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Defence Current Affairs

14 November 2022

Chief of Army Staff Proceeds On A Visit To France

- General Manoj Pande, the Chief of the Army Staff has proceeded on a visit to France from 14 to 17 November 2022. During the four-day visit, he will be meeting his counterparts and senior military leadership of France with an aim to enhance defence cooperation between both nations.
- During the visit, the Army Chief will be laying wreath at Neuve Chapelle Indian Memorial, which commemorates the sacrifices of 4,742 Indian soldiers during the First World War. He is scheduled to call on the Chief of the Defence Staff, Chief of the Army Staff, and Commander Commandement des Forces Terrestres (CFT) / Command of the Land Combat Forces, where he will discuss avenues for enhancing India-France defence relations.
- The COAS will be visiting Ecole Militaire, comprising of various military training establishments in Paris and address Senior Staff Officers attending a course at Ecole de Guerra-T. He will also be visiting Military Schools at Draguignan, which are premier training establishments that train commissioned officers and non-commissioned officers.
- The ever-expanding defence cooperation engagements which encompass a broad spectrum of activities have established a strong bonhomie across every level of the two Armies. The visit of the COAS to France will further strengthen the bonds of trust and understanding between the two armies.



YAI SENIOR NATIONAL SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP 2022

- The Yachting Association of India (YAI) Senior National Sailing Championship 2022 (Asian Games selection trial) is being conducted by Indian Navy Watermanship Training Center (INWTC), Mumbai under the aegis of the YAI and Indian Naval Sailing Association (INSA) for senior classes of boats from 13 to 20 Nov 22. The event is a YAI ranking event and selection trial for the forthcoming Asian Games scheduled in China in Sep 23. The races will be conducted off Mumbai harbour.
- Over 115 sailors, from 15 sailing clubs across the country, have registered for the event. A series of 12 races per class are scheduled in eight class of boats viz. ILCA 7, ILCA 6, 49er, 49erFX, 470, NACRA 17, RS:X and IQ Foil in men, women and mixed categories.
- A team of event officials including World Sailing qualified International Race Officers, International Judges and Measurers including foreign race officials from Oman, Korea and Singapore will be ensuring fair conduct of races and level playing ground to all the competitors.
- The Asian Games, also known as Asiad, is a continental multi-sport event held every four years among athletes from all over Asia. The Games were regulated by the Asian Games Federation from the first Games in New Delhi, India, until the 1978 Games.

- **Next date:** Sat, 23 September 2023 – Sun, 8 Oct, 2023
- **Motto:** Ever Onward
- **First event:** 1951 Asian Games in New Delhi, India
- **Abbreviation:** Asiad
- **Last event:** 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta-Palembang, Indonesia
- **Occur every:** Four years



IAF's Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team Carries Out Flying Display In Jamnagar

- Surya Kiran aerobatic team of the IAF on Sunday carried out a flying display in Jamnagar. "This event was divided into two parts. First was a composite manoeuvring in which nine aircrafts were flying together," said Ashvin Prasad, one of the pilots who took part in the show.
- "The event was organised by AOC of Jamnagar. They invited us and so we are here. We were really happy to see the response from the public present at the event," said Captain GS Dhillon. Earlier in April, Surya Kiran aerobatic team of the IAF carried out a flying display in Hyderabad.
- Surya Kiran (transl. Rays of the Sun) is an aerobatics demonstration team of the Indian Air Force. The Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT) was formed in 1996 and

are a part of the 52nd Squadron of the IAF. The team has since performed numerous demonstrations usually with nine aircraft. The squadron was composed of the HAL HJT-16 Kiran Mk.2 military trainer aircraft till 2011 and were based at the Bidar Air Force Station in Karnataka. The team was suspended in February 2011 and was re-established with Hawk Mk-132 aircraft in 2017.



7th Edition of Indo-French Air Exercise Garuda VII Culminates In Jodhpur

- The seventh edition of the bilateral air exercise between the IAF and the French Air and Space Force (FASF), 'Exercise Garuda-VII' concluded at Air Force Station, Jodhpur on Saturday.
- The FASF participated in the exercise with Rafale fighter aircraft and A-330 Multi Role Tanker Transport (MRTT) aircraft, while the IAF contingent comprised Su-30 MKI, Rafale, LCA 'Tejas' and Jaguar fighter aircraft, read the Ministry of Defence press release.
- Exercise Garuda-VII provided the two Air Forces with the opportunity for professional interaction and sharing of operational knowledge and experience. With meticulous planning and execution of various phases of the exercise, personnel of the IAF and the FASF were exposed to realistic air combat simulations and the associated Combat Support Operations. This enabled the participating contingents to engage in wide ranging interactions, providing valuable insight into each other's best practices. The exercise also provided a

platform for cultural exchange between the Air Force personnel of both the countries.



Lanka Envoy Meets Doval, Discuss Bilateral Ties

- Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to India, Milind Moragoda on Saturday met National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and reviewed the bilateral ties between India and south Asian neighbour.
- A post in the official Twitter handle of the Sri Lanka High Commission in India read, "Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to India @MilindaMoragoda met with the National Security Advisor of India Shri Ajit Kumar Doval today (12) in New Delhi and reviewed the current status of the relations between Sri Lanka and India."
- Both sides discussed the current status of bilateral ties.
- Earlier in September, Moragoda described the relationship between the two countries as "special" saying India's security interests are "our own security interests".
- Acknowledging India's efforts to help Sri Lanka cope with its worst economic crisis, the High Commissioner told ANI that he is grateful for India's support.
- "India provided us help and assistance when nobody stepped up. India has not only helped us with funding but has also spoken to the IMF and other development partners, encouraging them to support us," the High Commissioner said.

- On the docking of a Chinese research ship at Sri Lanka's Hambantota Port in August, the High Commissioner said the decision to allow the docking of the Chinese ship 'Yuan Wang 5' was taken at the level of "officials" at a chaotic time when former president Gotabaya Rajapaksa was fleeing civilian unrest in the island-nation.



"No Significant Reduction..." Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande On Chinese Troops At LAC

- The situation in eastern Ladakh is stable but unpredictable and in spite of the onset of winter, there is no significant reduction in Chinese army's force levels on Line of Actual Control (LAC), Army Chief General Manoj Pande said on Saturday.
- The Army Chief was speaking at the 'Chanakya Dialogues' here in the national capital on subject 'Arming the Army-Atmanirbhar Bharat'.
- Replying to a question of Major Gaurav Arya (retd) during 'fireside chat' on situation in Eastern Ladakh, General Manoj Pande said "situation is stable but unpredictable".
- "You are aware about the talks on the political, diplomatic and military level which is going on between the two sides. Because of these talks, we have been able to find resolution in five of the seven friction points which were on the

table. And it is for the next two friction points, on that we are trying to find resolution," Gen Pande said.

- As far as China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) force levels are concerned, "there has been no significant reduction", he said.
- The Army Chief referred to the meeting of Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) held last month in which the two sides agreed to continue discussions through diplomatic and military channels to resolve the remaining issues along the LAC and agreed to hold the 17th round of talks between senior military commanders at an early date.
- "We are looking at a date for the 17th round of talks," he said.
- In terms of infrastructure development, General Pande said "that is going on unabated". "We have infrastructure in terms of road and helipad. This helps forces to improve their ability and move them from one sector to other".
- The Army Chief said the force's transition to the winter posture is underway but "we have also made sure that we have adequate forces to deal with any contingency".
- He also said that the Army is also undertaking many transformational initiatives essentially to make it more modern and to be able to meet contemporary and future challenges of the battlefield.
- Gen Pande said these transformational initiatives span across different domains and have been largely taken for the purpose to increase the efficiency of the Army, enhance effectiveness and find dominance.
- The Army Chief said the focus is being laid on restructuring, optimization, modernization and transformational roadmap and that "our operational preparedness levels along the border are in no way diluted".
- Answering a query related to the Russia-Ukraine conflict, the Army Chief said the message is clear that the country cannot rely on foreign sources only and that "it is our strategic necessity to develop our own capacity, become self-reliant, self-dependent and atmanirbhar."



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Taragiri, a Project 17A Frigate Made By

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

ANSWER: A

2. Exercise Parvat Prahar Conducted In

- A. Leh
- B. Ladakh
- C. Jammu
- D. Pune

ANSWER: B

3. Exercise AI NAJAH-IV Is Conducted in

- A. Rajasthan
- B. U.P.
- C. Kerala

D. Uttarakhand

ANSWER: A

4. 'EX VINBAX 2022' Conducted b/w India &

A. Qatar

B. Oman

C. Vietnam

D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

5. The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Is Located At

A. Paradip

B. Cochin

C. Kolkata

D. Mumbai

ANSWER: D

6. First Submarine Developed Under P-75 Is

A. INS Kalvari

B. INS Khanderi

C. INS Karanj

D. INS Vela

ANSWER: A

7. Mechanical Training Institute (MTI) Of IAF Is In

A. Yelahanka, Bengaluru

B. Jalahalli, Bengaluru

C. Tambaram Chennai

D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

8. Central Statistical Organization Hq Is In

A. New Delhi

B. Vishakhapatnam

C. Pune

D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

9. Ex SHAKTI, Ex VARUNA, GARUDA India Conducted With

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

ANSWER: C

10. Yaounde Is The Capital Of

- A. Cameroon
- B. Canada
- C. UAE
- D. Burundi

ANSWER: A

11. "The Oath of the Vayuputras" Book Is Written By

- A. Amish Tripathi
- B. Issac Newton
- C. Mahashweta Devi
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

12. __ Is India's 3rd Highest Military Decoration Award.

- A. PVC
- B. MVC
- C. Veer Chakra
- D. Kirti Chakra

ANSWER: C

13. Army Airborne Training School Is Located At

- A. Agra
- B. Mumbai
- C. Pune
- D. Nagpur

ANSWER: A

14. Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation Hq Is In

- A. Mauritius
- B. Qatar

- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

15. Surface Mine Clearing System On Sarath Manufactured By

- A. Ordnance Factory Medak
- B. HAL
- C. DRDO
- D. MDL

ANSWER: A

16. Regimental Centre of GARHWAL RIFLES Is In

- A. Happy Valley, Shillong, Meghalaya
- B. Ranikhet, Uttarakhand
- C. Lansdowne, Uttarakhand
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

17. "Forging Mettle: Nrupender Rao and the Pennar Story" Book Is Written By

- A. Vijay Sharma
- B. Manish Kumar
- C. Sumit Nayar
- D. Pavan C Lall

ANSWER: D

18. The Eurocopter Tiger Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: A

19. Range of RS-28 Sarmat Missile Is

- A. 12000 km
- B. 14000 km
- C. 16000 km
- D. 18000 km

ANSWER: D

20. Which Indian Navy Ship Participated In JIMEX 22?

- A. Gomati and Mumbai
- B. Kochi and Vagsheer
- C. Delhi and Kalvari
- D. Kadmatt and Kavaratti

ANSWER: D



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