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Daily Defence Current Affairs 20 April 2022

National Level Pollution Response Exercise

- Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar inaugurated, on April 19, 2022, the 8th edition of the two-day National Level Pollution Response Exercise, 'NATPOLREX-VIII', being conducted by Indian Coast Guard (ICG) off Mormugao harbour, Goa.
- The event is being attended by more than 85 participants from 50 agencies, including 29 observers from 22 friendly foreign countries & International Organisations and two Coast Guard ships from Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.
- The objective of NATPOLREX-VIII is to enhance the preparedness and response capability of all the stakeholders in combating marine spills. It aims at validating the procedures and guidelines as contained in the National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOSDCP) at the national and regional levels under the aegis of the SACEP MoU to which India is a member state.
- During the exercise, 13 ships and 10 aircraft from ICG, one C-131 aircraft from
 the Indian Air Force, two ships from SACEP member states viz. Sri Lanka and
 Bangladesh and one Offshore Supply vessel (OSV) from ONGC, assets from
 Shipping Corporation of India and tugs from Mormugao Port Trust
 demonstrated containment cum marine spill recovery by side sweeping arms,
 deployment of booms and skimmers, streaming of single ship operated
 containment cum recovery system, firefighting drill, rescue operation, and
 demonstration of surface and air oil spill dispersant systems.



Naval Aviation Museum at Dabolim in Goa dedicated to aviation enthusiasts

- In a historic feat, Rear Admiral Philipose G Pynumootil, Flag Officer Commanding Goa Area dedicated the refurbished Naval Aviation Museum at Dabolim to aviation enthusiasts. This fully re-designed museum avatar has been crafted with ramps to ease the movement of differently abled visitors, other amenities include Glass Cockpit Café, a souvenir shop as well as a dedicated parking space.
- The Naval Aviation Museum started with a humble collection of eight aircraft in 1998 and has since grown to include a wide variety of aircraft and other exhibits, portraying the historic feats of naval aviation through slick audio-visual aids. The recent full refurbishment has only added to charm and upgrades, reflecting an impressive transformation of naval aviation and the quality of museum display.
- In addition to that, the wall named 'The First, The Legends' celebrated trendsetters, 'Drishti' depicted a pictorial representation of air operations in the 1971 Indo-Pak war. A separate wall has been dedicated to 'Goa Liberation' as well.



Sea King Mark (Mk) 42 'Harpoon' Helicopter Turns 51

- 51 years ago, the Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) 330, popularly known as the 'Harpoons' was commissioned on April 17, 1971, with a motto, 'Any Sea, Any mission, Any deck.' As the Indian Navy seeks to induct MH60R, a modern and very capable multi-mission helicopter, the Harpoons are all set to begin their third avatar.
- The squadron began operating the Sea King Mark (Mk) 42 Anti-Submarine
 Warfare helicopters acquired from British Westland Helicopters equipped
 with dunking sonar and lightweight air-dropped homing torpedoes. These
 helicopters increased the navy's anti-submarine capabilities significantly.
- INAS 330 has its origins in the developments that followed helicopters being optimised into advanced roles for detecting and attacking submarines. Apart from that, advanced Navies also developed the capabilities to operate such helicopters from helicopter-capable surface ships.
- The Sea King helicopter is a multi-role helicopter and has been used for all-around surveillance, search and rescue operations, warfare, and as a transportation platform for the last several decades. The first Sea King landed on INS Vikrant, the first aircraft carrier of the Indian Navy in July 1971. 'Though inducted into the Indian Navy a few months before the Indo-Pakistan war of 1971, Sea King operations were restricted during the war given certain training shortfalls,'



Army To Decide on EV Induction in Fleet

- The 12-lakh strong Indian Army now plans to go green wherever operationally possible. The force is fine-tuning a roadmap for the phased induction of a "limited number" of electric vehicles in 'peace stations' across the country in a bid to reduce its carbon footprint.
- "Introduction of e-vehicles" will be discussed during the General MM Naravane-chaired Army commanders' conference from April 18 to 22, in addition to the operational situation, infrastructure build-up, and capability development along LAC with China in the backdrop of the almost two-year-long military confrontation in eastern Ladakh.
- On the e-vehicles front, the Army has conducted a study on the induction of such vehicles, beginning with headquarters in peace stations, in keeping with the government's drive to encourage e-vehicles to reduce fossil fuel consumption and decrease air pollution. The induction of e-vehicles will be carefully evaluated for practicality due to the challenging terrains and extreme weather conditions in which the Army operates, especially along the long unresolved borders with China and Pakistan.

120 New Recruits Passed Out From ASC

 120 new recruits passed out from Army Service Corps Centre, Bengaluru today, after completion of their training. Maj Gen Sandeep Mahajan Depty

Commandant & Chief Instructor, Army Service Corps Centre & College reviewed the impressive attestation parade.

Indian Army Service Corps

• The Indian Army Service Corps (IASC) is a corps and an arm of the Indian Army that handles its logistic support function. It is the oldest and the largest administrative service in the Indian Army.

Active: 1760–Present



Su-30 MKI & INS Delhi Fired Brahmos Missile

- Today on the Eastern seaboard, IAF undertook live firing of BrahMos missile from a Su30 Mkl aircraft.
- The missile achieved a direct hit on the target, a decommissioned Indian Navy ship. The mission was undertaken in close coordination with the Indian navy.
- Successful maiden BrahMos firing by INS Delhi from an upgraded modular launcher once again demonstrated long-range strike capability of BrahMos along with validation of integrated Network Centric Operations from frontline platforms.
- BrahMos is a joint venture between the Defence Research and Development Organisation of India and the NPOM of Russia.

- BrahMos is named after the rivers Brahmaputra and Moskva.
- It is a two-stage (solid propellant engine in the first stage and liquid ramjet in the second) missile.
- It is a multiplatform missile i.e. it can be launched from land, air, and sea, and multi capability missile with pinpoint accuracy that works both day and night irrespective of the weather conditions.
- It operates on the "Fire and Forgets" principle i.e it does not require further guidance after launch.





REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. INS Vagsheer Is A
- A. Tank
- B. Ship
- C. Destroyer
- D. Submarine

ANSWER: D

- 2. TOD Stands For
- A. Tour Of Drumlin
- B. Tour of Duty
- C. Tour of Duck
- D. Tour of Dutch

ANSWER: B

3. INSAS Rifle Manufactured By

- A. ARDE
- B. HAL
- C. IAI
- D. ISRO

ANSWER: A



- A. Kerala
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Goa
- D. M.H

ANSWER: C

- 5. Air Marshal Rank of IAF Equivalent to Which rank of Indian Navy?
- A. Flying Officer
- B. Vice Admiral
- C. Admiral
- D. None

ANSWER: B

- 6. Recently Brahmos Missile Fired From
- A. Su-30 MkI

- B. INS Delhi
- C. Tejas & INS Vishakhapatnam
- D. Both A&B

 ANSWER: D

7. Army Service Corps Centre is in

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Chennai
- C. Gaya
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

8. Defence Secretary of India Is

- A. Rajiv Kumar
- B. S. Jaishankar
- C. Lt Gen Manoj Pande
- D. Ajay Kumar

ANSWER: D

9. Predator B (MQ-9 Reaper) Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: C

10. INS Visakhapatnam Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Tank

ANSWER: A

11. ISRO Hq Is In

- A. Mumbai
- B. Kochi
- C. Chennai
- D. Bangalore

ANSWER: D

12. EPFO Stands For

- A. Employee Provident Fund Organ
- B. Employee Provident Future Organization
- C. Employee Provident Fund Organization
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

13. INS Kesari Is a Ship Of

- A. Oman
- B. Qatar
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. None

ANSWER: D

14. Kingston Is the Capital Of

- A. Jamaica
- B. Japan
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

15. "Nehru, Tibet and China" Book Is Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Avtar Singh Bhasin

ANSWER: D

16. Brahmos Is A:

- A. Hypersonic Cruise Missile
- B. Supersonic Cruise Missile
- C. Subsonic Cruise Missile
- D. Ballistic Missile

ANSWER: B

17. Where Is the Hq Of The Central Command of The Indian Army?

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam

- C. Pune
- D. Lucknow

ANSWER: D

18. Heron TP Drone Is Made By

- A. Brazil
- B. India
- C. Israel
- D. USA

ANSWER: C

19. Joint Exercises B/w The India and Oman Is Called:

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. AL NAGAH

ANSWER: D

20. India Purchased Bofors Gun from

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B



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