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75th Republic Day



Context:

- President Smt Droupadi Murmu to lead the **75th Republic Day celebrations in New Delhi on January 26, 2024.**
- French President **Emmanuel Macron** to be the Chief Guest at the parade.

Key Points:

- **Twin themes: 'Viksit Bharat' and 'Bharat - Loktantra ki Matraka'.**

Women Empowerment in Parade:

- Over 100 women artists herald the parade with Indian musical instruments.
- Maiden participation of an all-women Tri-Service contingent.
- Women pilots showcased Nari Shakti during the Fly-past.
- Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) contingents consisted of only women personnel.

Padma Awards:

- These awards are announced annually on the eve of Republic Day
- 2024 list comprises **5 Padma Vibhushan, 17 Padma Bhushan and 110 Padma Shri Awards.**

**PADMA VIBHUSHAN (5)**

- Ms. Vyjayanthimala Bali - TN (Art)
- Ms. Padma Subramaniam - TN ( Art)
- Shri Konidela Chiranjeevi - AP (Art)
- Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu - AP (Public Affairs)
- Shri Bindeshwar Pathak (P) - Bihar ( Social Work)

Gallantry Awards:

- President Smt Droupadi Murmu has approved Gallantry awards to 80 Armed Forces personnel, including 12 posthumous, on the eve of 75th Republic Day.
- They include **Param Vir Chakra** winners




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	<p>Subedar Major (Honorary Captain) Yogendra Singh Yadav (Retd) &amp; Subedar Major Sanjay Kumar (Retd), and <b>Ashok Chakra</b> winners Major General CA Pithawalla (Retd), Colonel D Sreeram Kumar &amp; Lt Col Jas Ram Singh (Retd).</p> <p><b>Do you know?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>Param Vir Chakra</b> is awarded for the most conspicuous act of <b>bravery and self-sacrifice</b> in the face of the enemy, while the <b>Ashok Chakra</b> is awarded for similar acts of valour and self-sacrifice but, other than, in the face of the enemy.</li> </ul>
<p>India-France defence ties</p>	<p><b>Context:</b> <b>India-France Defence Industrial Roadmap and Cooperation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>India and France announce a "<b>defence industrial road map</b>" for collaboration in defence production.</li> <li>Emphasis on future cooperation in "<b>co-design and co-development</b>" of military hardware.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Agreements and Talks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron sealed several agreements during talks in Jaipur.</li> <li>The agreements aim to bring parity with the <b>India-U.S. defence production plan finalized last year.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Defence-Space Partnership:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new agreement for a defence-space partnership was signed, focusing on collaboration in "<b>space situational awareness.</b>"</li> <li>Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on coordinating satellite launches to enhance space cooperation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Diverse Collaborations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional agreements signed on partnerships in energy, digital health, agriculture, and education.</li> <li>No significant progress announced on big-ticket government-to-government deals for fighter jets,</li> </ul>



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	<p>engines, and submarines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Airbus-TATA Joint Venture:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Despite no progress on major defence deals, a joint venture for local manufacture of civilian helicopters agreed between Airbus and TATA.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Rare golden tiger snapped in Kaziranga</p>	<p><b>Context:</b> On National Tourism Day, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma shared a captivating photograph of a golden tiger, taken by wildlife photographer Gaurav Ramnarayanan.</p> <p><b>Key Points:</b> <b>Golden Tiger Population in Kaziranga</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Gaurav Ramnarayanan suggests that there may be more than one tiger with a golden coat in Kaziranga, but the exact count is unknown. A previously shared golden tiger photograph, dated 2019, features a different tiger.</li> <li>● Professor Uma Ramakrishnan and her team from the <b>National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bengaluru</b>, are conducting a study on the golden phenotype of tigers in Kaziranga using scat samples.</li> <li>● According to Professor Ramakrishnan, the golden coloration in the tiger is due to a genetic variant or mutation.</li> <li>● The tiger lacks the typical black color, and even the orange hue appears faded, revealing a unique and captivating aspect of the tiger's genetics.</li> </ul>
<p>Union govt. makes it clear that Aadhaar card no proof of citizenship, birth date</p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Aadhaar cards and PDF versions emphasize they are "<b>proof of identity, not of citizenship or date of birth.</b>"</li> <li>● The inclusion of explicit disclaimers signals caution to government departments and organizations against using Aadhaar for citizenship or date of birth verification.</li> </ul> <p><b>Historical Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The invalidity of Aadhaar for determining date of birth and citizenship has been established since 2018.</li> <li>● A 2018 memorandum clarified that Aadhaar is not a proof of date of birth per se, as it relies on</li> </ul>



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	<p>a different document provided by applicants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Bombay High Court judgment in the previous year reinforced this stance, cited in a December 2023 circular by UIDAI.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b> <b>Aadhaar and Citizenship:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aadhaar has never served as <b>proof of citizenship</b>, as foreign nationals residing in India for <b>180 days</b> are also eligible to obtain it.</li> <li>• Government departments, despite this, have accepted Aadhaar for purposes typically reserved for citizens or adults.</li> </ul> <p><b>EPFO's Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has <b>stopped accepting Aadhaar as proof of date of birth</b>.</li> <li>• EPFO circular issued on January 16 removes Aadhaar from the list of acceptable documents for proving date of birth.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recent Warning Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The warning initially only mentioned Aadhaar not being a proof of citizenship last year but now clarifies that it is not a proof of date of birth either.</li> <li>• The warning is now visibly imprinted on all Aadhaar cards and digital copies issued to Indian residents.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Airbus, Tata to set up India's first private copter assembly line</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul>

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