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Defence Current Affairs

26-27 January 2023

President Approves Tatrakshak Medals To Six Indian Coast Guard Personnel

- The President has awarded **President's Tatrakshak Medal (PTM)** and **Tatrakshak Medal (TM)** to the following ICG Personnel for their act of conspicuous gallantry, exceptional devotion to duty and distinguished/meritorious service on the occasion of the Republic Day 2023:

President's Tatrakshak Medal (Distinguished Service)

- IG Anand Prakash Badola, TM (0248-M)

Tatrakshak Medal (Gallantry)

- Comdt Durgesh Chandra Tiwari (0645-P)
- Rishi, P/Nvk(R), 12196-T
- Mohit Kumar Yadav, U/Nvk (RP), 13830-M

Tatrakshak Medal (Meritorious Service)

- DIG Himanshu Nautiyal (0298-C)
- Sant Lal, P/Adh(RO), 01566-P

These awards are being given to the personnel of Indian Coast Guard on the occasion of Republic Day and Independence Day every year, since January 26, 1990.



Distinguished Service And Gallantry Awards To Indian Navy Personnel On Rd- 2023

- The President has approved awards to Indian Naval personnel on the eve of Republic day celebrations with distinguished service and gallantry awards on the occasion 26 Jan 2023: -

PARAM VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL

1. V ADM RAVINDRA BHARTRUHARI PANDIT, AVSM
2. V ADM BISWAJIT DASGUPTA, AVSM, YSM, VSM
3. V ADM MAKARAND ARAVIND HAMPIHOLI, AVSM, NM

ATI VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL

1. V ADM DEEPAK KAPOOR
2. V ADM ADHIR ARORA, NM
3. R ADM ARVINDAN KATTERI PULIAKODE, VSM
4. R ADM SANJAY SADHU, NM
5. R ADM SAMEER SAXENA, NM
6. R ADM DHIREN VIG, VSM (RETD)
7. SURG R ADM CS NAIDU, VSM (RETD)

NAO SENA MEDAL (GALLANTRY)

1. CDR NISHANT SINGH (POSTHUMOUS)

BAR TO NAO SENA MEDAL (DEVOTION TO DUTY)

1. LT CDR SHASHANK TEWARI, NM (POSTHUMOUS)
2. HARIOM SHOKEEN, MCPO II (GW), NM (POSTHUMOUS)

NAO SENA MEDAL (DEVOTION TO DUTY)

1. SURG R ADM SHANKAR NARAYAN, VSM
2. CMDE PANKAJ SHARMA
3. CMDE ANISH MJ NAIR
4. CMDE SHANTANU JHA

5. CMDE V GANAPATHY
6. CMDE IFTEKHAR ALAM
7. CAPT SAURABH THAKUR
8. CAPT B VASU DHEERAJ
9. LT CDR RAJANIKANT YADAV (POSTHUMOUS)
10. LT CDR YOGESH TIWARI (POSTHUMOUS)
11. LT CDR ANANT KUKRETI (POSTHUMOUS)

VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL

- R ADM S GANTAYET
- CMDE KARI MURLIDHAR
- CMDE HEMANT PADBIDRI
- CMDE VEERAPPA B BELLARY
- CMDE NEERAJ UDAY
- CMDE NADUVIL PISHAROM PRADEEP
- CMDE MUKUL MADHAV SURANGE
- CMDE PRASHANT DATTATRAYA SHIDHAYE
- CMDE MANAV SEHGAL
- CAPT PARTHA UMAKANT BHATT
- CAPT KARTIK MURTHY
- CAPT SAMUEL MAMMEN ABRAHAM
- CAPT GORAV MALHOTRA
- CAPT GAURAV MEHTA
- CAPT (TS) SUNIL DUTT DOGRA
- MAHAVIR PRASAD MCPO I (UW)



Martial Arts Expert, Dan Yashpal Singh Kalsi Chosen as Karate Examiner For ITBP

- Delhi NCR-based martial arts expert, 7th Dan Karateka, Yashpal Singh Kalsi has been chosen as the Karate examiner for the Combat Wing of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Force at the end of a gruelling 6-month course in Uttarakhand where the soldiers learnt the use of Karate as a source of mental strength, physical agility and supreme self-defence. ITBP is a specialized Armed Police Force of the Nation that trains its personnel in various disciplines including mountaineering and skiing apart from intensive tactical training, thereby creating a distinctive image of the Force.
- Yashpal Singh Kalsi is one of the most illustrious names in Karate in India. A Black-belt 7th Dan, Kalsi has vast experience in martial arts overseeing large championships and building world-class sporting events including the Shroff family's Matrix MMA, Super Fight League and many more.
- "It is with great pride that we announce the appointment of Yashpal Singh Kalsi as a Karate Examiner for the Indian Tibet Border Police force. We are confident that Kalsi's wealth of knowledge and experience will greatly benefit the ITBP and we extend our congratulations to him on this appointment. Kalsi's dedication to the discipline of Karate and his commitment to excellence make him the perfect

candidate for this role. We look forward to seeing the positive impact he will have on the ITBP and the wider Karate community,” said Deputy Commandant, Purohit, who supervised the exercise.

- “There is no greater pride for a martial artist than to help the forces of their country. I have made it my life’s mission to spread the teachings of Karate and helping to train the next generation of ITBP Jawans is an honour for me, and everyone at Sanshinkan,” said Yashpal Kalsi.
- Yashpal Singh Kalsi is currently the National Commissioner of All India Mixed Martial Arts Association. He is also the Head Coach at India’s leading martial arts institute – Sanshinkan MMA, Gurgaon – where he has coached several international champions and has himself won a bronze at the U.S. Open, amongst his many accomplishments.



Veer Guardian 2023: Air Exercise Concludes

- India and Japan have concluded their maiden air exercise from January 12-26. This is the first time that the Indian Air Force and Japanese Air Self Defense Forces will be exercising together. The exercise, Veer Guardian 2023, took place at Hyakuri Air Base, Japan.
- The Indian side will be led by Sukhoi-30MKI Squadron Leader Avni Chaturvedi. This was reportedly the first time that a female fighter pilot was leading the Indian fighter squadron in a bilateral exercise with a foreign partner. The Indian

contingent saw participation of four Su-30 MKI, two C-17, and one IL-78 aircraft, whereas the Japanese side was represented by four F-2s (a Japanese development of the U.S.-built F-16 fighter) and four F-15 aircraft.

- The deployment of Indian Air Force (IAF) aircraft to Japan has allowed Tokyo to thoroughly examine the capabilities and technologies of Russian-origin combat jets while also deepening Japan's military relationship with India.
- According to Janes, the Tactical Fighter Training Group provides various air-combat training to JASDF units.



Republic Day Parade: Egyptian Army Contingent Leads March On Kartavya Path

- With India celebrating its 74th Republic Day today, a military contingent from Egypt marched towards the saluting dais on the Kartavya Path for the first time. The Egyptian army contingent participated in India's 74th Republic Day parade in the presence of Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The Egyptian military contingent led by Colonel Mahmoud Mohamed Abdel Fattah El Kharasawy consisting of 144 soldiers represented the main branches of the Egyptian armed forces. Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi attended the parade as the chief guest. It is for the first time that an Egyptian leader has been invited on India's Republic Day.

- The Egyptian forces have considered it an honour and privilege to participate in India's Republic Day parade. The Egyptian contingent carries the legacy of one of the oldest regular armies known to humanity.
- Notably, the history of the Egyptian army goes back to 3200 BC when King Narmer unified Egypt. The old Kingdom was considered to be the height of Egyptian civilisation. The modern Egyptian army was established during the rule of Muhammad Ali Pasha who is widely considered the founder of modern Egypt. He formed an army with soldiers mainly conscripted of modern Egypt.



IAF Needs \$4 Billion To Upgrade The Su-30 Fleet Into Super Sukhoi

- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's proposal to carry out the **Su-30MKI** upgrade program might be soon heading to the conclusion this year as HAL as a nodal agency will be taking up the upgradation of the nearly **150 units** that might require nearly **\$4 Billion** in funding from **IAF and MoD**.
- The Super Sukhoi will include a modernized cockpit. A major part of the upgrade also involves **avionics and sensors** that will bring it to a near fifth-generation level.
- HAL proposed Super Sukhoi program will have **Uttam Mk3 AESA Fire Control Radar** developed by DRDO's LRDE, New Mission Computers, an Upgraded

Cockpit by HAL, a New IRST system from BEL, and several other systems like LRUs from Indian vendors.



Indian Army Issues RFP For Tethered drones

- The MoD intends to procure 130 Tethered drone systems with EO/IR payload under Fast Track Procedure from Prospective buyers. A tethered drone system uses a permanent physical link, in the form of a flexible wire or cable, to provide power and communications to a UAV.
- Due to the inability of fixed-wing drones to hover, UAV tethered systems utilize quadcopters or other multirotor drones, as well as aerostats. Tethered drone systems should have an All-Up Weight of Not more than **15 Kg** with an Endurance of Not less than **06 hours** in Tethered mode and 45 min in untethered mode.
- The army is asking for Tethered drone system to have a Minimum of 7 years or 1000 landings for drones (whichever is earlier) and not less than 500 charging cycles for the battery.



ACE Develops Indigenous Special Mobile Crane for MRSAM Program

- Action Construction Equipment has developed an indigenous Special Mobile Crane for the MoD, DRDO, MRSAM (Army) program. The company has received a pilot order for manufacturing and supply of the said cranes which have been integrated into HMV 8X8 chassis by ACE.
- These cranes were imported earlier this Special Mobile Crane has been supplied to Tata Advance Systems, L&T Defence and also to DRDO.
- Indigenous Special Mobile Crane has completed all trials as mandated and was even used by DRDO recently at the firing range to replenish launchers after firing the missiles.



Review Questions

1. Rajpath Road Is Now Renamed As

- A. Modi Road
- B. Kartavya Path
- C. Rashtrapati Road
- D. Vijay Road

ANSWER: B

2. Veer Guardian 2023, Took Place At

- A. Hyakuri Air Base
- B. Noida Air Base
- C. Tokyo Air Base
- D. New Delh Air Base

ANSWER: A

3. A Military Contingent From __ Marched Towards The Saluting Dais On The Kartavya Path For The First Time.

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

ANSWER: A

4. BMP-2 Infantry Fighting Vehicle Manufactured By

- A. India
- B. Russia
- C. USA
- D. Germany

ANSWER: B

5. Which Force Issues RFP For Tethered Drones?

- A. ICG
- B. IAF

- C. Indian Army
- D. BSF

ANSWER: C

6. Project 75 Is Related To the Manufacturing Of

- A. Tank
- B. Socrpean Submarine
- C. Sniper Rifle
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: B

7. CUTLASS Express conducted By

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

ANSWER: D

8. College of Defence Management Is At

- A. Chennai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Mumbai
- D. Secunderabad

ANSWER: D

9. Space & Upper Atmosphere Research Commission Is A Space Agency Of

- A. USA
- B. Pakistan
- C. China
- D. Bhutan

ANSWER: B

10. Mechanical Training Institute (MTI) Of IAF Is In

- A. Yelahanka, Bengaluru
- B. Jalahalli, Bengaluru
- C. Tambaram Chennai
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

11. MANPADS Stands For

- A. Man Portable Daily System
- B. Man Portable Defence System
- C. Man Protective Defence System
- D. Man Port Defence System

ANSWER: B

12. 9th Edition of 'Exercise LAMITIYE', Conducted At

- A. India
- B. Iran
- C. Seychelles
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

13. Southern Army Command Headquarters Is In

- A. Jaipur
- B. Kolkata
- C. Pune
- D. Lucknow

ANSWER: C

14. 'Belmopan' Is The Capital Of

- A. Belarus
- B. Qatar
- C. Belgium
- D. Belize

ANSWER: D

**15. "COACHING BEYOND: My Days with the Indian Cricket Team" Book Is Written
By**

- A. R. Kaushik & R. Sridhar
- B. MS Dhoni
- C. Wasim Akram
- D. V.V.S Laxman

ANSWER: A

16. Saint Javelin Is A

- A. Nuclear Bomb

- B. UAV
- C. Anti-Tank Missiles
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

17. P-8I Poseidon Aircraft Manufactured By ___

- A. DRDO
- B. HAL
- C. MDL
- D. Boeing

ANSWER: D

18. 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

19. War Cry of ASSAM REGIMENT

- A. Parakramo Vijayate
- B. Rhino Charge
- C. Jai Bajrangbali
- D. Duty, Honour, courage

ANSWER: B

20. Operation Steeplechase Launched In

- A. July 1971
- B. July 1972
- C. July 1973
- D. July 1974

ANSWER: A

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