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Defence Current Affairs

25 February 2023

Launch Of First MCA Barge Yard 75

- Missile Cum Ammunition (MCA) Barge, Yard 75 (LSAM 7) was launched by RAdm Sandeep Mehta, ACWP&A on 24 Feb 23 at Guttene Devi, launch site of M/s SECON, Visakhapatnam. With all major and auxiliary equipment / systems sourced from indigenous manufacturers, this Barge is proud flag bearer of “Make in India” initiative of Ministry of Defence.
- Contract for construction of 08 x MCA Barge was concluded with M/s SECON, Visakhapatnam, a MSME, in consonance with “Aatmanirbhar Bharat” initiatives of the Government of India. This Barge is being built with a service life of 30 years. The availability of MCA Barges will provide impetus to Operational commitments of IN by facilitating Transportation, Embarkation and Disembarkation of articles / ammunition to IN Ships both alongside jetties and at outer harbours.



Indian Army Ending Legacy Practices Of Using Buggies, Pipe Bands During Dinners

- In line with PM Narendra Modi's directions, the Indian Army led by General Manoj Pande has initiated the process to do away with the legacy practices like

using **horse-driven buggies** in functions, pulling out ceremonies on retirement and using **pipe bands** during dinners.

- The following shall cease or be discontinued from now on including the use of buggies, pulling out ceremony and using pipers during dinner nights, a formation of the Indian Army issued instructions to the units under it in this regard.
- **The English names** of some units, renaming the name of buildings, establishments, roads, parks, an institutions like Auchinleck or Kitchener House are also under review and action has already been taken in this regard in many cases.
- The document said that the use of buggies in the units or formations for ceremonial functions will be seized, and the horses used for these functions would be made available for training purposes to other formations.
- As per an official release, the first Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) Regiment is raised in the Eastern Command. The Regiment has been equipped with MRSAM Weapon System indigenously developed by DRDO.



IAF's C-17 Deliveries ALH Mk-III To Mauritius

- C-17 aircraft of IAF MCC landed in Mauritius with an ALH MK III helicopter to be handed over to the Govt. of Mauritius.
- This new addition will add to the fleet strength of PHS, thereby redoubling its operational capabilities.

- The ALH Mk-III helicopters, indigenously manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), features state-of-the-art equipment including advanced RADAR as well as Electro optical sensors, Shakti engines, full glass cockpit, high-intensity search light, advanced communication systems, automatic identification system as well as search-and-rescue homer. This feature enables the helicopter to undertake maritime reconnaissance as well as carry out search and rescue at extended ranges while operating from ships, both by day and night.
- Bilateral merchandise trade between India and Mauritius rose to USD 786.72 million in 2021-22 from USD 690.02 million in 2019-20.
- Both sides agreed to enhance bilateral collaboration to further increase bilateral trade and realize the true potential of the bilateral relationship especially under the CECPA.



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Looking Forward To Continue To Develop, Foster Relationship With Indian Military: Pentagon

- The United States is looking forward to continue to develop and foster its relationship with the Indian military, the Pentagon has said.
- “The US and India enjoy a good partnership. We look forward to continuing to develop and foster our relationship with the Indian military,” Pentagon Press Secretary Air Force Brig Gen Pat Ryder.
- In 1997, defence trade b/w India and the US was almost negligible, today it stands above USD 20 billion.

- Last month during a press conference, Ryder said that India is a "great example" of countries who are choosing security assistance from the US, underlining that it was ready for any response to wean them away from Russia.
- India has faced flak from US lawmakers, both Republicans and Democrats, for choosing to abstain from a UN vote to rebuke Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
- US officials have expressed concern over India's purchase of the S-400 missile systems by Russia.
- In October 2018, India signed a USD 5 billion deal with Russia to buy five units of the S-400 Triumf air defence missile systems to ramp up its air defence, despite a warning from the then-Trump administration that going ahead with the contract may invite US sanctions.



Indian, Japanese Troops Share Experience In Unarmed Combat Techniques

- The troops of the Indian Army and Japanese Ground Self Defence Forces shared their experience and expertise in sub-conventional operations and unarmed combat techniques during the ongoing joint training in Japan.
- India-Japan joint training exercise "Dharma Guardian" is being conducted at Camp Imazu in the Shiga province of Japan from February 17 to March 2.
- It is the fourth edition of the joint military Exercise "Dharma Guardian" between India and Japan.
- The troops of the Garhwal Rifles Regiment of the Indian Army and an Infantry Regiment from the Middle Army of the Japan Ground Self-Defence Force (JGSDF) participated in the joint training exercise.

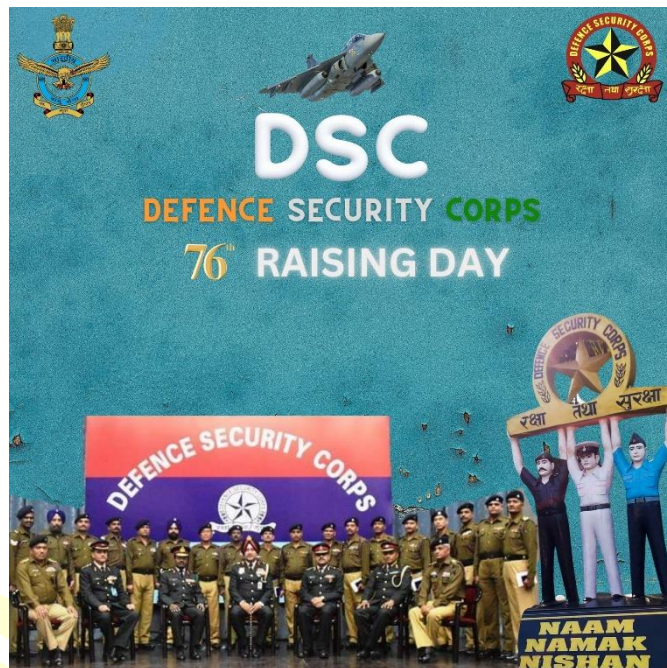
- During the joint exercise, the armies of the two nations are sharing experiences gained during operations to bolster interoperability in planning and execution.
- “Notably, in the series of military training exercises undertaken by India with various countries, Exercise DHARMA GUARDIAN which is an annual training event with Japan, is crucial and significant in terms of security challenges faced by both nations in the backdrop of the current global situation,” the Ministry of Defence said.



76th Raising Day Of DSC

- Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, CAS and all personnel of the IAF convey their greetings & best wishes to the personnel & families of Defence Security Corps DSC on the occasion of their 76th Raising Day.
- On the occasion of 76th Raising Day of Defence Service Corps DSC, Lt Gen Ravin Khosla, DCOAS (IS & C) & Colonel Commandant DSC laid a Wreath at National War Memorial NWM and paid homage to the Bravehearts.
- The Defence Security Corps, is a corps of the Indian Army responsible for providing security cover to the defence installations of the three services and other sensitive installations. The DSC troops are sanctioned and attached to various bases/installations to ensure protection against sabotage and pilferage.
- Founded: 1947
- Active: 25 February 1947 – Present
- Motto(s): "Raksha Tatha Surkasha"

- Branch: Indian Army
- Role: Protection and Security of Defence Installations
- Regimental Centre: Kannur, Kerala



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Review Questions

1. International Defence Exhibition (IDEX) Military Expo Held In

- A. USA
- B. UAE
- C. Israel
- D. Russia

ANSWER: B

2. Current Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council Is

- A. Nilesh Shah
- B. Dr. Sajjid Chinoy
- C. Rakesh Mohan
- D. Dr. Bibek Debroy

ANSWER: D

3. Which Edition Of Ex Dharma Guardian 23 Is Being Conducted?

- A. 4th
- B. 6th
- C. 7th
- D. 8th

ANSWER: A

4. Bharat Purchased S-400 Triumf ADM Systems From

- A. USA
- B. UAE
- C. Israel
- D. Russia

ANSWER: D

5. The First Nuclear Power Plant In North Bharat Would Be Built In

- A. U.P.
- B. New Delhi
- C. Haryana
- D. J&K

ANSWER: C

6. 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

7. Ennore Port Is At

- A. Kerala
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. West Bengal
- D. Gujarat

ANSWER: B

8. College of Air Warfare Is At

- A.** Pune
- B.** Gurugram

- C. Wellington
- D. Secunderabad

ANSWER: D

9. "Love, Truth and A Little Malice" Book Written By

- A. Khushwant Singh
- B. Mahashweta Devi
- C. Kiran Bedi
- D. Amrita Pritam

ANSWER: A

10. SPYDER Air-defense System New Laser-based Air Defence System Made By

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Israel
- D. Russia

ANSWER: C

11. C-130J Super Hercules Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Transport Aircraft

ANSWER: D

12. Which Is Not Correctly Matched:

- A. IAF Day: 8 Oct
- B. Indian Navy Day: 4 Dec
- C. Indian Army Day: 15 Jan
- D. Partition Horrors Remembrance Day : 15th August

ANSWER: D

13. Accra Is The Capital Of

- A. Ghana
- B. Greece
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

14. In Which Country Is The Headquarter Of the Asian Development Bank Located?

- A. Malaysia
- B. Indonesia
- C. Thailand
- D. Philippines

ANSWER: A

15. "Man And Superman" Book Written By

- A. George Bernard Shaw
- B. Jules Verne
- C. Gunnar Myrdal
- D. Yogananda Paramhans

ANSWER: A

16. DESERT EAGLE Exercise Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: C

17. Major General Rank Of the Indian Army Is Equivalent To the Rank Of IAF Is

- A. Commander
- B. Squadron Leader
- C. Group Captain
- D. Air Vice Marshal

ANSWER: D

18. Which Of The Following Two Countries Are Separated By The 49th Parallel?

- A. Mexico and USA
- B. North Korea and South Korea
- C. France and Germany
- D. USA and Canada

ANSWER: D

19. JCPOA Stands For

- A. Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action
- B. Joint Comprehensive Plan of Act

- C. Joint Comprehensive Plane of Action
- D. None

ANSWER: A

20. Which Country Is Not The Part Of The Indo-pacific Region?

- A. India
- B. Malaysia
- C. Sudan
- D. Indonesia

ANSWER: C

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