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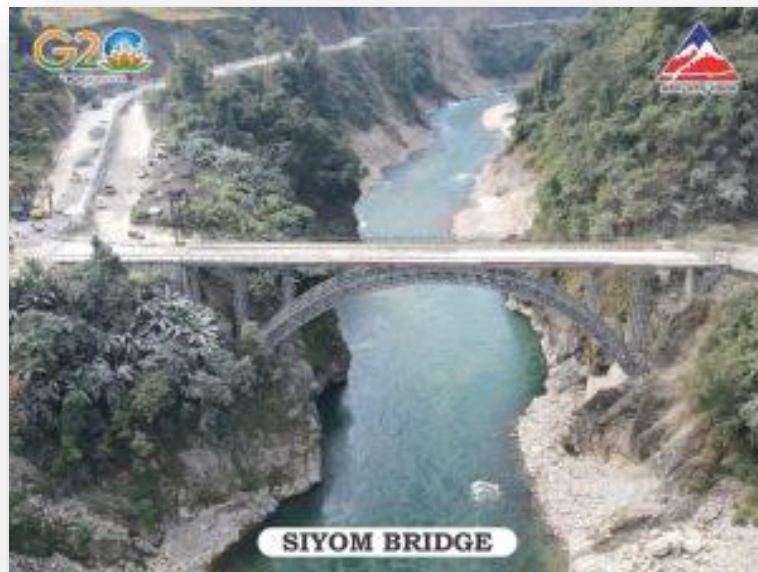


Defence Current Affairs

27 December 2022

Siyom Bridge in Arunachal Pradesh

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will open the 100-metre-long steel arch Siyom Bridge over River Siyom on Tuesday (December 27). He will dedicate the bridge, on the Along-Yingkiong Road in Arunachal Pradesh, to the nation, along with 27 infrastructure projects.
- The Siyom Bridge has been constructed by **Project Brahmanak**, part of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO). The bridge is aimed to restore road communication to the Upper Siang district and beyond, through Along. Construction works were speeded up over the past few months.
- The Border Roads Organisation is a road construction executive force in India that provides support to and is now a part of the Indian Armed Forces. BRO develops and maintains road networks in India's border areas and friendly neighboring countries.
- **Founded:** 7 May 1960
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi
- **Founder:** Jawaharlal Nehru
- **Jurisdiction:** India
- **Director General:** Lt. Gen. Rajeev Chaudhary
- **Purpose:** Providing infrastructure to the armed forces of India and friendly nations
- **Parent organization:** Ministry of Defence



What Are JDAMs? And What Will This American Bomb Do For Ukraine?

- An American weapon first dropped by stealth bombers over Kosovo in 1999 and then during combat in the post-9/11 wars will soon be used by Ukrainian pilots flying Russian-made jets to kill Russian soldiers.
- The weapon, called the **Joint Direct Attack Munition**, consists of a kit that turns a cheap unguided bomb into a highly accurate, GPS-guided weapon. It is usually referred to as JDAM.
- The Biden administration announced this week that the weapons would be part of a new **\$1.85 billion** military aid package, giving Ukraine a precision-guided bombing capability it has never had.
- When dropped from higher altitudes, the bomb can travel about **15 miles** to its target before exploding.
- With the right kind of equipment, Ukrainian jets could carry multiple JDAMs on a single mission, just like U.S. and NATO warplanes do.
- Technically speaking, JDAM refers to a kit that is bolted onto the U.S. military's general-purpose Mark-80-series bomb and turns it into a GPS-guided weapon.



CLAWS Organises Two-Day Seminar on The Theme of “Civil Military Integration: The Way Forward”

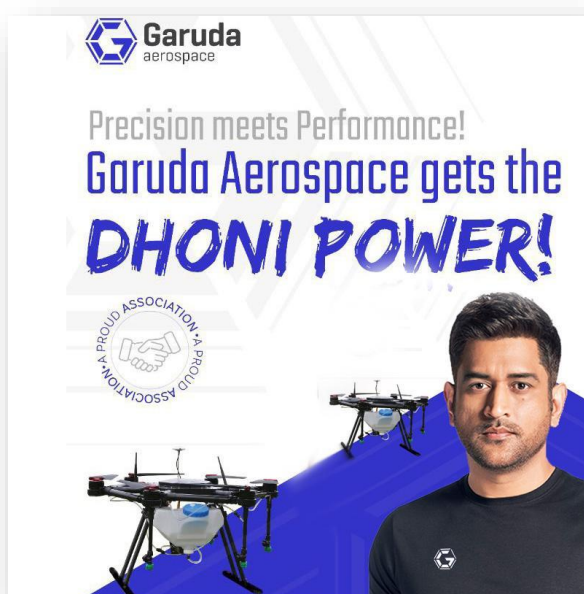
- Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS), an independent New Delhi based think tank, is conducting a two-day Seminar on the theme of “Civil Military Integration: The Way Forward”, at Manekshaw Centre, Delhi Cantt. The Seminar opened today with discussions on the role of Military and Bureaucracy in adopting Whole of Nation approach to tackle security challenges. General Anil Chauhan, Chief of the Defence Staff and General Manoj Pande, Chief of the Army Staff addressed the gathering at the commencement of the proceedings. During his address, the CDS highlighted the pivotal role played by the Armed Forces as part of ‘Whole of Government’ approach towards National security. He emphasised that all defence initiatives should be aligned to draw mutual benefits from Government schemes like Aatmanirbharta, Vibrant Border Villages, Gati Shakti, National Logistics Policy to achieve higher defence preparedness.
- Delivering the Key Note Address, the Army Chief spoke on the importance of synergy to correctly assess threats, articulate vital strategic guidelines and documents, identify the desired military capabilities, formulate enabling policies, achieve the required preparedness metric and effect appropriate responses, congruent to overall National Security objectives.

- The event is being attended by distinguished participants from Armed Forces, Civil Services, as well as representatives from the defence industry and the academic community, including several think tanks and educational institutions. During the course of deliberations today, many eminent speakers discussed nuances of Bureaucracy-Military integration, a subject of great relevance to India's comprehensive growth as a Nation. Diverse and useful views were shared by Shri Ajay Kumar, former Defence Secretary, Lt Gen Anil Puri, Additional Secretary, DMA, Dr Manoj Joshi, ORF, Dr Anit Mukherjee of Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, Dr Arvind Gupta, Director VIF, Lt Gen Raj Shukla (Retired), Member UPSC and Lt Gen Vinod Khandare, Principal Adviser, MoD.
- The second day of this seminar is being dedicated on the discussions pertaining to Military Industry integration, which requires synchronisation of the interests of the indigenous defence industry with the operational requirements of the Armed Forces, through collaborative engagement. Eminent speakers for tomorrow's discussions include senior officers of the three Services, Air Marshal Anil Chopra (Retired), DG Centre for Airpower Studies, Lieutenant General PR Shankar, former DG Artillery, Shri Rajinder Singh Bhatia, President, Bharat Forge Defence and Aerospace, Dr Bhartendu Kumar Singh, Indian Defence Account Services and Rear Admiral Pritam Lal (Retired), Principal Advisor Confederation of Indian Industries and Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers.



Garuda Aerospace Becomes First Drone Company To Get DGCA Approval For Type Certification, RPTO

- Former India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni backed India's leading drone manufacturer, Garuda Aerospace on becoming India's first drone startup to receive both Type Certification and Remote Pilot Training Organization (RPTO) approvals by DGCA for their indigenously designed Kisan Drones.
- DGCA Type certification is provided on the basis of the quality check of the drones and is issued after a rigorous testing process for the UAVs.
- Having been awarded Type Certificate for the GA-AG model, Garuda Kisan Drone is now eligible for Rs 10 lakh unsecured loans from Agri Infrastructure Fund at a 5 per cent interest and 50-100 per cent subsidy from the Government of India. Priced at Rs 4.50 lakh, "Garuda Kisan Drone is India's most affordable advanced automated Agri Drone which has DGCA-approved Type Certification in the under 25kg small category. ICAR, KVKs, FMTTI, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer welfare, and several other Government Agriculture bodies will now have an option of procuring high-tech Made in India Drones manufactured by Garuda Aerospace," company statement read.
- Garuda company is hopeful that this will lead to creating job opportunities for the youth in the near future and a vision of training 1 lakh drone pilots in the next two years.
- MS Dhoni has invested in a company that manufactures drones and supports the agriculture ecosystem in the country. Dhoni has been involved in various industries such as clothing, alcohol and agriculture. He is currently under contract to invest in drones as well that too for agriculture.



ASEN & Confergo India Organized India Energy Conclave, on 'Global Energy Transition Trends'

- In view of the current geopolitical situation and COP 27 targets to achieve Net-Zero carbon by 2070, experts emphasized on robust energy mix with alternative sources for energy security, affordability, and sustainability.
- According to them, a balance between conventional, renewables, natural gas, biogas, and hydrogen has to be maintained for energy security, affordability, and sustainability.
- According to experts, there is an elephant in the room (emissions) when nations talk about the energy transition. The countries need to address the climate change resulting from emissions and ensure limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees to 1.6 degrees. For this, the world needs to reduce emissions by 37 per cent.
- India has a very ambitious target of 500 gigawatts of capacity in 2030 in terms of non-fossil fuel power generation capacity and India certainly heading in that direction. And a bright spot was that in 2021, the renewables capacity constructed was substantially more than the coal-fired capacity. According to experts, India is looking to become a low-cost green energy hub, and this very much aligns with renewables.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. 'वीर बाल दिवस' In Bharat Is Observed Every Year On

- A. 25 Dec
- B. 26 Dec
- C. 27 Dec
- D. 28 Dec

ANSWER: B

2. __ Organised A Seminar On 'Civil-military Integration: The Way Forward' Under The aegis of CLAWSIN At New Delhi

- A. Indian Army
- B. IAF
- C. BSF
- D. Indian Navy

ANSWER: A

3. JDAM Stands For

- A. Joint Drone Attack Munition
- B. Joint Direct Atom Munition

- C. Joint Direct Attack Munition
- D. Joint Direct Attack Murder

ANSWER: C

4. Ex MALABAR Is A

- A. Domestic Ex
- B. Bilateral Ex
- C. Multilateral Ex
- D. None

ANSWER: C

5. “Jat balwan, Jai Bhagwan” Is The Motto Of

- A. JKRF
- B. RR
- C. CORPS OF ENGINEERS
- D. JAT REGIMENT

ANSWER: D

6. ‘Rifle Company’ In Indian Army Headed By__

- A. Major
- B. Lt. Colonel
- C. Colonel
- D. Both A & B

ANSWER: D

7. What Is The Highest Commissioned Rank Awarded In The Indian Army?

- A. Major General
- B. Lt Gen
- C. Colonel
- D. Flying Officer

ANSWER: B

8. Which Edition Of Varuna Naval Ex Conduced In 2022

- A.** 15th
- B.** 19th
- C.** 20th
- D.** None of the above

ANSWER: C

9. Mercedes-Benz Is A Company that Belongs To

- A. Germany
- B. France
- C. Mexico
- D. USA

ANSWER: A

10. Where Is The Hq Of The Southern Western Command of The Indian Army?

- A. Jaipur
- B. Jabalpur
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

11. Sea Dragon Exercise Hosted By

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

ANSWER: A

12. What Is The Full Form Of JCB?

- A. Joseph Cyril Bamford
- B. Joseph Cyrus Bamford
- C. Joseph Cyril Bofors
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

13. Ex 'DESERT EAGLE' conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: C

14. Banjul Is The Capital Of

- A. Oman
- B. Georgia

- C. Gabon
- D. Gambia

ANSWER: D

15. "Politics of Opportunism" Book Is Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. R P N Singh
- C. Vasdev Mohi
- D. Richard Powers

ANSWER: B

16. Which Is/Are The Combat Arms Of The Indian Army?

- A. Infantry
- B. The Armoured Corp
- C. The Mechanized Infantry
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: D

17. Arrange In Descending Order

- A. Corps, Brigade, Division, Battalion, Rifle Company, Platoon, Section
- B. Corps, Battalion, Division, Brigade, Rifle Company, Platoon, Section
- C. Corps, Division, Brigade, Battalion, Rifle Company, Platoon, Section
- D. Corps, Section, Division, Battalion, Rifle Company, Platoon, Brigade

ANSWER: C

18. SALVEX (Salvage) Ex Conducted B/W India And

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Uganda
- D. European Union

ANSWER: A

19. Rajputana Rifles Hq Is In

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

ANSWER: D

20. GAIL Stands For

- A. Gas Author of India Limited
- B. Gas Authority of Indo Limited
- C. Gas Authority of India Limited
- D. None

ANSWER: C



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