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Indian Army Conducted Airborne Exercise

- Indian Army conducted Airborne Exercise at Pokharan to validate its Rapid Response capabilities along the Western Front. The Exercise included Combat Free Fall jumps with Guided Precision Aerial Delivery System GPADS & battle drills in a simulated hostile Mechanised environment.
- With the onset of summer, the Army top brass is reviewing deployment of troops on Western and Northern borders.
- Army Chief General M.M. Naravane, along with other top military leaders, went to Central Command in Lucknow on Wednesday to review the deployment of the force along the border. The Army carried out a similar exercise at Siliguri corridor near the Northern border with China.
- Last week, nearly 600 paratroopers of the Indian Army's Airborne Rapid Response teams carried out large-scale drops near the Siliguri corridor in an airborne exercise, after being airlifted from various airbases.



Army Southern Command Celebrates its 128th Raising Day

- Southern Command Indian Army celebrates its 128th Raising Day. A solemn wreath-laying ceremony was held at the Southern Command War Memorial paying homage to the brave hearts who laid down their lives in service of the Nation.
- A solemn wreath laying ceremony was organised at Southern Command War Memorial to pay homage to the brave sons of Southern Command who laid down their lives in the line of duty. In his message on the occasion, Lieutenant General JS Nain, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Southern Command, felicitated all ranks, civilian staff, veterans and families.
- Since its raising on April 1, 1895, Southern Command has been instrumental in ensuring the territorial integrity of our nation through bravery, grit and determination of its soldiers.
- Troops of Southern Command have participated in several military operations aimed at safeguarding our nation. In 1947-48, Southern Command played a key role in annexing the erstwhile princely states of Junagarh and Hyderabad to the Union of India.



IAF Identifies 28 Emergency Landing Strips on Highways

- Ministry of Road Transport and Highways in a statement informed that five such ELF's are in Assam, four in West Bengal, three in Andhra Pradesh, three in Gujarat, three in Rajasthan, two in Bihar, two in Haryana, two in Jammu and Kashmir, two in Tamil Nadu, and one each in Punjab and Uttar Pradesh.
- These ELF's are capable of operations by Military Aircraft and can also be used for a similar class of civilian aircraft if required.



IAF Choppers Deployed to Douse Blaze at Sariska Tiger Reserve

- A massive fire broke out in the forest area of **Sariska Tiger Reserve** in Rajasthan's Alwar district.
- IAF choppers have been deployed to douse the blaze. The IAF said that it has deployed two Mi 17 V5 helicopters to undertake Bambi Bucket operations and the fire fighting operations.
- **Sariska Tiger Reserve**
- Sariska Tiger Reserve is located in Aravali hills and forms a part of the Alwar District of Rajasthan.
- The Reserve is immensely rich in flora and fauna and is famous for **Royal Bengal Tiger**.
- Sariska was declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1955 and was declared a tiger reserve later in 1978, making it a part of India's **Project Tiger**.

- **Kankarwadi fort** is located in the center of the Reserve, and it is said that Mughal emperor Aurangzeb had imprisoned his brother **Dara Shikoh** at this fort in struggle for succession to the throne.
- The Reserve also houses a famous temple of Lord Hanuman at **Pandupole** related to Pandavas.



Chinese Fighter Jets Hold Cross-regional Drills

- The Chinese Air Force recently organized a cross-regional manoeuvre exercise that saw several types of fighter jets flying across more than 5,000 kilometers in less than 20 hours.
- This cross-day-and-night drill covered different terrains including plateaus and the sea, demonstrating the strong logistics support capabilities of all airbases involved.
- The aircraft formation flew from the plains to the sea, and arrived at the designated air base overcoming fatigue from the extended flight
- According to Chinese observers, a distance of 5,000 kilometres means that, if flying in a straight line, a plane can travel across the entire country.
- The exercise has demonstrated the outstanding skills of the pilots, who can operate from air bases in different terrains, altitudes, temperatures and weather conditions, which have a huge impact on how aircraft perform, Chinese quoted.



HAL Revenue Rises 6 % To Rs 24,000 Crore In 2021-22

- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) said on Friday that its revenue rose by 6 percent to Rs 24,000 crore in the financial year ended March 31, 2022, as compared to Rs 22,755 crore recorded in the previous year.
- "Despite the challenges of the second wave of COVID-19 during the first quarter of the year and the consequent production loss, the Company could meet the targeted revenue growth with improved performance during the balance period of the year," R Madhavan, Chairman, and Managing Director, HAL, said in a statement.
- The second wave of COVID-19 had compelled the company to declare a phased lockdown at various Divisions during April and May 2021. The employees had put in additional hours in June and July 2021 to compensate for the loss of man-hours due to the lockdowns, HAL said.



VICE ADMIRAL SANJAY MAHINDRU ASSUMED CHARGE AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF

- Vice Admiral Sanjay Mahindru, AVSM, NM assumed charge as Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff on 31 Mar 22.
- Vice Admiral Sanjay Mahindru is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Khadakvasla. He was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 01 Jan 85 and is a Submarine and Navigation Specialist.
- In his career spanning over 37 years, he has held a variety of Command and Staff appointments both ashore and afloat. The Flag Officer has commanded INS Shalki, a Type 1500 Shishumar Class submarine, Cadets Training Ship INS Krishna, and Destroyer INS Rajput. He has also commanded INS Satavahana the Navy's Submarine Training Establishment where he set up the School for Advanced Underwater Warfare. In his staff tenures he has served in the Directorate of Submarine Operations and Directorate of Nuclear Submarine Acquisition at IHQ MoD (N). He has also carried out duties as Naval Assistant to FOC-in-C (West) and FOC-in-C (South).
- He has succeeded Vice Admiral Ravneet Singh who retired after more than 38 years of illustrious service on 31 Mar 2022. During the tenure of VAdm Ravneet Singh as DCNS, the Indian Navy witnessed a number of significant achievements that have elevated India's global maritime stature, and is a testimony of his resolve, professional competence and dedication.



VICE ADMIRAL AJAY KOCHHAR New COMMANDANT OF NDA

- Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar, AVSM, NM assumed the appointment of Commandant, National Defence Academy on 01 Apr 2022 from Air Marshal Sanjeev Kapoor, AVSM, VM.
- As an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar was commissioned in the Indian Navy on 01 Jul 1988. He is a graduate of the Defence Service Staff College, Wellington, Naval War College, Mumbai and Royal College of Defence Studies at United Kingdom.



BDL Has Achieved Turnover of Approx Rs. 2700

- BDL has achieved a turnover of approx Rs. 2700 Cr (prov & Unaudited) for FY 2021-22 against the previous year's turnover of Rs. 1913.76 Cr. A growth of more than 40%. BDL achieved this despite challenges like Covid 19, Electronic Components supply, present international crisis, etc.
- Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) is one of India's manufacturers of ammunitions and missile systems. It was founded in 1970 in Hyderabad, Telangana, India.[4] BDL was established to be a manufacturing base for guided weapon systems and began with a pool of engineers drawn from Indian Ordnance Factories, DRDO and aerospace industries



Lieutenant General SS Mahal Assumed the Command Of ARTRAC

- Lieutenant General SS Mahal assumed the command of ARTRAC today. On assuming command, Army Commander reviewed the Guard of Honour & exhorted all ranks to continue working with zeal & enthusiasm.
- The Army Training Command, abbreviated as ARTRAC, is one of the seven commands of the Indian Army. It is currently based in Shimla. It was established in 1991.
- The main aim of the command is to maximize the effectiveness of the training.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which Command of the Indian Army Celebrated Its 128th Raising Day

- A. Northern Command
- B. Central Command
- C. Western Command
- D. Southern Command

ANSWER: D

2. Sariska Tiger Reserve is located in

- A. Himalayas
- B. Aravalli Hills
- C. Nilgiri Hills
- D. Deccan Plateau

ANSWER: B

3. Indian Army Conducted Airborne Exercise At

- A. Arabian Sea
- B. Bay of Bengal
- C. Pokhran
- D. IOR

ANSWER: C

4. Revenue Of Which Company Rises to 6% In 2021-22?

- A. GRSE
- B. GSL
- C. HAL
- D. TATA Motors

ANSWER: C

5. IAF Used Which Helicopter to Put Fire Off At Sariska Tiger Reserve?

- A. Chinook
- B. Apache
- C. Mi 17 V5
- D. Chetak

ANSWER: C

6. Best Marching Contingent Trophy for Republic Day Parade- 2022 Went To

- A. Indian Army
- B. Indian Navy
- C. Indian Air Force
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

7. Who Assumed The Command Of ARTRAC?

- A. Let Gen SS Mahal
- B. Let Gen Ajay Kelkar
- C. Let Gen Vijay Singh
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

8. The Capital of Turkmenistan Is

- A. Ashgabat
- B. Doha
- C. Tehran
- D. Moscow

ANSWER: A

9. Who assumed charge as Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff?

- A. Vice Admiral Anil
- B. Vice Admiral Ajay Sahil
- C. Vice Admiral Sanjay Singh
- D. Vice Admiral Sanjay Mahindru

ANSWER: D

10. SPARSH Stands For

- A. System for Pen Administration – Raksha
- B. System for Polity Administration – Raksha
- C. System for Pensions Array – Raksha
- D. System for Pensions Administration – Raksha

ANSWER: D

11. Foreign Minister of Russia Is

- A. Boris Yeltsin
- B. Vladimir Putin
- C. Sergei Lavrov
- D. Dmitry Medvedev

ANSWER: C

12. 73rd Inter-Services Tennis Championship 2021-22 Won By

- A. Indian Navy
- B. IAF
- C. ICG
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

13. Hq Of NITI Aayog Is In

- A. Mumbai
- B. Chennai
- C. Noida
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: D

14. Current Chairman of DRDO

- A. K Sivan
- B. S Somnath
- C. G. Sateesh Reddy
- D. S Bomai

ANSWER: C

15. "Rashtra Pratham - 82 Varshon Ki Swarnim Gatha" Book Based On The Work Of

- A. CRPF
- B. CISF
- C. NSG
- D. ITBP

ANSWER: A

16. Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Udan Akademi

- A. Amethi
- B. Chennai

- C. Jammu
- D. Jalandhar

ANSWER: A

17. National Tiger Conservation Authority Created In

- A. 2003
- B. 2004
- C. 2005
- D. 2006

ANSWER: C

18. World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Hq Is At

- A. Vienna, Austria
- B. Washington, DC, USA
- C. Geneva, Switzerland
- D. Rome, Italy

ANSWER: C

19. Joint Ex B/w The India and Mongolia Are Called:

- A. LAMITIYE
- B. SLINEX
- C. Nomadic Elephant
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: C













20. ARTRAC Command Is Located At

- A. Pune
- B. Shimla
- C. Lucknow
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

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