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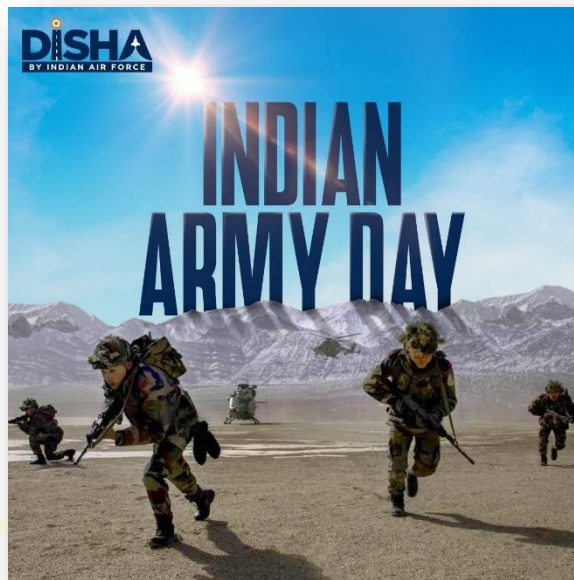
Defence Current Affairs

15-16 October 2022

Indian Army Day 2023

- Indian army day 2023 is celebrated on 15th January 2023 and it marks the **75th** anniversary of Indian army day. Every year on January 15, India celebrates its Army Day. The Indian Army conducted Army Day parade at Bengaluru and other related events for the first time outside Delhi to connect to the people of the country.
- It is the day on which **Field Marshal Kodandera M. Cariappa** (then a Lieutenant General) took over as the first Commander in Chief of the Indian Army from the last British Commander in Chief of India, **General Francis Bucher** in the year 1949.
- Originally, the Indian army was formed under the British rule on April 1, 1895 and was called as British Indian Army. After India got its independence in the year 1947, it was only on January 15, 1949, that the country got its first Indian chief. Lt Gen K M Cariappa took over as commander-in-chief of the Indian Army in 1949 from General Francis Butcher, the last British commander-in-chief of India. The transfer of power from the British to India signifies an important moment in Indian history and is celebrated as Army Day. This day also honors the soldiers who have sacrificed their lives for the country.
- All Army Command headquarters celebrate Army Day to honor the soldiers of the country, who live for the protection of its independence and dignity and give their lives for it. Grand celebrations take place all across the country on this day. The main Army Day parade is conducted in Cariappa Parade ground in Delhi cantonment where salute is given to the fighters of the country. Military hardware, different contingents and a combat display are part of the parade. Gallantry awards and Sena medals are also awarded to the soldiers for their bravery on this day.
- The Indian Army is one of the most powerful militaries of the world, competing with superpowers like the US, Russia and China. The motto of the Indian Army is

‘service before self’ and its mission is to ensure national security and national unity, defend the nation from external aggression and internal threats, and maintain peace and security within its borders. Salute to the brave soldiers, who risk and sacrifice their lives to protect us. Even the Prime Minister of India Lal Bahadur Shastri in 1965 had given the slogan like “Jai Jawan Jai Kisan”.



Maroon Beret Ceremonial Parade At Garud Regimental Training Centre

- To mark the successful completion of training of Air Force Special Forces ‘Garud’ Commandos, Maroon Beret Ceremonial Parade was held on 14 January 2023 at Garud Regimental Training Centre (GRTC), Air Force Station Chandinagar. Air Marshal Surat Singh AVSM VM VSM was the Reviewing officer for the parade.
- The Reviewing Officer congratulated the Garuds on successful completion of their training. He emphasised the importance of rigorous training and honing of Special Forces skills to keep pace with the changing security scenario. He presented Maroon Beret, Garud Proficiency Badge and Special Forces Tabs to the successful Garud trainees and gave away trophies to the meritorious trainees. The best all-rounder trophy was presented to AC Vikram Davar.

- As part of the ceremony, Garuds demonstrated combat firing skill, hostage rescue, firing drill, assault explosives, obstacle crossing drill, wall climbing, slithering, rappelling and military martial arts.
- The Maroon Beret Ceremonial Parade is a significant event that marks the culmination of an extremely demanding training schedule. These newly passed out trainees enter the elite Garud force and add strength to the operational capability of IAF.



Indian Army's Training To Now Include 'Mixed Martial Arts'

- Along with fundamental skills like firing, physical endurance and battlecraft, Army soldiers will now also learn a form of 'mixed martial arts' as well. The 12-lakh force has launched a 'unique and standardized' unarmed combat drill called the **Army Martial Arts Routine (AMAR)**.
- The first batch of 99 instructors for AMAR has successfully undergone five weeks of training at the Army Institute of Physical Training at Pune. "There will be an initial pool of 700 such instructors, who in turn will teach at the officers' training academies and different regimental centres for jawans'.
- The AMAR programme was announced by General Manoj Pande in the run-up to the Army Day on January 15, who said it will help soldiers not just physically, but also mentally.
- But such a programme in the era of long standoff weapons, smart bombs, drones, electronic warfare and hypersonic missiles? While the Army did not link AMAR to heightened tensions along the 3,488-km Line of Actual Control, it comes in the backdrop of frequent violent physical clashes between Indian and

Chinese troops, with the latter often armed with nail-studded rods, spiked clubs and batons in what resembles medieval combat.

- “Soldiers need to be prepared across all basic skills of war-fighting, which can often throw up surprises and challenges. These include non-kinetic means like hand-to-hand combat situations in conventional, non-conventional and military operations other than war,” another officer said.
- Boxing and wrestling are prominent sports in the Army, while some regiments also have their own version of martial arts. “Some Madras Regiment soldiers, for instance, are adept in the ancient martial art of Kerala called Kalaripayattu. Similarly, Sikh troops have Gatka and Gorkha regiments have their Khukri drills. But there is no fixed training programme as such,” he said.



INS Delhi Arrives In Sri Lanka's Port City Of Trincomalee

- The Sri Lankan Navy welcomed the Indian naval ship INS Delhi, which arrived in the north-eastern port city of Trincomalee on Sunday, with 390 crew members on board on a two-day official visit.
- The INS Delhi is 163.2 metre-long, and is the lead ship of her class of guided-missile destroyers of the Indian Navy. It comes days ahead of External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's visit to the island nation, scheduled between January 19 to 20.
- During the ship's two-day stay, the crew will participate in numerous programmes organised by the Sri Lanka Navy, with a view to promoting cooperation and goodwill between the navies of both the countries.
- Length: 163 m
- Launched: 20 March 1995

- Construction started: 12 December 1992
- Draft: 6.5 m
- Beam: 17 m
- Builder: Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
- Speed: 32 knots (59 km/h; 37 mph)



Veterans' Day Celebrated All Across The Nation

- The Indian Armed Forces celebrated the 7th Armed Forces Veterans' Day on 14 January 2023. Veterans' Day is celebrated in recognition of the services rendered by the First Commander-in-Chief of Indian Armed Forces, Field Marshal KM Cariappa, OBE who retired on this day in 1953.
- The celebrations also witnessed the release of **SAMMAAN magazine**, a yearly journal published by Directorate of Indian Army Veterans covering informative articles and various topics of interest to the veteran community. The Indian Air Force also released the **VAYU SEMVEDNA** magazine on the occasion.
- The Armed Forces Veterans' Day is being commemorated since **14 Jan 2017** to reaffirm the camaraderie between the retired, the serving and the nation on this day takes a moment to reflect, remember & honour the heroes who made the supreme sacrifice and selflessly served the nation.



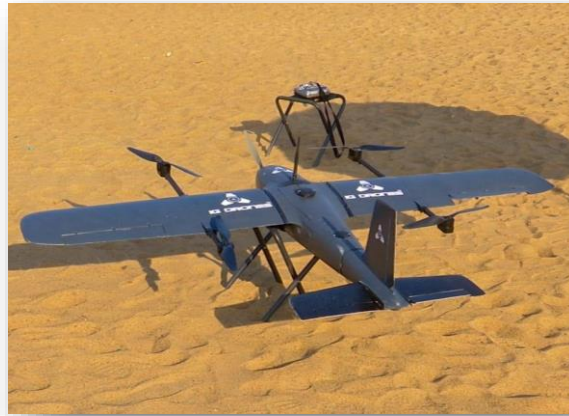
We Will Increase Number Of Empanelled Hospitals: COAS Manoj Pande

- General Manoj Pande, the Chief of Army Staff of the Indian Army, on the occasion of the 7th Army Veteran Day on Saturday stated that the army is planning to incorporate more empanelled hospitals while the polyclinic budget has also been increased.
- The Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar while addressing the occasion said, “The MoUs signed with the nine corporates for employment of ex-servicemen and the next kin showcase that the Indian Navy has the ‘care and welfare of veterans as a top priority’.”
- The Chief of Defence Staff, Gen Anil Chauhan, and the three service chiefs, the Army Chief General, the Air Chief Marshal and the Navy Chief Admiral laid wreaths at the National War Memorial (NWM) on the occasion of Armed Forces Veterans Day.



Startup firm IG Drones Develops India's First 5G-enabled Drone, Skyhawk

- Startup firm IG Drones, which was born out of the Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology campus in Odisha's Sambalpur has developed a 5G-enabled drone that is capable of vertical take-off and landing. As it's a VTOL (Vertical Take-off and Landing), it can be operated from any terrain without the need for a conventional runway.
- The drone named Skyhawk can be used in defence and medical applications, among other sectors. The drone can carry a 10 kg payload and has an endurance of around five hours.
- With Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) providing 5G services in the country, these drones can be controlled with much more precision and can be controlled from the command centre directly rather than being on the field.
- With the addition of Artificial intelligence and thermal imaging capabilities, the drones can be used in monitoring border intrusion and also during regular patrolling by the defence forces.
- It is IP67 rated and can be controlled via a combination of NavIC + GPS navigational satellites which remain connected in the upper range of 50 to 60 in case of failsafe activation.
- The drone is also capable of operating through satellites in case an internet link is not available.



Review Questions

1. Garud Regimental Training Centre Air Force Station Is In

- A. Chandinagar
- B. Chandigarh
- C. Chennai
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: A

2. __Armed Forces Veterans' Day Celebrated Across The Country.

- A. 5th
- B. 6th
- C. 7th
- D. 8th

ANSWER: C

3. EX HARIMAU SHAKTI - 2022 Held At

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. Bharat
- D. Malaysia

ANSWER: D

4. __ Arrives In the Sri Lanka's Port City Of Trincomalee.

- A. INS Chennai
- B. INS Saryu
- C. INS Delhi
- D. INS Kolkata

ANSWER: C

5. General Electric Aerospace Company Hq Is Located In

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Bharat
- D. Italy

ANSWER: A

6. India's First 5G-enabled Drone, Skyhawk Developed By

- A. DRDO
- B. Israel Aerospace Industries
- C. DRDO & NASA
- D. IG Drones

ANSWER: D

7. Rafale-M Is Manufactured By

- A. DRDO
- B. Israel Aerospace Industries
- C. Dassault Aviation
- D. Boeing

ANSWER: C

8. SITMEX Ex Is Done Among

- A.** India, Singapore, and Thailand
- B.** India, Sri Lanka and Thailand
- C.** Indonesia, Singapore, and Thailand
- D.** None of the above

ANSWER: A

9. Commander Rank Of the Indian Navy Is Equivalent To the Rank Of IAF Is

- A. Wing Commander
- B. Squadron Leader
- C. Group Captain

D. Flying Officer

ANSWER: A

10. INS Visakhapatnam (D66) Manufactured By

A. GRSE

B. MDL

C. CSL

D. Boeing

ANSWER: B

11. ZA'IR-AL-BAHR Exercise Held B/W India And ___?

A. China

B. USA

C. Qatar

D. Singapore

ANSWER: C

12. "The Greatest Glory In Living Lies Not In Never Falling, But In Rising Every Time We Fall.' Is Said By

A. Arjan Singh

B. Mahatma Gandhi

C. Nelson Mandela

D. Sardar Patel

ANSWER: C

13. INS Baaz Airport Located In

A. Bihar

B. Daman and Diu

C. Andaman and Nicobar Islands

D. Chandigarh

ANSWER: C

14. Banjul Is The Capital Of

A. Gabon

B. Fiji

C. Ethiopia

D. Gambia

ANSWER: D

15. "Braving A Viral Storm: India's Covid-19 Vaccine Story" Book Is Written By

- A. Aashish Chandorkar
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Irfan Habib

ANSWER: A

16. Which Of The Following Is A Land-locked Harbour?

- A. Haldia
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Ennore
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: B

17. Maintenance Command of The IAF Is In

- A. Nagpur
- B. New Delhi
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

18. Speed of K-15 Sagarika Is

- A. Mach 5.5
- B. Mach 6.5
- C. Mach 7.5
- D. Mach 8.5

ANSWER: C

19. Mundra Port Is In

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

ANSWER: D

20. War Cry of NAGA REGIMENT

- A. Bharat Mata ki Jai
- B. Ki ki so so Lhargyalo

- C. Jai Durga Naga
- D. Durga Mata Ki Jai

ANSWER: C



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