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Defence Current Affairs

04 October 2022

Indigenously Designed & Developed LCH inducted Into IAF

- In a big boost to AatmaNirbharta in Defence, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh today presided over the formal induction of the Light Combat Helicopter (LCH), designed and developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), into the Indian Air Force (IAF) in Jodhpur. Naming LCH as “Prachanda”, Raksha Mantri said that its induction comes during the Amrit Kal when the Nation is celebrating Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and a pointer to the future when IAF will be the top force in the world, as also making the country fully Atmanirbhar in Defence production requirements. Raksha Mantri also took a sortie onboard the LCH shortly after its induction into IAF.
- Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan, Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhary, Air Marshal Vikram Singh Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, South Western Air Command, Chairman and Managing Director of HAL Shri C.B. Anandakrishnan, senior officials of Ministry of Defence, IAF and local dignitaries were present on the occasion.
- In his address, Shri Rajnath Singh praised role of the IAF in meeting internal as well as external threats to the country since independence. He added that the induction of LCH, with its tremendous power and versatility, not only enhances the combat capabilities of IAF but is also a big step towards self-reliance in defense production, as envisioned by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.
- The trust reposed and support extended by the IAF towards indigenous design & development is evident through the examples such as Marut, Light Combat Aircraft, Akash missile system, Advanced Light Helicopter and the Light Combat Helicopter. “The induction of LCH underlines the fact that just as the country trusts the Indian Air Force, the IAF equally trusts the indigenous equipment,” he added.
- Raksha Mantri said that adequate attention was not paid to the development of indigenous attack helicopters for a long time after independence. However,

since the Kargil War in 1999, the need for LCH was felt more and today's LCH was a result of two decades of R&D and indigenous efforts in that direction. Shri Rajnath Singh added that LCH was flying not only on the strength of its rotors, engines and blades, but also on the strength of penance, patience, dedication and patriotism of many scientists, engineers and others.

- Raksha Mantri noted that the LCH meets the requirements of modern warfare and necessary quality parameters under varied conditions of operations. It is capable of self-protection, of carrying a wide variety of ammunition, and delivering it to the field quickly. This versatile helicopter perfectly meets the needs of our armed forces in various terrains and as such LCH is an ideal platform for both our Army and Air Force, he added.
- Raksha Mantri said that the recent conflicts in Ukraine and elsewhere showed us that heavy weapon systems and platforms, which do not allow for rapid movement in the battlefield, are sometimes vulnerable and become easy targets for the enemy. Therefore, the need of the hour is to move towards the development of that equipment and platforms, which are mobile, have ease of movement, are more flexible, and at the same time meet the requirements of the armed forces. In this context, LCH has been developed with an unprecedented balance of all these features and HAL should be congratulated for this, Raksha Mantri said.
- Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhary, Chief of Air Staff said on the occasion that induction of LCH adds the unique capability to the IAF's combat potential. Versatility and offensive potential of the LCH is at par or better than most attack helicopters operating globally. Selection of the personnel in the 143-helicopter unit which will man the LCH have been made based on professional competence so as to ensure the operationalization of the unit at the earliest, he added.
- The LCH is the first indigenous Multi-Role Combat Helicopter designed and manufactured by HAL. It has potent ground attack and aerial combat capability. Inducted in IAF's newly raised No. 143 Helicopter Unit, it is a testimony to India's growing prowess in indigenous design, development & manufacturing and a significant milestone in the path towards 'Atmanirbharta' in Defence. The helicopter possesses modern stealth characteristics, robust armour protection and formidable night attack capability.

- Onboard advanced navigation system, guns tailored for close combat and potent air to air missiles make the LCH especially suited for the modern battlefield. Capable of operating from high altitude terrain and carrying out precision strike at high altitude targets, the helicopter is a formidable addition to IAF's arsenal.



Maritime Partnership Exercise 2022

- Maritime Partnership Exercise b/w Indian Navy and R. South Korean Navy is Started on 03 Oct 2022.

- Maritime Partnership Exercise MPX b/n Indian Navy's indigenous NOPV **INS Sumedha** & Republic of Korea ROK Navy ships **Hansando & Dae Cheong** in the **Bay of Bengal**.
- Strengthening interoperability & maritime cooperation is the main objective of the MPX 2022 b/w both navies.
- INS Sumedha is the third Saryu class patrol vessel of the Indian Navy, designed and constructed indigenously by **Goa Shipyard Limited**.
- **Length:** 105 m
- **Launched:** 21 May 2011
- **Speed:** 25 knots (46 km/h)
- **Armament:** 76-mm SRGM (Super Rapid Gun Mount);
- close-in weapon system; CHAFF launchers;





Centre Provides 'Z' Category Delhi Police Security Cover To New CDS Anil Chauhan

- The Centre has provided 'Z' category armed security cover of Delhi Police to the newly elected Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan
- Ministry of Home Affairs issued the order to the Delhi Police days after Chauhan took charge as India's new Chief of Defence Staff, more than nine months after the death of General Bipin Rawat, the country's first CDS.
- Nearly 58 armed Delhi Police personnel will be guarding Chauhan at his residence as well as during travel.
- He is also the Principal Military Advisor to the Defence Minister on all tri-Service matters as well as head of the Department of Military Affairs as Secretary.
- He is also the Permanent Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC).
- While taking charge, General Chauhan had said he was proud to be assuming the responsibility of the highest rank in the Indian armed forces.
- For the first time, a three-star officer has been brought back from retirement to hold a four-star rank.



SIX LEVELS OF SECURITY OFFERED IN INDIA

X

SECURITY

Only 2 armed personnels, no commandos



SPG

SECURITY

Only provided to Prime Minister. Strength unknown.



Y

SECURITY

11 personnels, including 1-2 Commandos
One personnel for mobile security, rest static



Y⁺

SECURITY

11+ personnels, including 1-2 Commandos
Two personnels for mobile security, others static



Z

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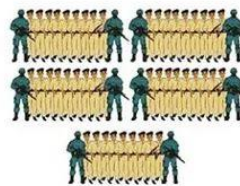
22 personnels, including 4-5 Commandos
Six personnels for mobile security, rest static



Z⁺

SECURITY

55 personnels, including 10+ Commandos
Ten personnels for mobile security, rest static.



Air Marshal SP Dharkar Takes Over As IAF's Eastern Air Commander

- Air Marshal SP Dharkar on Saturday took over as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Indian Air Force's Eastern Air Command from Air Marshal R D Mathur in Shillong

- According to IAF officials, an experienced fighter pilot with over 3600 hours of flying, he succeeds Air Marshal DK Patnaik who superannuated on Friday after more than 38 years of distinguished service in the IAF.
- Air Marshal Dharkar is an alumnus of the RIMC Dehradun, NDA, Defence Services Staff College, Wellington and Air War College, USA.
- Commissioned in June 1985, he is a Qualified Flying Instructor, Fighter Strike Leader and Instrument Rating Instructor & Examiner and has also been an Air Force Examiner.
- During his illustrious career, he has commanded a front-line fighter squadron and a Fighter Flying Training Establishment.
- He has instructional experience in conducting Professional Military Education for medium and senior-level officers at the Defence Services Staff College and at the College of Air Warfare, Secunderabad.
- Air Marshal Dharkar has served as Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Training) at Air Headquarters and Air Defence Commander at Headquarters Eastern Air Command.
- He has the distinction of being the first Director General of the Defence Space Agency. Before assuming his present appointment, he was the Senior Air Staff Officer at Headquarters South Western Air Command at Gandhinagar.



MiG-21 Squadron Is Replaced By A Mig-29 Squadron At Srinagar AFS

- The IAF has kicked off the phased retirement of its existing four MiG-21 'Bison' fighter squadrons, with the first one in Srinagar being "number-plated" on Friday. It has been replaced by a MiG-29 squadron for air defence of the critical region.
- The Srinagar-based '51 Swordarms' Squadron of MiG-21s had played a major role in thwarting Pakistan Air Force's retaliation a day after the IAF's pre-dawn air strikes on the Jaish-e-Mohammed facility at Balakot on February 26, 2019.
- Group Captain Abhinandan Varthaman, then a Wing Commander, was awarded a Vir Chakra for shooting down an F-16, while his MiG-21 also went down during the aerial skirmish on that day.
- The other three squadrons of the single-engine MiG-21s, which were the first truly supersonic fighters to be inducted by IAF in 1963 but have been dogged by an alarmingly high crash rate in later years, will be phased out by 2025, as was reported by TOI in July.
- These three MiG-21 squadrons are currently based in Uttarlai, Suratgarh and Nal in Rajasthan. Retirement of the old and highly-unforgiving MiG-21s, which lack modern systems with built-in safety mechanisms, has been delayed several times because of the shortfall in fighter squadrons.
- IAF is currently making do with just 32-33 squadrons (each squadron has 16-18 jets), when its "authorised strength" is 42.5 squadrons to deal with China and Pakistan, due to the long delays in induction of new fighters, including the indigenous Tejas light combat aircraft.
- IAF, of course, now has 36 new omni-role Rafale fighters, inducted under the Rs 59,000-crore deal with France. The force is also banking upon the induction of 73 "improved" Tejas Mark-1A fighters and 10 trainers, in the February 2024-February 2029 timeframe under the Rs 46,898-crore contract inked with HAL last year.



Paramilitary Force, Border Police Force Get New Chiefs

- Senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officers Sujoy Lal Thaosen and Anish Dayal Singh have been appointed as the new Director Generals of the CRPF and ITBP respectively, a government order said.
- Sujoy Lal Thaosen, a 1988-batch officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre, is currently working as the director general (DG) of the border guarding force Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and holding the additional charge of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police.
- Anish Dayal Singh, a 1988-batch officer (Manipur cadre), is currently serving as a special director in the Intelligence Bureau.
- Sujoy Lal Thaosen's scheduled retirement is in November this year, while Anish Dayal Singh will superannuate in December 2024.
- The order for their appointment was issued by the Personnel Ministry after sanction from the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) headed by the prime minister.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What Is The Name Of LCH?

- A. Rudra
- B. Shaurya
- C. Prachand
- D. Dhanush

ANSWER: C

2. MPX Ex 2022 Is Conducted B/w Indian Navy & Day on

- A. Malaysia
- B. Japan
- C. South Korea
- D. Sri Lanka

ANSWER: C

3. Which Ship Of the Indian Navy Participated In MPX 2022?

- A. INS Delhi
- B. INS Saryu
- C. INS Ghatak
- D. INS Sumedha

ANSWER: D

4. INS Sumedha Is Manufactured By

- A. GSL
- B. CSL
- C. MDL
- D. GRSE

ANSWER: A

5. Indian Army Artillery School Devlali Comes Under

- A. Northern Command
- B. Eastern Command
- C. Western Command
- D. Southern Command

ANSWER: D

6. ___ Has Taken Over Additional Charge Of DG, Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)?

- A. Anish Dayal Singh
- B. Subodh Kumar Jaiswal
- C. Amit Shah
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

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

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

ANSWER: D

8. Strength's Origin is in Science Is The Motto Of

- A. ISRO**
- B. DRDO**
- C. NASA**
- D. Indian Army**

ANSWER: B

9. INS Airavat Is A

- A. Destroyer

- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Amphibious warfare

ANSWER: D

10. Motto Of Integrated Defence Staff

- A. Victory Through Jointness
- B. Victory Everywhere
- C. Always Ahead
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

11. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Hq Is In

- A. Queenstown, Singapore
- B. Berlin, Germany
- C. Abu Dhabi (UAE)
- D. Kathmandu, Nepal

ANSWER: A

12. Joint Ex B/w India And Singapore Is Called:

- A. Bold Kurukshetra
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: A

13. Chengdu J-20 Fighter Jet Is Belong To

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

ANSWER: D

14. Riga Is The Capital Of

- A. Oman
- B. Kuwait
- C. Latvia
- D. Lebanon

ANSWER: C

15. "One Indian Girl" Book Is Written By

- A. Chetan Bhagat
- B. Vikram Seth
- C. Ruskin Bond
- D. Neha Desai

ANSWER: A

16. Mana Pass Is A Mountain Pass On The Border B/W

- A. India - Nepal
- B. India - Bhutan
- C. India – Tibet
- D. India – Myanmar

ANSWER: C

17. The Rank of Marshal of the Air Force has been conferred by the__

- A. The President
- B. The PM
- C. Governor
- D. Chief Minister

ANSWER: A

18. Major Rank of Indian Army Equivalent to Which rank of IAF?

- A. Flying Officer
- B. Group Captain
- C. Squadron Leader
- D. None

ANSWER: C

19. CBSE Stands For

- A. Central Board of Second Education
- B. Central Boarding of Secondary Education
- C. Central Board of Secondary Education
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

20. War Cry Of THE BRIGADE OF THE GUARDS Is

- A. Garud ka hun bol pyare
- B. Everywhere
- C. Victory Is Mine
- D. Charge and Attack

ANSWER: A



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