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Combined Graduation Parade Held At Air Force Academy Dundigal

- The Air Force Academy on Saturday, June 18, held its Combined Graduation Parade at Dundigal, Hyderabad, marking the successful completion of the course of pre-commissioning training of flight cadets of various IAF branches.
- General Manoj Pande COAS reviewed the CGP at IAF Academy today marking the successful culmination of training for 165 Flight Cadets. On the occasion, 5 officers from the Indian navy & 7 from ICG were also awarded 'Wings'.
- The IAF academy is the cradle of training for pilots, ground duty and technical officers and commissioned officers of the Indian Air Force. The Academy was established in 1969, and it started its operations in the year 1971. It is currently situated in Dundigal, around 25 km from Hyderabad to Secunderabad.
- During the function, he conferred the 'President's Commission' to the graduating trainees. The ceremony includes the presentation of 'Wings' and 'Brevets' to the flight cadets who would be successfully completing flying and navigation training respectively. The award of 'Wings' or 'Brevets' represents a significant milestone in every military aviator's career and is the culmination of a demanding and rewarding period of training. The Reviewing Officer will also award 'Wings' to officers of the Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard on successful completion of their flying training at Air Force Academy, it said.



Indian Naval Air Squadron INAS 550 Based At INS Garuda SNC Celebrated 63rd Anniversary

- The Indian Naval Air Squadron INAS 550 based at INS Garuda SNC celebrated its 63rd Anniversary on 17 Jun22. The Oldest Sqn in the Indian Navy has operated 14 different types of Aircraft & has been part of Indo Pak War 1971 Op Pawan 1988 & Op Madad 2018.
- INAS 550- The oldest squadron of the Indian Navy, this was the unit where Naval Aviation was born, where it all began, and from where it grew and spread its wings to touch the skies. The Navy's first Fleet Requirement Unit (FRU), comprising two Sealands and manned by five pilots and two observers, was commissioned on 11 May 1953 at Venduruthy II, Kochi. Lt Cdr Y N Singh was the commissioning Squadron Commander. The FRU was recommissioned as INAS 550 on 15 June 1959 under the command of Lt Cdr Y N Singh.
- The present day 550 continues to be a squadron that puts in extensive flying effort towards maritime reconnaissance, patrol and Observer training.



10% Reservation Of Jobs For Agniveers In Indian Coast Guard, Defence Civilian posts & 16 DPSUs

- Rajnath Singh has approved a proposal to reserve 10% of the job vacancies in Ministry of Defence for Agniveers meeting requisite eligibility criteria.
- The 10% reservation will be implemented in the Indian Coast Guard, defence civilian posts and all the 16 Defence Public Sector Undertakings – HAL, (BEL), Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML), BDL, GRSE Limited, Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), MDL, Mishra Dhatu Nigam (Midhani) Limited, Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL) etc.
- On similar lines, the Ministry of Home Affairs too announced a decision to reserve jobs covering 10% vacancies in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and the Assam Rifles for Agniveers and also give three years age relaxation beyond the prescribed upper age limit for recruitment in CAPFs and Assam Rifles. Further, this upper age relaxation has been extended to five years for the first batch of Agniveers, it stated.
- The Department of School Education and Literacy through its autonomous institution, the National Institute of Open Schooling, has announced that it will institute a special programme in consultation with defence authorities to enable those Agniveers who have passed Class 10 to further their education and obtain a Class 12 qualification by developing customised courses that are not only current but relevant to their area of service. This certificate is recognised for both employment and higher education purposes in the whole country, it said.

- Army chief General Manoj Pande had stated that training of the first Agniveers will begin in December 2022 and active service will commence in the middle of 2023. The government has said that the recruitment process will commence in 90 days and about 46,000 young men and women are to be taken in this year.
- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) announced six service avenues for smooth transition of Agniveers in various roles of the merchant navy, post their stint with the Indian Navy. The scheme will enable Agniveers to acquire necessary training, with rich naval experience and professional certification to join the remunerative merchant navy across the world, the Ministry said in a statement.
- Skill India and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) will work collaboratively with various wings of the armed forces to train the students in additional skills to make them better suited for civilian jobs. "Agniveers will get Skill India certification while in service, which will enable them to pursue many diverse opportunities in entrepreneurship and job roles that are being created in our economy after completion of their tenure," the government said.



BDL Shares Double In 2022 On Domestic Defence Manufacturing Push

- In line with India's special focus and thrust towards ramping up domestic defence manufacturing, shares of ammunition and missile maker Bharat Dynamics have more than doubled so far in 2022.

- Headquartered in Hyderabad, Bharat Dynamics was incorporated in 1970 as a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Defence to be the manufacturing base for guided missile systems and allied equipment for the armed forces.
- Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), headed by Rajnath Singh, earlier this month cleared capital acquisition proposals worth Rs 76,390 crore for the armed forces.
- The company recently signed a contract worth Rs 2,971 crore with Ministry of Defence for supply of ASTRA MK-I Beyond Visual Range (BVR) Air to Air Missile and associated equipments to Indian Air Force and Indian Navy. This too has likely given a buoyancy to the company's share prices.



Indian Women Soldiers Participate In 'Women Peace And Security Seminar' In Mongolia

- Women soldiers of the Indian Army participated in the four-day 'Women Peace and Security Seminar' at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Women Peacekeepers from 30 Nations participated in the seminar.
- "To promote the UN's goal of full gender parity in peacekeeping operations, Mongolia aims to increase women's participation to at least 15 percent by 2027," Mongolian President Khurelsukh said.
- This year marks the 20th anniversary of the first deployment of Mongolian peacekeepers to UN peacekeeping operations. Meanwhile, the Indian soldiers participating in the Khan Quest 2022 in Mongolia.
- What is UN Peacekeeping?

About:

- UN Peacekeeping began in 1948 when the UN Security Council authorized the deployment of UN military observers to the Middle East.
- UN Peacekeeping helps countries navigate the difficult path from conflict to peace.
- It deploys troops and police from around the world, integrating them with civilian peacekeepers to address a range of mandates set by the UN Security Council (UNSC) and the General Assembly.
- Composition:
- UN peacekeepers (often referred to as Blue Berets or Blue Helmets because of their light blue berets or helmets) can include soldiers, police officers, and civilian personnel.
- Peacekeeping forces are contributed by member states on a voluntary basis.
- Civilian staff of peace operations are international civil servants, recruited and deployed by the UN Secretariat.

UN Peacekeeping and India:

- India has been among the largest troop-contributing countries to the UN peacekeeping missions. As of November 2021, India is the second-highest military (1,888) and fifth-highest (139) police-contributing country to the United Nations Organisation Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO).
- More than 200,000 Indians have served in 49 of the 71 UN peacekeeping missions established around the world since 1948.
- India has a long tradition of sending women on UN peacekeeping missions.
- In 2007, India became the first country to deploy an all-women contingent to a UN peacekeeping mission.
- Despite its presence in several countries as part of the Peacekeeping missions, India has routinely expressed its displeasure at a similar mission headquartered in Srinagar and Islamabad.
- The United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) was established in January, 1949 to supervise the ceasefire between India and Pakistan.
- India has reiterated that the mission has “outlived its relevance” after the Simla Agreement was signed by India and Pakistan in July 1972 and the establishment of the LoC (Line of Control).



India Negotiating Purchase Of More Apache Attack And Chinook Heavy-Lift Helicopters

- India is in talks to buy more AH-64E Apache attack helicopters and the Chinook CH-47F(I) heavy-lift helicopters, Torbjorn B (Turbo) Sjogren, Vice President, International Government and Defence, at Boeing, has said.
- India had purchased 22 Apaches and 15 Chinooks in a \$3 billion deal signed with the United States (US) in September 2015. A deal for six more Apache attack helicopters at a cost of around \$800 million was signed in 2020.
- Chinooks are faster, more agile, have a smaller rotor diameter, and have more landing flexibility. These factors make Chinooks more capable than Mi-26 for negotiating narrow valleys, a capability that the IAF needs to deliver cargo and troops along the border in the Himalayas.
- Apache helicopters come armed with Hellfire precision-strike missiles and air-to-air Stinger missiles. Of the IAF's 22 Apaches, 11 are equipped with the Longbow fire control radar system. Along with the Longbow radars, these missiles can wreak havoc on enemy armour. It is not for nothing that the Apaches are often referred to as "tank killers."



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. IAF AFA Academy Situated In

- A. New Delhi
- B. Ranikhet
- C. Dundigal
- D. None

ANSWER: C

2. Who Has Participated In The "Khaan Quest 2022" Exercise In Mongolia?

- A. Indian Air Force
- B. Indian Navy

- C. Indian Coast Guard
- D. Indian Army

ANSWER: D

3. Defence Ministry Signed How Many Crore Deal For Indigenous Astra Beyond Visual Range Missiles?

- A. Rs 3,971 crore
- B. Rs 5,971 crore
- C. Rs 4,971 crore
- D. Rs 2,971 crore

ANSWER: D

4. INAS 550 Is Based At

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

ANSWER: A

5. Which Indian Javelin Thrower Wins Gold At Kuortane Games 2022?

- A. Sumit Antil
- B. Bhimrao Kesarkar
- C. Sundar Singh Gurjar
- D. Neeraj Chopra

ANSWER: D

6. Ex 'Nomadic Elephant' conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Mongolia
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: B

7. SPYDER Air-defense System New Laser-based Air Defence System Made By

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Israel
- D. Russia

ANSWER: C

8. INS Ranjit Is

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

ANSWER: A

9. Chisinau Is The Capital Of

- A. Mexico
- B. Qatar
- C. Germany
- D. Moldova

ANSWER: D

10. 14,18 SSB Board Is Located At

- A. Kapurthala
- B. Gandhinagar
- C. Bhopal
- D. Allahabad

ANSWER: D

11. Anti- Submarine Warfare School Is Located At

- A. Lonavala
- B. Coimbatore
- C. Ezhimala
- D. Kochi

ANSWER: D

12. 'Operation Khatma' Book Is Written By

- A. Robert De Cook
- B. Amit Kumar
- C. RC Ganjoo and Ashwini Bhatnagar
- D. Roger Faligot

ANSWER: C

13. "India, That is Bharat: Coloniality, Civilisation, Constitution" Book Written By__.

- A. J Sai Deepak

- B. Alexis
- C. Thomas Paine
- D. Niccolo Machiavelli

ANSWER: A

14. The Cartosat is a

- A. Air to Air missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Anti-tank Guided missile
- D. Earth Observation Satellite

ANSWER: D

15. Which Country Is Not The Member Of G20?

- A. United States
- B. Australia
- C. Uganda
- D. India

ANSWER: C

16. Barrett M82 Is A

- A. Sniper Rifle
- B. Machine Gun
- C. Missile
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: A

17. Where Is The Hq Of The SAC Of The IAF?

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Shillong
- D. Thiruvananthapuram

ANSWER: D

18. Which Is Not The Commissioned Ranks In The Army Service?

- A. Brigadier
- B. Colonel
- C. General
- D. Commander

ANSWER: D

19. "The Direction Of War" Book Is Written By

- A. Jhon Neil
- B. Napoleon
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Nathaniel Fick

ANSWER: C













20. World Refugee Day Is Observed Every Year On

- A. 19 June
- B. 20 June
- C. 21 June
- D. 22 June

ANSWER: B

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