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Exercise Jal Prahar 2024

- Indian Navy and Indian Army Biannual Joint Exercise Jal Prahar held in **Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh**.
- Exercise Jal Prahar 2024 is a biannual joint exercise between **Indian Navy & Indian Army** focusing on amphibious operations.
- Aiming to validate and fine-tune its strategy to take over enemy land via sea, the Indian military has just completed a mammoth amphibious exercise "Jal Prahar" that saw participation of Army and Navy.
- The ENC is one of the three command-level formations of the Indian Navy. It is headquartered in **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**. The command is responsible for the all-naval forces in the **Bay of Bengal** and parts of the **Indian Ocean** and the naval establishments on the east coast of India.

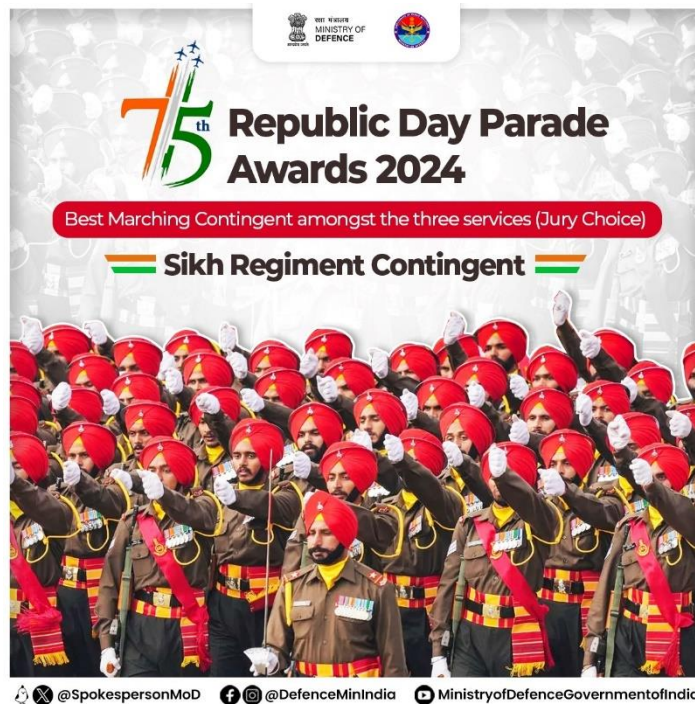


Best Marching Contingents & Tableaux Awards For RD

- Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Ajay Bhatt gave away the best marching contingents and tableaux awards for the Republic Day Parade on January 30, 2024. He announced separate results – one by a panel of judges and other through an online public vote conducted by MyGov and congratulated all the winners.

- Three panels of judges were appointed for assessing the performance of Marching Contingents from three Services, Marching Contingents from Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF)/other auxiliary forces and tableaux from various States/Union Territories and Ministries/Departments. On the basis of the assessment of the panels, the results are as under:
- Best Marching Contingent among the three services – Sikh Regiment Contingent
- Best Marching Contingent among CAPF/other auxiliary forces – Delhi Police Women Marching Contingent
- Best three Tableaux (States/UTs)
- First – Odisha (Woman Empowerment in Viksit Bharat)
- Second – Gujrat (Dhordo : A Global Icon Of Gujarat’s Border Tourism)
- Third – Tamil Nadu (Kudavolai System in ancient Tamil Nadu – Mother of Democracy)
- Best Tableau (Ministries/Departments) - Ministry of Culture – (Bharat : Mother of Democracy)
- Special Prize - Central Public Works Department (Central Vista -Viksit Bharat Ka Pratibimb)
- Special memento to ‘Vande Bharatam’ – Dance Group
- In addition to the panel of judges, a web page was created on MyGov platform for online registration of citizens for watching the Republic Day Parade and Beating the Retreat Ceremony 2024 online. An online poll was conducted by MyGov for the citizens to vote for their favourite Tableaux from States/UTs and Ministries/Departments as also amongst the Marching contingents to select the best amongst popular choice category. The online poll for the popular choice was conducted between January 25-27, 2024 on MyGov web page. The results are:
- Best Marching Contingent among the three services – Rajputana Rifles Regimental Marching Contingent
- Best Marching Contingent among CAPF/other auxiliary forces - CRPF Woman Marching Contingent
- Best three Tableaux (States/UTs):

- First - Gujrat (Dhordo : A Global Icon Of Gujarat's Border Tourism)
- Second - Uttar Pradesh (Viksit Bharat Samradh Virasat)
- Third – Andhra Pradesh (Transforming School Education in Andhra Pradesh – Making Students Globally Competitive)
- Best Tableau (Central Ministries/Departments) – Vibrant Villages (Ministry of Home Affairs)



75th Republic Day Parade Awards 2024



Best three Tableaux (States/UTs)
(Jury Choice)

Odisha

(Women Empowerment in Viksit Bharat)

Gujarat

(Dhordo: A Global Icon of Gujarat's Border Tourism)

Tamil Nadu

(Kudavolai System in Ancient Tamil Nadu Mother of Democracy)



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75th Republic Day Parade Awards 2024



Best Tableau (Ministries/Departments), [Jury Choice]

Ministry of Culture
(Theme - Bharat: Mother of Democracy)



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India & Oman Ink MoU On Procurement Of Defence Material And Equipment

- Defence Secretary Shri Giridhar Aramane co-chaired the **12th Joint Military Cooperation Committee (JMCC)** meeting with Secretary General, Ministry of Defence, Oman Dr. Mohammed Bin Naseer Bin Ali Al Zaabi in Muscat on 31 Jan 2024.
- The JMCC meeting delved into many new areas of cooperation in the fields of **training, Joint exercise, Information sharing, Oceanography, Ship Building & MRO**, that would build mutual trust and interoperability between militaries of

both nations. Further, they also exchanged views on regional and global issues of shared interest.

- Towards implementing India - Oman Joint Vision Document entitled '**A Partnership for the Future**', adopted in Dec 2023, the Defence Secretary & Secretary General signed a MoU to procurement of Defence Material & Equipment which would provide a framework for a new area of defence collaboration.



ICG 48th Anniversary

- Indian Coast Guard Day is observed annually on **February 1** to commemorate the crucial role played by the organisation in safeguarding the nation's maritime interests. In 2024, India will mark the 48th anniversary of ICG Day, aiming to raise awareness about the history and significance of the ICG.
- It was formally established on **1 February 1977** by the **Coast Guard Act, 1978** of the Parliament of India. ICG saved 11,561 lives since it was founded in 1977, officials said. Since its inception to Dec 31, 2023, it carried out 3,899 search and rescue operations, 8,012 sorties and 453 medical evacuations at sea.

Indian Coast Guard Regions 2024 Regional Headquarters

North-West

Gandhinagar

West	Mumbai
East	Chennai
North-East	Kolkata
Andaman & Nicobar	Port Blair

GRSE, Rolls-Royce Sign License Agreement To Manufacture MTU S4000

- Warship building company Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE) and Rolls-Royce signed a Frame and Individual License Agreement to co-operate in the license production and localisation of the MTU IMO Tier II compliant **Series 4000 Marine Engines** for governmental ships.
- As part of the agreement, the engines will be manufactured at the Diesel Engine Plant of GRSE in Ranchi.
- The collaboration is a part of the 'Make in India' joint initiative and has significant market potential in coming years for all Fast Patrol Vessels, Interceptor Boats and Fast Attack Craft projects of Indian Navy and the Indian Coast Guard, the company said in a media release.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Current DG of The ICG Is

- A. VS Pathania
- B. Rakesh Pal
- C. R Hari Kumar
- D. None

ANSWER: B

2. ICG Celebrating ___ Anniversary On 1 Feb 2024.

- A. 46th
- B. 47th
- C. 48th
- D. 49th

ANSWER: C

3. Ex 'Jal Prahar' Conducted In

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

ANSWER: D

4. Who Was Awarded The Title Of The Best Marching Contingent Among The Three Services?

- A. Delhi Policewomen Marching Contingent

- B. Sikh Regiment Contingent
- C. Central Public Works Department
- D. Ministry of Culture

ANSWER: B

5. Which State's Tableau Won The First Prize In The Category of Best Tableaux (States/UTs)?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Odisha
- C. Gujrat
- D. Delhi

ANSWER: B

6. Which Organization Received A Special Prize For Their Contribution Related To 'Viksit Bharat Ka Pratibimb'?

- A. Delhi Policewomen Marching Contingent
- B. Sikh Regiment Contingent
- C. Central Public Works Department
- D. Ministry of Culture

ANSWER: C

7. What Theme Was Presented By The Tableau That Won The 2nd Prize In The Category Of Best Tableaux ?

- A. Woman Empowerment in Viksit Bharat
- B. Dhordo: A Global Icon Of Gujarat's Border Tourism
- C. Kudavolai System in ancient Tamil Nadu – Mother of Democracy
- D. Central Vista - Viksit Bharat Ka Pratibimb

ANSWER: B

8. MALABAR Exercise Was Initiated In Which Year

- A. 1991
- B. 1992
- C. 1993
- D. 1994

ANSWER: B

9. Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) Comes Under

- A. MOD

- B. MHA
- C. MEA
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

10. Hambantota Port Is In

- A. Indonesia
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. India
- D. China

ANSWER: B

11. The Indian Government Plans To Construct A 2,500-metre-long Airstrip On Minicoy Island In

- A. Goa
- B. Mumbai
- C. Lakshadweep
- D. Kochi

ANSWER: C

12. Pakyong Airport is located in -

- A. Sikkim
- B. Assam
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Nagaland

ANSWER: A

13. Which port is also known as the New Mangalore Port?

- A. Mormugao Port
- B. Panambur Port
- C. Kandla Port
- D. Tuticorin Port

ANSWER: B

14. Port Blair Is Located On Which Island?

- A.** The Little Andaman
- B.** The Great Nicobar
- C.** The South Andaman
- D.** The North Andaman

ANSWER: C

15. Author Of The Book 'Kerala: God's Own Country'

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Jeet Thayil
- C. Sudha Murthy
- D. Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai

ANSWER: A

16. AUSINDEX Ex Conducts B/W

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

ANSWER: B

17. "Poverty and Un-British Rule in India" Is Written By

- A. Mahadevi Verma
- B. Premchand
- C. Dadabhai Naoroji
- D. Ratan Tata

ANSWER: C

18. Havana Is The Capital Of

- A. Cuba
- B. Qatar
- C. UAE
- D. Cyprus

ANSWER: A

19. Who Was The Prime Minister Of India During Indo-PAK War In 1965?

- A. Jawaharlal Nehru
- B. Indira Gandhi
- C. Lal Bahadur Shastri
- D. Rajiv Gandhi

ANSWER: C

20. Who Was The PM Of India During The Indo-Pak War In 1999?

- A. Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- B. Indira Gandhi
- C. Lal Bahadur Shastri
- D. Rajiv Gandhi

ANSWER: A

