Context

Chakra series awards to Army on Independence Day 2019.

About the Chakra series awards

- Post-independence, first three gallantry awards namely the Param Vir Chakra, the Maha Vir Chakra and the Vir Chakra were instituted by the Government of India in 1950.
- Thereafter, other three gallantry awards i.e. the Ashoka Chakra Class-I, the Ashoka Chakra Class-II and the Ashoka Chakra Class-III were instituted by the Government of India in 1952.
- These awards were renamed as the Ashoka Chakra, the Kirti Chakra and the Shaurya Chakra respectively in 1967.
- These gallantry awards are announced twice in a year – first on the occasion of the Republic Day and then on the occasion of the Independence Day.
- Order of precedence of these awards is the Param Vir Chakra, the Ashoka Chakra, the Mahavir Chakra, the Kirti Chakra, the Vir Chakra and the Shaurya Chakra.
- Param Vir Chakra, the Maha Vir Chakra and the Vir Chakra are wartime gallantry awards.
- Whereas, the Ashoka Chakra, the Mahavir Chakra, the Kirti Chakra are peacetime gallantry awards.