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I. RESEARCH & "SURPRISE ELEMENT" KEY FOR FUTURE-READY DEFENCE: RAKSHA MANTRI



- I. Future warfare will be shaped by:
 - A. Advanced technologies
 - B. Innovation-led strategies
- II. Key ideas:
 - A. **Research & Development (R&D)** is essential for staying ahead
 - B. **Surprise element** provides tactical and strategic advantage
- III. Focus areas:
 - A. Artificial Intelligence (AI)
 - B. Cyber warfare
 - C. Autonomous systems and drones
- IV. Encourages:
 - A. Strong collaboration among:
 1. Armed forces
 2. Industry
 3. Academia
- V. Supports:
 - A. Indigenous defence capabilities under Aatmanirbhar Bharat
- VI. Overall, aims to ensure **agility, adaptability, and technological superiority.**

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Changing Nature of Warfare

- I. Shift from:
 - A. Traditional warfare → Hybrid & technology-driven warfare
- II. Includes:
 - A. Cyber attacks
 - B. Space-based systems
 - C. AI-enabled decision-making

Strategic Surprise

- I. Refers to:
 - A. Unexpected tactics or innovations
- II. Helps:
 - A. Gain advantage over adversaries

North Tech Symposium

- I. Platform for:
 - A. Showcasing defence innovations
 - B. Knowledge exchange

Policy Linkages

- Aatmanirbhar Bharat (defence)
- Defence modernization and indigenization

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Speaker:** Rajnath Singh.
- **Theme:** Innovation in defence.
- **Concept:** Strategic surprise.
- **Focus:** Technology-driven warfare.
- **Impact:** Enhanced preparedness.

- **Challenge:** Rapid tech evolution.
- **Way Forward:** Invest in R&D and foster collaboration.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Concept:** Strategic surprise
- **Focus:** R&D
- **Tech:** AI, cyber warfare
- **Policy:** Aatmanirbhar Bharat
- **Sector:** Defence
- **Goal:** Future readiness
- **Approach:** Innovation

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Consider the following statements:

1. Modern warfare increasingly relies on emerging technologies like AI.
2. Strategic surprise can enhance military effectiveness.
3. Defence preparedness does not require research and development.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a)

2. TECHNOLOGY-DRIVEN INNOVATION KEY TO INDIA'S ECONOMIC RENAISSANCE: DR JITENDRA SINGH



- I. Innovation powered by technology is driving:
 - A. Economic growth
 - B. Industrial transformation
- II. Key sectors:
 - A. Artificial Intelligence (AI)
 - B. Biotechnology
 - C. Space technology
 - D. Digital infrastructure
- III. Focus on:
 - A. Startups and entrepreneurship
 - B. Research & Development (R&D)
- IV. Encourages:
 - A. Public-private partnerships
- V. Supports:
 - A. Job creation and competitiveness
- VI. Overall, positions India for a **knowledge-based economy**.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Innovation Ecosystem

- I. Includes:
 - A. Startups
 - B. Research institutions
 - C. Industry collaboration

Government Initiatives

- Department of Science and Technology
- NITI Aayog
- Startup India

Economic Renaissance

- I. Refers to:
 - A. Rapid transformation driven by innovation
- II. Shift toward:
 - A. High-value sectors

Global Context

- I. Countries competing in:
 - A. Technology leadership
- II. Innovation seen as:
 - A. Key growth driver

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Speaker:** Dr Jitendra Singh.
- **Theme:** Technology & innovation.
- **Focus:** Economic growth.
- **Sector:** AI, biotech, space.
- **Approach:** R&D and startups.
- **Impact:** Jobs and competitiveness.
- **Way Forward:** Strengthen innovation ecosystem.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Concept:** Innovation
- **Sector:** Technology
- **Agency:** DST
- **Think Tank:** NITI Aayog
- **Programme:** Startup India
- **Goal:** Economic growth
- **Approach:** R&D

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Consider the following statements:

1. Technology-driven innovation contributes to economic growth.
2. Startups are part of the innovation ecosystem.
3. Innovation has no role in economic development.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a)

3.ENROLMENT OPEN FOR IICT'S NATIONAL AI SKILLING PROGRAMME (CREATIVE SECTOR)



- I. Programme targets:
 - A. Designers
 - B. Animators
 - C. Content creators
 - D. Media professionals
- II. Focus areas:
 - A. AI tools for design and content creation
 - B. Machine learning basics
 - C. Digital creativity enhancement
- III. Objectives:
 - A. Bridge skill gaps in the creative industry
 - B. Boost productivity and innovation
- IV. Benefits:
 - A. Enhances employability
 - B. Supports digital economy growth
- V. Aligns with:
 - A. India's push for **AI adoption and skill development**
- VI. Overall, strengthens **creative-tech integration**.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

AI in Creative Sector

- I. Used in:
 - A. Graphic design
 - B. Video editing
 - C. Music and content generation
- II. Improves:
 - A. Efficiency and creativity

Skill Development

- I. Increasing demand for:
 - A. AI-enabled skills
- II. Supports:
 - A. Future-ready workforce

Policy Linkages

- Skill India Mission
- Digital India
- AI initiatives

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Institute:** IICT.
- **Programme:** National AI Skilling.
- **Sector:** Creative industries.
- **Focus:** AI tools and skills.
- **Impact:** Employability and innovation.
- **Challenge:** Rapid tech evolution.
- **Way Forward:** Expand access and industry collaboration.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Programme:** AI Skilling
- **Sector:** Creative
- **Tech:** AI, ML
- **Mission:** Skill India
- **Goal:** Employability
- **Concept:** Digital economy
- **Approach:** Upskilling

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Consider the following statements:

1. AI is increasingly used in creative industries.
2. Skill development programmes improve employability.
3. AI has no role in content creation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
(b) 1 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a)

4.QUALITY GDPs & DIGITAL PLANNING TOOLS IN FOCUS AT NATIONAL WORKSHOP



- I. Workshop aimed at:
 - A. Enhancing **quality of GDPs**
 - B. Promoting **evidence-based planning**
- II. Key themes:
 - A. Use of digital tools for planning and monitoring
 - B. Convergence of schemes at local level
 - C. Capacity building of Panchayat officials
- III. Benefits:
 - A. Better resource allocation
 - B. Improved service delivery
- IV. Supports:
 - A. Transparent and accountable governance
- V. Overall, strengthens **decentralized planning and rural development.**

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP)

- I. Annual plan prepared by:
 - A. Gram Panchayats
- II. Focus on:
 - A. Local needs and priorities

Digital Planning Tools

- I. Help in:
 - A. Data-driven decision-making
 - B. Monitoring and evaluation

Institutional Framework

- I. Backed by:
 - A. 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act
- II. Promotes:
 - A. Decentralization

Importance

- I. Ensures:
 - A. Participatory governance
 - B. Inclusive development

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Event:** National Workshop.
- **Focus:** GPDP quality.
- **Tools:** Digital platforms.
- **Location:** New Delhi.
- **Impact:** Better planning.
- **Challenge:** Capacity gaps.
- **Way Forward:** Training and tech adoption.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **GPDP:** Local planning
- **Amendment:** 73rd
- **Concept:** Decentralization
- **Tool:** Digital planning
- **Goal:** Efficient governance
- **Sector:** Rural development
- **Approach:** Participatory

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Consider the following statements:

1. GPDPs are prepared at the Gram Panchayat level.
2. Digital tools improve planning efficiency.
3. GPDPs are unrelated to local governance.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a)

5.INTER-MINISTERIAL BRIEFING ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN WEST ASIA



- I. Senior officials from multiple ministries participated.
- II. Key sectors reviewed:
 - A. Energy (oil & gas supplies)
 - B. Trade and shipping routes
 - C. Aviation and logistics
 - D. Financial markets
- III. Major concerns:
 - A. Volatility in crude oil prices
 - B. Supply chain disruptions
 - C. Impact on inflation and economy
- IV. Government actions:
 - A. Continuous monitoring of global situation
 - B. Ensuring adequate fuel supplies
 - C. Strengthening contingency planning
- V. Overall, reflects a **proactive and coordinated response to geopolitical risks**.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Importance of West Asia

- I. Major supplier of:
 - A. Crude oil and natural gas to India
- II. Strategic for:
 - A. Trade routes (e.g., Strait of Hormuz)
 - B. Indian diaspora

Economic Impact

- I. Influences:
 - A. Energy security
 - B. Inflation
 - C. Balance of payments

Strategic Perspective

- I. Region prone to:
 - A. Geopolitical tensions
- II. Requires:
 - A. Multi-sectoral preparedness

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Event:** Inter-ministerial briefing.
- **Region:** West Asia.
- **Focus:** Preparedness and impact assessment.
- **Sectors:** Energy, trade, logistics.
- **Concern:** Supply disruptions.
- **Impact:** Economy and inflation.
- **Way Forward:** Diversification and resilience.

PRELIMS BOOSTER BOX

- **Region:** West Asia
- **Resource:** Crude oil
- **Route:** Strait of Hormuz
- **Impact:** Inflation
- **Concept:** Energy security
- **Approach:** Coordination
- **Goal:** Stability

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MCQ

Consider the following statements:

1. West Asia is crucial for India's energy security.
2. Developments in West Asia can impact India's economy.
3. Inter-ministerial coordination is unnecessary in such situations.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (a)