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# Defence Current Affairs

## 08 December 2022

### VCOAS Proceeds On A Visit To Malaysia

- Lieutenant General BS Raju, the Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS) has proceeded on a three day visit to Malaysia from 08 to 10 December 2022. During the visit, the Vice Chief will take forward the excellent defence cooperation between India and Malaysia through multiple meetings with senior military and civilian leadership of the country.
- The VCOAS is scheduled to call on the Deputy Chief of Malaysian Army and Chief of Staff of Malaysian Armed Forces, where he will exchange ideas on issues of mutual interest. He will also engage in extensive discussions with CEO Malaysian Institute of Defence & Strategic Studies. On 09 November 2022, the VCOAS will witness various training activities of the ongoing joint 'Exercise HARIMAU SHAKTI' and interact with the troops.
- The visit of the VCOAS will further deepen the bilateral relationships between the two Armies and act as a catalyst for closer coordination and cooperation between the two countries on a host of strategic issues.



## IAF Boosts Su-30 Aircrafts' Capabilities With New Over 250km Strike Range Missile

- In a significant boost for the capabilities of its Su-30 combat aircraft fleet, the Indian Air Force is equipping them with a new missile which can take down ground-based targets from a distance of over 250 kilometres.
- The new missile has been acquired by the Indian Air Force under emergency provisions and will further enhance the capabilities of the Su-30 fighter jets which are now the mainstay of the force for at least the next 20 years.
- The IAF is also upgrading the Su-30s in an upgrade programme expected to cost over Rs30,000 and would begin with 85 planes. The IAF currently has around 260 of these heavy air superiority fighter jets which are now flying in sync with the most modern Rafale fighter planes of the force.
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- The IAF has strengthened the capabilities of the Su-30s in a big way with the addition of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles which can hit targets at over 500 kilometres.
- The air-to-air missiles have also seen an upgrade while the made-in-India Astra - all weather beyond-visual-range air-to-air, and Rudram anti-radiation next-generation missiles have been added to the fleet. The BrahMos capability can help the Air Force to tackle any long-range tracking radar like that of the S-400 air defence systems.



## Indian Navy's Chief of Personnel interacts with first batch of Agniveers

- Indian Navy's Chief of Personnel Vice Admiral Dinesh Tripathi interacted with the first batch of Navy's Agniveer trainees including both men and women cadets at INS Chilka in Odisha. He was briefed on the preparedness for the training of the first batch of Agniveers who reported last month.
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- According to a press statement, Vice Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of Personnel Indian Navy on a visit to INS Chilka, (premier Training establishment of Indian Navy, imparting ab-initio training to sailors) was briefed on the preparedness for training of the first batch of Agniveers (including women) who reported in end November 22, and the initiatives undertaken for the induction of Women Agniveers.
- During the interaction with the Agniveers, the COP congratulated them for choosing the Indian Navy as their preferred choice of service and motivated them to pursue their career path with core values of the Indian Navy - Duty, Honour, Courage to achieve higher goals for the Nation and themselves.



## **IIT Ropar, Army Training Command Ink Pact To Set Up Centre Of Excellence**

- Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar and the Army Training Command (ARTRAC) of the Indian Army on Tuesday signed an agreement for setting up a centre of excellence for studies and applied research in defence and security at the premier institute.
- The CoE will be set up with an aim to leverage IIT Ropar's technical expertise and ARTRAC's operational expertise in advanced materials and manufacturing, design and development of deep learning algorithms, multipath and wireless networks, data transmission tools, remote sensing and forecasting, cyber security and some other areas, according to a statement issued by IIT Ropar.
- The CoE will be named 'Centre of Excellence for Studies & Applied Research in Defence and Security.' The CoE will focus on emerging areas of research and technology, including Information Warfare or Security (Quadcopters and Drones, Medium and Light Weaponry, Missile Technologies etc.





## TAPAS UAV Successfully Achieved Milestone Flight Test Of 18 Hours

- India's TAPAS UAV, designed & developed by Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), Bengaluru for tri-services has successfully achieved milestone flight test of 18 hours at Aeronautical Test Range, Chitradurga.
- Tactical Airborne Platform for Aerial Surveillance-Beyond Horizon-201 or TAPAS BH-201 is a Medium Altitude Long Endurance UAV being developed in India by Aeronautical Development Establishment on the lines of General Atomics MQ-1 Predator. The first flight of the UAV took place in November 2016.
- **Range:** 1,000 km
- **Top speed:** 225 km/h
- **First flight:** 15 November 2016
- **Manufacturer:** Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- **Developed from:** DRDO Rustom-H
- Maximum speed: 224 km/h (139 mph, 121 kn)
- Ferry range: 1,000 km (620 mi, 540 nmi)
- Endurance: 24 hours
- Service ceiling: 10,668 m (35,000 ft)



## EX SKYWAVE 2022

- Signal Units of Rising Star Corps successfully carried out EX SKYWAVE, a High Frequency Radio Communications Exercise to validate communications over long ranges by integrated training of Command, Control & Air Defence related communications.in
- 9 Corps (IX Corps), also known as Rising Star Corps was raised in 2005 and is Indian Army's youngest corps.
- **Headquarters:** Dharamshala
- **Founded:** 2005
- **Part of:** Army Western Command
- **Current commander:** Lieutenant General Pushpendra Singh
- **Parent organization:** Western Command



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. EX SKYWAVE 2022 Is A**

- A. Bi-lateral Ex
- B. Domestic Ex
- C. Multinational Ex
- D. None

**ANSWER: B**

**2. Hq Of IX Corps Is In**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Dharamshala
- C. Noida
- D. Ladakh

**ANSWER: B**

**3. Ex 'Sangam 22' Conducted At**

- A. Goa
- B. M.H.
- C. U.K.
- D. Kerala

**ANSWER: A**



**4. S-400 Is A**

- A. Tank
- B. Fighter Aircraft
- C. Air Defence System
- D. Submarine

**ANSWER: C**

**5. Ex Samudra Laksamana Conducted b/w India &**

- A. Qatar
- B. Myanmar
- C. Malaysia
- D. Maldives

**ANSWER: C**

**6. INS Agrani, The Leadership Training Establishment Of The Indian Navy Based At**

- A. Coimbatore
- B. New Delhi
- C. Kochi
- D. Chennai

**ANSWER: A**

**7. IPMV Stands For**

- A. Infantry Protected Mobility Vehicle
- B. Infantry Provided Mobility Vehicle
- C. Infantry Protected Mobile Vehicle
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**8. "Badri Vishal Lal Ki Jai" Is The War Cry Of**

- A. GARHWAL RIFLES**
- B. MARATHA LIGHT INFANTRY REGIMENT**
- C. THE GRENADIERS**
- D. PUNJAB REGIMENT**

**ANSWER: A**

**9. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Is In**

- A. Pune
- B. Noida

- C. New Delhi
- D. Mumbai

**ANSWER: C**

**10. Which Country Is Not The Member Of The NATO?**

- A. Albania
- B. Belgium
- C. Bulgaria
- D. China

**ANSWER: D**

**11. INS Hansa Is Located At**

- A. West Bengal
- B. Sikkim
- C. Goa
- D. Andhra Pradesh

**ANSWER: C**

**12. Which One Is Name After A Region?**

- A. Jat Regiment
- B. Punjab regiment
- C. Maratha Light Infantry
- D. Mahar Regiment

**ANSWER: B**

**13. ARTRAC Stands For**

- A. Army Trained Command
- B. Arm Training Command
- C. Army Training Command
- D. Army Training Commando

**ANSWER: C**

**14. Vienna Is The National Capital And Largest City Of \_\_\_.**

- A. Austria
- B. Russia
- C. Spain
- D. Syria

**ANSWER: A**

**15. "The New Delhi Conspiracy" Book Is Written By**

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Meenakshi Lekhi
- C. Navin Chawla
- D. Saba Naqvi

**ANSWER: B**

**16. Zayed Talwar Exercise conducts b/w India &**

- A. US Navy
- B. Australian Navy
- C. UAE Navy
- D. Saudi Navy

**ANSWER: C**

**17. Ex 'PITCH BLACK-22' Conducted At**

- A. Ankara
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Australia

**ANSWER: D**

**18. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees HQ Is In**

- A. Geneva
- B. Berlin
- C. New York
- D. Moscow

**ANSWER: A**

**19. World Trade Organisation(WTO) Hq Is At**

- A. Paris, France
- B. Vienna, Austria
- C. New York, USA
- D. Geneva, Switzerland

**ANSWER: D**

**20. The Land Ports Authority Of India Works Under**

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- C. Ministry of Ports Shipping and Waterways
- D. Ministry of Jal Shakti

**ANSWER: A**



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