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# Daily Defence Current Affairs

## 6-7 February 2022

### Army Seeks 80,000 Ballistic Helmets

- The Indian Army is seeking new ballistic helmets that offer a greater level of protection to troops against high-velocity bullets.
- “Ballistic helmets with protection against **9mm** bullets have been inducted in service in lieu of fiberglass helmets.
- With the threat of **7.62 x 39mm** bullets to the troops, there is a need to induct ballistic helmets with higher protection parameters,” a proposal issued by Army Headquarters.
- The Army has projected a requirement for **80,000 helmets**, which includes 3,600 helmets for troops deployed on anti-terrorist operations with the **Rashtriya Rifles** in J&K. The indigenous content should be at least 50 %.
- New Bullet Proof Helmets will be replacing the ‘**Bulletproof Patka**’ that the soldiers in the Indian Army have been using since the 1990s.

#### **The story of helmets in the Indian Army:**

- In the 90s when the Army was deployed to fight insurgency in J & K, the soldiers were equipped with 1974 model fiberglass helmets.
- These were not adequate to protect the soldiers against flying bullets and splinters.

#### **Specifications Of the Helmet**

- The helmets are comfortable and weigh from 1.2 kg to 1.4 kg
- It has support for various accessories, including visors, face shields & night vision goggles.
- They can protect soldiers from the AK-47 bullets which fly at twice the speed of sound.

#### **Bullets Caliber:**

- For guns, “caliber” means the diameter of the barrel and thus the diameter of the bullet that is going through it. Usually in inches or mm.



## Indian Army Plans to Deploy K-9 Howitzers LAC

- Indian Army is now planning to deploy **K-9 Vajra howitzers** in the high-altitude mountains in the central and eastern sector of the line of actual control with China.
- The trials of the guns have been very successful & the plan is to order 200 more of these howitzers in Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand.
- After deal could be signed with Larsen & Toubro (L&T) at DefExpo 2022
- **K-9 Vajra Howitzers:**
- The K-9 VAJRA is the indigenised version of the basic K9 Thunder from South Korea.
- **Range:** 38 km
- The K9 VAJRA-T 155mm/ 52 is a tracked self-propelled howitzer (a short gun for firing shells on high trajectories at low velocities).



## E-counselling For New Sainik Schools SNC

- Sainik School Society is in the process of developing an automated system for the conduct of e-Counselling.
- Process: A link will be sent to individual applicant students securing more than qualifying marks as prescribed by SSS.
- The students will be asked to register through the link provided at the web portal [www.sainikschool.ncog.gov.in](http://www.sainikschool.ncog.gov.in) and verify their details.
- Benefits:
- This automated system for e-Counselling will ensure complete transparency & also it is less expensive, user-friendly for all the stakeholders- schools, students & administrative authority.
- It will also provide access for real-time monitoring of the entire process.



## US Grants Sanctions Relief to Iran

- The **Biden administration** restored some sanctions relief to **Iran's atomic programme** as talks aimed at salvaging the languishing 2015 nuclear deal enter a critical phase.
- **What Is the Iran Nuclear Deal?**
- The Iran nuclear agreement, known as the **Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)**, is a landmark accord reached between Iran & several world powers, including the USA, in July 2015.

- Under its terms, Iran agreed to dismantle much of its nuclear program & open its facilities to more extensive international inspections in exchange for billions of dollars worth of sanctions relief.
- **President Trump** withdrew the USA from the deal in 2018, claiming it failed to curtail Iran's missile program and regional influence. Iran began ignoring limitations on its nuclear program a year later.

### **Nuclear Related Organisation & Treaties**

- **International Atomic Energy Agency-** Also known as **“Atoms for Peace & Development”**
- Establishment: 1957, Headquarter: Vienna, Austria.
- Objective: To promote safe, secure & peaceful use of nuclear tech.
- In 2005, it was awarded the **Nobel Peace Prize**.

### **Nuclear Related Organisation & Treaties**

#### **Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)**

- Establishment: January 1, 1967,
- Objective: To prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and weapons technology.
- **India is not a signatory of NPT.**

#### **Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG)**

- Establishment: 1974
- Objective: a group of nuclear supplier countries that seeks to contribute to the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.
- Members: 48 + E.U
- **India is not a member of NSG.**

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Range of K-9 Vajra Howitzer is**

- A. 40km
- B. 38km
- C. 20km
- D. 55km

**ANSWER: B**

**2. "Raja Ramachandra Ki Jai" Is The War Cry Of \_\_\_\_**

- A. RAJPUT REGIMENT
- B. RAJPUTANA RIFLES
- C. THE BRIGADE OF THE GUARDS
- D. MECHANISED INFANTRY REGIMENT

**ANSWER: B**

**3. Regimental Centre of MADRAS REGIMENT**

- A. Kamptee, Maharashtra
- B. Ahmednagar, Maharashtra
- C. Delhi Cantonment
- D. Wellington, Tamil Nadu

**ANSWER: D**

**4. IAEA Stands for**

- A. International Atomic Energy Agency
- B. Iran Atomic Energy Agency
- C. International Atomic Explosive Agency
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**5. IAEA Got Nobel Peace Prize In**

- A. 2001
- B. 2011
- C. 2005
- D. 2015

**ANSWER: C**

**6. Hq Of IAEA Is In**

- A. Columbo, Sri Lanka

- B. Doha, Qatar
- C. Tehran, Iran
- D. Vienna, Austria

**ANSWER: D**

**7. Capital of Iran is**

- A. Abu Dhabi
- B. Muscat
- C. Dubai
- D. Tehran

**ANSWER: D**

**8. India Is Not a Signatory Of**

- A. NPT
- B. CTBT
- C. Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action
- D. All the above

**ANSWER: D**

**9. Which Two Countries Had Signed the COMCASA Deal?**

- A. India and China
- B. India and USA
- C. India and Japan
- D. India and Russia

**ANSWER: B**

**10. The 5<sup>th</sup> Ex JIMEX, B/W Japan & India, Was Conducted In**

- A. South China Sea
- B. Bay of Bengal
- C. Indian Ocean
- D. Arabian Sea

**ANSWER: D**

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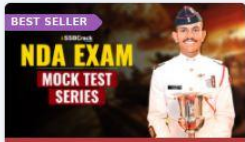
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