

GENERAL AWARENESS

Surgical Strikes

The Indian Air Force (IAF) struck against Jaish - e - Mohammed camp in Balakot of Pakistan in the early hours of 26th February 2019.

The Mirage - 2000 fighter jets were used to drop explosives on terrorist training camps.

A large number of JeM terrorists, trainers, senior commanders and groups of jihadis who were being trained for fidayeen action were eliminated.

This facility at Balakot was headed by Maulana Yousuf Azhar (alias Ustad Ghouri), the brother - in - law of Masood Azhar, and chief of JeM.

India took this decision to answer the suicide terror attack was conducted by a Pakistan - based terrorist organization Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) lead to the martyrdom of not less than 40 brave CRPF personnel on 14th February 2019.

Trump Kim Talks

U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korea's Kim Jong Un failed to reach an agreement at their second summit in Vietnam.

The Hanoi summit breaks down after North Korea demands end to sanctions on their nation, but Donald Trump did not agree.

According to Mr Trump, Mr Kim made a significant offer - to dismantle all of the Yongbyon complex, the research and production facility at the heart of North Korea's nuclear programme. But in return Mr Kim wanted all sanctions on North Korea lifted.

The US president said in his news conference that Mr Kim had not accepted for entire nuclear destruction. This is the reason for the breakdown of talk between USA and North Korea

India in Oscars

91st Academy Awards (commonly referred to as Oscars) took place at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles on February 24th, 2019.

“Period. End of Sentence” won the Oscar Award in the Best Documentary –Short Subject Category. It was directed by Rayka Zehtabchi. The documentary was produced by Indian producer Guneet Monga's Sikhya Entertainment about Indian women leading a quiet sexual revolution.

The documentary follows a group of local women in Uttar Pradesh that makes low - cost, biodegradable sanitary pads, which they sell at affordable prices.

This not only helps to improve feminine but supports women to shed the taboos in India surrounding menstruation—all while contributing to the economic future of their community.

‘Green Book’ bagged best picture Award, where as the Best Director Award got by Alfonso Cuaron for ‘Roma’ film.

Best Actor Award conferred on Rami Malek for his action in the film ‘Bohemian Rhapsody’ and Olivia Colman received the best actress award for her action in the film ‘The Favourite’

Rail Drishti Dashboard launched

Union Minister of Railways & Coal, Piyush Goyal launched Rail Drishti dashboard, encompassing all the digitalisation efforts in Indian Railways and promoting transparency and accountability.

The Rail Drishti Dashboard brings information from various sources on a single platform and gives access to key statistics and parameters to every citizen of the country.

The application is mobile optimized for ease of use of public. The url of the dashboard is "raildrishti.cris.org.in".

SCoR Zone

Union Railway minister on 27th February 2019 declared a new zone in Indian Railways. The new zone named "South Coast Railway (SCoR)", will comprise of existing Guntakal, Guntur and Vijayawada divisions having head quarters at Visakhapatnam in AP.

Waltair division shall be split into two parts. One part of Waltair division will be incorporated in the new zone i.e. in South Coast Railway and remaining portion of Waltair division shall be converted into a new division with headquarter at Rayagada in odisha under East Coast Railway (ECoR).

Muhammadu Buhari re-elected

Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari has been re-elected for a second four-year term, after the election commission on 27th February 2019 declared the results of the poll plagued by claims of rigging.

He defeated former Vice-President and country's opposition leader Atiku Abubakar, with a margin of nearly 4 million votes. Voting for the presidential elections on February 23 was marked by hours-long delays and deadly violence.

MODEL QUESTIONS

- The IAF pilot was captured by Pakistani authorities on the eve of Balakot surgical strikes and later he was handover to India recently. He is?
 - 1) Wing Commander Puroshotham Vatsava
 - 2) Wing Commander Rohith Pugale
 - 3) Wing Commander Syam Mukarjee
 - 4) Wing Commander Rodriqs Volte
 - 5) Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman
- Samjhauta Express temporarily stopped but later resumed again. The train runs between....?
 - 1) India and Bangladesh
 - 2) Pakistan and Iran
 - 3) India and Afghanistan
 - 4) India and Pakistan
 - 5) India and Nepal
- Indian Army recently acquired Dhruv for high altitude operations. It is.....
 - 1) Guided Missile
 - 2) Big size bomb
 - 3) Military transport aircraft
 - 4) Advanced Light Helicopter
 - 5) Laser Gun
- Best Foreign Film award in Oscars given to?
 - 1) Cold War (Poland)
 - 2) Roma (Mexico)
 - 3) Never Look Away (Germany)
 - 4) Shoplifters (Japan)
 - 5) Capernaum (Lebanon)
- Union government and sign 926 million loan agreement to operationalize two lines of Mumbai Metro on 26th February 2019.
 - 1) Asian Development Bank
 - 2) World Bank
 - 3) AIIB
 - 4) NDB
 - 5) AFD

Answers: 1-5; 2-4; 3-4; 4-2; 5-1.

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