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Defence Current Affairs

28 October 2022

Transport Aircraft For IAF To Be Made In India By Airbus Defence & TATA Consortium

- In a major boost to 'Make in India' and domestic aviation manufacturing, PM Modi will lay the foundation stone of a transport aircraft manufacturing project for the IAF at Vadodara, Gujarat on October 30, 2022. Rajnath Singh, Minister of Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya M Scindia and Gujarat CM Bhupendrabhai Patel are among those who will attend the function.
- **Delivery Schedule**
- The first 16 fly-away aircraft are scheduled to be received between September 2023 and August 2025. The first Made in India aircraft is expected in September 2026.
- **Aircraft capability:** C-295MW is a transport aircraft of 5-10 tonne capacity with contemporary technology that will replace the ageing **Avro aircraft** of IAF. It has a rear ramp door for quick reaction and para-dropping of troops and cargo. Short take-off/land from semi-prepared surfaces is another of its features. The aircraft will strengthen the logistic capabilities of the IAF.
- **Employment Generation:** The TATA Consortium has identified more than 125 in-country MSME suppliers spread over seven states. This will act as a catalyst in employment generation in the aerospace ecosystem of the country and is expected to generate 600 highly skilled jobs directly, over 3,000 indirect jobs and an additional 3,000 medium skill employment opportunities with more than 42.5 lakh man hours of work within the aerospace and defence sector of India. Nearly 240 engineers will be trained at Airbus facility in Spain.



Indian Army Celebrates 76th Infantry Day

- Infantry Day is commemorated on 27 October every year to acknowledge the contributions of Infantry, the largest fighting arm of the Indian Army. This day has a unique significance for the Nation, as it was on this day in 1947 that Infantrymen from the Indian Army became the first troops to land at Srinagar airport.
- As part of the Infantry Day celebrations of 2022, a 'Wreath Laying' ceremony was organised at the National War Memorial today to honour the heroes of Infantry, who made the supreme sacrifice in service of the Nation. Gen Anil Chauhan, Lt Gen BS Raju, laid wreaths on this solemn occasion.
- Bike rallies from four cardinal directions which had commenced their journey from Udhampur (J&K), Ahmedabad (Gujarat), Wellington (TN) & Shillong (Meghalaya) to commemorate the 76th year of Srinagar landings as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, were also flagged-in by the Chief of Defence Staff at the National War Memorial. The bike riders had covered a cumulative distance of over 8000 kilometres over 10 days while interacting with veer naris, veterans, NCC cadets and students enroute to pay tributes to the valour and sacrifices of the Infantry soldiers.
- In his message to all Infantrymen, the Director General of Infantry exhorted them to rededicate themselves to the core value of bravery, sacrifice, selfless devotion to duty and professionalism, and to remain indomitable in their resolve to defend the integrity and sovereignty of the Nation.



India's Counter Terrorism Meeting

- India will host a special meeting of the United Nations Security Council's Counter Terrorism Committee in **Mumbai and Delhi** on October 28 and 29 respectively on the theme of '**Countering the use of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes**' with some UNSC members, including the UK, being represented at the level of foreign ministers.
- The meeting will begin with a 'Soft Opening Session and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism' in Mumbai on October 28 through a solemn ceremony at Hotel Taj Mahal Palace, where the current 15 and incoming five members of the UN Security Council will pay homage at the 26/11 memorial site.
- Ministry of external affairs secretary Sanjay Verma said the overarching theme of the meeting would be 'countering the use of new and emerging technologies

for terrorist purposes'. "It'll begin with tribute to victims of terrorism," he added.

- UK foreign secretary James Cleverly among foreign ministers to attend the meeting in India.
- Ruchira Kamboj, India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Counter-Terrorism Committee Chair, said that over the past two decades, member states have made tangible progress in countering terrorism and violent extremism conducive to terrorism. Yet, terrorist threat persists and despite our best efforts have evolved.
- Mindful of addressing this issue while also recognising potential of technologies to increase effectiveness of counterterrorism efforts, the Committee has come together in India to hold its special meeting on countering use of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes, Kamboj said.
- Being held annually since 2014, the Dakar Forum has become a key event for decision-makers involved in Africa. This is the first time that India is participating in the Forum at a Ministerial level, according to the statement released by the Ministry of External Affairs.



The President Of India Presents Silver Trumpet & Trumpet Banner to the PBG

- The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, presented the Silver Trumpet and Trumpet Banner to the President's Bodyguard (PBG) at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan (October 27, 2022).
- The President congratulated the Commandant, Officers, JCOs and Other Ranks of the PBG for the remarkable display of parade, maintenance of well groomed horses and the impressive ceremonial attire.
- She said that this event is even more special as the President's Bodyguard is celebrating 250 years of its Raising which is coinciding with 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' being celebrated across the country.
- The President's Bodyguard is the oldest regiment in the Indian Army, having been raised as the Governor-General's Bodyguard (later the Viceroy's Bodyguard) in 1773. As the President of India's own Guard, it has the unique distinction of being the only military unit of the Indian Army that is privileged to carry the President's Silver Trumpet and Trumpet Banner. This distinction was conferred on the President's Bodyguard in 1923 by the then Viceroy, Lord Reading, on the occasion of the Bodyguard completing 150 years of service. Each succeeding Viceroy, thereafter, presented the Silver Trumpet and Trumpet Banner to the Bodyguard.
- On January 27, 1950, the regiment was renamed the President's Bodyguard. Every President has continued the practice of honouring the regiment. Rather than a coat of arms, as was the practice in the colonial era, the monogram of the President appears on the Banner. Dr Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India, presented his Silver Trumpet and Trumpet Banner to the President's Bodyguard on May 14, 1957.
- The President's Bodyguard, as it is known today, was raised in Banaras (Varanasi) by the then Governor-General, Warren Hastings. It had an initial strength of 50 cavalry troopers, later augmented by another 50 horsemen. Today, the President's Bodyguard is a select body of hand-picked men with special physical attributes. They are chosen after a rigorous and physically gruelling process.



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1,500 Km Running Expedition By Indian Navy To Take Place From October 30 Onwards

- A 1500 Km (35 Marathon in 35 Days) running expedition from October 30 to December 3, 2022, is scheduled to be conducted as part of celebrations for 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' and Navy Day celebration.

- This expedition, over a period of five weeks duration, will be undertaken by ultra-marathon runners of the Indian Navy in and around Delhi, Haryana and Chandigarh region.
- The team would consist of 12-15 ultra-runners and will run a full marathon (42.20 Km) or more distance every day. This expedition is being undertaken by the Indian Navy in collaboration with **Indian Oil Corporation** and is supported by **Haryana Tourism Dept and Tata Motors**.
- The expedition will be Flagged off from National War Memorial by VAdm Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of Personnel on October 30, 2022, and end on December 3, 2022, to coincide with Navy Day celebrations. Some of the milestones to be achieved during the running expedition include: -
 - -Commemorate 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' and Navy Day (Naval attack and Indian Navy's victory at sea during 1971 war).
 - -Spread awareness about the Agnipath scheme and Indian Navy amongst the local populace enroute.



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Russia's Upgraded Su-57 5th-generation Fighter Performs Debut Flight

- The state-owned United Aircraft Corporation (UAC), which controls Russia's main playmakers, revealed on Tuesday that an improved version of the Sukhoi Su-57 fighter jet had made its maiden flight on October 21. The 5th generation aircraft took off from Gromov Flight Testing Institute's airfield for a 56-minute flight.
- The company did not detail improvements to the stealth fighter, only claiming that the aircraft "is testing a suite of onboard equipment with extended

functionality, intelligent crew support and the possibility of using a wide range of new types of weapons”. The updated Su-57 is also prepared to be equipped with the new Izdeliye 30 engine, the UAC suggested.

- The fighter, known as the Felon, entered production a short time ago after a long and troubled development. UAC plans to deliver four aircraft to the Russian Air Force this year as part of an order for 76 supersonic jets.
- The flight of the new version of the Su-57 comes about a week after unconfirmed reports that the new fighter would have made its baptism of fire.
- Russian blogs have credited the Su-57 with the launch of an R-37M missile that brought down a Ukrainian Su-27 in the Poltava region on October 13, but there has been no proof of this so far.

Top speed: 2,130 km/h

Length: 20 m



Range: 5,500 km

Wingspan: 14 m

Unit cost: 50,000,000–100,000,000 USD

Engine type: Turbofan

Manufacturer: [United Aircraft Corporation](#)



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. A 1500 Km (35 Marathon In 35 Days) Running Expedition From 30 Oct – 03 Dec 22 Will Be Conducted By_____.

- A. IAF
- B. ICG
- C. Indian Navy
- D. Indian Army

ANSWER: C

2. DGAQA Stands For

- A. Directorate General of Aeronautical Quality Assurance
- B. Directorate General of Aeronautical Query Assurance
- C. Directorate General of Aeronautical Quality Assured
- D. None

ANSWER: A

3. Ex AL NAGAH, NASEEM-AL-BAHR, Ex EASTERN BRIDGE Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: B

4. President of India Presents Silver Trumpet And Trumpet Banner To The_____.

- A. NSG
- B. Gorkha Rifles
- C. Mechanized Infantry
- D. President's Bodyguard

ANSWER: D

5. The Douglas C-47 Skytrain or Dakota Is A

- A. UAV
- B. Military Transport Aircraft
- C. Fighter Aircraft
- D. None

ANSWER: B

6. Infantry Day Is Always Observed On

- A. 26 Oct
- B. 27 Oct
- C. 28 Oct
- D. 29 Oct

ANSWER: B

7. PBG The Oldest Regiment In The Indian Army, Having Been Raised In

- A. 1773
- B. 1774
- C. 1779
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

8. Rishi Sunak Become The New PM Of

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

ANSWER: B

9. INSAS Rifle Manufactured By

- A. ARDE
- B. HAL
- C. IAI
- D. ISRO

ANSWER: A

10. ISRO Hq Is In

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

ANSWER: D

11. Brahmos Is A

- A. Hypersonic Cruise Missile
- B. Supersonic Cruise Missile
- C. Subsonic Cruise Missile
- D. Ballistic Missile

ANSWER: B

12. Where Is The Hq Of The Central Command of The Indian Army?

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Pune
- D. Lucknow

ANSWER: D

13. 'Five S' Vision of Sammaan Coined By PM Modi Stands For

- A. Samvaad –Sahyog –Shanti –and Suyog
- B. Samvaad –Sahyog –Sahitya –and Samriddhi
- C. Samvaad –Suknya –Shanti –and Samriddhi
- D. Samvaad –Sahyog –Shanti –and Samriddhi

ANSWER: D

14. Sarmat Missile Is A

- A. Nuclear-Capable Missile
- B. Cruise Missile
- C. Submarine Launched Ballistic Missiles
- D. None

ANSWER: A

15. "The Broken Earth" Book Is Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. N.K. Jemisin
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Philip Pullman

ANSWER: B

16. What Is The Capital Of Nigeria?

- A. Oslo
- B. Abuja
- C. Cape Town
- D. Warsaw

ANSWER: B

17. Ex 'Ajeya Warrior' conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: D

18. Operation Ganga Was Conducted By IAF In

- A. UK
- B. USA
- C. Ukraine
- D. Afghanistan

ANSWER: C

19. The Earth Day Is Observed

- A. 21 April
- B. 22 April
- C. 23 April
- D. 24 April

ANSWER: B

20. Where Is The Hq Of The Eastern Command of The IAF?

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

ANSWER: C

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