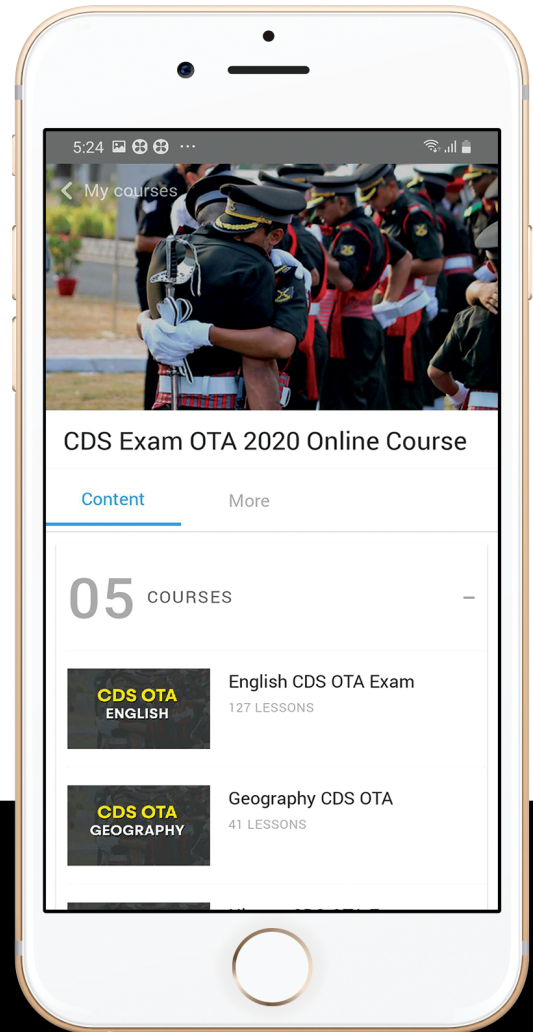




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DEFENCE UPDATES

09 JULY 2021

Northern Army Commander Flies Over 'Batra Top' to Pay Homage to Kargil War Hero Captain Vikram Batra

- Lt Gen YK Joshi on Wednesday flew over 'Batra top' in Sukhoi 30MKI.
- Captain Batra continues to motivate the present generation of officers and would continue to do so till eternity, the Army said in a release.

COAS Visit to Italy and Strengthening Ties



ADG PI - INDIAN ARMY  @adgpi · 10h

General MM Naravane #COAS called on Italian Defence Minister Hon'ble Lorenzo Guerini and exchanged views on strengthening India-Italy defence cooperation.

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ADG PI - INDIAN ARMY @adgpi · 9h

General MM Naravane #COAS interacted with Lieutenant General Pietro Serino, Chief of Italian Army and discussed aspects of joint military cooperation.

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ADG PI - INDIAN ARMY @adgpi · 58m

General MM Naravane #COAS inaugurated the Indian Army Memorial in the town of #Cassino and later laid wreath at the Commonwealth Cemetery.

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Shri Ajay Bhatt takes over as Raksha Raja Mantri

- Shri Ajay Bhatt is an MP from Nainital-Udhamsingh Nagar constituency, Uttarakhand.
- He is the member of Standing Committee on Defence; Consultative Committee of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; Committee on Subordinate Legislation; Joint Committee on the Personal Data Protection Bill 2019 and Committee on Estimates.



**AJAY
BHATT**

Almora, Uttarakhand
60 years

- **Shri Ajay Bhatt is a Lok Sabha MP for Nainital-Udhamsingh Nagar in Uttarakhand, serving his 1st term as MP**

PROFILE

- He was a 3-time MLA in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly.
- He held portfolios like Parliamentary Affairs, Health, Disaster Excise as Cabinet Minister in Uttarakhand Government.
- He has served over 25 years in public life.
- Prior to public service, he practiced as a Lawyer in Ranikhet.
- He has an LLB from Kumaun University.

TEAM NAMO

- 11 women in Council of Ministers including 2 in Cabinet
- 14 ministers < 50 years, including 6 in Cabinet
- Average age **58 years**
- 13 Lawyers, 6 Doctors, 5 Engineers, 7 Civil Servants
7 PhDs and 3 MBAs

DRDO & AICTE launch regular M.Tech. Program in Defence Technology

- This M.Tech. defence technology program can be conducted at any AICTE affiliated Institutes/Universities, IITs, NITs or private engineering institutes.
- Institute of Defence Scientists & Technologists (IDST) will provide support to the institutes for conducting this program, which can be conducted in online as well as offline formats.
- The program has six specialized streams - Combat Technology, Aero Technology, Naval Technology, Communication Systems & Sensors, Directed Energy Technology and High Energy Materials Technology.

- The students will also be provided opportunities to conduct their main thesis work in DRDO laboratories, Defence PSUs & Industries. The program will be helpful to students seeking opportunities in ever expanding defence research and manufacturing sector.

MoD implements SPARSH web-based integrated system for sanction & disbursement of defence pension

- SPARSH [System for Pension Administration (Raksha)] portal is available for pensioners to view their pension related information, access services and register complaints for redressal of grievances, if any, relating to their pension matters.
- This system processes pension claims and credits pension directly into the bank accounts of defence pensioners without relying on any external intermediary.

Egypt Inaugurates New Naval Base Near Libyan Border

- The new naval base, “3rd of July Base”, is located in Gargoub on Egypt’s northwest coast, around 255 kilometers (160 miles) west of the Alexandria port.
- The base aims to preserve the country’s economic wealth, secure shipping lines, and maintain maritime security by using naval surface units, submarines, and aircraft.
- The position of the 3rd of July base is strategic because it is located at the entrance of the Eastern Mediterranean Sea and very close to the Libyan border. Egypt considers the developments in Libya as a national security issue.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. As his signal to communicate the success of his missions, Captain Batra was also well known for using the slogan:**
 - A. *I’m Always Ready, Sweetie!*
 - B. *I Swear I’ll Kill Death!*
 - C. *Yeh Dil Maange More!*
 - D. *Ajeet Hain – Abheet Hain!*

ANSWER: C

2. Captain Vikram Batra would have been a ____ of the Indian Army staff, had he returned from the Kargil war.

- A. General
- B. Vice Chief
- C. Head of a Corps
- D. Head of a Command

ANSWER: A

3. The Italian Defence Minister seen in news recently is:

- A. Mario Draghi
- B. Luigi Di Maio
- C. Daniele Franco
- D. Lorenzo Guerini

ANSWER: D

4. Lt Gen Peitro Serino seen in news recently is the:

- A. Chief of Italian Army
- B. Vice Chief of Italian Army
- C. Chief of French Army
- D. Vice Chief of French Army

ANSWER: A

5. Gen. M M Naravane inaugurated Indian Army Memorial in Italy in:

- A. Rome
- B. Cassino
- C. Venice
- D. Milan

ANSWER: B

6. Who took over as the new Raksha Rajya Mantri?

- A. Rao Inderjit Singh
- B. Dr Jitendra Singh
- C. Ajay Bhatt
- D. Shripad Yesso Naik

ANSWER: C

7. DRDO & ___ recently launched a new regular M.Tech. Program in Defence Technology.

- A. All India Council for Technical Education
- B. University Grants Commission
- C. Army EME Corps
- D. Indian Military Academy

ANSWER: A

8. SPARSH web-based integrated system is for:

- A. Sanction of defence pension
- B. Disbursement of defence pension
- C. Both A and B
- D. Sanction of defence pension for physically challenged ex-servicemen

ANSWER: C

9. Egypt recently inaugurated a new naval base which is near the border of:

- A. Sudan
- B. Israel
- C. Libya
- D. Saudi Arabia

ANSWER: C

10. Name of the new Egyptian naval base:

- A. 3rd of July Naval Base
- B. Aksaz Naval Base
- C. Souda Naval Base
- D. 4th of September Naval Base

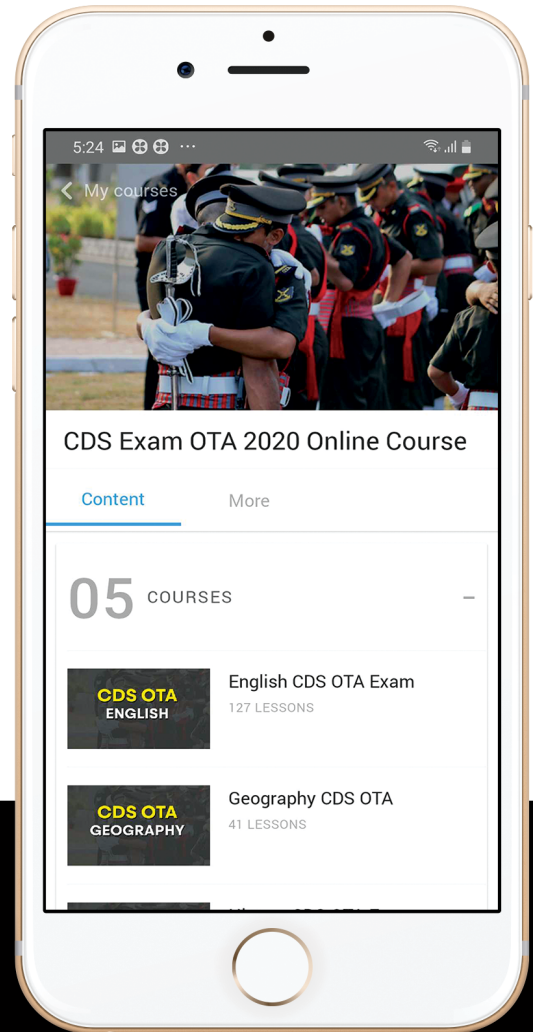
ANSWER: A



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