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Q. Who chaired the Indian Independence League in 1942 to formally launch the Indian National Army?

- A. Mohan Singh
- B. Bipin Chandra Pal
- C. Rash Behari Bose
- D. Subhas Chandra Boss

PARAKRAM DIVAS



23rd January

Parakram Divas

CONTEXT

- "**Parakram Diwas**" on 23rd January, 2024 marks the **127th** birth anniversary of **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose**, honoring his enduring legacy and contributions to India's freedom struggle



KEY FACTS

- EARLY ACHIEVEMENTS AND INSPIRATIONS
 - Cleared **Indian Civil Services** in 1919
 - Influenced by **Ramakrishna Paramahansa** and **Vivekananda**

- ACTIVE ROLE IN FREEDOM STRUGGLE
 - Participation in 1930 **Salt Satyagraha**
 - Opposition to **Gandhi-Irwin Pact**, 1931

KEY FACTS

- Leadership in **Indian National Congress**
 - Congress President, 1938 (Haripura) and 1939 (Tripuri)
 - Aligning with Congress's **left-wing**
- Formation of the **Forward Bloc**
 - Founded to unite political left in Bengal
 - Focus on **regional support**

KEY FACTS

- Revival of the **Indian National Army (INA)**
 - **INA** re-established in Singapore, **1943**
 - Bose as **Supreme Commander**
- **Provisional Government** and INA's Campaign
 - Provisional government for India in Singapore
 - INA's battles in Imphal and Burma, 1944

LEGACY & COMMEMORATION

- Featured on stamps and coins
- Renowned for "Give me blood, and I will give you freedom!" speech
- Mystery Surrounding Bose's Death
 - Death in plane crash, 18 August 1945
 - Enduring conspiracy theories

A23A ICEBERG

One of world's largest icebergs moving beyond Antarctic waters

The iceberg, known as A23a, which split from the Antarctic's Filchner Ice Shelf in 1986 to become stuck to the ocean floor for more than 30 years, is about to spill beyond Antarctic waters



SOUTHERN OCEAN

500km
300 miles

ANTARCTIC PENINSULA

ANTARCTICA

Weddell Sea

2022: Berg loses grip and starts moving across Weddell Sea

Ronne Ice Shelf

Filchner Ice Shelf

Nov 2023: A23a expected to launch into **Antarctic Circumpolar Current**, which will eject it towards South Atlantic on path known as "iceberg alley"

South Georgia:
If berg grounds at island, it might disrupt delicate ecosystem

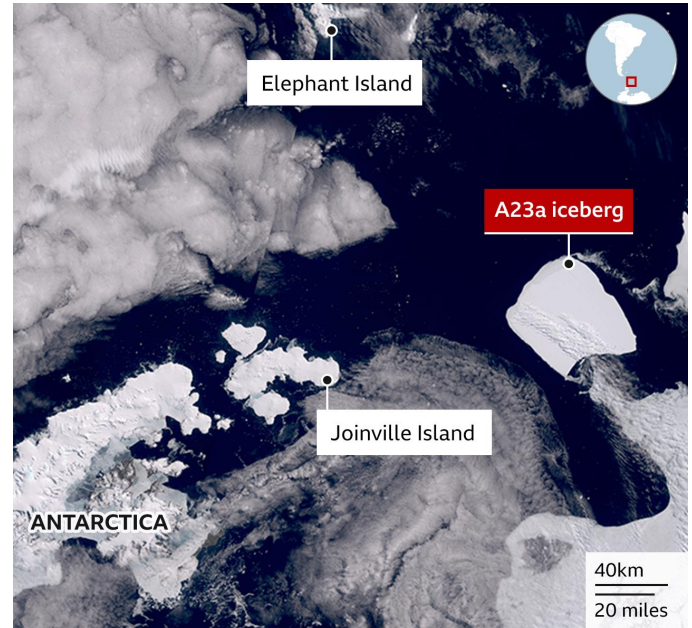
ATLANTIC OCEAN

Source: Graphic News, BBC, British Antarctic Survey, USGS, ESA

THE HINDU

CONTEXT

- A23a, **the world's oldest and largest iceberg**, broke off the Antarctic coast in 1986.
- Currently nearly 4,000 sq. km in size, it contains about one trillion tonnes of freshwater, twice the size of Greater London.



Source: Copernicus Sentinel-3

MOVEMENT

- After being stuck on the sea bed for decades, A23a started moving in 2020.
- In 2023, it broke free and is currently drifting between **Elephant Island and the South Orkney Islands**.

Implications for Global Sea Levels:

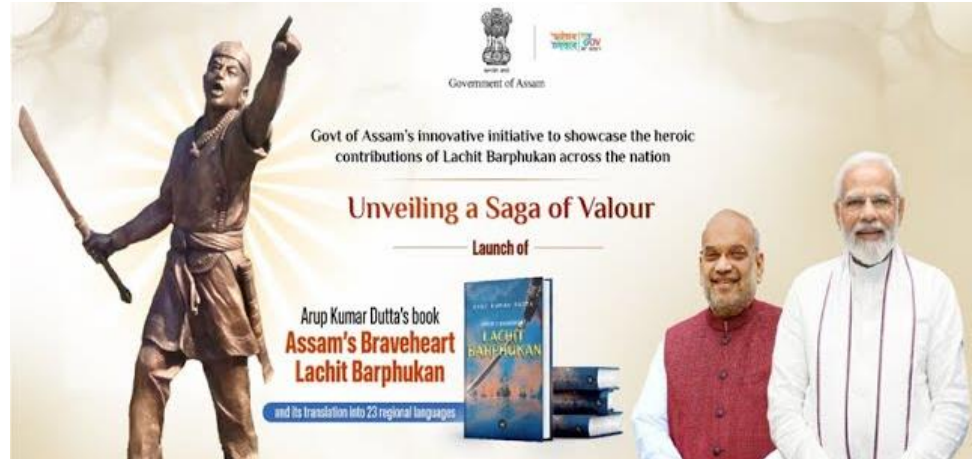
- While Antarctica experiences an annual loss equivalent to **one ten-thousandth** of its mass
- The concern lies in the cumulative effects of **iceberg calving** and **ice-shelf melting**.
- If these losses surpass gains from snowfall, it could impact global sea levels.

PRELIMS PRACTICE QUESTION

Q. The term “A23a” often mentioned in news, is related to which of the following?

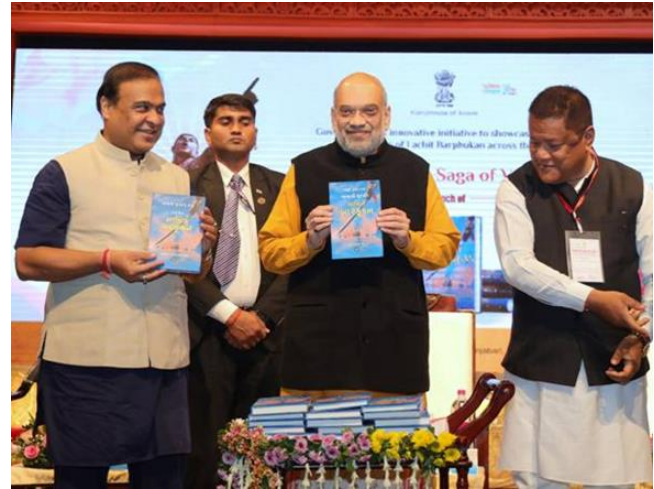
- A. Malware
- B. Operating system
- C. Celestial body
- D. Iceberg

ASSAM'S BRAVEHEART LACHIT BARPHUKAN



CONTEXT

- Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah launched the book 'Assam's Braveheart Lachit Barphukan' in Guwahati, Assam.



BOOK LAUNCH EVENT

- Event: Launch of the book "**Assam's Braveheart Lachit Barphukan**"
- Author: **Arup Kumar Dutta**
- Published by the State government
- Translated into 24 Scheduled Indian languages

MEGHALAYA STATE ANTHEM



CONTEXT

- After 52 years of statehood, Chief Minister Conrad Sangma released the Meghalaya State Anthem.



KEY FACTS

- Meghalaya was formed on January 21, 1972, separating from Assam during Indira Gandhi's tenure as Prime Minister.
- Late Neil Herbert Nongkynrih, founder of Shillong Chamber Choir, composed the anthem. Indigenous instrumentation by Summersalt and NOKPANTE.
- The anthem includes equitable lyrical representation of Khasi and Garo people, respecting the shared identity of the land and its people.

KEY FACTS

- Incorporates indigenous rhythms like **Ksing shyngrang (Khasi)** and **Dama (Garo)**, and fuses local words and melodies.
- Adherence to the **Meghalaya State Language Act, 2005**, English, Khasi, and Garo are official languages of the state.

PRELIMS PRACTICE QUESTION

Q. Meghalaya plateau is a part of –

- A. Himalayan ranges
- B. Satpura Ranges
- C. Eastern Ghat Mountain
- D. Peninsular block

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