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# DEFENCE UPDATES

## 07 & 08 JULY 2021

### CINCAN visits Amphibian Brigade

- Lieutenant General Ajai Singh visited the Amphibian Brigade at Birchgunj Military Station on July 06, 2021. He reviewed operations at the Jungle Survival School and inspected various training activities, including driving an ALS through the landing ship ramp simulator at the Wave Generation Training Facility.
- Addressing the troops, the CINCAN stressed on the need to remain ops ready and prepared at all times. He also advised all personnel to strictly maintain COVID-19 protection measures.
- Lieutenant General Ajai Singh also awarded commendation cards to deserving personnel on the occasion.

### World's first solo motorcycle expedition in Northern Himalayan passes culminates

- **Miss Ugusandi** has become the first solo woman biker to scale the Umling La Pass, the first woman to cover the 18 passes and also the first woman to traverse 3,187 km from New Delhi-Manali-Leh-Umling La-Delhi in one go.
- Her journey culminated on July 07, 2021, at Seema Sadak Bhawan in New Delhi. The expedition was flagged off by Raksha Mantri on June 11, 2021, from New Delhi.

### INS Tabar Exercises with Italian Navy off Naples

- On departure from port, the ship also undertook a Maritime Partnership Exercise with ITS Antonio Marceglia (F 597), a frontline frigate of the Italian Navy, on 04 and 05 July 2021 in the Tyrrhenian Sea. The exercise covered a wide range of naval operations including air defence procedures, replenishment at sea, communication drills and cross deck helo operations by day and night.

## 07 July – Raising Day of INAS 300 (The White Tigers)

- It is the oldest fighter squadron of Indian Navy and was commissioned at Royal Navy Air Station, Brawdy, UK, in presence of Ms. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, then High Commissioner at London (later 8<sup>th</sup> President of UNGA).
- This squadron heralded the era of Carrier-borne aviation into the Indian Navy & made epochal contributions to Naval Operations in 1961 (Goa Liberation), 1965 (Indo-Pak War) & 1971 (Bangladesh Liberation War), winning 01 MVC and 5 Vir Chakras.
- 1983 witnessed a paradigm shift in INAS 300 with induction of Sea Harriers, bringing Vertical Take Off & Landing VTOL capability from the deck of INS Viraat; & 2016 ushered-in the Swing Role Supersonic MiG-29K onboard INS Vikramaditya, resurrecting the art of tail-hooking.
- While the squadron has transitioned in terms of capability and technology, its professionalism, valour and fighting spirit have continued to serve, protect and secure the great maritime commons.

## Webinar between IAF Training Command & CAPS



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Headquarters training command of IAF & Centre for Air Power Studies, the highest think-tank on air power in the country, co-hosted a webinar themed: "India's Armed Forces: Growing Challenges"

More than 150 Officers from various Training Institutions of IAF participated.



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### ***Centre for Air Power Studies (CAPS), New Delhi***

- It was established in 2001 as an autonomous defence research and analysis body for research and focused analyses on issues related to national security, defence, and aerospace issues in the evolving strategic and international security environment.
- CAPS is governed by a Trust, named Forum for National Security Studies, an independent non-profit NGO.

## **Vman Aviation Services Signs GIFT city's First Aircraft Purchase Agreement**

- Indian aircraft leasing company Vman Aviation Services, which is based out of International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) at Gujarat's Gift City, on Wednesday became the first company from the business district to sign an aircraft purchase agreement after placing an order for an Airbus H125 helicopter. Vman will soon announce its first dry lease transaction, the company said in a statement.
- Congratulating both the companies, Shri Pradeep Singh Kharola, Secretary, MoCA said that the purchase is a landmark event in the Indian aviation history and is the result of the efforts put in for the last 4-5 years to create a viable leasing & financing ecosystem in the country. This new business segment shall continue to provide all possible help to promote leasing activities in India under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.

## **REVIEW QUESTIONS**

### **1. Which of these is not correct regarding CINCAN?**

- A. Lieutenant General Ajai Singh is the current CINCAN.
- B. CINCAN is the commander of the first and only Tri-service theater command of the Indian Armed Forces.
- C. Andaman & Nicobar Command is based in Port Blair.
- D. This command was formed in September 1998.

**ANSWER: D**

**2. Birchgunj Military Station is in:**

- A. Bhopal
- B. Port Blair
- C. Kavaratti
- D. Kolkata

**ANSWER: B**

**3. Who has become the first solo woman biker to scale the Umling La Pass?**

- A. Kanchan Ugusandi
- B. Bhawna Dehariya
- C. Bachendri Pal
- D. Junko Tabei

**ANSWER: A**

**4. On departure from port of Naples, INS Tabar undertook a Maritime Partnership Exercise with:**

- A. ITS Antonio Marceglia
- B. ITS Elettra
- C. ITS San Giusto
- D. ITS Nicoloso da Recco

**ANSWER: A**

**5. INS Tabar conducted maritime exercise with ITS Antonio Marceglia in which sea?**

- A. Caspian Sea
- B. Tyrrhenian Sea
- C. Mediterranean Sea
- D. Adriatic Sea

**ANSWER: B**

**6. INAS 300 nickname:**

- A. Black Panthers
- B. Cobras
- C. White Tigers
- D. Albatross

**ANSWER: C**

**7. Which of these is not correct regarding commissioning of INAS 300?**

- A. It is the oldest fighter squadron of Indian Navy.
- B. Commissioned at Royal Navy Air Station, Brawdy, UK.
- C. Commissioned in presence of Ms. Vijayalakshmi Pandit.
- D. Ms. Vijayalakshmi Pandit was UNGA President at that time.

**ANSWER: D**

**8. The Sea Harriers of INAS 300 were replaced by MiG-29KUBs on 11 May 2016 in a ceremony held at which naval station?**

- A. INS Dwarka
- B. INS Hansa
- C. INS Rajali
- D. INS Vajrabahu

**ANSWER: B**

**9. Headquarters of Training Command of IAF:**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Shillong
- C. Prayagraj
- D. Bengaluru

**ANSWER: D**

**10. Motto of Training Command of IAF:**

- A. *Antariksham Prashasmahe*
- B. *Jai Shree Varate Veeram*
- C. *Tamaso Maa Jyotirgamaya*
- D. *Sarvada Gagane Charetu*

**ANSWER: C**

**11. Centre for Air Power Studies (CAPS) is in:**

- A. Lucknow
- B. New Delhi
- C. Chennai
- D. Hyderabad

**ANSWER: B**

**12. Which private aviation company recently signed the first aircraft purchase agreement with Airbus Helicopters under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Programme?**

- A. Air Charters India
- B. Vman Aviation
- C. Deccan Aviation
- D. Air Sahara

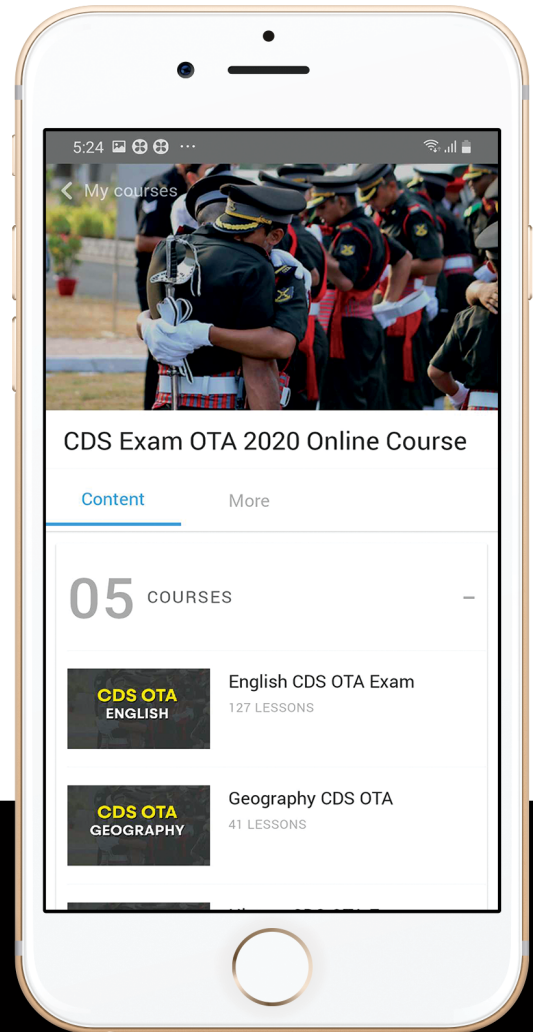
**ANSWER: B**



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