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Results Announced for the Best Marching Contingents & Tableaux

- The results for the best Marching Contingents and Tableaux of Republic Day Parade 2025 have been announced.
- Three panels of judges were constituted to assess the performance of Marching Contingents from the Services & CAPF/other auxiliary forces and tableaux from various States/UTs & Ministries/Departments of the Central Government.
- The panels have declared the following results:
- **Best Marching Contingent among Services - Jammu & Kashmir Rifles Contingent**
- **Best Marching Contingent among CAPFs/other auxiliary forces - Delhi Police Marching Contingent**
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- Top three tableaux (States/UTs)
- **1st - Uttar Pradesh (Mahakumbh 2025 - Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas)**
- **2nd - Tripura (Eternal Reverence: The worship of 14 Deities in Tripura - Kharchi Puja)**
- **3rd - Andhra Pradesh (Etikoppaka Bommalu - Eco-Friendly Wooden Toys)**
- Best Tableau from Central Ministries/Departments
- **Ministry of Tribal Affairs (Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh)**
- **Special Prize:**
- Central Public Works Department (75 years of **Constitution of India**)
- 'Jayati Jai Mamah Bharatam' Dance Group

- **Popular Choice Category**
- **Best Marching Contingent among Services - Signals Contingent**
- **Best Marching Contingent among CAPFs/other auxiliary Forces - CRPF Marching Contingent**
- **Top three tableau (States/UTs)**
- **1st - Gujarat (Swarnim Bharat: Virasat Aur Vikas)**
- **2nd – Uttar Pradesh (Mahakumbh 2025 - Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas)**
- **3rd - Uttarakhand (Uttarakhand: Cultural Heritage and Adventure Sports)**
- **Best tableau from Central Ministries/Departments - Ministry of Women & Child Development (Multifaceted journey of women and children nurtured under the Ministry's comprehensive schemes)**



Keel Laying of Seventh Ship

- Keel Laying of the seventh ship (BY 529, Machilipatnam) of the Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) project was undertaken on 29 Jan 25.
- Contract for building **eight ASW SWC ships** was awarded to Cochin Shipyard Limited by the Ministry of Defence on 30 Apr 19.
- The ships known as the '**Mahe**' class, will be equipped with indigenously developed, state-of-the-art underwater sensors, and are envisaged to undertake anti-submarine operations in coastal waters as well as **Low Intensity Maritime Operations** (LIMO) and **Mine Laying Operations**.



F-35 Fighter Jet Crashed

- An F-35 fighter jet crashed during a training exercise at Eielson Air Force Base in Alaska, US, on Tuesday afternoon, with the pilot successfully ejecting from the aircraft and reported to be in stable condition.
- The crash occurred at approximately 12:49 pm local time, as the F-35 was approaching the landing phase of its flight. Col Paul Townsend, commander of the 354th Fighter Wing, confirmed the pilot had declared an inflight emergency due to a malfunction before ejecting safely.
- The F-35A is the US Air Force's "**latest fifth-generation fighter**," and is known for its stealth capabilities and long-range performance, with a single mission able to cover much of the Northern Hemisphere.



CCS clears Army's Rs 10,000 crore Pinaka rocket deal

- In a mega success for indigenous weapon systems, the **Cabinet Committee on Security** has cleared the project to buy over **Rs 10,000 crore** worth of ammunition for the Indian Army's **Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launcher systems**.
- The Indian Army project to buy the **Rs 10,000 crore** plus ammunition including the **Area Denial Munitions and Pinaka Enhanced Range rockets** was cleared by the CCS.
- The project would be divided between the rocket manufacturer **Solar Industries of Nagpur** and the former **Ordnance Factory Board company Munitions India Limited (MIL)**.
- The DRDO is already in the advanced stages of making a **120 km** strike version of the Pinaka rockets and is expected to carry out its first test in the next financial year.
- The rockets cleared today by the CCS have a range of around **45 Kms** and can be very effective at both the **Pakistan and China border**.



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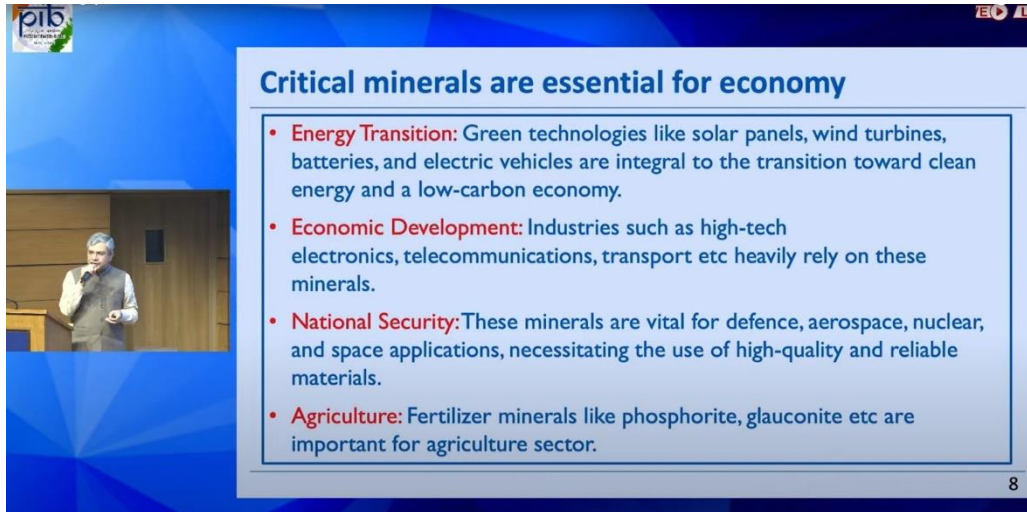


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EXAMS

Cabinet Approves 'National Critical Mineral Mission'

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, has approved the launch of the **National Critical Mineral Mission** (NCMM) with an expenditure of Rs.16,300 crore and expected investment of **Rs.18,000 crore** by PSUs, etc.
- As part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative and recognizing the indispensable role of critical minerals in high-tech industries, clean energy, and defence, the Government of India has undertaken several initiatives over the past two years to address challenges in the critical minerals sector.
- There is a need to establish an effective framework for India's self-reliance in the critical mineral sector. In line with this vision, the Finance Minister

announced the setting up of the Critical Mineral Mission in the Union Budget for 2024-25 on 23rd July 2024.



Critical minerals are essential for economy

- **Energy Transition:** Green technologies like solar panels, wind turbines, batteries, and electric vehicles are integral to the transition toward clean energy and a low-carbon economy.
- **Economic Development:** Industries such as high-tech electronics, telecommunications, transport etc heavily rely on these minerals.
- **National Security:** These minerals are vital for defence, aerospace, nuclear, and space applications, necessitating the use of high-quality and reliable materials.
- **Agriculture:** Fertilizer minerals like phosphorite, glauconite etc are important for agriculture sector.

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Garden Research Shipbuilders & Apollo Micro Systems

- Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers and Apollo Micro Systems have entered into an MoU for a period of five years to establish a business partnership for the joint research and development (R&D), co-production, export of Underwater Weapons & Vehicles, Underwater Mines, Underwater Communication Systems and Air Defence Systems and supply of advanced weapons and electronic systems for both defence and non-defence industries.
- This collaboration is aimed at the development and production of cutting-edge technologies, including Underwater Weapons and Vehicles, Underwater Mines and Communication Systems and Air Defence Systems and Vehicles, a statement from Apollo Micro Systems said.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is the approved expenditure for the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM)?

- A. Rs. 10,000 crore
- B. Rs. 16,300 crore
- C. Rs. 18,000 crore
- D. Rs. 5,700 crore

ANSWER: B

2. Which organization is developing the 120 km strike version of the Pinaka rockets?

- A. HAL
- B. BEL
- C. DRDO
- D. ISRO

ANSWER: C

3. Where did an F-35 fighter jet crash during a training exercise?

- A. Nevada, USA
- B. Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska
- C. Edwards Air Force Base, California
- D. Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

ANSWER: B

4. Which two companies signed an MoU for joint R&D and production of underwater weapons and air defense systems?

- A. HAL & ISRO
- B. DRDO & BHEL
- C. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers and Apollo Micro Systems
- D. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders & L&T

ANSWER: C

5. Which class of Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) ships is being built by Cochin Shipyard Limited?

- A. Kolkata-class
- B. Kamorta-class
- C. Mahe-class
- D. Vishakhapatnam-class

ANSWER: C

6. Which contingent won the Best Marching Contingent among Services in the Republic Day Parade 2025?

- A. Rajput Regiment
- B. Gorkha Rifles
- C. Jammu & Kashmir Rifles
- D. Sikh Regiment

ANSWER: C

7. Which state's tableau won first place in the Popular Choice Category in the Republic Day Parade 2025?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Tripura
- C. Gujarat
- D. Uttarakhand

ANSWER: C

8. Which Ministry's tableau won the Best Tableau award from Central Ministries/Departments in the Popular Choice Category?

- A. Ministry of Defence
- B. Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- C. Ministry of Women & Child Development
- D. Ministry of External Affairs

ANSWER: C

9. Op Ajay Launched By Bharat To Rescue People From

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

ANSWER: B

10. Infantry Day Is Always Observed On

- A. 26 Oct
- B. 27 Oct
- C. 28 Oct
- D. 29 Oct

ANSWER: B

11. PBG The Oldest Regiment In The Indian Army, Having Been Raised In

- A. 1773
- B. 1774
- C. 1779
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

12. INSAS Rifle Manufactured By

- A. ARDE
- B. HAL
- C. IAI
- D. ISRO

ANSWER: A

13. ISRO Hq Is In

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

ANSWER: D

14. Brahmos Is A

- A. Hypersonic Cruise Missile

- B. Supersonic Cruise Missile
- C. Subsonic Cruise Missile
- D. Ballistic Missile

ANSWER: B

15. Where Is The Hq Of The Central Command of The Indian Army?

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Pune
- D. Lucknow

ANSWER: D

16. "The Broken Earth" Book Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. N.K. Jemisin
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Philip Pullman

ANSWER: B

17. What Is The Capital Of Nigeria?

- A. Oslo
- B. Abuja
- C. Cape Town
- D. Warsaw

ANSWER: B

18. Ex 'Ajeya Warrior' conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: D

19. Operation Ganga Was Conducted By IAF In

- A. UK
- B. USA
- C. Ukraine
- D. Afghanistan

ANSWER: C

20. Where Is The Hq Of The Eastern Command of The IAF?

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Shillong
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: C

