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Defence Current Affairs

22-23 January 2023

Raksha Mantri Padak & Commendation Cards to Cadets

- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh, on January 21, 2023, visited the National Cadet Corps (NCC) Republic Day Camp at Delhi Cantt and gave away Raksha Mantri Padak & Commendation Cards to cadets for their exemplary performance and devotion to duty. This year, the Raksha Mantri Padak was awarded to Under Officer Tinggeuchile Nriame of North Eastern Region Directorate and Cadet Avinash Jangir of Rajasthan Directorate. The Raksha Mantri Commendation Cards were awarded to Captain Pratap Keshari Harichandan of Odisha Directorate, Cadet Under Officer Jenny Francina Victor Anand of Tamil Nadu, Puducherry & Andaman & Nicobar Directorate, Cadet Fiza Shafi of Jammu & Kashmir & Ladakh Directorate and Cadet Sehwaq Rana of Uttarakhand Directorate.
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- In an inspirational address to around 2,000 cadets, who are participating in the camp, the Raksha Mantri exhorted them to identify new ways and strive to help the nation move forward on the path of development with faster pace. He, however, urged them to stay connected with the country's age-old values & traditions and work in the field of their choice with humility.
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- Emphasising on the need to mould oneself according to the changing times, Shri Rajnath Singh said, no stone is being left unturned by the Government to equip the nation to deal with challenges that may arise due to the fast-evolving global security scenario. He, however, maintained that while changing with time is essential, staying connected with the country's glorious past is equally important. The aim is to build a strong and prosperous India, rooted in its culture and traditions, he said.
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- The Raksha Mantri also called upon the youth to eliminate the concept of 'Use & Throw', pointing out that directly or indirectly society & the environment suffer the most due to this practice. Saying that destruction of environment means destruction of life, he appealed to the youth & the nation at large to reuse goods as far as possible and work for the conservation of nature. He also encouraged the youth to not let the 'Use & Throw' concept enter their personal lives, urging them to respect the elders, family & friends. He stated that while knowledge and education are important, life values hold equal relevance.
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- Shri Rajnath Singh urged the cadets to focus on character building as much as they pay attention to gaining knowledge and earning wealth. He expressed confidence that the cadets, with their hard work, dedication and values, will touch heights of success and bring laurels to the country. "The path of India's progress goes through the youth. The stronger our youth is, the stronger our country will be," he said.
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- The Raksha Mantri appreciated the NCC for transforming its cadets into a well-rounded personality by inculcating the qualities of a leader, soldier, artist and above all a good human being. "Unity, discipline, truthfulness, courage, harmony, leadership and teamwork taught at the NCC have always been the guiding light of our country. Some of the most important qualities the NCC imbibes in its cadets are determination to achieve a desired goal, team spirit and getting rid of the fear of failure. This not only helps the young minds to create their own path, but also gives a new direction to society. There is a need to keep working on these qualities as it makes a person perfect & complete in the longer run," he told the cadets.



ICG Conducted A One-week Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre

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- Indian Coast Guard (ICG) conducted a one-week Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) operations & Search and Rescue (SAR) course in Mumbai between January 16-21, 2023. The course was conducted under the aegis of Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme (ITEC) for officers and sailors of Maritime Security Agencies from six friendly countries - Bangladesh, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Myanmar and Maldives. A total of 22 trainees (10 officers & 12 sailors) participated in the specialised training.
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- The course is modelled and designed in consonance with the best international practices primarily envisaging the Legal background domain of Maritime Search and Rescue, Planning and Coordination, Global Maritime Distress and Safety System, Lectures on Harmonisation of Aeronautical and Maritime SAR, satellite-aided SAR operations and case studies on maritime SAR incidents amongst others.
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- The training also included lectures by visiting faculties from Indian National Mission Control Centre, Indian Space Research Organisation, Airports Authority

of India, Indian Centre for Ocean Information Services and subject matter experts from the ICG. Training visits and On Job Training at MRCC Mumbai, Director General Shipping Communication Centre and Air Traffic Control, Mumbai Airport were also held. The course was inaugurated by Commander Coast Guard Region (West) Inspector General MV Badkar.



Garud Special Forces of IAF To Participate First Time In Republic Day Parade

- The Garud Special Forces of the Indian Air Force will be marching on the Kartavya Path during this year's Republic Day parade for the first time.
- **Squadron Leader PS Jaitawat** will be leading the Garud team as part of the IAF contingent and **Squadron Leader Sindhu Reddy** will be the contingent commander.
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- 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.



IAF To Hold Exercise Pralay Along LAC In Northeast

- The Indian Air Force will carry out Exercise Pralay involving all its major air bases in the northeast including the recently moved drone squadrons in the northeast amid the ongoing standoff with China, informed officials.
- This is the second such command-level exercise carried out by the IAF in recent months.
- The exercise planned to be held in the next few days also comes at a time when the Indian Air Force has deployed and activated the S-400 air defence squadron in the area which can take on any enemy aircraft or missile from a distance of up to 400 km.
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- According to officials, the exercise would see major combat assets of the Air Force including the Rafale and Su-30 fighter jets activated along with the transport and other aircraft.
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- The IAF recently moved a squadron of drones from other bases to the northeast to augment its capabilities of monitoring adversary activities along the Sikkim and the Siliguri Corridor sector.
- The IAF's Eastern Command in Shillong has the entire northeast air space to look after along the China border and frequently scrambles its fighters the moment

the Chinese try to fly too close to the LAC or move in a direction towards Indian locations there.



Indian Army To Showcase NAG Missile Carrier NAMICA at RD 2023

- After nearly two decades of development and user trials, the third generation Anti Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) NAG and NAG Missile Carrier NAMICA will be showcased for the first time at the Republic Day Parade this year.
- The final user trial of the third generation ATGM NAG was conducted from the Pokhran range in 2020. Following that, the Indian Army ordered NAG “Fire & Forget” “Top Attack” ATGM mounted on the NAG missile carrier NAMICA, which is a BMP II-based system with amphibious capability.
- The Nag missile is a Indian third-generation, all-weather, fire-and-forget, lock-on after launch, top-attack, anti-tank guided missile with an operational range of 500 metres to 7000 metres km with the potential of being developed in future versions to 20,000 metres. It is said to possess a single-shot hit probability of 90% {77% according to some journals} and a ten-year, maintenance-free shelf life. Even if the hit probability is 75% in real life it is very good. The Nag has the following variants under development/ service:
- The guidance system is based on an imaging infrared (IIR) seeker working together with a low-light TV camera that together ensure a high target accuracy in both top and front attack modes. If desired at the last moments off light the Nag rises upwards suddenly and then bends down at a steep angle to aim for

the target from atop hitting the top of the armoured vehicle usually having the thinnest armour. A real-time image processor located next to the guidance package helps enable automatic target detection and tracking capability.



Amphibious Exercise AMPHEX 2023

- The largest biennial Tri-Services amphibious exercise – AMPHEX 2023 – involving the Indian Army, Indian Air Force (IAF), and the Indian Navy, was conducted near Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh from January 17 to January 22. The joint operations conducted during the exercise saw the participation of a large number of troops from the Indian Army, amphibious warships from the Indian Navy, and aircraft from the IAF. AMPHEX 2023 included complex activities in all domains that demonstrated a high level of preparedness and coordination among the three services to undertake the full spectrum of amphibious operations.
- The Indian Army has also obtained the Intellectual Property Right (IPR) of the design and camouflage pattern of its newly introduced Camouflage Pattern Dress. The improved combat uniform was unveiled by the Chief of Army Staff during Army Day.
- The copyright of the design is with the Indian Army for 10 years and it is extendable by another five years. This has been done to prevent unauthorised vendors from manufacturing and selling combat pattern dress in the open market. As per orders, these uniforms can only be sold in the Unit Run Canteens

of the Indian Army. Due to the IPR, the Indian Army now possesses exclusive rights to the design and can file a legal suit against any design infringement and unauthorised reproduction of the design.



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Review Questions

EXAMS

1. Exercise Pralay Will Be Held In

- A. Sikkim
- B. J&K
- C. Arunachala Pradesh
- D. Ladakh

ANSWER: A

2. __ To Participate For The First Time In Republic Day Parade.

- A. Para SF
- B. NSG
- C. Garud Special Forces
- D. None

ANSWER: C

3. ICG Conducted Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre Operations & Search And Rescue In

- A. Noida
- B. Chennai
- C. Mumbai
- D. Pune

ANSWER: C

4. Amphibious Exercise AMPHEX 2023 Is A

- A. Bilateral Ex
- B. Multinational Ex
- C. Tri-Services Ex
- D. None

ANSWER: C

5. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Birth Anniversary Is Observed On

- A. 22 January
- B. 23 January
- C. 24 January
- D. 25 January

ANSWER: B

6. EX EKATHA Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: D

7. Port Al-Shuwaikh Is Located At

- A. Kuwait
- B. Oman
- C. Iran
- D. Pakistan

ANSWER: A

8. Motto of NSG Is

- A. शं नो वरुणः
- B. नभः स्पृशं दीप्तम्

- C. सर्वत्र सर्वोत्तम सुरक्षा
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

9. Ex Tiger Triumph 2022 Conducted At

- A. Chennai
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Kochi
- D. Bakloh

ANSWER: A

10. The Submarines In The Project-75 Scorpene Class Are Powered By

- A. Diesel-electric propulsion systems
- B. Nuclear Powered Submarine
- C. Hydrogen Fueled Submarine
- D. None

ANSWER: A

11. World Economic Forum Was Established In

- A. 24 January 1971
- B. 25 January 1972
- C. 26 January 1973
- D. 24 January 1974

ANSWER: A

12. DRDO Rustom Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. UAV
- C. Submarine
- D. Destroyer

ANSWER: B

13. "Bolo Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj ki jai" Is The War Cry Of

- A. Maratha Light Infantry Regiment
- B. Grenadiers
- C. Punjab Regiment
- D. Parachute Regiment

ANSWER: A

14. 'Conakry' Is The Capital Of

- A. Greece
- B. Qatar
- C. UAE
- D. Guinea

ANSWER: A

15. "Gita Govinda: Jaydeva's Divine Odyssey" Book Is Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Dr. Utpal K. Banerjee
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Dr. Prabhleen Singh

ANSWER: B

16. 'Nirdeshak' Ship Is built by

- A. MDL
- B. GRSE
- C. CSL
- D. DRDO

ANSWER: B

17. Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Udan Akademi

- A. Amethi
- B. Chennai
- C. Jammu
- D. Jalandhar

ANSWER: A

18. Army School of Physical Training Is At

- A. Pune
- B. Pachmarhi
- C. Chennai
- D. Bangalore

ANSWER: A

19. BSF Was Formed On

- A. 1 December 1965
- B. 10 December 1975
- C. 11 December 1985

D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

20. Ex 'LAMITIYE' Conducted b/w India &

A. Qatar

B. Oman

C. UAE

D. Seychelles

ANSWER: D



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