

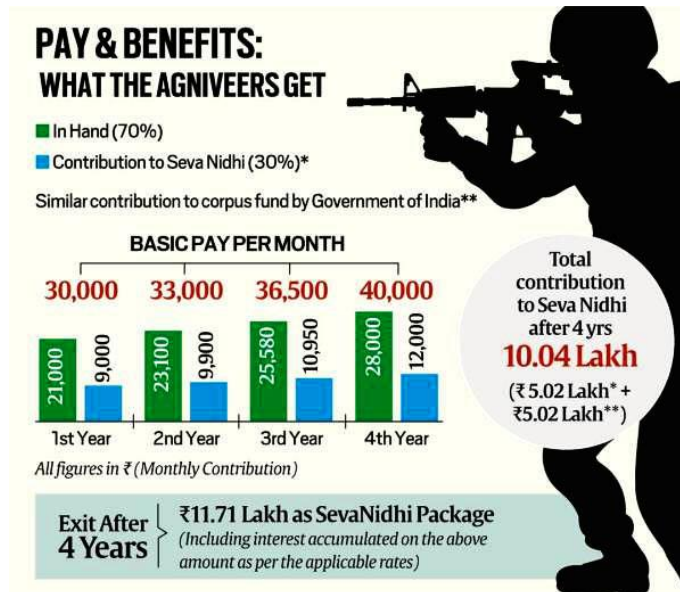
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Ex Pehla Kadam

- Culminating on 12May2024, Agniveers of Dogra Regimental Centre, Ayodhya have participated in a weeklong strenuous outdoor training "**Ex Pehla Kadam**" designed to test combat skills & endurance.
- The gruelling 40 km run ends the physical stage of their training before they move out to serve the motherland. Watchful eyes of instructors, minute observation of the examiners and sharp focus of the Centre on all aspects of training is the hallmark of DRC.
- The Agnipath scheme, as it is known, was announced on June 14, 2022, and is in force with the initial batch of Agniveers, as these young men and women are called, already inducted in armed forces units after completion of their recruit training.





Ex TARKASH-2024

- Three weeks Joint Exercise TARKASH 2024 between NSG & US(SOF) culminated at Kolkata. The two Special Forces have enhanced interoperability & shared best practices during the exercise.
- The **seventh edition** of the Indo-U.S. joint counter terrorism exercise” Tarkash”, between the elite National Security Guard (NSG) and the U.S. Special Operations Forces (SOF) commenced on April 22.
- “The three-week exercise encompassed intense training and mock drills in urban counter terrorism scenarios. The primary objective of the bilateral exercise is to build functional relations and enhance interoperability between the two special forces in conducting coordinated counter terror operations in urban counter terrorism contingencies. The exercise is also aimed at improving bilateral cooperation between India and the U.S. in matters relating to combating terrorism, in all its forms and manifestations,” a statement said.
- The NSG and the SOF conduct regular exchanges in various aspects of the counter terrorist operations, as part of bilateral mutual counter terrorism capacity building initiatives and mechanism.



Over 400 Terrorist, Naxal Properties Attached by NIA Since 2019

- A total of 403 properties related to suspected terrorists have been seized by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) since the amended of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in 2019 till May 16 this year, according to the agency.
- The highest number of properties were attached in Jharkhand (206) related to left-wing extremism (LWE) cases, while 100 properties were attached in Jammu and Kashmir related to terrorists and separatist leaders.
- Besides Jharkhand and J&K, 19 properties were seized in Kochi, four in Hyderabad, three in Chennai and five in Mumbai in cases related to ISIS inspired modules and others in India. In Chandigarh, 33 properties related to pro-Khalistan elements and others were seized while 22 properties related to gangster-terrorist syndicates and pro-Khalistan elements were seized in Delhi, as per the NIA.



China-Myanmar module of NSCN-IM Helped Banned Outfits

- With charge sheet submitted by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) stating that “China-Myanmar module” NSCN-IM supported the cadres of two banned Meitei outfits to infiltrate India in order to exploit the current ethnic unrest in Manipur, NSCN-IM stated that this is not only misleading but cruel and vicious as it is too far from the point of accuracy and morally not ethical at all.
- As per the chargesheet, these outfits were “tasked” to “identify”, “recruit” and “train impressionable youths and get them involved in the ongoing violence with the larger goal of destabilising the security situation in Manipur and to further wage a war against the government of India”.
- The National Socialist Council of Nagaland, or NSCN, is the main insurgent group in Northeast India, operating mainly in Nagaland state. The Naga National Council, or NNC, gave up violence in 1975 and signed the Shillong Accord peace deal with India. NNC leaders Isaac Chishi Swu, Thuingaleng Muivah, and SS Khaplang formed NSCN in 1980 against the peace accord.

Russia To Expel UK Defence Attache In A Tit-for-tat Move

- Russia has declared The United Kingdom’s defence attache persona non grata and gave the diplomat a week to leave the country in response to London expelling the Russian defence attache earlier this month over spying allegations.
- Russia’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement that it summoned a representative of the British Embassy in Moscow on Thursday to express its

“strong protest in connection with the unfriendly and groundless decision” to expel the Russian attache from London.

- “We emphasized that we regard this step as a politically motivated action of clearly Russophobic nature, which is causing irreparable damage to bilateral relations,” the statement read.



France Declares State Of Emergency In New Caledonia As Protests Rage

- France has declared a state of emergency on the Pacific archipelago of New Caledonia after violent protests flared up against electoral reforms killing one police officer and three others.
- Notably, New Caledonia is a French overseas territory located hundreds of miles off Australia's eastern coast.
- The violence -- the worst in decades -- is the latest flash point in long-running tensions over Paris' role in the archipelago.
- The unrest began on Monday as French lawmakers prepared to vote on a decision to expand voting rights in the territory. However, critics argue that this could marginalize the Indigenous Kanak population and benefit pro-French politicians. The National Assembly adopted the revision overnight.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which country has declared a state of emergency in New Caledonia due to ongoing protests?

- A. Australia
- B. France
- C. United States
- D. United Kingdom

ANSWER: B

2. 46-m Modular Bridge Designed and Developed By

- A. DRDO
- B. GSL
- C. HAL
- D. Boeing

ANSWER: A

3. National Science Day 2024 Theme Is

- A. Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat
- B. Viksit Bharat
- C. Science is the best way to cater human need
- D. None

ANSWER: A

4. India's First Human Space Flight Program Is

- A. Artemis
- B. Gaganyaan
- C. Aakash
- D. None

ANSWER: B

5. INS Vikramaditya Is A Modified ___ Aircraft Carrier.

- A. Kiev-Class
- B. Surya- Class
- C. Kalashnikov-Class
- D. None

ANSWER: A

6. Operational Range of Barak 8 Missile Is

- A. 70Km
- B. 80Km
- C. 90Km
- D. 100Km

ANSWER: A

7. Defence Services Staff College Is Located At

- A. Wellington
- B. Chennai
- C. New Delhi
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

8. Motto of DSSC Is

- A. To War with Wisdom
- B. Valour and Courage
- C. Fight With Determination
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

9. Commandant of Defence Services Staff College Is

- A. Lt Gen Virendra Vats
- B. Lt Gen Vikram Singh
- C. Rear Admiral Anil Sen

D. None

ANSWER: A

10. Cabinet Committee on Security Is Headed By

A. PM

B. NSA

C. The President

D. COAS Indian Army

ANSWER: A

11. Air Marshal Rank of IAF Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Army?

A. Brigadier

B. Lt. Gen

C. Captain

D. Major General

ANSWER: B

12. How Many States In India Have A Coastline?

A. Seven

B. Eight

C. Nine

D. Ten

ANSWER: C

13. OPEC Hq Is In

A. Budapest, Hungary

B. New York, USA

C. Luanda, Angola

D. Vienna, Austria

ANSWER: D

14. AUKUS Stands For

A. Azerbaijan, the United Kingdom, & the United States

B. Australia, the United Kingdom, & the United States

C. Australia, the United Kingdom, & Uganda

D. Argentina, the United Kingdom, & the United States

ANSWER: B

15. RIYADH Is The Capital Of

- A. SAUDI ARABIA
- B. SENEGAL
- C. SERBIA
- D. SEYCHELLES

ANSWER: A

16. "2001 Space Odyssey" Book Is Written By

- A. C. Clarke
- B. Abhijit Chavda
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

17. Captain Rank of Indian Navy Equivalent to Which rank of IAF?

- A. Flying Officer
- B. Flight Lieutenant
- C. Group Captain
- D. None

ANSWER: C

18. Predator B (MQ-9 Reaper) Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: C

19. International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Hq Is At

- A. London, United Kingdom
- B. Vienna, Austria
- C. Paris, France
- D. Geneva, Switzerland

ANSWER: A

20. "If you win, you need not have to explain...If you lose, you should not be there to explain!" Said By__

- A. Winston Churchill

- B. Adolf Hitler
- C. Subhas Chandra Bose
- D. Bhagat Singh

ANSWER: A



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