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Defence Current Affairs

04 February 2023

Canada Tracking Second Incident Of Suspected Chinese Spy Balloon

- Canada's Department of National Defence on Thursday (local time) said that it is working with the US to track a high-altitude suspected Chinese surveillance balloon, and it is monitoring a "potential second incident".
- Fighter jets were mobilized but military leaders advised President Joe Biden against shooting the balloon out of the sky for fear debris could pose a safety threat, advice Biden accepted, U.S. officials said.
- The United States took "custody" of the balloon when it entered U.S. airspace and had observed it with piloted U.S. military aircraft, one of the officials told reporters on condition of anonymity.
- Separately, Canada's defense ministry said a "high-altitude surveillance balloon" was detected and that it was monitoring a "potential second incident", without giving further details, adding that it was in frequent contact with the United States.
- The news initially broke as CIA Director William Burns was speaking at an event at Washington's Georgetown University, where he called China the "biggest geopolitical challenge" currently facing the United States.
- "The United States government has detected and is tracking a high-altitude surveillance balloon that is over the continental United States right now," Pentagon spokesperson Brigadier General Patrick Ryder told reporters.
- "The balloon is currently traveling at an altitude well above commercial air traffic and does not present a military or physical threat to people on the ground."



Some Units Reported Minor Injuries To Para Troopers In 2022: MoS Defence

- Some military units reported minor injuries to para troopers while using airborne helmets last year, Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt said on Friday. He said this in Lok Sabha while replying to a question on whether airborne helmets procured for special forces malfunctioned resulting in injuries to troops.
- The contract for procurement of ballistic helmets at a cost of Rs 170.81 crores was signed in December, 2016.
- Bhatt said necessary proceedings have been initiated in the matter to take suitable action as per laid down policy.
- The minister said airborne helmets, based on technical specifications obtained after trials, were duly inspected by the **Authority Holding Sealed Particulars (AHSP)** which is Controller of Quality Assurance (General Stores), Kanpur.



Crown Group Defence's Aero-Space Division Fully Equipped to Provide Full MRO & Avionics Support

- The Crown Group with over 40 years of expertise in MRO activities with their recent major international OEM tie-ups is fully equipped and all set to provide full MRO & Avionics support to existing fleet of Indian Fighter Jets such as Mig 29K of the Indian Navy and MiG-29, Jaguar, Mirage 2000 and Sukoi - 30 of the IAF.
- Crown Group Defence, India's leading defence MRO major supporting the "Atmanirbhar Bharat" initiative has set up two state of the art facilities managed by a core team of trained professionals, both from the military and industry catering to Defence Aerospace MRO and Avionics repairs.
- Crown Group Defence recently partnered with a leading French electronic system manufacturing and testing group, to establish Electronic Repair Center and for joint development and deployment of maintenance test solutions for the Indian Defence sector.
- India has fairly large military aviation assets that have been acquired from international OEMs over last many years. Keeping these assets serviceable and combat-ready is paramount and has been a much bigger challenge over acquisition, especially so in times when spares, components and technology supply lines have been affected due to various reasons.
- Crown Group Defence will showcase its indigenously developed technology innovations in maintenance, modernisation, repair and servicing for the Indian Aviation-Defence Forces, Air Force, Navy, Land Forces and Coast Guard at the

Aero-India 2023, 13th – 17th February 2023, at Chalet no. 41, Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru.



Army Chief Manoj Pande Meets Cambodian Military Commander, Discuss Defence Ties

- Indian Army Chief General Manoj Pande on Friday met Commander of Royal Cambodian Army Lt General Hun Manet in the national capital. The discussions focussed on strengthening bilateral defence cooperation between the two countries.
- During the interaction between General Pande and Lt Gen Manet, 'Terms of Reference' for staff talks between the two armies were signed and folders on customised training for Royal Cambodian Army were exchanged.
- General Pande reaffirmed India's support to Cambodia by offering customised training modules for the Royal Cambodian Army and Lt Gen Hun Manet announced the schedule for the conduct of the first Army to Army Staff Talks in Cambodia.
- He is also scheduled to meet Gen Anil Chauhan, the Chief of Defence Staff, prior to his departure from New Delhi.
- Cambodia remains a key partner in India's 'Act East' policy. Both nations share cordial relations in the field of defence and security.
- Defence Cooperation between both countries is governed by a bilateral defence cooperation agreement signed in 2007.



IAF To Acquire New Transport Aircraft Under 'Make In India' Initiative

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) has initiated the process of acquiring a Medium Transport Aircraft (MTA), which is to be manufactured in the country under the 'Make in India' initiative.
- The MTA, to be used for various roles of a transport aircraft, would have a cargo carrying capacity of between 18 to 30 tonnes, the IAF said on Friday.
- Several projects for the domestic manufacturing of various defence platforms such as missiles, field guns, tanks, aircraft carriers, drones, fighter planes, tanks, and helicopters are currently underway to meet the defence modernisation needs of the Indian armed forces.
- India has embarked on a massive transformation of its defence sector through the ambitious 'Make in India' programme.



Review Questions

1. Crown Group Defence Mainly Involves In

- A. Tank Manufacturing Process
- B. MRO Operation
- C. Submarine Manufacturing Process
- D. None

ANSWER: B

2. Hq Of Southern Command Of the Indian Army Is In

- A. Jodhpur
- B. Pune
- C. Jaisalmer
- D. Lucknow

ANSWER: B

3. Ex 'DUSTLIK' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. Uzbekistan
- D. Thailand

ANSWER: C

4. Brigadier Rank of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Navy?

- A. Commodore
- B. Captain
- C. Commander
- D. Lieutenant

ANSWER: A

5. Which Corps Of Indian Army Handles Military Communications?

- A. Army Service Corps
- B. Army Aviation Corps
- C. Corps of Signals

D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

6. The Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School Is In

A. Vairengte, Mizoram

B. Pune, M.H.

C. Lucknow, U.P.

D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

7. India And Sri Lanka Are Separated By -

A. Palk Strait

B. Indian Ocean

C. Lakshadweep

D. Arabian Sea

ANSWER: A

8. "Sarvatra" (Everywhere) Is The Motto Of

A. JKRF

B. RR

C. CORPS OF ENGINEERS

D. Madras Regiment

ANSWER: C

9. LADAKH SCOUTS Is Also Known As

A. Snow Warriors

B. Fighter

C. Protector

D. Veera

ANSWER: A

10. Exercise Bison Conducted B/w India &

A. USA

B. UK

C. Australia

D. Indonesia

ANSWER: C

11. Exercise Bison Conducted At

- A. Darwin
- B. Perth
- C. Vishakhapatnam
- D. Pune

ANSWER: C

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

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

ANSWER: A

13. Rajputana Rifles Hq Is In

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

ANSWER: D

14. World's Longest Atal Tunnel Above 10,000 Feet, At Rohtang Built By___

- A. MHA
- B. BRO
- C. NHAI
- D. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

ANSWER: B

15. 'Phnom Penh' Is The Capital Of

- A. Laos
- B. Indonesia
- C. Cambodia
- D. China

ANSWER: C

16. "The Boy Who Wrote a Constitution" Book Is Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Rajesh Talwar

ANSWER: D

17. Ex 'HARIMAU SHAKTI' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: C

18. Air Commodore Rank Of IAF Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Army?

- A. Brigadier
- B. Lt. Gen
- C. Captain
- D. Major General

ANSWER: A

19. International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Hq Is At

- A. London, United Kingdom
- B. Vienna, Austria
- C. Paris, France
- D. Geneva, Switzerland

ANSWER: A

20. CISF Comes Under

- A. MEA
- B. MHA
- C. MoD
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

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