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CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF VISITS LADAKH

- General Manoj Pande, Chief of Army Staff arrived at Leh on 12 May 2022 on his maiden visit to Ladakh region after assuming the reins of Indian Army.
- The Army Chief was briefed on the security situation along the borders with special focus on Eastern Ladakh. The high level of operational readiness being maintained by the forces while maintaining a high tempo of capability development was highlighted.
- During his three-day visit to Ladakh, General Manoj Pande, Chief of Army Staff will visit forward areas in Eastern Ladakh and interact with troops deployed along the Line of Actual Control in the most difficult and inhospitable terrain in the world.
- Later, General Manoj Pande, Chief of Army Staff accompanied by Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command and Lieutenant General A Sengupta, General Officer Commanding, Fire and Fury Corps called on Shri RK Mathur, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Ladakh. This was followed by a detailed discussion on issues related to Civil-Military cooperation and the role of Indian Army in developmental activities in the Union Territory of Ladakh.
- General Manoj Pande COAS took over as the Honorary Colonel of the SIKH LIGHT Infantry. COAS was presented with Baton & Regimental accoutrements by Lt Gen DP Pandey, Colonel of the SIKH LIGHT Infantry in a traditional ceremony.



Rajnath Singh approves Enhanced Scales of Accommodation - 2022 for the Armed Forces

- Rajnath Singh has approved revised Scales of Accommodation 2022 (SoA) for Defence Services on 12 May 2022. This will ensure contemporary specifications in future projects and better standards of living for the personnel of the Armed Forces.
- The implementation of Scales of Accommodation – 2022, would be tremendous improvement in built facilities/ infrastructure and specifications commensurate to contemporary requirements. Optimisation of Defence land usage by using multi-storeyed construction and austerity measures by combining common facilities have been emphasized.
- The Scales of Accommodation (SoA) defines the authorization for construction facilities for operational, functional, training, administrative, living and recreation facilities for the Defence Services. These Scales are applicable for all the three Defence Services and the Indian Coast Guard.
- The Military Engineer Services (MES) is a premier construction agency and one of the pillars of the Corps of Engineers of the Indian Army which provides rear line engineering support to the Armed Forces and associated organisations of the Ministry of Defence (MoD). MES carries out multifarious construction activities for the Military stations/cantonments such as residential and office buildings, hospitals, roads, runways and marine structures across the country including border areas. Besides conventional buildings, MES is also involved in the construction of complex laboratories, factories, workshops, hangars,

ammunition storage facilities, dockyards, jetties/ wharves and other complex/ special structures.



FIRING OF EXTENDED RANGE VERSION OF BRAHMOS AIR LAUNCHED MISSILE FROM SU-30

- India successfully fired the Extended Range Version of BrahMos Air Launched missile from Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft. The launch from the aircraft was as planned and the missile achieved a direct hit on the designated target in the Bay of Bengal region.
- It was the first launch of Extended Range version of BrahMos missile from Su-30MKI aircraft. With this, the IAF has achieved the capability to carry out precision strikes from Su-30MKI aircraft against a land/ sea target over very long ranges. The dedicated and synergetic efforts of the IAF, Indian Navy, DRDO, BAPL and HAL have proven the capability of the nation to achieve this feat. The extended range capability of the missile coupled with the high performance of the Su-30MKI aircraft gives the IAF a strategic reach and allows it to dominate the future battle fields.



INDIAN NAVAL PLACEMENT AGENCY & L&T SIGN MOU TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES

- The Indian Naval Placement Agency and L&T Shipbuilding, L&T's shipbuilding arm, today signed an MoU to explore opportunities for the recruitment of naval Ex-Servicemen at LTSB. Vadm Suraj Berry, Controller of Personnel Services, Indian Navy and Head Shipbuilding Business L&T signed the MoU in the presence of Senior Officials from the Indian Navy & L&T.
- L&T under the aegis of its diversity inclusion initiative aims to offer ex-servicemen with a technical background, opportunities in line with their qualifications, experience and attributes acquired during their service period. This diverse set of experiences, perspectives and background are crucial to the innovation and development of new ideas.
- In his concluding remarks, Vice Admiral Suraj Berry said that "The INPA is committed to facilitating Ex-Servicemen, to find employment opportunities after their service to our Nation". He further stated that it was the endeavour of IN to work with the corporate sector to identify and develop programs that enable experienced personnel to contribute to nation-building and become truly AatmaNirbhar in all sectors. We look forward to working with LTSB on this initiative".

Indian Army to Buy 12 More Made-in-India 'Swathi' Weapon-locating Radars

- In a major boost for the Indian Army on the China front, the force has put up a proposal to the defence ministry for buying 12 Swathi weapon-locating radars developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- The Indian Army has initiated this proposal worth around Rs 1,000 crore Swathi WLRs and it is planned to be put for consideration by a high-level Defence Ministry meeting.
- The weapon-locating radars developed by the DRDO and built by Bharat Electronics Limited had achieved major success and were supplied to Armenia as well.
- Swathi weapon-locating radars provide fast, automatic, and accurate location of enemy weapons like mortars, shells and rockets within 50-kilometre range.
- The radars can simultaneously detect multiple projectiles fired from different weapons at different locations.
- The Indian Army has been using the radars for its operations along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir. The system was given for trial in the Army in 2018.
- New Indian Army chief General Manoj Pande is a major supporter of indigenisation and orders for many types of equipment like self-propelled artillery guns are likely to go to Indian vendors only.
- A major push is also expected in small arms also as the planned orders for foreign assault rifles are now going to be given to Indian vendors who have made significant developments in this field.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Hq of Northern Indian Army Command Is In

- A. Jaipur
- B. Srinagar
- C. Udhampur
- D. Jabalpur

ANSWER: C

2. 'Swathi' Is A

- A. Tank
- B. Military Aircraft
- C. Weapon Locating Radar
- D. Nuclear Bomb

ANSWER: C

3. 'Ex HAND IN HAND' conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. China

ANSWER: D

4. Making of a General-A Himalayan Echo Written By

- A. Lt. Gen. Konsam Himalay Singh
- B. Ramachandra Guha
- C. Waman Subha Prabhu
- D. Dalai Lama

ANSWER: A

5. World Health Organisation (WHO) Hq Is In

- A. Geneva, Switzerland
- B. Washington DC, United States
- C. Paris, France
- D. Vienna, Austria

ANSWER: A

6. Wartime Gallantry Award Is/Are

- A. Param Vir Chakra
- B. Maha Vir Chakra
- C. Vir Chakra
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: D

7. ____ separates Pakistan & Afghanistan.

- A. McMahon Line
- B. Hindenburg Line
- C. Radcliffe Line
- D. Durand Line

ANSWER: D

8. The National Cadet Corps (NCC) HQ, is at ____

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

ANSWER: A

9. The National Security Guard (NSG) was founded on ____

- A. 13 October 1983
- B. 14 October 1984
- C. 16 October 1984
- D. 17 October 1985

ANSWER: C

10. Air commodore of IAF is equivalent to the which rank of Indian Army?

- A. Brigadier
- B. Captain
- C. Lt. Colonel
- D. Colonel

ANSWER: A

11. International Nurses Day Is Observed On

- A. 11 May
- B. 12 May
- C. 13 May

D. 14 May

ANSWER: B

12. Which of the following is a land-locked harbour?

- A. Haldia
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Ennore
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: B

13. Exercise DUSTLIK II Conducted B/w

- A. India- Uzbekistan
- B. India- Uganda
- C. India- USA
- D. India- UAE

ANSWER: A

14. Military Exercise 'Shantir Ogroshena 2021' Held At

- A. India
- B. Nepal
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Bhutan

ANSWER: C

15. Exercise Dakshin Shakti Is a Type Of

- A. Domestic Ex
- B. Bilateral Ex
- C. Multilateral Ex
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

16. Indian Military Academy Is At

- A. Mhow
- B. Bhopal
- C. Gwalior
- D. Dehradun

ANSWER: D

17. Officers Training Academy Is At

- A. Chennai
- B. Bhopal
- C. Gaya
- D. Both A & C

ANSWER: D

18. School of Artillery Is At

- A. Chennai
- B. Bhopal
- C. Nagpur
- D. Deolali

ANSWER: D

19. Army Air Defence College Is At

- A. Gopalpur
- B. Bhopal
- C. Nagpur
- D. Nashik

ANSWER: A













20. Military College of Telecommunication Engineering Is

- A. Gopalpur
- B. Mhow
- C. Pune
- D. Haridwar

ANSWER: B

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