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Defence Current Affairs

24 December 2022

16 Army Jawans Killed In Road Accident In North Sikkim

- Sixteen Army personnel have lost their lives, and four were injured in a road accident involving an Army truck at Zema, North Sikkim. The accident happened when the vehicle skidded down a steep slope while negotiating a sharp turn.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said "deeply pained" by the loss of lives of Indian Army personnel due to a road accident in N. Sikkim.
- The Army said in its statement, "The ill-fated vehicle was part of a 3-vehicle convoy that had moved from Chatten in the morning towards Thangu. En route at Zema, the truck skidded down a steep slope while negotiating a sharp turn. A rescue mission was immediately launched and 4 injured soldiers air evacuated, said the Indian Army."
- "Unfortunately, three Junior Commissioned Officers and 13 soldiers succumbed to the injuries sustained in the accident. Indian Army stands firm with the bereaved families, at this hour of loss." it said.
- President Droupadi Murmu also showed remorse at the loss of lives of brave soldiers of the Indian Army. "My heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased. I pray for the speedy recovery of the injured," the President said.
- PM Modi said, "pained" by the loss of lives of brave Army personnel due to a road mishap in Sikkim. "Condolences to the bereaved families. May the injured recover soon."



Union Cabinet Approves Revision Of Pension Of Armed Forces Pensioners

- The Union Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved revision of pension of Armed Forces Pensioners/family pensioners under One Rank One Pension (OROP) w.e.f. July 01, 2019.
- Pension of the past pensioners would be re-fixed on the basis of average of minimum and maximum pension of Defence Forces retirees of calendar year 2018 in the same rank with the same length of service.
- The Armed Forces Personnel retired up to June 30, 2019{excluding pre-mature (PMR) retired w.e.f. July 01, 2014} will be covered under this revision. More than 25.13 lakh (including over 4.52 lakh new beneficiaries) Armed Forces Pensioners/family pensioners will be benefitted.
- The estimated annual expenditure for the implementation of the revision has been calculated as approx. Rs 8,450 crore @31% Dearness Relief. Arrears w.e.f. July 01, 2019, to December 31, 2021, have been calculated as over Rs 19,316 crore based on DR @ 17% for the period from July 01, 2019, to June 30, 2021, and @31% for the period from July 01, 2021, to December 31, 2021.
- The Government took a historic decision to implement OROP for the Defence Forces Personnel/family pensioners and issued policy letter on November 07, 2015 for revision of pension w.e.f. July 01, 2014. In the said policy letter, it was mentioned that in future, the pension would be re-fixed every 5 years. Approx.

Rs 57,000 crore has been spent @Rs 7,123 crore per year in eight years in the implementation of OROP.





Date :- 23 Dec 2022

One Rank One Pension Revised

Rank wise increase (in Rupees) w.e.f. 01.07.2019

Rank	Pension as on 01.01.2016	Revised pension w.e.f. 01.07.2019	Revised pension w.e.f. 01.07.2021	Likely arrears from 01.07.2019 to 30.06.2022
Major	61,205	68,550	70,827	3,05,000
Lt. Colonel	84,330	95,400	98,832	4,55,000
Colonel	92,855	1,03,700	1,07,062	4,42,000
Brigadier	96,555	1,08,800	1,12,596	5,05,000
Maj. Gen.	99,621	1,09,100	1,12,039	3,90,000
Lt. Gen.	1,01,515	1,12,050	1,15,316	4,32,000



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Sepoy	17,699	19,726	20,394	87,000
Naik	18,427	21,101	21,930	1,14,000
Havildar	20,066	21,782	22,294	70,000
Nb Subedar	24,232	26,800	27,597	1,08,000
Sub Major	33,526	37,600	38,863	1,75,000



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**A MEASURE OF GOVT'S
COMMITMENT TO EX-SERVICEMEN**

Date :- 23 Dec 2022

Revised pension under **One Rank One Pension**

- Benefits to be extended to **Approx 25.13 lakh** Armed Forces Pensioners/ family pensioners
- Armed Forces Personnel retired up to 30.06.2019 to be covered under this revision



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**CABINET APPROVES
REVISION UNDER
ONE RANK ONE PENSION**

Date :- 23 Dec 2022

- Estimated annual expenditure - **Rs 8,450 crore**
@ 31% Dearness Relief (DR)
- Arrears w.e.f. 01 July 2019 to 30 June 2022 -
Rs.23,638 crore





Putin Threatens To Destroy Ukraine's Patriot Missile Systems, Provided By The US

- Russian President Vladimir Putin has threatened to "weed out" the Patriot air defence system the United States plans to supply to Kyiv amid the ongoing war in Ukraine.
- Pentagon this week announced an additional USD 850 million of security assistance for Ukraine, bringing total military aid for Kyiv to USD 21.9 billion since the beginning of the Biden administration.
- The latest assistance included the Patriot Air Defence System, capable of bringing down cruise missiles, short-range ballistic missiles, and aircraft at a significantly higher ceiling. The Russia President dismissed the Patriot system as a pretty "old system" and added that "it doesn't work like our S-300."
- The MIM-104 Patriot is a surface-to-air missile (SAM) system, the primary of its kind used by the United States Army and several allied states. It is manufactured by the U.S. defense contractor Raytheon and derives its name from the radar component of the weapon system. The AN/MPQ-53 at the heart of the system is known as the "Phased Array Tracking Radar to Intercept on Target", or PATRIOT.

- Designer: Raytheon, Hughes, and RCA
- Designed: 1969
- Manufacturer: Raytheon, Lockheed Martin, and Boeing



UP: Sania Mirza, Girl From Mirzapur Clears NDA

- Sania Mirza, daughter of a TV mechanic from Mirzapur, has cracked the entrance exam of National Defence Academy (NDA).
- Sania Mirza, hailing from Jasovar village under the Mirzapur Dehat Kotwali Police Station, aspires to become a fighter pilot like the country's first woman fighter pilot Avni Chaturvedi.
- Sania, who studied in a Hindi medium school, said that Hindi medium students too can achieve success if they are determined. On December 27, she will join NDA Khadakwasla in Pune.
- Sania's schooling till class 10 was completed in her village itself. She studied from primary to Class 10 at Pandit Chintamani Dubey Inter College. After that, she went to Guru Nanak Girls Inter College in the city. She was the district topper in the 12th Uttar Pradesh (UP) Board and started her preparations for NDA.
- Sania's mother Tabassum Mirza said, "Our daughter has made us and the entire village proud. She inspired every girl in the village to follow their dreams."



Japan Cabinet Approves 2023 Draft Budget At USD 862 Billion

- The Japanese government approved a draft budget for the next fiscal year for a record 114,38 trillion yen (USD 862 billion) with a record-high defence budget in the amount of 6.8 trillion yen.
- Japan's military spending amounted to 5.4 trillion yen in 2022, which is about 1.24 per cent of GDP. The growth of the defence budget is connected with the government's decision to ensure an increase in defence spending to 2 per cent of the country's gross domestic product by 2027, which is approximately 11 trillion yen per year.
- The draft budget for the year 2023-2024 also provides for the allocation of about 3 trillion yen to ensure future defence capability and weapons development.
- Japan is finding itself in the midst of the most severe and complex security environment since the end of WWII with mounting threats from China and North Korea.
- Japan has responded with what they call a “major shift” in defence policy. The new strategy does away with decades of precedent to acquire counter-strike capabilities, with a special focus on a free and open Indo-Pacific (FOIP).
- Japan is planning to build a multilayered network among its allies and like-minded countries, expand it, and strengthen deterrence.

- Utilizing frameworks such as the Japan-US-ROK, and Japan-US-Australia, Japan plans to enhance security cooperation with Australia, India, the ROK, European countries, ASEAN countries, Canada, NATO, EU, and others.



Japanese, IAF To Hold Joint Fighter Jet Training

- The Indian Air Force is expected to involve four Sukhoi-30 and other aircraft in the joint fighter jet training in Japan. Furthermore, four F-2 and four F-15 fighter jets from Japanese side will participate in the training.
- Japan's Air Self-Defence Force has said that it will carry out joint fighter training along with Indian Air Force from January 16-26. According to officials, it will be the first such training with India to happen in Japan, NHK reported.
- According to Japanese officials, the exercise is aimed at promoting mutual understanding and bolstering defence cooperation between the two nations. According to NHK, Japan's Air Self-Defence Force noted that India will be fifth nation to conduct fighter jet training in Japan after US, Australia, UK and Germany. As per the news report, Japan, India, the United States and Australia are strengthening cooperation in security and other sectors within the QUAD framework.
- Earlier in May, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Japanese counterpart Fumio Kishida agreed that the two nations should arrange a joint exercise involving fighter jets at an early date. According to the press release issued by Prime Minister's office, the two leaders agreed to further bolster bilateral

security and defence cooperation, including in the area of defence manufacturing.

- "The two leaders agreed to further enhance bilateral security and defence cooperation, including in the area of defence manufacturing," the press release said.



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REVIEW QUESTIONS

EXAMS

1. Patriot Is A

- A. Tank
- B. Air Defence System
- C. UAV
- D. Helicopter

ANSWER: B

2. OROP Stands For

- A. One Rank One Portal
- B. One Road One Pension
- C. One Rank One Pension
- D. None

ANSWER: C

3. Ex DUSTLIK Conducted b/w India &

- A. Uzbekistan
- B. Vietnam
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

4. Exercise "KAZIND-22" Is Conducted At

- A. Auli
- B. Umroi
- C. Jaipur
- D. Shillong

ANSWER: B

5. G20 Was Founded On

- A. 26 September 1996
- B. 27 September 1997
- C. 28 September 1998
- D. 26 September 1999

ANSWER: D

6. Motto Of Integrated Defence Staff

- A. Victory Through Jointness
- B. Victory Everywhere
- C. Always Ahead
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

7. Joint Ex B/w The India And Singapore Is Called:

- A. Bold Kurukshetra
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: A

8. Quad Was Founded On

- A.** 2017
- B.** 2018
- C.** 2019

D. 2020

ANSWER: A

9. Where Is The Hq Of The Training Command of The IAF?

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: C

10. Air Marshal Rank of IAF Is Equivalent to which rank of the Indian Navy?

- A. Commodore
- B. Captain
- C. Commander
- D. Vice Admiral

ANSWER: D

11. 'Ex Zapad' Conducted B/W India &

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

ANSWER: B

12. IBSAMAR Trilateral Naval Exercise Held Between India, Brazil And ___?

- A. North Korea
- B. Switzerland
- C. Singapore
- D. South Africa

ANSWER: D

13. The Port Duqm Is In

- A. Yemen
- B. Iran
- C. Iraq
- D. Oman

ANSWER: D

14. Madrid Is The Capital Of

- A. Spain
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

15. "Fit At Any Age" Book Is Written By

- A. Ajay Bhatt
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Vikram Sampath
- D. Retd. Air Marshal PV Iyer

ANSWER: D

16. Lamitye Exercise Held B/W India And ___?

- A. Thailand
- B. USA
- C. Qatar
- D. Seychelles

ANSWER: D

17. Which Of The Following Is Not Main Organ Of United Nations?

- A. International Court of Justice
- B. Economic and Social Council
- C. Secretariat
- D. International Monetary fund

ANSWER: D

18. "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

19. NAMICA Stands For

- A. Nag Missile Cart
- B. Nag Missile Carrier
- C. Nag Missile Corn

D. None

ANSWER: B

**20. Akash Is A Medium-range Mobile Surface-to-air Missile System Developed By
The____**

A. HAL

B. TATA

C. Mahindra

D. DRDO

ANSWER: D



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