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Kargil Vijay Diwas 2024

- Kargil Vijay Diwas, celebrated every July 26, marks a significant moment in India's history—the victory over Pakistan in the 1999 Kargil War. This day honors the courage and sacrifice of Indian soldiers who defended the nation's sovereignty. PM Narendra Modi will visit Drass in Ladakh on July 26, 2024, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of this historic event.
- **The Roots of Kargil Vijay Diwas**
- The history of Kargil Vijay Diwas dates back to the tumultuous period between India and Pakistan, which saw major conflicts, including the 1971 war that led to the creation of Bangladesh.
- Despite signing the Lahore Declaration in February 1999, aimed at peaceful resolution of the Kashmir issue, the peace was short-lived. Pakistani soldiers and militants infiltrated the Kargil district of Jammu and Kashmir in the winter of 1998-1999, occupying strategic positions to disrupt the link between Kashmir and Ladakh.
- **Operation Vijay and the Kargil War**
- In May 1999, the Indian Army discovered the infiltration, prompting the launch of Operation Vijay. The conflict, known as the Kargil War, involved intense battles in the challenging mountainous terrain of the Kargil district and along the Line of Control (LoC) from May to July 1999.
- The Indian Army successfully recaptured key positions, including Tiger Hill, after fierce fighting. The war culminated on July 26, 1999, with India securing victory but suffering significant casualties, losing nearly 490 personnel.



Russia Offers Rs 50 Lakh To New Soldier

- With the war against Ukraine still raging, the Moscow city government offers substantial financial incentives to residents who enlist in the Army. According to the mayor's office, new enlistees will receive an initial payment of 1.9 million roubles (Rs 18,00,000), with total first-year compensation reaching 5.2 million roubles (Rs 50,00,000).
- This increase makes the annual income for Moscow's contract soldiers more than five times the country's average nominal wage.
- Russian authorities report that around 190,000 individuals have volunteered to serve in Ukraine this year, part of what Moscow calls a "special military operation."
- President Vladimir Putin has ordered the military to increase its numbers by 170,000, aiming to boost overall personnel to over 2.2 million, including 1.32 million troops.
- Reports indicate that Russia has recruited up to 15,000 Nepalese soldiers, many of whom have experienced trauma, with some still missing or presumed dead.



India Leads Security Cooperation Efforts At BIMSTEC Meet

- In a significant stride towards enhancing regional security cooperation, India took the helm as the lead country for security sector collaboration within the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC).
- This development was highlighted during the Senior Officials' Meeting held in Nay Pyi Taw to prepare for the upcoming 4th Meeting of BIMSTEC National Security Chiefs.
- The meeting in Myanmar's capital city convened to strategize and coordinate initiatives crucial for addressing common security challenges faced by member states.
- BIMSTEC is a regional organisation that connects countries around the Bay of Bengal to promote economic growth, trade, and cooperation in areas like transportation, energy, and counter-terrorism.



India, UK Forge Semiconductors Partnership

- UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy unveiled the UK-India Technology Security Initiative during his inaugural visit to India, marking a significant stride towards enhancing bilateral cooperation in semiconductor technology.
- This initiative underscores both nations' commitment to bolstering their Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, focusing on critical areas such as supply chain resilience, skills development, and hardware security.
- The UK Foreign Secretary is scheduled to travel from India to the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' meeting in Laos, where he will advance UK economic partnerships and unveil new cooperation on climate and health.



India's Installed Nuclear Power Capacity to Triple by 2031-32

- India's installed Nuclear Power Capacity to Triple by 2031-32. “The present installed nuclear power capacity is set to increase from 8180 MW to 22480 MW by 2031-32” stated Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space and MoS Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh in a written reply to an unstarred question in Rajya Sabha today.
- Highlighting India’s energy transition to Net Zero by 2070 Dr. Jitendra Singh said, “Various studies have projected the need to have a national nuclear capacity of

the order of 1 lakh MW by 2047, recommendations of those studies are being viewed for possible future adoption.”

- Answering questions on the capacity augmentation of nuclear energy, the Union Minister of State for the Department of Atomic Energy emphasized that there has been more than a 70 percent surge in India’s nuclear power capacity in the last 10 years, increasing from 4,780 MW in 2013-14 to 8,180 MW at present. The annual electricity generation from nuclear power plants has also increased from 34,228 million units in 2013-14 to 47,971 million units in 2023-24.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Where did the 4th Meeting of BIMSTEC National Security Chiefs Held?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Kathmandu
- C. Colombo
- D. Nay Pyi Taw

ANSWER: D

2. What does Kargil Vijay Diwas, celebrated every July 26, commemorate?

- A. India's independence
- B. The victory over Pakistan in the 1999 Kargil War
- C. The signing of the Indian Constitution
- D. The launch of India's first satellite

ANSWER: B

3. Operation Vijay Was Conducted In

- A. 1978
- B. 1988

- C. 1999
- D. 1980

ANSWER: C

4. The Regimental Center Of The Parachute Regiment Is In

- A. Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh
- B. Belgaum, Karnataka
- C. Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh
- D. Bangalore, Karnataka

ANSWER: D

5. Which Corps Of The Indian Army Turned-on Internet Service Through Satellites On Siachen Glacier?

- A. Fire and Fury Corps
- B. Chinar Corps
- C. Strike Corps
- D. None

ANSWER: A

6. In 2015 Indian Army Carried Its First Surgical Strike In

- A. Myanmar
- B. Pakistan
- C. China
- D. Nepal

ANSWER: A

7. Which Of The Following Helicopters Did Not Operate By The Indian Army?

- A. HAL Cheetah
- B. HAL LANCER
- C. HAL Rudra
- D. Chinook

ANSWER: D

8. Which Regiment Of The Indian Army Is Called As 'The Gods Of War'?

- A.** Mechanised Infantry
- B.** Gorkha Regiment
- C.** Regiment Of Artillery
- D.** Rajput Regiment

ANSWER: C

9. Department Executive Of The Department Of Military Affairs Is

- A. Defence Minister
- B. NSA
- C. CDS
- D. Prime Minister

ANSWER: C

10. Rapid Action Force Hq Is In

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

ANSWER: D

11. Baku Is In Which Continent

- A. Africa
- B. Asia
- C. Australia
- D. North America

ANSWER: B

12. ISRO Hq Is In

- A. Mumbai
- B. Kochi
- C. Chennai
- D. Bangalore

ANSWER: D

13. India Purchased Bofors Gun from

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

14. "Naam Namak Nishaan" Is The Motto Of

- A. THE GRENADIERS

- B. Rajputana Rifles
- C. Gorkha
- D. None

ANSWER: A

15. Civil Services Day Every Year Observed On

- A. 20 April
- B. 21 April
- C. 22 April
- D. 23 April

ANSWER: B

16. The SAMHO Is An

- A. Anti-tank Guided Missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Ballistic missile
- D. Communication satellite

ANSWER: A

17. Joint Exercises B/w The India And USA Is Called:

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Tiger Triumph

ANSWER: D

18. AH-64 Apache Is A

- A. Transport Helicopter
- B. Attack Helicopter
- C. Light Utility Helicopter
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

19. Dhanush (howitzer) Manufactured By

- A. L & T
- B. Boeing
- C. ISRO
- D. Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited

ANSWER: D

20. INS Arihant Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Ballistic missile submarine
- D. Tank

ANSWER: C

