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Defence Current Affairs

13 December 2022

Women In Marcos

- The Indian Navy has decided to admit women into its elite special forces, allowing them to serve as commandos for the first time in any of the three defence services.
- The army, navy, and air force special forces are made up of some of the strongest soldiers who go through rigorous training, are capable of staging a rapid and stealthy response in the prohibited territories and have thus far been a male preserve.
- “Women in the navy can now become marine commandos (Marcos) if they choose to and meet the criteria. It’s truly a watershed in India’s military history. But no one is directly assigned to special forces units. People have to volunteer for it,” senior naval official.
- The option of volunteering to become Marcos will be available to both female **officers and sailors** who will join the service as Agniveers next year.
- The Marcos have been trained for a variety of tasks and can operate on land, sea, and air. These commandos can carry out covert strikes on enemy warships, offshore installations, and other key assets, as well as specialised diving operations and observation and reconnaissance missions to support naval operations.
- They can even fight terrorists in a maritime setting and have been used in counter-terrorism operations in **Kashmir's Wular lake area**.
- Women are now welcome in all branches of the navy, from special operations to aviation to vessel duties. It has evolved into a completely gender-neutral force. There is no shortage of opportunity if a person has what it takes.



IAF Decides To Allow Women Officers To Join Its Garud Commando Force

- The IAF raised the Garud commando force in 2004, three years after four heavily armed terrorists attempted to force their way into the air force's Awantipora fighter base near Srinagar.
- The Garud Commando Force is the special forces unit of the Indian Air Force. It was formed in September 2004 and has a current strength of over 1500 personnel. The unit derives its name from Garuda, a divine bird-like creature in Hindu culture.
- **Founded:** September 2004
- **Headquarters location:** Chandinagar Road
- **Motto(s):** ॥प्रहार से सुरक्षा॥ (Defence by Offence)
- **Garrison/HQ:** Hindan AFS; Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, India
- **Decorations:** 1 Ashok Chakra, 4 Shaurya Chakra



MTAR Signs MoU With IN-SPACE India For Design-development Of Small Satellite Launch Vehicle

- MTAR Technologies on Monday said that it has signed a pact with with IN-SPACE India for design and development of a two-stage to low-earth orbit all-liquid small satellite launch vehicle. "MTAR has signed an MoU (memorandum of understanding) with Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACE) for design and development of a two-stage to low-earth orbit all-liquid small satellite launch vehicle powered by semi cryogenic technology with a payload capacity of 500 kilogram," a company statement said.
- Both the parties have entered into a framework MoU for various requirements, including avionics, sub systems testing, facilitation of launch etc, and any other requirements that might emerge during the course of design, development and launch phase. The MoU shall remain in force for three years.
- "MTAR has consistently embraced innovation to indigenise new technologies for India. Now the company is taking a leap forward to graduate from precision engineering to complete system integration by initiating the development of a two-stage to low-earth orbit all-liquid small satellite launch vehicle project to address a payload of 500 kg in the low-earth orbit. The company has adopted all-liquid route to leverage more than three decades of expertise in manufacturing liquid propulsion engines," said Parvat Srinivas Reddy, managing director of MTAR Technologies Ltd.



Mopa International Airport In Goa Named After Former Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar

- The newly-inaugurated Mopa International Airport in Goa has been named after former Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar.
- With the aim of boosting air connectivity and tourism in the coastal state, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Mopa International Airport in Goa on Sunday.
- Developed at a cost of around **Rs 2,870 crore**, the airport is built on the theme of sustainable infrastructure. PM Modi laid the foundation stone of the airport in November 2016.
- The new international airport is located in the Northern part of Goa, about 35 km away from Panaji, the capital city of Goa.
- The in-principle approval to Goa government for setting up a greenfield airport at Mopa village was granted by the Centre in March 2000.
- "The existing airport at Goa which is a Civil Enclave for which a terminal building is maintained by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) is a defence airport belonging to the Indian Navy. Goa's Dabolim airport will not be closed for civilian use even after the new international airport at Mopa becomes fully operational," the Ministry of Civil Aviation said.
- Although Indian carriers had already announced their upcoming flight services to Goa's new airport MOPA, airlines like GoFirst and IndiGo will also start their services in January.



Arunachal: Indian, Chinese Troops Engaged In Face-off In Tawang

- Indian and Chinese troops have reportedly engaged in a fresh face-off near Yangtse in the Tawang sector of Arunachal Pradesh resulting in injuries to soldiers from both sides. Sources said the face-off took place on December 9 at Yangtse in the Tawang sector when Chinese PLA personnel attempted to enter the Indian Territory.
- At least six injured Indian Army personnel were brought to Hospital at Basistha in Guwahati for treatment.
- The face-off was later resolved following talks between commanders of the two sides according to established protocols.
- In certain areas along the LAC in the Tawang Sector in Arunachal Pradesh, there are areas of differing perception, wherein both sides patrol the area up to their claim lines. This has been the trend since 2006, the statement added.
- Indian and Chinese troops are positioned on either side of the nullah, but on this night, some 300 Chinese troops came into the Indian side.
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- There were no warning signs about the transgression and hearing the sentries being assaulted, some 70 to 80 Indian troops mobilised quickly in the dead of night to push back the intruders. There was intense hand-to-hand combat with sticks and canes for a few hours, according to sources.



Visit of Admiral R Hari Kumar, CNS To Sri Lanka

- Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of Naval the Staff (CNS), will be visiting Sri Lanka from 13 to 16 December 2022. The CNS has been invited as the Chief Guest and Reviewing Officer for the Commissioning Parade at the Naval and Maritime Academy (NMA), Trincomalee, scheduled on 15 December 2022.
- During the visit, the CNS will undertake interactions with senior political and defence leadership of Sri Lanka. He would also be visiting other defence establishments of the Sri Lanka Armed Forces and review progress of various bilateral defence cooperation activities.

- The Indian Navy regularly interacts with the Sri Lanka Navy through the medium of annual Staff Talks and pursues several operational engagements at regular frequency. The Indian Navy also supports several capacity building measures of Sri Lanka Navy such as provision of naval platforms, including indigenously constructed Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) and the Dornier aircraft of the Indian Navy deployed to Sri Lanka since August 2022. In addition, the Indian Navy remains actively engaged in various capability enhancement projects, including training of the Sri Lanka Navy personnel in India. Sri Lanka Navy is a regular participant of various multilateral engagements hosted by the Indian Navy, such as the MILAN, Goa Maritime Conclave, Admiral's Cup Sailing Regatta, etc.
- The forthcoming visit would further enhance the long standing bilateral defence cooperation with Sri Lanka, specifically in the maritime domain.



Indian Army Might Evaluate Made In India Hermes 450 UAS

- The Hermes 450, a Medium Range, Tactical UAS manufactured in India by Adani Defence, has piqued the interest of the Indian Army, which plans to argue its current fleet of Israeli-made Searcher Mark II UAVs over its borders with Pakistan and China.
- The Hermes 450 is a multi-role, high-performance tactical unmanned aerial system. Hermes 450, the IDF's primary platform in counter-terror operations, incorporates cutting-edge payloads with selected dual-payload configurations.

- EO/IR/Laser, SAR/GMTI & MPR, COMINT/COMMJAM, ELINT, hyper-spectral systems, large area scanning systems, and other payloads are available. The highly autonomous and ergonomic operation of the Hermes 450 results in high mission effectiveness with no piloting skills required. Hermes 450 has a service ceiling of 18,000 feet and a duration of 17 hours.



SSBCrack
EXAMS

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Hq Of Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre Is In

- A. Ahmedabad
- B. New Delhi
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: A

2. Mopa International Airport Is In

- A. M.H.
- B. Gujrat
- C. Goa
- D. Kerala

ANSWER: C

3. __Signs MoU With In-Space India For Design-Development Of Small Satellite Launch Vehicle. Year.

- A. DRDO
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. MTAR
- D. Garud

ANSWER: C

4. AFBCWF Stands For

- A. Army Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund
- B. Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Future
- C. Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund
- D. None

ANSWER: C

5. Indian Army & __Signed An Agreement To Conduct Bank Probationary Officers Program For Wards Of Defence Personnel, Veer Naris & Exiting Agniveers.

- A. ICICI Bank
- B. HDFC
- C. PNB
- D. SBI

ANSWER: A

6. प्रहार से सुरक्षा Is The Motto Of

- A. Garud Commando Force
- B. MARCOS
- C. PARA SF
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

7. Indian Army Flag Consist Colors of ___ Colors.

- A. Gold, Red And Black
- B. Gold, Red And Blue
- C. Gold, Rose Black And Black
- D. Green, Red And Black

ANSWER: A

8. Which Country Has the Maximum Nuclear Warheads?

- A. UK
- B. Russia
- C. USA
- D. China

ANSWER: B

9. “Naam Namak Nishaan” Is The War Cry Of

- A. THE GRENADIERS
- B. RR
- C. Sikh Regiment
- D. Gorkha Regiment

ANSWER: A

10. IPCC Stands For

- A. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Challenge
- B. Intergovernmental Panel on Cloud Change
- C. Intergovernmental Pan on Climate Change
- D. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

ANSWER: D

11. Operational Range of Rudram-1 Is

- A. 150 km
- B. 250 km
- C. 350 km
- D. 450 km

ANSWER: B

12. Where Is The Hq Of The Eastern Command of The Indian Army?

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

ANSWER: D

13. Joint Exercises B/w The India And Sri Lanka Is Called:

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX

- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: B

14. Luanda Is The Capital Of

- A. Andorra
- B. Algiers
- C. Angola
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

15. "Sea of Tranquility" Book Is Written By

- A. Emily St. John Mandel
- B. Barak Obama
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. S. Jenifer

ANSWER: A

16. Ex PRABAL DOSTYK Conducted B/W India And

- A. France
- B. China
- C. Kazakhstan
- D. Kyrgyzstan

ANSWER: C

17. Group Captain Rank Of IAF Is Equivalent to Which Rank of Indian Navy?

- A. Colonel
- B. Captain
- C. Commander
- D. Major

ANSWER: B

18. What Is The Ranking Of The IAF In The World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA)?

- A. 1st
- B. 2nd
- C. 3rd
- D. 4th

ANSWER: C

19. “Balidanam Vir Lakshanam” Is The Motto Of

- A. JKLI
- B. THE MAHAR REGIMENT
- C. THE BIHAR REGIMENT
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

20. F 18 Super Hornet Fighter Aircraft Manufactured By

- A. Boeing
- B. Lockheed Martin
- C. Airbus
- D. HAL

ANSWER: A



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