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Daily Defence Current Affairs

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GEN MANOJ PANDE TAKES OVER AS THE 29th COAS

- General Manoj Pande took over as the 29th Chief of the Army Staff on 30 April 2022 from General Manoj Mukund Naravane, who superannuated after four decades of an illustrious career.
- For his illustrious service, he has been conferred with the award of Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal. The General Officer is also The Colonel Commandant, The Bombay Sappers.
- He commanded an Engineer brigade in the Western Theatre, as part of Strike Corps and an Infantry brigade along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir. He also commanded a Mountain Division in western Ladakh's high-altitude region, and a Corps along the Line of Actual Control in counter-insurgency operations area in the Eastern Command.
- As an Army Commander, Gen Pande has served in two different theatres. He was chief of the Andaman & Nicobar Command, which a tri-services command; he then headed the Kolkata-headquartered Eastern Command, before taking over as Vice Chief of the Army in February.



Lt Gen Baggavalli Somashekar Raju New VCOAS

- Lt Gen Baggavalli Somashekar Raju take over as the vice chief of the Army Staff on May 1. Lt Gen Raju will succeed incumbent Lt Gen Manoj Pande who will take the reins of the 1.3 million-strong Army after Army Chief Gen MM Naravane completes his term on Saturday.
- Lieutenant General Manoj Katiyar will succeed as the army's next DGMO.
- Lt General Raju has “commanded his Battalion during Op Parakram in the Western Theatre and in Jammu & Kashmir. He also holds the distinction of commanding the Uri brigade along the Line of Control, a Counter Insurgency Force and the Chinar Corps in the Kashmir Valley. The General Officer also served as the Commandant, Indian Military Training Team in Bhutan”.



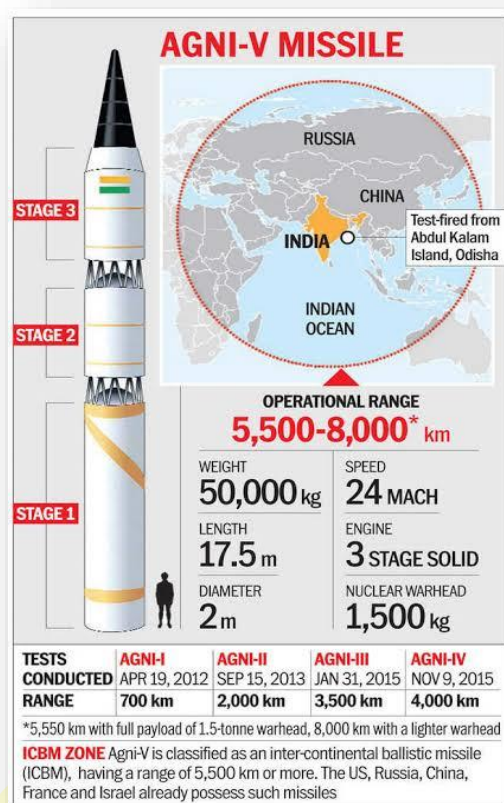
Rear Adm Vikram Menon, VSM took over As Flag Officer Commanding Goa

- Rear Admiral Vikram Menon, VSM took over duties of Flag Officer Commanding Goa Area (FOGA) and Flag Officer Naval Aviation (FONA) on 30 Apr 2022 from Rear Admiral Philipose G Pynumootil, AVSM, NM, who retired on superannuation after a career spanning over 36 years in service.
- Rear Admiral Menon is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy and the Naval War College and was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 01 January 1990.
- He has flown the Sea Harrier aircraft extensively from INS Virat. He also served as the Senior Pilot of INAS 300 and commanded INAS 552.
- Prior to taking over as FOGA, the Flag Officer held the appointment of Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Air) at Naval Headquarters. His Staff appointments include Director of Aircraft Acquisition at Naval Headquarters and Chief Staff Officer (Air) at Headquarters Naval Aviation.



10 Years of Agni V

- It was in April back in 2012, that India for the first time had tested the Agni V ICBM that had a range of over 5000km and that could hit not only the whole of China but also as far as targets in Europe but also made many of India's friendly countries nervous about country's ICBM program that in last 10 years it's more or less meant curtains on development of land-based intercontinental ballistic missile program in the country.
- Agni V unlike other missiles has been sparingly tested only 8 times in the last 10 years as India doesn't want to be seen as trigger happy nuclear state. In the last few years, Agni-V also has disappeared from the military parade that takes place on Republic Day. India is the only country in the so-called " nuclear elite " group of big 5 that wants to maintain a low profile on its Agni-V program.
- Agni V is primarily for enhancing India's nuclear deterrence against China. Until recently, the longest range missile India had was Agni-III, with a range of 3000–3500 km. If launched from central India this range was not sufficient to reach targets in the extreme eastern and northeastern regions of China. Most of the important economic centers of China lay on its eastern seaboard.
- The missile will allow India to strike targets across Asia and into Europe. The missile's range will allow the Indian military to target all of China from Agni-V bases, in central and southern India, further away from China. The missile is also likely to be similar to other missiles with a range of 10,000 km. The missile was designed to be easy to transport by road, through the utilisation of a canister-launch missile system, which is distinct from those of the earlier Agni missiles.



SSB Crack EXAMS

Defence Ministry's Procurement Order Via E-market Portal Recorded at Rs 15,047 Crore

- The Ministry of Defence (MoD) on Saturday said its procurement orders using the government e-Market (GeM) portal reached an all-time high of Rs 15,047 crore in 2021-22. It said the amount is a jump of more than 250 per cent compared to last year's procurement through the portal.
- "Procurement orders by the MoD through Government e-Market (GeM) portal have reached an all-time high of Rs 15,047.98 crore for the financial year 2021-22," the ministry said in a statement. The GeM was started in August 2016 to revamp the old tender process and bring greater probity and transparency in government procurement through digitization.
- The MOD said", The MoD is committed to contributing significantly to the Government's vision of promoting digitisation and transparency in consonance with Digital India".



Reducing The Size Of The Indian Army

- The Department of Military Affairs (DMA) is exploring a proposal for a three-year Tour of Duty (ToD) for non-commissioned personnel or Jawans that first emerged under the late Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat.
- The case for a three-year stint for Jawans stems from a desire to curb the high revenue budget covering salaries and pensions of the Indian Army. According to the proposal, following their three-year ToD, the decommissioned personnel who would still be in their 20s can be absorbed by the state police forces or service the security requirements of corporate India.
- The IA consumes a significant part of its allocated budget leaving little for capital expenditure or money for new weapons and platforms impacting the equipment modernisation of the service. There are several objections that have been proffered for why it is wise not to pursue this latest proposal.
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INS Vikrant To Be Handed Over To Indian Navy In May

- The INS Vikrant, India's first indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC), will be handed over to the Indian Navy in May, reports The New Indian Express. The aircraft carrier, which has been constructed by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), will be named "INS Vikrant" after it is handed over to the Indian Navy.
- Around 60 percent of the components of the aircraft carrier are indigenous while the remaining 40 percent have been imported.
- INS Vikrant, also known as Indigenous Aircraft Carrier 1 (IAC-1), is an aircraft carrier constructed by the Cochin Shipyard Limited for the Indian Navy. It is the first aircraft carrier to be built in India. It is named 'Vikrant' as a tribute to India's first aircraft carrier, Vikrant.
- The name Vikrant means "courageous". The motto of the ship is "Jayema Sam Yudhi Spṛdhaḥ", which means "I defeat those who fight against me".



Over 1,000 Indian Peacekeepers Get UN Award For Serving In South Sudan

- Over 1,100 Indian peacekeepers serving with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) were awarded UN medals, honouring them for their exceptional service in the strife-torn East African country.
- India is one of the largest troop-contributing countries to UN peacekeeping missions. Currently, 2,385 Indian military personnel, the second-highest after Rwanda, and 30 police personnel are deployed with the UNMISS.
- "It is an honour to receive this medal, which will embellish my uniform for the rest of my career. We provide medical services to peacekeepers and the local population, but we also share our knowledge on prevention of diseases and gender-based violence," the report quoted Major Pooja Nair, a doctor and one of only two women in the current Indian contingent, as saying.
- Peacekeeping by the United Nations is a role held by the Department of Peace Operations as an "instrument developed by the organization as a way to help countries torn by conflict to create the conditions for lasting peace". It is distinguished from peacebuilding, peacemaking, and peace enforcement although the United Nations does acknowledge that all activities are "mutually reinforcing" and that overlap between them is frequent in practice.



Indian Army celebrated 84th Armour Day

- The Indian Army will celebrate 84th Armour Day on Friday to honour the arrival of armoured vehicles in place of horses in the Indian cavalry regiments.
- Armour Day is celebrated every year on May 1. On this day in 1938, the Scindia Horse became the first regiment to convert to tanks.
- With the passage of time, the Indian Army became better equipped. In 1943, the Indian Armour updated itself to the Sherman tanks (M4) of American origin.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Who Takes as The Next 29th Chief Of The Army Staff?

- A. Gen MM Naravane
- B. Gen Manoj Pande
- C. Lt Gen Baggavalli Somashekar Raju
- D. None

ANSWER: B

2. Who Takes as The Next Vice Chief of The Army Staff?

- A. Gen MM Naravane
- B. Gen Manoj Pande
- C. Lt Gen Baggavalli Somashekar Raju
- D. None

ANSWER: C

3. Armour Day Is Observed Every Year On

- A. May 1
- B. May 2
- C. May 3
- D. May 4

ANSWER: A

4. Who took over the duties of Flag Officer Commanding Goa Area (FOGA)?

- A. CNS R Hari Kumar
- B. Rear Admiral Philipose G Pynumootil
- C. Rear Admiral Vikram Menon
- D. None

ANSWER: C

5. Which Are the Combat Arms of The Indian Army?

- A. Infantry
- B. The Armoured Corp
- C. The Mechanized Infantry
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: D

6. Indian Army Has How Many Operational Commands?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 6

ANSWER: D

7. Arrange In Descending Order

- A. Corps, Brigade, Division, Battalion, Rifle Company, Platoon, Section
- B. Corps, Battalion, Division, Brigade, Rifle Company, Platoon, Section
- C. Corps, Division, Brigade, Battalion, Rifle Company, Platoon, Section
- D. Corps, Section, Division, Battalion, Rifle Company, Platoon, Brigade

ANSWER: C

8. SALVEX (Salvage) Ex Conducted B/W India And

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Uganda
- D. European Union

ANSWER: A

9. Mil Mi-35 Is A

- A. Attack Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Air-to-air Missile

ANSWER: A

10. Which is Not Correctly Matched:

- A. IAF Day: 8 Oct
- B. Indian Navy Day: 4 Dec
- C. CISF: 10 May
- D. ICG Day: 1 Feb

ANSWER: C

11. Rajputana Rifles Hq Is In

- A. Mumbai
- B. Kochi

- C. Chennai
- D. Delhi

ANSWER: D

12. GAIL Stands For

- A. Gas Author of India Limited
- B. Gas Authority of Indo Limited
- C. Gas Authority of India Limited
- D. None

ANSWER: C

13. ___ Is The Landlocked Country.

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Pakistan
- C. Bhutan
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

14. "OPERATION KHUKRI" Book Is Written By

- A. Khushwant Singh
- B. Abraham Lincoln
- C. Sudha Murty
- D. Rajpal Punia & Ms Damini Punia

ANSWER: D

15. The Training Command of The IAF Is In

- A. Bengaluru
- B. New Delhi
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

16. Germany Borders With The

- A. Netherlands
- B. Belgium
- C. Czech Republic
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: D

17. "Jat balwan, jai bhagwan" Is the war cry Of

- A. JKRIF
- B. RR
- C. CORPS OF ENGINEERS
- D. JAT REGIMENT

ANSWER: D

18. Sub Lieutenant Rank of Indian Navy Is Equivalent to which rank of Indian Army?

- A. Commodore
- B. Captain
- C. Commander
- D. Lieutenant

ANSWER: D

19. 'Rifle Company' In Indian Army Headed By__

- A. Major
- B. Lt. Colonel
- C. Colonel
- D. Both A & B

ANSWER: D

20. What is the highest commissioned rank awarded in the Indian Army?

- A. Major General
- B. Lt Gen
- C. Colonel
- D. Flying Officer

ANSWER: B

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