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Defence Current Affairs

22 October 2022

Department of Defence Undertakes Special Campaign 2.0

- Department of Defence has been conducting Special Campaign 2.0 on Swachhta across its offices located in New Delhi and in all field offices and local units, since 2nd October 2022. It started with a preparatory phase from 14th to 30th September 2022 during which targets were identified for the campaign period.
- This year, special emphasis is on field/outstation offices. The campaign intends to achieve space Management and enhancement of workplace experience in offices under the Department. During this campaign, Offices responsible for public interface and service delivery are being given priority.
- Since the beginning of the Special campaign, Department of Defence has organised cleanliness drives in 4569 sites across the country. The department has also disposed of 134 pending references from Members of Parliament, 30 pending references from various state governments, 13 pending references from the PMO and 445 pending public grievances, during the period.
- Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Swachh Bharat Mission was launched in 2014 to bring about behavioural change in the people and as a fitting tribute to Mahatma Gandhi who advocated cleanliness as a way of life. Later, a Special Campaign on Disposal of Pending References and Cleanliness was launched in 2021, across government departments and ministries. Following the success of the Special Campaign during the last year, it was decided to organise Special Campaign 2.0 on Swachhta in Central Government Ministries/Departments, attached/subordinate offices from 2nd October-31st October, 2022.



Army To Procure 1,000 Surveillance Copters, 80 Mini Remotely Piloted Aircraft

- The Indian Army on Thursday began the process to procure 80 mini remotely piloted aircraft systems and 1,000 surveillance copters to bolster its overall surveillance apparatus along the LAC with China. The mini remotely piloted aircraft is an ideal multi-sensor system to carry out day and night surveillance and target detection in high-altitude regions.
- The last date for submission of bids for the remotely piloted aircraft programme is November 16. "The system will be able to provide high resolution imagery to enable target detection, recognition, identification and accurate location of adversary's location as well as build up of troops," said an official.
- According to the request for proposal or initial tender, the select supplier will have to supply the platforms within 12 months of signing the contract.
- The mini remotely piloted aircraft systems are being procured under the 'buy' (Indian) category.
- The Army's procurement of 1,000 surveillance copters through fast track procedure under emergency procurement process is also aimed at boosting surveillance along the frontier with China.



India Successfully Test fires Agni Prime New Generation Missile Off Odisha Coast

- India successfully test fired the Agni Prime New Generation Ballistic Missile off the coast of Odisha on Friday, Defence officials said. According to the officials, this ballistic missile was test fired at around 9.45 am.
- During the test flight, the missile travelled its maximum range and all its test objectives were also met successfully. "With this third consecutive successful flight test of the Agni Prime missile, the accuracy and reliability of the system has been established," they said.
- The first test was in June last year, with the second six months later - in December. On both those occasions too the missile 'followed textbook trajectory and met all mission objectives with a high level of accuracy', officials said.
- The 'Agni Prime', or 'Agni-P', is a nuclear-capable new-gen advanced variant of the Agni class of missiles; it is a two-stage canisterised missile with a maximum range of 2,000 km.



Sri Lankan Defence Minister Meets CDS Gen Anil Chauhan On Side lines of DefExpo

- On the sidelines of DefExpo, Sri Lankan Defence Minister Premitha Bandara Tennakoon met Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan and appreciated the continued support of India for the island countries' armed forces.
- Tennakoon also praised India's impressive progress in establishing a strong defence industrial base. Apart from Tennakoon, several other countries' Defence Ministers were also present at DefExpo.
- Earlier, on October 18, the Sri Lankan Defence Minister had met CONS Admiral R Hari Kumar. "Enriching consultations on collaborative Maritime Security & avenues to strengthen bilateral defence cooperation," Indian Navy spokesperson.
- "Our preparedness to deal with a rapidly changing geo-political scenario, and challenges arising out of it, especially neighbourhood threat, has strengthened significantly in recent past," he said.
- "Not only the assurance of procurement of defence products but also the objective of developing world-class technologies is very clear in front of us. For this, for the first time, the government has allocated 25 per cent of the Defence R&D budget for industry, start-ups and academia," Singh added.
- He said the government fully understands the role of MSMEs and start-ups in the defence sector.

- "Hence, to create more opportunities for MSMEs and start-ups, the scope of the Defence Innovation Start-Up Challenges and Technology Development Fund has been further expanded," he said.



ICOMM Signs 'Make In India' Partnership With CARACAL at DefExpo 2022

- ICOMM, a group company of Megha Engineering & Infrastructures Ltd and a market leader in developing and manufacturing Missile and Sub-systems, Communications and EW systems, Electro-optics, Shelters, Composites, as well as other systems technology such as drone and counter drones.
- In line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Make in India' initiative, ICOMM and CARACAL will partner and develop a complete portfolio of locally manufactured small arms for the Indian Defence forces and market for international export.
- ICOMM is a group company of Megha Engineering & Infrastructures Ltd (MEIL), which is one of the largest infrastructure companies in India, with an Annual Sales of over USD 3.0 Bn with over 35,000 employees and working on various projects and spread across 18 offices across the Globe.
- Starting from a humble beginning of a company designing and manufacturing RF components, Antennas and Masts in 1989, ICOMM has been developing and manufacturing products for the Indian Defence Industry for over 25 Years in the areas of Missiles and Sub-Systems, Communications & EW, Composites, Drone & Counter-Drone Systems, Radar Systems, Electro-Optics, Shelters and Command

Control Centre, UAV/Loitering Missile and Antennas. For more information, please visit <https://icommmtele.com>

- Megha Engineering & Infrastructures Limited (MEIL) is a major infrastructure company headquartered in Hyderabad, India. The company was established in 1989 as a small fabrication unit. In due course of time, the unit made a name for itself in the manufacturing and engineering sector. With the advent of the new millennium, MEIL had started taking up minor irrigation and drinking water projects in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.
- This forward integration move helped the company to emerge as a leading player in the infrastructure industry. In recent years, MEIL has employed its strengths in infra sectors like irrigation, water management, hydrocarbons, power, renewable energy, transportation, industrial infrastructure, etc. Currently, the operations of MEIL span across more than 15 Indian states.



16 Licensing Agreements for Transfer of Technology

- DRDO handed over 16 Licensing Agreements for Transfer of Technology for 10 DRDO-developed technologies to 13 industries during the 'Bandhan' ceremony of the 12th DefExpo in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on October 20, 2022.
- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh presided over the ceremony, which saw a total of 451 Memoranda of Understanding, Transfer of Technology agreements and Product Launches. Of the 451, there were 345 MoUs, 42 Major Announcements, 46 Product Launches and 18 ToTs.

- The contribution of Gujarat was 28 MoUs and one Product Launch. It envisages investment worth Rs 1.5 lakh crore. Indian Air Force and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited concluded a contract for 70 HTT-40 indigenous trainer aircraft worth Rs 6,800 crore.
- The technologies transferred by DRDO are from the area of electronics, laser technology, armaments, material science, combat vehicles, naval systems and sensors etc. The products include Handheld Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR), Unexploded Ordnance Handling Robot (UXOR), Semi-Solid Metal (SSM) Processing Technology for Aluminum Alloys, High Oxidative and Thermal Stability Oil (DMS Hots Oil-I), Nuclear Shielding Pads for Combat Vehicles, 120mm Tandem Warhead System for Anti-Tank Application, High Energy Material (TNSTAD), Laser-Based End Game Fuze, Multi-kW Laser Beam Directing Optical Channel (BDOC), SHAKTI EW System. These high-technology products will provide impetus to 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' drive of the Government and boost the defence manufacturing sector through self-reliance, besides enhancing the operational capabilities of the Armed Forces.



Amit Shah Addressed The Concluding Session Of The 90th INTERPOL General Assembly

- Amit Shah addressed the concluding session of the 90th INTERPOL General Assembly in New Delhi. Several dignitaries including the Chairman, INTERPOL and the Director, CBI were present on the occasion.

- Amit Shah said that 21st October is very important day for the Indian Police and India celebrates this day as **Police Commemoration Day**. He said 35,000 policemen have made the supreme sacrifice for the securing India's unity and democracy and Indians pay tribute to these immortal martyrs on this day.
- In the last 100 years, INTERPOL has become a comprehensive and effective forum of 195 countries, which is playing a vital role in cracking down on crimes around the world. Shri Shah said India is one of the oldest members of INTERPOL and India has been associated with INTERPOL since 1949.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. 90th INTERPOL General Assembly Held In

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Paris
- D. New York

ANSWER: A

2. INTERPOL Stands For

- A. International Criminal Pole Organization
- B. International Create Police Organization
- C. International Criminal Police Organization
- D. None

ANSWER: C

3. Ex 'Ekuverin' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: D

4. The Regimental Center Of The Parachute Regiment Is In

- A. Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh
- B. Belgaum, Karnataka
- C. Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh
- D. Bangalore, Karnataka

ANSWER: D

5. Which Corps Of The Indian Army Turned-on Internet Service Through Satellites On Siachen Glacier?

- A. Fire and Fury Corps
- B. Chinar Corps
- C. Strike Corps
- D. None

ANSWER: A

6. In 2015 Indian Army Carried Its First Surgical Strike In

- A. Myanmar
- B. Pakistan
- C. China
- D. Nepal

ANSWER: A

7. Which Of The Following Helicopters Did Not Operate By The Indian Army?

- A. HAL Cheetah
- B. HAL LANCER
- C. HAL Rudra
- D. Chinook

ANSWER: D

8. Which Regiment Of The Indian Army Is Called As 'The Gods Of War'?

- A. Mechanised Infantry
- B. Gorkha Regiment
- C. Regiment Of Artillery
- D. Rajput Regiment

ANSWER: C

9. Department Executive Of The Department Of Military Affairs Is

- A. Defence Minister
- B. NSA
- C. CDS
- D. Prime Minister

ANSWER: C

10. Rapid Action Force Hq Is In

- A. Mumbai
- B. Lucknow
- C. Surat
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: D

11. Baku Is In Which Continent

- A. Africa

- B. Asia
- C. Australia
- D. North America

ANSWER: B

12. ISRO Hq Is In

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

ANSWER: D

13. India Purchased Bofors Gun from

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

ANSWER: B

14. "Naam Namak Nishaan" Is The Motto Of

- A. THE GRENADIERS
- B. Rajputana Rifles
- C. Gorkha
- D. None

ANSWER: A

15. Civil Services Day Every Year Observed On

- A. 20 April
- B. 21 April
- C. 22 April
- D. 23 April

ANSWER: B

16. The SAMHO Is An

- A. Anti-tank Guided Missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Ballistic missile
- D. Communication satellite

ANSWER: A

17. Joint Exercises B/w The India And USA Is Called:

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Tiger Triumph

ANSWER: D

18. AH-64 Apache Is A

- A. Transport Helicopter
- B. Attack Helicopter
- C. Light Utility Helicopter
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

19. Dhanush (howitzer) Manufactured By

- A. L & T
- B. Boeing
- C. ISRO
- D. Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited

ANSWER: D

20. INS Arihant Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Ballistic missile submarine
- D. Tank

ANSWER: C

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