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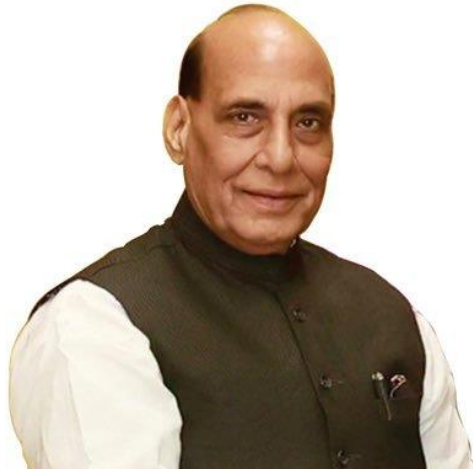
EXERCISE HARIMAU SHAKTI – 2022

- India - Malaysia joint military Exercise “Harimau Shakti -2022” commenced at Pulai, Kluang, Malaysia on 28th November and will culminate on 12th December 22. Exercise HARIMAU SHAKTI is an annual training event between the Indian and Malaysian Army which is being conducted since 2012.
- Combat-experienced troops of the GARHWAL RIFLES Regiment of Indian Army and the Royal Malay Regiment of the Malaysian Army are participating in the exercise this year to share experiences gained during operations in order to enhance inter-operability in planning & execution of various operations in jungle terrain. The scope of this exercise involves a Command Planning Exercise (CPX) at the Battalion level and Company level Field Training Exercise (FTX) on sub-conventional operations in jungle terrain.
- The joint exercise schedule includes the establishment of a joint command post, joint surveillance centre, sharing expertise in employment of aerial assets, technical demonstrations, casualty management & casualty evacuation apart from planning logistics at the Battalion level. Joint field training exercises, joint combat discussions and joint demonstrations will culminate with a two-day validation exercise, where special emphasis will be on enhancing tactical skills and enhancing inter-operability between the forces and to promote Army to Army relations.
- “Exercise HARIMAU SHAKTI” will enhance the level of defence co-operation between Indian Army and the Malaysian Army, which in turn will further foster the bilateral relations between the two nations.



Armed Forces Flag Day Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Conclave

- The fourth edition of the Armed Forces Flag Day Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Conclave is being organised by Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, Ministry of Defence (MoD) in New Delhi tomorrow. Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh will be the Chief Guest at the event. The event aims at highlighting the measures by Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare towards rehabilitation, resettlement and welfare of the veterans, widows and their dependents and mobilising the CSR support towards these efforts.
- On the occasion, a new website for the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund (AFFDF) will be launched by the Raksha Mantri. The new website is an interactive and user-friendly portal developed to promote online contribution to AFFDF. Shri Rajnath Singh will also release the anthem for this year's promotional campaign for the Armed Forces Flag Day and felicitate the prominent CSR contributors to the Fund. Corporate contributions to Armed Forces Flag Day Fund are eligible for fulfilling the CSR obligation under section 135 of Companies Act, 2013.
- Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Ajay Bhatt, Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Defence Secretary Shri Giridhar Aramane and other senior officials of MoD will also be in attendance. Members from the CSR fraternity, veterans and the defence services will attend the conclave.



India Eyes Smaller Nuclear Reactors For Clean Energy Transition: Centre

- India is taking steps for the development of small modular Reactors with up to 300 MW capacity to fulfil its commitment to transitioning towards clean energy, Union Minister Jitendra Singh said.
- At a workshop on Small Modular Reactors (SMR) organized by NITI Aayog and the Department of Atomic Energy, he said the participation of the private sector and start-ups needs to be explored in the development of this critical technology within India.
- He emphasised that technology sharing and availability of funding are the two crucial links for ensuring the commercial availability of SMR technology. Singh said the exploration of new clean energy options is in tune with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's roadmap for clean energy transition through bold climate commitments which are reflected in the updated Nationally Determined Contributions.
- SMRs with up to 300 MW capacity, by nature, are flexible in design and require a smaller footprint, Singh said, adding that being mobile and agile technology, SMRs can be factory-built, unlike the conventional nuclear reactors that are built on-site. SMR is a promising technology in industrial de-carbonization, especially where there is a requirement for a reliable and continuous supply of power, the minister added.



First Private Launchpad & Mission Control Center Established In ISRO Campus At SDSC, SHAR

- A private launchpad and mission control center is established within the ISRO campus at Satish Dhawan Space Center (SDSC), SHAR, Sriharikota, for the first time. The launchpad is designed and operated by a private company, an Indian space-tech start-up, Agnikul.
- The facility was inaugurated on November 25, 2022, by Shri S. Somanath, Chairman, ISRO & Secretary, Department of Space (DOS). Senior ISRO officials including the directors of various ISRO centers also attended the function. On the occasion, Shri.S.Somanath expressed pleasure over the establishment of the first private launch pad in the country and endorsed that, now, India can travel to space from one more space platform.
- Establishment of this private launchpad marks a significant step in opening the Indian space sector to private players and affirms the commitment of ISRO/DOS for facilitating the same. The current facility has a launchpad and a mission control center. The latter is about 4 km away from the launchpad. The system compliant to support liquid stage-controlled launches, monitor key flight safety parameters by ISRO's range operations teams during launches and share the data with ISRO's Mission Control Center.
- Agnikul plans to guide & control their upcoming launches from this facility. In their first launch, a 2-stage launch vehicle, Agnibaanis intended to carry a payload of up to 100 kg to around 700 km altitude.

About Agnikul Cosmos

- Agnikul Cosmos Private Limited is a Chennai-based start-up incubated at the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT Madras). It was founded in 2017 by Srinath Ravichandran, Moin SPM & Prof. SR Chakravarthy (from IIT Madras). Agnikul aims to make space accessible and affordable. It aspires to support the Honourable PM's vision of enabling building of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. It became the first Indian company to sign an agreement with ISRO. The agreement signed in December 2020 under the IN-SPACe initiative sanctioned Agnikul the access to ISRO's expertise and facilities to build Agnibaan vehicles and the Launchpads.



Maldives, Australia Deny Participating In China-led Indian Ocean Forum Meet

- After Maldives, Australia clarified that it did not participate in the “China-Indian Ocean Forum on Development Cooperation” held on November 21. “Contrary to media reporting, no Australian Gov official attended the Kunming China-Indian Ocean Forum on Development Cooperation”.
- While Canberra was invited for the meet by Beijing, Australia, a member of Quad (comprising Australia, Japan, India and the US) declined to participate in the China-led Indian Ocean Forum meet.
- The Indo-Pacific region has more than half of the world's population with 2 billion people living under democratic rule.
- This region generates a third of the world's economic output, more than any other region of the World.

- Three of the most important allies of the USA namely Japan, South Korea and Australia are located here.
- More than one-third of the foreign trade of the world takes place in this region.
- The world's largest economies are located in the Indo-Pacific region namely, China, India, Japan, Indonesia, South Korea, Thailand, Australia, Taiwan, Malaysia and the Philippines.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Ex 'HARIMAU SHAKTI - 2022' Conducted B/w India &
A. Mozambique
B. Mangolia
C. Malaysia
D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

2. Desert Corps Comes Under Which Command Of the Indian Army?
A. Jodhpur
B. Jaipur
C. Chennai
D. Agra

ANSWER: A

3. First Private Launchpad & Mission Control Center Established On The ISRO Campus At

- A. Kolkata
- B. Sriharikota
- C. Trombay
- D. Marmugao

ANSWER: B

4. Chairman, ISRO & Secretary, Department of Space Is

- A. Rajnath Singh
- B. Dr. G. Sateesh Reddy
- C. Dr. S. Somnath
- D. None

ANSWER: C

5. Exercise Agni Warrior Conducted b/w India &

- A. Australia
- B. France
- C. Singapore
- D. Malaysia

ANSWER: C

6. INS Sutlej Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Hydrographic Survey Ship

ANSWER: D

7. Indian Ocean Rim Association Established In

- A. 1997
- B. 1998
- C. 1999
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

8. With reference to 'Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation (IOR-ARC)', consider the following statements: (2015)

1. It was established very recently in response to incidents of piracy and accidents of oil spills.

2. It is an alliance meant for maritime security only.

Which of the statements given above is/ are correct?

- A. 1 only**
- B. 2 only**
- C. Both 1 and 2**
- D. Neither 1 nor 2**

ANSWER: D

9. Dhamma Dipa International Buddhist University (DDIBU) Located At

- A. Tripura
- B. Assam
- C. U.P.
- D. Kerala

ANSWER: A

10. Officers Training Academy Is At

- A. Chennai
- B. Bhopal
- C. Gaya
- D. Both A & C

ANSWER: D

11. Where Is The Hq Of The Northern Command of The Indian Army?

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

ANSWER: D

12. Satish Dhawan Space Centre - SDSC Operated By

- A. ISRO
- B. DRDO
- C. DRDO & NASA
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

13. MARCOS Motto Is

- A. The Few, The Fearless
- B. Always Brave
- C. Veerta
- D. Lethal

ANSWER: A

14. Kuala Lumpur Is The Capital Of

- A. Australia
- B. India
- C. Malaysia
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

15. "Exam Warriors" Book Is Written By

- A. V K Singh
- B. Gen Anil Chauhan
- C. Narendra Modi
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: C

16. Capital Of Republic Of South Korea Is

- A. Kuala Lumpur
- B. Seoul
- C. Beijing
- D. Manila

ANSWER: B

17. SIMBEX Exercise Held B/W India And___?

- A. USA
- B. South Korea
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Singapore

ANSWER: D

18. Project 15B & P17A class Ships Made By

- A. GRSE

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

ANSWER: C

19. Which Of The Following Is The Subsonic Cruise Missile?

- A. Astra missile
- B. Maitri missile
- C. Nag
- D. Nirbhay

ANSWER: D

20. Arjun MK-IA Is A

- A. Attack Helicopter
- B. Fighter Jet
- C. MBT
- D. UAV

ANSWER: C



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