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**Q 1** January 23 is observed as Parakram Diwas to commemorate the birth anniversary of which national leader?

A Lala Lajpat Rai

B Bal Gangadhar Tilak

**C Subhas Chandra Bose ✓**

D Bhagat Singh

### EXPLANATION

January 23 is Parakram Diwas, marking the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose (born January 23, 1897, Cuttack, Odisha). Parakram Diwas was first observed in 2021.

### CONCEPT

Parakram Diwas was declared by the Central Government in 2021, beginning with Netaji's 125th birth anniversary. The word Parakram means courage or martial prowess.

**Q 2** In the 2026 Parakram Diwas celebrations, the central venue was Sri Vijaya Puram (formerly Port Blair). What is the historical significance of this location in the context of Netaji?

A Netaji was born here during his family's posting in the Andaman Islands

B Netaji was imprisoned at the Cellular Jail here during the freedom struggle

**C Netaji hoisted the Indian Tricolour here on December 30, 1943 ✓**

D Netaji surrendered to Allied forces at this location in 1945

### EXPLANATION

Netaji hoisted the Indian Tricolour at Port Blair (now Sri Vijaya Puram) on December 30, 1943, when the Japanese allowed him to administer the Andaman and Nicobar Islands nominally under the Azad Hind Government.

### CONCEPT

Netaji renamed the islands: Neil Island became Shaheed Dweep and Havelock Island became Swaraj Dweep. This was the first time the Indian flag flew on Indian soil, even under Japanese-administered occupation.

**Q 3**

CoBRA (Commando Battalion for Resolute Action) is an elite unit of which central security force, specialised for anti-Naxal jungle warfare?

- A National Security Guard (NSG)
- B Border Security Force (BSF)
- C Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
- D Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) ✓**

**EXPLANATION**

CoBRA is a specialised anti-Naxal jungle warfare unit of the CRPF, consisting of 10 battalions. It was raised in 2008-09 for intelligence-based operations in LWE-affected areas.

**CONCEPT**

CoBRA personnel are trained in deep forest penetration, guerrilla counter-tactics, IED neutralisation, and community relations. They have led major operations in Bastar (Chhattisgarh) and Saranda (Jharkhand).

**Q 4**

CPI(Maoist) was formed in 2004 through the merger of which two organisations?

- A CPI(ML) Liberation and Maoist Communist Centre of India
- B CPI(ML) People's War and Maoist Communist Centre of India (MCCI) ✓**
- C CPI(ML) New Democracy and People's Liberation Army
- D CPI(Marxist-Leninist) and All India People's Resistance Forum

**EXPLANATION**

CPI(Maoist) was formed in 2004 through the merger of CPI(ML) People's War (active mainly in Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh) and the Maoist Communist Centre of India (MCCI, active in Jharkhand and Bihar).

**CONCEPT**

CPI(Maoist) is designated a terrorist organisation under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). At its peak, it operated in the Red Corridor spanning 106 districts across 10 states.

**Q 5**

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose ranked 4th in the Indian Civil Service (ICS) examination in 1920 but resigned from the ICS in 1921. Who primarily inspired him to do so?

- A Rabindranath Tagore, who urged him to serve through literature
- B Bhagat Singh, who introduced him to revolutionary politics
- C Mahatma Gandhi and the Non-Cooperation Movement ✓
- D V.D. Savarkar, who asked him to join the Abhinav Bharat Society

**EXPLANATION**

Bose resigned from the ICS in 1921, inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's Non-Cooperation Movement and under the mentorship of Chittaranjan Das (C.R. Das). He chose to serve the national movement over a colonial career.

**CONCEPT**

Bose's resignation from the ICS was a radical act. He then became the political protege of C.R. Das (Deshbandhu), who was the leader of the Swaraj Party within the Congress.

**Q 6**

The Naxalbari peasant uprising of 1967, which gave birth to the Naxalite movement, took place in which state?

- A Bihar
- B Andhra Pradesh
- C Jharkhand
- D West Bengal ✓

**EXPLANATION**

The Naxalbari uprising took place in 1967 in the Naxalbari area of Darjeeling district in West Bengal, led by Charu Mazumdar and Kanu Sanyal. The term Naxal derives from this village.

**CONCEPT**

The Naxalbari movement was influenced by Mao Zedong's revolutionary theories and sought violent agrarian revolution. It spread rapidly and led to multiple splinter groups over subsequent decades.

**Q 7** What was the Azad Hind Provisional Government, proclaimed by Netaji on October 21, 1943?

- A A government-in-exile set up in Berlin to coordinate with Axis powers for Indian independence
- B A parallel government of India set up in Singapore, recognised by several nations and commanding the INA ✓
- C A shadow cabinet formed within the INC to plan post-independence governance
- D A joint India-Burma resistance administration set up at Rangoon (Yangon)

**EXPLANATION**

Netaji proclaimed the Azad Hind (Free India) Provisional Government in Singapore on October 21, 1943. It was recognised by Axis powers and a few other nations, and commanded the Indian National Army (INA).

**CONCEPT**

The Azad Hind Government had a cabinet structure, issued its own stamps and currency, and had diplomatic recognition from 9 countries. It represented the INA's political counterpart to its military operations.

**Q 8** The Saranda Action Plan (2011) was launched as a development initiative targeting which region?

- A Gadchiroli forest area of Maharashtra
- B Bastar region of Chhattisgarh
- C Saranda forest of West Singhbhum, Jharkhand ✓
- D Sukma-Bijapur corridor of southern Chhattisgarh

**EXPLANATION**

The Saranda Action Plan was a ₹73 crore special development package for the Saranda forest region of West Singhbhum district, Jharkhand, targeting roads, schools, health, and livelihood for tribal communities.

**CONCEPT**

The Saranda Action Plan represented the government's dual strategy against Naxalism: security operations alongside development outreach to address the grievances that Maoists exploit for recruitment in tribal areas.

**Q 9**

The INA trials of 1945-46 at Red Fort in Delhi had a profound impact on the Indian independence movement. Who led the defence of the INA officers?

- A Jawaharlal Nehru
- B Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
- C Bhulabhai Desai ✓**
- D C. Rajagopalachari

**EXPLANATION**

Bhulabhai Desai led the defence of the INA officers (Shah Nawaz Khan, P.K. Sehgal, and Gurbaksh Singh Dhillon) at the Red Fort trials. Nehru also appeared as defence counsel.

**CONCEPT**

The INA trials galvanised Indian public opinion across religious and political lines. The Royal Indian Navy Mutiny of 1946, partly inspired by the INA spirit, convinced British leaders that the loyalty of the Indian armed forces could no longer be assumed.

**Q 10**

Under which legislation is CPI(Maoist) designated as a terrorist organisation in India?

- A National Security Act (NSA), 1980
- B Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), 1958
- C Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) ✓**
- D Prevention of Terrorism Act (POTA), 2002

**EXPLANATION**

CPI(Maoist) is designated a terrorist organisation under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). UAPA provides powers to ban organisations, detain suspects, and designate individuals as terrorists.

**CONCEPT**

UAPA (1967, significantly amended in 2008 and 2019) is India's primary anti-terrorism law. The 2019 amendment allowed designation of individuals (not just organisations) as terrorists. It has been debated for its civil liberties implications.

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