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Defence Current Affairs 09 September 2022

DRDO & Indian Army Successfully Conduct Six Flight-tests of QRSM

- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Army have successfully completed six flight-tests of Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM) system from Integrated Test Range (ITR) Chandipur off the Odisha coast. The flight tests were conducted as part of evaluation trials by the Indian Army.
- The flight-tests were carried out against high-speed aerial targets mimicking various types of threats to evaluate the capability of the weapon systems under different scenarios, including long range medium altitude, short range, high altitude manoeuvring target, low radar signature with receding & crossing target and salvo launch with two missiles fired in quick succession. The system performance was also evaluated under day and night operation scenarios.
- QRSAM is a canister-based system, which means that it is stored and operated from specially designed compartments.
- In the canister, the inside environment is controlled, thus along with making its transport and storage easier, the shelf life of weapons also improves significantly.
- The system is capable of detecting and tracking targets on the move and engaging targets with short halts.
- It has been designed for induction into the Army and has a range of 25 to 30 km.



Award Of Meritorious Service Medal (Military) To Admiral Sunil Lanba (Retd)

- HE Madam Halimah Yacob, the President of Republic of Singapore, conferred the prestigious Pingat Jasa Gemilang (Tentera) [Meritorious Service Medal (Military)] on Admiral Sunil Lanba (Retd), the former Chief of Naval Staff, Indian Navy.
- The award is a recognition of strong bilateral defence ties between India and Singapore as well as stellar contribution of Adm Sunil Lanba to strengthen the engagements between the two Navies
- During his tenure as the Chief of Naval Staff, the Indian Navy hosted the 25th edition of SIMBEX at Visakhapatnam in Oct 2018.
- Under the leadership of Adm Sunil Lanba, several milestone defence
 agreements were also signed between the two Navies, including the Bilateral
 Agreement on Navy Cooperation and Mutual Logistics Support Agreement. Adm
 Lanba also hosted the inaugural Goa Maritime Conclave in 2017, in which
 Singapore is one of the participants.
- During his term as the Chief of Naval Staff, Adm Lanba had attended the International Maritime Review (IMR) commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN), the International Maritime and Defence Expo (IMDEX) and the International Maritime Security Conference, co-hosted by the RSN alongside IMDEX-Asia in May 2017.

 During his visit to Singapore to receive the Award, Adm Sunil Lanba (Retd) also held interactions with Lt Gen Melvyn Ong, Chief of Defence Force, Singapore Armed Forces and Rear Adm Aaron Beng, Chief of Navy, Republic of Singapore Navy. During these interactions, Adm Lanba complimented the leadership of Singapore for sustaining the momentum of bilateral engagements and shared views on new avenues of cooperation.



India-Japan 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue In Tokyo

- The Defence and Foreign ministers of India and Japan held the second 2+2 ministerial on Thursday where they had a discussion on the regional and global issues of mutual interests and concerns, particularly those in the Indo-Pacific as well as Ukraine.
- The Ministers highlighted their commitment to a common strategic goal of achieving a free and open Indo-Pacific, that is inclusive and resilient, based on the rule of law and free from coercion.
- They also reiterated their strong support for ASEAN's unity and centrality and their full support for the "ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP)" which upholds the principles such as the rule of law, openness, freedom, transparency and inclusiveness.
- The Ministers welcomed the participation of Japan for the first time in the multilateral exercise MILAN. The Ministers expressed their commitment to

continuing bilateral and multilateral exercises including "Dharma Guardian", JIMEX and "Malabar."



Army Deploys Ultra-Light M-777 Howitzers In Forward Locations

- The Indian Army has deployed a significant number of easily transportable M-777 ultra-light howitzers in mountainous regions along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Arunachal Pradesh.
- India has been ramping up its overall military might in all strategically key areas along the nearly 3,500-km-long LAC after the Galwan Valley clash in June 2020 that triggered a major escalation in tensions between the Indian and Chinese armies.
- The M-777 artillery guns, having a maximum range of 30 km and manufactured by BAE Systems, were first received by the Army in 2018. The procurement had come after a 30-year wait for new artillery guns since the Bofors scandal.
- India ordered 145 M-777 guns from the US under a USD 750 million deal in 2016.
- Army officials said the deployment of M-777 howitzers, coupled with additional air assets, including unmanned aerial vehicles, military aircraft and surveillance equipment, has enhanced India's military preparedness in the Arunachal Pradesh sector.



Sculptors Spent 26,000 Hours To Carve Netaji's India Gate Statue : Centre

- A team of sculptors spent 26,000 man-hours of "intense artistic endeavour" to carve a grand statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, to be unveiled at the India Gate, from a monolithic block of granite weighing 280 MT, the Culture Ministry said.
- A 100-ft-long truck with 140 wheels was specially designed for this giant granite stone to travel 1,665 km from Khammam in Telangana to New Delhi, it said.
 Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the newly-christened Kartavya Path a stretch from Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate- and will also unveil the 28-ft statue of Bose at India Gate.
- Subhas Chandra Bose was born on 23rd January 1897, in Cuttack, Orissa Division, Bengal Province, to Prabhavati Dutt Bose and Janakinath Bose.
- His Jayanti is celebrated as 'Parakram Diwas' on 23rd January.
- In 1919, he cleared the Indian Civil Services (ICS) examination. Bose, however, resigned later.
- Bose won the congress presidential elections at Haripura in 1938.
- Again in 1939 at Tripuri, he won the presidential elections against Gandhi's candidate Pattabhi Sitarammayya.
- He founded a new party, 'the **Forward Bloc**'. The purpose was to consolidate the political left and major support base in his home state Bengal.

 He reached Japanese-controlled Singapore from Germany in July 1943, issued from there his famous call, 'Delhi Chalo', and announced the formation of the Azad Hind Government and the Indian National Army on 21st October 1943.



Passing Out Parade Of 161 Young Gorkha Soldiers

- A strength of 161 Young Soldiers took oath in an impressive Passing Out Parade at the historical Salaria Stadium of 14 Gorkha Training Center in Subathu, Himachal Pradesh.
- Lt Gen Sanjeev Chauhan, Commandant Officers Training Academy, Gaya, reviewed the parade. He congratulated the young soldiers on the successful completion of their training and for the excellent standard of the parade.
- The coveted Best Recruit Award was presented to Recruit Dipak Chhantel
 Magar of Gorkha Rifles who hails from Surkhate village of Nepal.
- War Cry: "Jai Mahakali Ayo Gorkhali" (Hail goddess Kali, the Gorkhas are here)



REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. "The Few, The Fearless" Is The Motto Of
- A. Indian Army
- B. IAF
- C. ICG
- D. MARCOS

ANSWER: D

- 2. Jai Mahakali Ayo Gorkhali Is The War Cry Of
- A. Jat Regiment
- B. Rajupt Regiment
- C. Gorkha
- D. JKLI

ANSWER: C

- 3. Ex DHARMA GUARDIAN, Ex JIMEX Conducted b/w India &
- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Japan

ANSWER: D

- 4. Famous Call, 'Delhi Chalo' Quote Is Given By
- A. Dr. Rajendra Prasad
- B. Subhas Chandra Bose
- C. Mohan Singh
- D. None

ANSWER: B

- 5. The INA Was First Formed Under
- A. Dr. Rajendra Prasad
- B. Subhas Chandra Bose
- C. Mohan Singh
- D. None

ANSWER: C

6. Award Of Meritorious Service Medal (Military) To Admiral Sunil Lanba Given

Ву

- A. SINGAPORE
- B. USA
- C. UK
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

7. QRSAM Weapon Stands For

- A. Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile
- B. Quick Reactive Surface to Air Missile
- C. Quick Reaction Solid to Air Missile
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

- 8. Flight-Tests Of Quick Reaction Surface To Air Missile (QRSAM) System From
- A. Pune
- B. Puri
- **C.** Chennai
- D. ITR Chandipur

ANSWER: D

9. India Purchased M777 Howitzer from

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

ANSWER: A

10. India-Japan 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue Held In

- A. New Delhi
- B. Tokyo
- C. Beijing
- D. London

ANSWER: B

11. Prithvi Defence Vehicle Mark 2 Is A

- A. MRBM
- B. IRBM
- C. ICBM
- D. Anti-satellite Missile Test

ANSWER: D

12. Ship-launched Version Of Prithvi-II Is Called

- A. INS Hansa
- B. Dhanush
- C. Garuda
- D. Rajali

ANSWER: B

13. Captain Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank Of IAF Is

- A. Wing Commander
- B. Squadron Leader
- C. Flight Lieutenant
- D. Flying Officer

ANSWER: C

14. SIMBEX Exercise Held B/W India And___?

- A. USA
- B. South Korea
- C. Sri Lanka

D. Singapore

ANSWER: D

15. Zagreb Is The Capital Of

- A. Amman
- B. Costa Rica
- C. UAE
- D. Croatia

ANSWER: D

16. "Life Divine" Book Is Written By

- A. Arvind Ghosh
- B. Muhammad Iqbal
- C. Annie Besant
- D. Motilal Nehru

ANSWER: A

17. Ex 'Konkan Shakti' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. UK
- C. UAE
- D. Japan

ANSWER: B

18. "Bolo Hindustan Ki Jay" Is The War Cry Of

- A. JKRIF
- B. RR
- C. MAHAR REGIMENT
- D. JKLIR

ANSWER: C

19. Joint Exercises B/w The India And Brazil and South Africa Is Called:

- A. IBSAMAR
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: A

SSBCrack EXAMS

20. Prahaar Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles
- D. Tactical Ballistic Missiles

ANSWER: D





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