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Parakram Diwas

- Parakram Diwas is celebrated to commemorate the 127th birth anniversary of freedom fighter Subhas Chandra Bose.
- **Subhash Chandra Bose Jayanti** officially known as Parakram Diwas, every year on January 23, people commemorate Bose Jayanti, also known as Parakram Diwas, in remembrance of Netaji's courage as one of India's greatest liberation fighters. This year it will also be celebrated on **23rd January 2024**.
- It aims to pay tribute to Indian heroes, several of whom had made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the sovereignty and integrity of India.
- Subhas Chandra Bose was born on 23rd January 1897, in Cuttack, Orissa Division, Bengal Province, to Prabhavati Dutt Bose and Janakinath Bose.



EXERCISE KHANJAR 2024

- The **11th edition** of India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise KHANJAR has commenced at the Special Forces Training School in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh. The exercise is scheduled to be conducted from 22nd January to 3rd February 2024. It is an annual event conducted alternatively in both the countries.

- The Indian Army contingent comprising 20 personnel is being represented by troops from The Parachute Regiment (Special Forces) and the Kyrgyzstan contingent comprising 20 personnel is represented by Scorpion Brigade.
- Aim of the exercise is to exchange experiences and best practices in Counter Terrorism and Special Forces Operations in Built-up Area and Mountainous Terrain under Chapter VII of UN Charter. The exercise will emphasise on developing Special Forces skills, advanced techniques of insertion and extraction.



EXERCISE 'CYCLONE'

- The Indian Army contingent comprising 25 personnel reached Egypt to take part in the **2nd edition** of India-Egypt Joint Special Forces Exercise CYCLONE. The Exercise will be conducted at Anshas, Egypt from 22nd January to 1st February 2024. The first edition of the exercise was conducted last year in India.
- The Indian contingent is being represented by troops from The Parachute Regiment (Special Forces) and Egyptian contingent comprising 25 personnel is being represented by Egyptian Commando Squadron and Egyptian Airborne Platoon.



NATO's Steadfast Defender Exercise

- Russia has strongly reacted to NATO's Steadfast Defender 2024 exercises involving about 90,000 troops. Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Grushko sharply criticised the military exercises in an interaction with the state RIA news agency in remarks published on Sunday.
- NATO said on Thursday it was launching its largest exercise since the Cold War involving some 90,000 troops. The exercise is aimed at rehearsing how US troops could aid European allies in countries bordering Russia and on the alliance's eastern flank in a situation of a conflict. However, the alliance didn't mention Russia by name in its announcement.
- Steadfast Defender 2024 exercise has sparked discussions among some social media users, leading to conjecture that Nato might be preparing for a prospective confrontation with Russia in the future. As per a Newsweek report, on Alex Jones' InfoWars podcast, conservative commentator Jack Posobiec interpreted Nato's description of the exercise as "a simulated emerging conflict scenario against a near-peer adversary" to mean "it's going to be a war game with Russia."



IAF Pilots welcomed in Kargil on inauguration of AN-32 Courier Service

- The administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh on Monday welcomed the Indian Air Force Pilots and crews for the commencement of the AN-32 Courier Service to Kargil.
- The CEC highlighted that the AN-32 Courier Service aims to streamline travel, improving connectivity to and from Kargil.
- Liaison Officer Kargil urged intending travelers to report on time carrying original IDs to avail the facility, thereby contributing to the efficient operation of the service.
- The inaugural flight successfully lifted 11 passengers from Kargil to Jammu and 07 from Jammu to Kargil. The first flight of the AN-32 Courier Service to Kargil was operated by Gp Capt Saurabh Karmatar, Sqn Leader A. Nautiyal, Sqn Leader Kanwarpreet, Flight Leader Ashwini, Two Kaptans, and Sgt Shekhawat.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Akash Prime Is A

- A. Rocket
- B. Air Defence Missile System
- C. Sniper Rifle
- D. Tank

ANSWER: B

2. IRBM Stands For

- A. Intermediate Resource Ballistic Missile
- B. Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile
- C. Intermediate Range of Ballistic Missile
- D. Intermediated Range Ballistic Missile

ANSWER: B

3. Southern Army Command Headquarters Is in

- A. Jaipur
- B. Kolkata
- C. Pune
- D. Lucknow

ANSWER: C

4. HEAT Also Known As Abhyas Stands For

- A. High-speed Expendable Aerial Temperature
- B. High-speed Expendable Air Target
- C. High-speed Extra Aerial Target
- D. High-speed Expendable Aerial Target

ANSWER: D

5. BEL HQ Is In

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Noida
- C. New Delhi
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: A

6. Major Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of The Indian Navy?

- A. Captain
- B. Inspector
- C. Lt Commander
- D. Vice-admiral

ANSWER: C

7. Training Command of IAF is located at

- A. New Delhi
- B. Bangalore
- C. Gurugram
- D. Lucknow

ANSWER: B

8. Which Nation Is A New Member Of SCO?

- A. China
- B. Pakistan
- C. India
- D. Iran

ANSWER: D

9. War Cry of ASSAM REGIMENT

- A. Parakramo Vijayate
- B. Rhino Charge
- C. Jai Bajrangbali
- D. Duty, Honour, courage

ANSWER: B

10. __Is India's 3rd Highest Military Decoration Award.

- A. PVC
- B. MVC
- C. Veer Chakra
- D. Kirti Chakra

ANSWER: C

11. Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi Is The GOC In Chief Of

- A. Northern Command
- B. Western Command

- C. Southern Command
- D. Central Command

ANSWER: A

12. Colonel Rank of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank Of Indian Navy Is

- A. Commander
- B. Captain
- C. Group Captain
- D. Lieutenant

ANSWER: B

13. War Cry of NAGA REGIMENT

- A. Bharat Mata ki Jai
- B. Ki ki so so Lhargyalo
- C. Jai Durga Naga
- D. Durga Mata Ki Jai

ANSWER: C

14. Regimental Centre Of The Rajput Regiment Is In

- A. Fatehgarh, Uttar Pradesh
- B. Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh
- C. Awantipora, J&K.
- D. Ranikhet, Uttarakhand

ANSWER: A

15. National Cadet Corps Was Established In

- A. July 16, 1948
- B. July 16, 1958
- C. July 26, 1968
- D. July 26, 1988

ANSWER: A

16. Ex 'Ekuverin' conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: D

17. Mitra Shakti Ex Held B/w India &

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. USA
- C. UK
- D. Nepal

ANSWER: A

18. From Which Country Has India Purchased Its Apache Helicopters?

- A. U.K.
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. USA

ANSWER: D

19. World's Highest Motorable Road Is In

- A. Sikkim
- B. Ladakh
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Assam

ANSWER: B

20. The National Cadet Corps (NCC) HQ, is at___

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Lucknow
- D. Pune

ANSWER: A