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The Prime Minister recently inaugurated the new Circuit House near Somnath Temple at Veraval. Which of the following statements are correct regarding Somnath Temple? 1. Somnath Temple is one of the Jyotirlinga shrines. 2. A description of Somnath Temple was given by Al-Biruni. 3. Pran Pratishtha of Somnath Temple (installation of the present day temple) was done by President S. Radhakrishnan. Select the correct answer using the code given below: (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

1 and 2 only. Somnath is a **Jyotirlinga**; **Al-Biruni** described it. The 1951 pran-pratishtha was by President Rajendra Prasad, not S. Radhakrishnan.

(b)

2 and 3 only. Statement 3 names the wrong President.

(c)

1 and 3 only. Statement 3 fails.

(d)

All three. Radhakrishnan is the miss.

Summary

Official key is (a) 1 and 2 only. Somnath is one of the twelve Jyotirlingas. **Al-Biruni**'s India notices the temple. The present temple's consecration in 1951 was by Rajendra Prasad, not S. Radhakrishnan.

Related possible facts

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Jyotirlinga

Twelve Shaiva shrines; Somnath is first in many lists.

Al-Biruni

Kitab al-Hind; 11th century; Ghaznavid India.

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