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Defence Current Affairs

28 March 2023

Over 1.55 Lakh Posts Vacant In Three Forces

- The three-armed forces are facing a deficiency of around **1.55 lakh personnel** with the Army accounting for the maximum **1.36 lakh vacancies**, the Rajya Sabha was informed.
- In a written reply, **Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt** said the shortage of armed forces personnel and mitigating measures are reviewed regularly and numerous measures have been initiated to fill the vacancies and encourage youth to join the Services.
- Bhatt said there is a shortage of **8,129 officers in the Indian Army** that includes **Army Medical Corps** and **Army Dental Corps**.
- There are **509 vacant posts** in the **Military Nursing Service (MNS)**, and **1,27,673** posts of **JCOs** and other ranks are vacant as well. There are also 252 vacant posts in **group A** among the civilians employed by the forces, **2,549 vacancies** are there in **Group B**, and **35,368 in Group C**.
- In the **Navy**, there is a deficiency of **12,428 personnel**. There is a shortage of **1,653 officers**, **29 medical and dental officers**, and **10,746 sailors**.
- Among the **civilian employees**, there is a deficiency of **165 in Group A**, **4,207 in Group B**, and **6,156 in Group C**.
- In the **Indian Air Force**, there is a shortage of **7,031 personnel**. There is also a deficiency of **721 officers**, **16 medical officers**, **4,734 Airmen**, and **113 Airmen of Medical Assistant** trade among others, he said.
- Among **the civilians** being employed, there is a deficiency of **22 in Group A**, **1,303 in Group B**, and **5,531 in Group C**.



Possible India-Japan-South Korea Trilateral Could Stabilise Indo-Pacific Region

- **China's aggressive strategy** and global aspirations have caused long-term worry amongst three Indo-Pacific powers **India, South Korea and Japan**.
- Both **Japan and India's** immediate interest have also been prioritized in forging greater bilateral ties with the U.S which has the required capabilities to counter China's hegemonic characteristics in the **Indo-Pacific region**.
- The general view was that issues such as **energy security, transnational crimes including drug trafficking, arms smuggling** etc could be explored.
- The Indo-Pacific region is a geopolitical area that spans two regions of the Indian Ocean and the Pacific Ocean. Stretching from the west coast of the United States to the west coast of India, the Indo-Pacific is a 24 nations regional framework comprising the tropical waters of the Indian Ocean, the western and central Pacific Ocean, and the seas connecting the two in the general area of Indonesia.



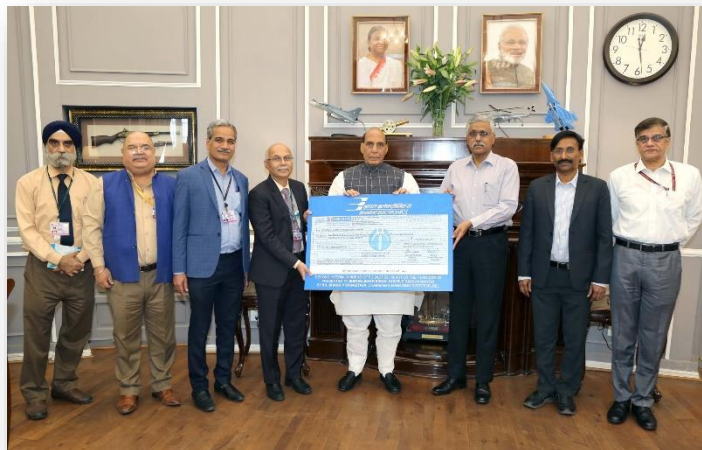
IAF Contingent Departs For India After Completing Cobra Warrior Exercise

- The **Indian Air Force** contingent on Monday departed for India after successfully completing a **four-week-long Cobra Warrior exercise** held at the **Waddington Air Force Base** of the Royal Air Force in the **United Kingdom**.
- The exercise was held from **March 06-23**. It was a multinational exercise. Countries like **Singapore, Finland, the USA, South Africa, and Sweden** also participated in the exercise.
- The IAF sent **five Mirage 2000 fighters** along with **IL-78** mid-air refueller aircraft, and **two C-17 Globemaster**. The aim of the exercise was to participate in diverse fighter aircraft engagements and learn from the best practices of various Air Forces.



Raksha Mantri Receives Rs. 224 Crore As Second Interim Dividend

- BEL, a Navratna Defence PSU, presented the **second interim dividend cheque** of **Rs. 224,27,53,160.40/-** to **Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh** in New Delhi today on March 27, 2023. BEL has declared **60% percent** as Second Interim Dividend (Rs. 0.60/- per share) to its shareholders for the financial year 2022 – 23.
- This is the 20th consecutive year that BEL is paying Interim Dividend. BEL has paid 60% percent as First Interim Dividend (Rs. 0.60/- per share) in February 2023 to its shareholders for the financial year 2022 – 23. It has also paid a total dividend of 450% on its paid-up capital for the financial year 2021 – 22.



Gen Manoj Pande COAS Inaugurated The Strategic Dialogue Conference

- Gen Pande on Monday inaugurated the **2nd Strategic Dialogue, "Rise of China & its implications for the world"** organised by Pune University on its campus.
- General Manoj Pande said that China's transgressions along the LAC remain to be a "**potential trigger**" for escalation and that the Indian Army is firm and resolute in dealing with any contingency on the border.
- General Manoj Pande said that arranging peace talks between **Saudi Arabia and Iran** and putting forth the **Chinese 12-point peace plan** to resolve the conflict between **Ukraine and Russia** is reflective of **Chinese urgency to replace the US as a global net security provider**.



Review Questions

1. Current UN General Assembly President Is

- A. Csaba Kőrösi
- B. Vuk Jeremić
- C. Sam Kutesa
- D. Abdulla Shahid

ANSWER: A

2. Armoured Corps Centre & School (ACC&S) Is In Manufactured By

- A. Chennai
- B. Pune
- C. Ahmednagar (Sambhaji Nagar)
- D. Nashik

ANSWER: C

3. PADMA Stands For

- A. Pay Roll Automation for Disbursement of Monthly Allowances
- B. Pay Roll Automation for Digital Monthly Allowances
- C. Pay Roll Automated for Disbursement of Monthly Allowances
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

4. India's One and Only Tri-Services Command Is

- A. New Delhi
- B. Northern Army Command
- C. Andaman & Nicobar Command
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

5. INS Satpura Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Guided Missile Stealth Frigate
- E. NSG

ANSWER: D

6. Regimental Centre of GARHWAL RIFLES Is In

- A. Happy Valley, Shillong, Meghalaya
- B. Ranikhet, Uttarakhand
- C. Lansdowne, Uttarakhand
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

7. “Akashe Shatrun Jahi” Is The Motto Of

- A. Bombay Sappers
- B. Armoured Corps Regiments
- C. The Regiment Of Artillery
- D. Army Air Defence Regiments

ANSWER: D

8. Lt Commander of Indian Navy Is Equivalent To The Which Rank Of Indian Army?

- A. Brigadier
- B. Captain
- C. Lt. Colonel
- D. Major

ANSWER: D

9. Peacetime Gallantry Award Is/Are

- A. Param Vir Chakra
- B. Maha Vir Chakra
- C. Vir Chakra
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: D

10. With reference to the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. India and Russia are the members of Shanghai Five.
2. The SCO's official languages are Chinese and English.
3. Recently, Iran became a member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 3 only

ANSWER: D

11. Multinational Ex Sea Dragon Hosted By

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

12. Ex 'Nomadic Elephant' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: D

13. Chengdu J-20 Fighter Jet Is Belong To

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: D

14. 'Bamako' Is The Capital Of

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

ANSWER: C

15. "Legend of Suheldev: The King Who Saved India" Book Is Written By

- A. Urjit Patel
- B. Stephen King
- C. J.K Rowling
- D. Amish Tripathi

ANSWER: D

16. Ex 'KAZIND' & 'KHANJAR' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Kazakhstan
- B. Kyrgyzstan
- C. Both a & b
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

17. War Cry Of Mechanised Infantry Regiment Is

- A. Durga Mata K Jai
- B. Raja Ram Chandra K Jai
- C. Bolo Bharat Mata Ki Jai
- D. Bajrang Bali K Jai

ANSWER: C

18. Operation Devi Shakti Was Conducted In

- A. 2016
- B. 2017
- C. 2018
- D. 2021

ANSWER: D

19. Always Alert Is The Motto Of

- A. RAW
- B. IB
- C. DRDO
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

20. Only Five-star Rank Officer Of The IAF Is

- A. K.M Karippa
- B. V R Chaudhary
- C. R K S Bhadauria
- D. Arjan Singh

ANSWER: D

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