classification.
- He said merely stating that a piece of information was secret was not enough to deny the information by invoking Section 8(1)(a) of the Act.

- Subsequently, Information Commissioner Vinod Kumar Tiwari directed the Ministry to re-evaluate the application and provide revised information or an appropriate exemption under the RTI Act.
- The **Central Information Commission is a statutory body**, set up under the Right to Information Act in 2005 under the Government of India to act upon complaints from those individuals who have not been able to submit information requests to a Central Public Information Officer or State Public Information Officer due to either the officer not have been appointed, or because the respective Central Assistant Public Information Officer or State Assistant Public Information Officer refused to receive the application for information under the Right to Information Act.



Pakistan, Iran Agree To 'De-escalate' After Air Strikes

- Pakistan-Iran Relations: The cabinet headed by Pakistan's caretaker prime minister endorsed a move to re-establish full diplomatic relations with Iran.
- Pakistan's cabinet decided to end a standoff with Iran that saw the countries exchange missile and drone strikes at what they each said were militant targets.
- The international community, including the United Nations and the United States, called for restraint, while China offered to mediate between the two countries. However, a phone conversation between Pakistan's Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani and his Iranian counterpart Hossein Amir-Abdollahian has paved the way for both nations to defuse the situation.
- The Baluchistan region shared between Pakistan and Iran, has long been a hotspot for militant activities. The recent events saw Iran carrying out a missile and drone strike on what it deemed "terrorist" targets in Pakistan, triggering a retaliatory response from Pakistan on Thursday.

- The rare military actions escalated tensions, prompting Pakistan to recall its ambassador from Tehran and block the return of Iran's envoy to Islamabad.
- A collective death count of 11 -- mostly women and children -- was reported from both sides of the border, as per news agency AFP.



3-layered Security Cordon To Guard Ayodhya Temple

- A three-layered security cordon — manned by the **Special Security Force**, a dedicated force set up by Uttar Pradesh government to guard temples and vital installations; **CRPF**; **provincial armed constabulary (PAC)** and **UP civil police** — will guard the grand Ram Lalla temple in Ayodhya as it witnesses the **Pran pratishtha ceremony** on Monday.
- Sources said around 100 commandos of SSF trained by **National Security Guard (NSG)** in highly-specialised anti-terror tactics and intervention drills, have taken vantage positions in and around the temple complex to ward off all possible security threats.
- NSG has, over the past 2-3 months, trained SSF personnel in anti-terror tactics and intervention techniques. Other skills imparted include reflexes and precision firing with assault rifles, MP5 guns and pistols; and counter-IED techniques. The SSF commandos were taught close combat focused on enhancing upper body strength, agility and flexibility.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Theme of 75th Republic Day Parade Is

- A. Viksit Bharat
- B. Bharat - Loktantra ki Matruka
- C. Only A
- D. Both A & B

ANSWER: D

2. The Central Information Commission has been constituted Under

- A. RTE 2009
- B. RTI 2005
- C. CIC Act 2011
- D. None

ANSWER: B

3. Ex 'Bison and AUSINDEX' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Angola
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Australia

ANSWER: D

4. INS Karmuk Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. Missile Corvette

- C. Submarine
- D. Tank

ANSWER: B

5. ___ Is The Official Residence And Workplace Of The President Of The United States.

- A. President House
- B. White House
- C. Sansad
- D. 7 RCR

ANSWER: B

6. R&AW Stands For

- A. Research and Analytical Wing
- B. Raw and Analysis Wing
- C. Research and Analysis Wing
- D. Research and Analysis Wet

ANSWER: C

7. IRST Stands For

- A. Infra-Red Search and Terrorist System
- B. Infra-Red Search and Tokyo System
- C. Infra-Red Search and Track System
- D. None

ANSWER: C

8. India Sold Brahmos Missile To

- A. Philippines
- B. Vietnam
- C. Thailand
- D. Japan

ANSWER: A

9. Agni-V Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. IRBM
- D. ICBM

ANSWER: D

10. Which is Not Correctly Matched:

- A. IAF Day: 8 Oct
- B. Indian Navy Day: 4 Dec
- C. Indian Army Day: 26 Jan
- D. BSF Day: 1 Dec

ANSWER: C

11. "Sarvatra" (Everywhere) Is The Motto Of

- A. JKRIF
- B. RR
- C. CORPS OF ENGINEERS
- D. Madras Regiment

ANSWER: C

12. IAF Was Formed On

- A. 8 October 1932
- B. 8 October 1922
- C. 8 October 1942
- D. 8 October 1952

ANSWER: A

13. SLBM Stands For

- A. Submarine-launched Ballistic Misery
- B. Submarine-launched Ballistic Missile
- C. Submarine-launched Ballet Missile
- D. Solar-launched Ballistic Missile

ANSWER: B

14. Lima Is The Capital Of

- A. Poland
- B. Qatar
- C. UAE
- D. Peru

ANSWER: D

15. "The Epic Battle of Longewala" Book Is Written By

- A. Arun Kumar
- B. Ashish Ghatak
- C. Ramesh Kandula
- D. Air Marshal Retd Bharat Kumar

ANSWER: D

16. Joint Exercises B/w The India And UK Is Called:

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Konkan Shakti

ANSWER: D

17. Where Is The Hq Of The South Western Command of The Indian Army?

- A. Jaipur
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

18. Merkava Mk.4 Is The Tank Of

- A. Germany
- B. Israel
- C. USA
- D. India

ANSWER: B

19. Exercises B/w The India And Egypt Is Called:

- A. SLINEX
- B. Indra
- C. Yudha Abhyas
- D. Ex CYCLONE

ANSWER: D

20. Where Is The Hq Of The Training Command of The IAF?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Shillong
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

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EXAMS