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Defence Current Affairs

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Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman: NSA Ajit Doval, Late CDS Rawat Among Others To Be Awarded

- National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval, late Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat among five distinguished people have been selected for the "Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman" this year.
- Others to be conferred the award are Chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification Praseon Joshi, the late Girish Chandra Tiwari 'Girda', and late Viren Dangwal.
- It is awarded to a person for their extraordinary contribution to any field of human endeavour. It was constituted in the year 2021 by the Uttarakhand Government. The award was constituted in 2021 by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami. It was constituted on November 9, 2021, on the occasion of the state's 21st anniversary.



Indian Firm Eyes Sending Tourists Near Space In Capsule By 2025

- An Indian firm is planning to ferry tourists near space in a spaceship attached to a unique high-altitude balloon system by 2025. Inspired by Elon Musk's SpaceX, the Mumbai-based Space Aura Aerospace Technology Pvt Ltd company has begun to build a space capsule measuring 10 feet x 8 feet, which can carry six tourists besides the pilot into space at a time.
- However, the space capsule will remain within 35 km radius above the earth. The company presented a prototype of the space capsule named SKAP 1 at a science exhibition 'Akash Tatva' here, which got great response from scientists and common people alike. The firm has set itself a target of 2025 for beginning its flight into space, Space Aura founder and CEO Akash Porwal told PTI.
- Equipped with all modern facilities, life saving and information systems, the space capsule will be propelled by a balloon filled with helium or hydrogen gas up to 30 to 35 km above sea level, where space tourists can witness the earth's curvature and the blackness of space for around 1 hour, he said.



Cochin Shipyard, IIT-Madras To Support Maritime Startups

- The Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL) on Sunday announced that it will join hands with the IIT Madras to support startups in the maritime sector. This is part of the startup engagement programme 'USHUS' launched by the CSL to support the Centre's initiative in supporting maritime startups.

- The statement said that the startups selected under the scheme have to work on innovation, improvement and development of products, services and employ a scalable business model with a high potential for business generation and creating employment as well as wealth creation.



Japan May Ease Restrictions On Military Equipment Exports To India, Vietnam, And The Philippines

- The Japanese government considers relaxing restrictions on exports of secondhand military equipment including tanks and missiles and explores the possibility of such supplies to Asian countries free of charge, Japanese newspaper Nikkei reported on Sunday citing sources.
- Provisions allowing the country to send secondhand equipment to other nations could be included in an updated National Security Strategy, which is set to be released by the Japanese government until the end of this year, sources told Nikkei, adding that this measure should strengthen Japan's military cooperation with other countries in the region amid China's growing military power.
- Tokyo could start sending military equipment to a number of Asian countries including India, Vietnam and the Philippines under agreements on defense equipment and technology transfer, which the sides have signed over the past few years.
- In January, Japanese PM Fumio Kishida said that the country's authorities would submit three updated defense documents by the end of 2022. Those include the national security strategy, standards of the national defense program, and the medium-term defense program.

- Border guarding force Sashastra Seema Bal will hold its annual Raising Day



Testing & Evaluation Facility For Sonar Systems Of Indian Navy Launched By DRDO

- Giving impetus to the 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat' and India's 'Make in India' commitment, DRDO launched Hull Module of Submersible Platform for Acoustic Characterization & Evaluation (SPACE) facility at Naval Physical & Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL) Kochi recently.
- It is a state-of-the-art testing and evaluation facility for sonar systems developed for use by the Indian navy onboard various platforms, including ships, submarines and helicopters.
- The SPACE facility is based on the concept design and requirements projected by NPOL and has been constructed by M/s L&T Shipbuilding, Chennai. This will be mainly utilized for evaluating Sonar systems, allowing for quick deployment and easy recovery of scientific packages such as sensors and transducers.
- The SPACE is one-of-a-kind facility in the world. The uniqueness of this facility lies in the specially designed submersible platform, which can be lowered up to depths of 100 meters using a series of synchronously operated winches.
- The design and construction of the platform meet all the statutory needs of Indian Register of Shipping and the vessel classifying authority and strictly adhere to the inspection and registration criteria as per Kerala Inland Vessel Rules.



IAF Chief Holds Talks With French Air Force Chief

- Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari on Monday held wide-ranging talks with his French counterpart Gen Stephane Mille focusing on ways to boost bilateral military cooperation in the backdrop of various geopolitical developments.
- "General Stephane Mille, Chief of Staff of the French Air & Space Force called on Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, CAS at Air HQ, New Delhi today. The two Chiefs discussed ways & means to enhance bilateral ties & strengthen cooperation in areas of mutual interest“.
- The '**Garuda VII**' exercise, involving a significant number of combat jets such as Rafale, Tejas, Jaguar and Sukhoi-30s, began on October 26 and will culminate on November 12.
- Vice Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral SN Ghormade also interacted with Gen Mille with a focus on bilateral operational engagement and mitigation of security concerns in the Indian Ocean region, according to the Navy.
- The military cooperation between India and France has witnessed a major expansion in the last few years.
- In August, a French Air and Space Force contingent, including three Rafale jets, made a strategically crucial stopover at the IAF's Sullur base in Tamil Nadu as part of a mega military operation it carried out in the Pacific Ocean.
- In March, the Indian and French navies carried out a five-day mega wargame in the Arabian Sea, involving frontline ships, submarines, maritime patrol aircraft, fighter aircraft and helicopters.

- The Indian and French navies in April last year too carried out a mega wargame in the Arabian Sea.
- The French Navy deployed its nuclear-powered aircraft carrier Charles de Gaulle, and its entire carrier strike group in that exercise, reflecting growing congruence in naval ties.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The CSL Will Join Hands With The ___ To Support Startups In The Maritime Sector. ____.

- A. IIT Delhi
- B. IIT Kanpur
- C. IIT Madras
- D. IIT Roorkee

ANSWER: C

2. Which Isn't India's Priorities in G20 Summits

- A. Checking tax evasion to fight corruption
- B. Choking terror funds
- C. Market access for key drugs
- D. Compete with China

ANSWER: D

3. International Criminal Court (ICC) Hq Is In

- A. Moscow, Russia
- B. Vienna, Austria
- C. New York, USA
- D. The Hague, the Netherlands

ANSWER: D

4. Lieutenant Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Navy?

- A. Admiral
- B. Commodore
- C. Captain
- D. Sub Lieutenant

ANSWER: D

5. The President Of India Has The Power Of Pardoning Under ____.

- A. Article 72
- B. Article 73
- C. Article 74
- D. Article 76

ANSWER: A

6. "Chandipur-on-sea" Is Located In

- A. Odisha
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. West Bengal
- D. Tamilnadu

ANSWER: A

7. Mitra Shakti Ex Conducts B/W

- A. India & Indonesia
- B. India & UK
- C. India & Sri Lanka
- D. India & Thailand

ANSWER: C

8. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)

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

ANSWER: C

9. "One Arranged Murder" Book Written By

- A. Taslima Nasrin
- B. Chetan Bhagat
- C. Dadabhai Naoroji
- D. Ratan Tata

ANSWER: B

10. Exercise Zair-Al-Bahr Conducted B/w

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

ANSWER: C

11. Ex MILAN 2022 Hosted By

- A. Japan
- B. Bharat
- C. USA
- D. Australia

ANSWER: B

12. The Satish Dhawan Space Centre Is In

- A. Chennai, T.N
- B. ITR, Odisha
- C. Trombay, M.H
- D. Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh

ANSWER: D

13. "Anti-Terrorism Day" in India Is Observed On

- A. May 21
- B. May 23
- C. June 21
- D. June 23

ANSWER: A

14. Montevideo Is The Capital Of

- A. Venezuela
- B. Qatar
- C. UAE
- D. Uruguay

ANSWER: D

15. "An Indian Pilgrim" Book Is Written By

- A. Subhas Chandra Bose
- B. Mohan Das Karam Chandra Gandhi
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

16. Joint Exercises b/w IAF And France Are Called:

- A. Yama

- B. Garuda
- C. Varuna
- D. Vajra

ANSWER: B

17. Which Force Is Under The Control Of The MOD?

- A. Indo-Tibetan Border Police
- B. Rashtriya Rifles
- C. National Security Guard
- D. Sashastra Seema Bal

ANSWER: B

18. Ex Al Nagah Conducted B/w

- A. India-Nepal
- B. India-Indonesia
- C. India-Oman
- D. India-Qatar

ANSWER: C

19. "The Future of India" Book Is Written By

- A. Deepak Chopra
- B. Anurag Mathur
- C. Bimal Jalan
- D. Amitava Ghosh

ANSWER: C

20. The Conqueror Is The Motto Of













- A. BSF
- B. CRPF
- C. ITBP
- D. Para SF

ANSWER: D



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