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Republic Day 2025: Tableaux Theme

- The theme for showcasing tableaux at the upcoming Republic Day Parade is '**Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas**', and 15 states and UTs have been selected for presenting them on the Kartavya Path on January 26, the defence ministry said.
- These states and UTs are -- Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chandigarh, Dadar Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, it said.
- In addition, 11 ministries and departments of the Union government have also been selected for the 2025 Republic Day celebrations, the ministry said in a statement.
- Tableaux is one of the important components of Republic Day parade. Due to time allotted for tableaux in the overall duration of parade, "shortlisting of tableaux is done by the Expert Committee", the ministry said in a statement.



Adani Defence Acquires Majority Stake In Air Works India

- Adani Defence Systems and Technologies Limited a wholly owned subsidiary of Adani Enterprises, has executed a Share Purchase Agreement (SPA) to acquire an 85.8 per cent stake in Air Works India (Engineering) Pvt. Ltd.
- According to ADSTL, the transaction, signed on December 23, 2024, is valued at an enterprise value of Rs400 crore. This acquisition is a key step in Adani Defence's strategy to expand its presence in the growing maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) sector.
- Air Works India, a leading player with over seven decades of experience in civil and defence aircraft maintenance, will now become an integral part of Adani Defence's broader aerospace and defence portfolio.
- Under the terms of the agreement, ADSTL will acquire **85.8 per cent** stake in AWIEPL, with the cost of acquisition pegged at **Rs400 crore**.



Israel Confirms Assassination of Hamas Leader Ismail Haniyeh

- Israel has confirmed that its military killed Ismail Haniyeh, the former Hamas political chief, in Tehran earlier this year. The assassination was revealed by Defence Minister Israel Katz, who also issued a warning to Yemen's Houthi rebels, stating that their leadership could face a similar fate.

- Haniyeh, known for leading Hamas's negotiation efforts for a ceasefire in Gaza, was killed on July 31 in a guesthouse in Tehran. Reports indicate that an explosive device, planted by Israeli operatives weeks earlier, was used in the assassination.



Pakistan May Get 40 5th-Gen Stealth Fighter Jets From China

- In a game-changing proposition, China is reportedly in talks with Pakistan for Islamabad to procure 40 advanced stealth fighter jets from Beijing. The J-35A is China's most advanced military aircraft.
- If the deal is finalised, Pakistan will be the first and only country globally to have a squadron of the stealth J-35A multi-role fighter jets outside of China. It will also mark the first export of China's most advanced military aircraft by Beijing.
- The J-35A is China's second fifth-generation stealth fighter jet. After United States, China is the only other country in the world to have two 5th-gen military aircraft. Pakistan is looking to replace its ageing fleet of US-made F-16s and the French Mirage fighters.
- The Shenyang J-35A stealth fighter is a twin-engine, single-seater, supersonic, air-superiority, multi-role fighter jet that can carry out missions on land and at sea. The J-35A is the second fifth-generation stealth fighter China has developed after the J-20.



Biden Signs Defense Bill Despite Objections To Ban On Transgender Health Care For Military Children

- President Joe Biden on Monday signed into law a defense bill that authorizes significant pay raises for junior enlisted service members, aims to counter China's growing power and boosts overall military spending to \$895 billion despite his objections to language stripping coverage of transgender medical treatments for children in military families.
- Biden said his administration strongly opposes the provision because it targets a group based on gender identity and "interferes with parents' roles to determine the best care for their children." He said it also undermines the all-volunteer military's ability to recruit and retain talent.
- "No service member should have to decide between their family's health care access and their call to serve our nation," the president said in a statement.
- The Senate forwarded the bill to Biden after passing it last week by a vote of 85-14. In the House, a majority of Democrats voted against the bill after House Speaker Mike Johnson insisted on adding the provision to ban transgender medical care for children. The legislation easily passed by a vote of 281-140.
- Biden also objected to other language in the bill prohibiting the use of money earmarked to transfer detainees held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to some foreign countries and into the United States. He urged Congress to lift those restrictions.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is the theme for the tableaux at the Republic Day Parade 2025?

- A. 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat: Innovation and Excellence'
- B. Unity in Diversity
- C. "Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas"
- D. India: The Vision for 2047'

ANSWER: C

2. What percentage stake in Air Works India Pvt. Ltd is being acquired by Adani Defence Limited?

- A. 75.2%
- B. 85.8%
- C. 90.1%
- D. 80.5%

ANSWER: B

3. Which country is reportedly in talks with China to procure 40 J-35A stealth fighter jets?

- A. India
- B. Pakistan
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Sri Lanka

ANSWER: B

4. Which country hosted the 28th Malabar naval exercise?

- A. United States
- B. Japan
- C. India
- D. Australia

ANSWER: C

5. The __ edition of Exercise 'DHARMA GUARDIAN' 2024.

- A. 4th
- B. 5th
- C. 6th
- D. 7th

ANSWER: B

6. Full Form of 'SAMAR' is

- A. System for Advance Manufacturing Assessment and Rating
- B. System for Array Manufacturing Assessment and Rating
- C. System for Advance Manufacturing Assessment and Rate
- D. None

ANSWER: A

7. Where is the world's highest battlefield, Siachen Glacier, located?

- A. Near the Indo-Pak Line of Control
- B. On the Indian Peninsula
- C. In the Southern Naval Command (SNC) region
- D. In the Indian Search and Rescue Region (ISRR)

ANSWER: A

8. Manufacturing Facility For Production Of Airbus C295 Aircraft To Come Up In__.

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

ANSWER: C

9. On 1 Apr 1954, the President's Colours Were Presented To The IAF By Which President Of India?

- A. Rajendra Prasad
- B. V.V. Giri
- C. Radhakrishnan
- D. Pratibha Singh Patil

ANSWER: A

10. Ex GARUDA SHAKTI, IND-INDO CORPAT, IND-INDO BILAT Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Indonesia
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

11. SIMBEX Series Of Exercises Began In 1994 And Were Initially Known As

- A. Exercise Lion King
- B. Exercise Asia King
- C. Exercise Jungle King
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

12. Northrop Grumman Is The Defence Manufacturing Company of Which Nation?

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Israel
- D. Russia

ANSWER: A

13. The Unending Game Book Written By

- A. Vikram Sood
- B. Shivshankar Menon
- C. Ravi Shastri
- D. Salman Rushdie

ANSWER: A

14. What Is The Capital Of Andorra?

- A. Maseru
- B. Andorra la Vella
- C. Yamoussoukro
- D. Addis Ababa

ANSWER: B

15. "The School for Good Mothers " Book Written By

- A. Jessamine Chan
- B. Beatrice Hitchman
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Nikki May

ANSWER: A

16. Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration Is In

- A. H.P
- B. U.P
- C. U.K
- D. M.H

ANSWER: C

17. "Discipline and united action are the real sources of strength for the nation."

Said By

- A. Gandhi Ji
- B. Lal Bahadur Shastri
- C. Pt. Nehru
- D. Gopal Krishna Gokhale

ANSWER: B

18. PVSM Stands For

- A. Param Vishisht Seva Medal
- B. Param Vishisht Sainik Medal
- C. Param Vishishthtm Seva Medal
- D. None

ANSWER: A

19. Commodore Rank Of Indian Navy Is Equivalent To Which Rank of IAF?

- A. Air Commodore
- B. Air Marshal

- C. Wing Commander
- D. Major

ANSWER: A

20.Ex GARUDA Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. France
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C