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Defence Current Affairs

06 April 2023

Project SWASTIK

- Launching a major rescue operation, **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)** has rescued **22 tourists** who were trapped in a sudden avalanche on the **Jawaharlal Nehru Marg in East Sikkim**.
- **Seven tourists** were **killed** as a massive avalanche hit East Sikkim's **Nathu La** area on Tuesday (4 April) morning, burying their vehicles under the snow.
- The Border Roads Organisation is a road construction executive force in India that provides support to and is now a part of the Indian Armed Forces. BRO develops and maintains road networks in India's border areas and friendly neighboring countries.
- Founded: 7 May 1960
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Founder: Jawaharlal Nehru
- Jurisdiction: India
- Director General: Lt. Gen. Rajeev Chaudhary
- Parent organization: Ministry of Defence
- Subsidiary: Dantak



India To Carry Out Maiden Firing Of S-400 Air "Soon"

- Having already operationalised **the first two squadrons** of the long-range air defence system, the **Indian Air Force** is going to carry out the maiden firing of the **S-400 missiles** soon.
- The air defence missile system had a different range of missiles which can shoot down fast-moving fighter jets or cruise missiles at a maximum range of **400 km**.
- India has signed a deal worth over Rs 35,000 crore to acquire **dove squadrons** of the S-400 air defence missiles from Russia over three years and deliveries of all units are expected to get over by next financial year.
- The S-400 is believed to be a game changer by the Indian Air Force, which has strengthened itself in terms of air defence capabilities in a big way in the last few years with the arrival of the indigenous MR-SAM and Akash missile systems along with the Israeli Spyder quick reactions surface to air missile systems.



7th India-Japan Defence Policy Dialogue

- The 7th India-Japan Defence Policy Dialogue, co-chaired by Defence Secretary **Giridhar Aramane** and Vice Minister of Defense for International Affairs Mr Oka Masami, was held in New Delhi on April 05, 2023.
- The Defence Ministry said, both countries appreciated the growing cooperation between the Services through Staff talks and exercises.
- India and Japan reiterated their commitment towards a strong defence partnership and agreed to find opportunities to further enhance bilateral cooperation. The Defence Policy Dialogue is an institutionalised mechanism between India and Japan to discuss bilateral defence cooperation.



Centre Extends Emergency Procurement Powers Of Defence Forces

- With a majority of defence forces' tenders to buy weapon systems under emergency acquisition powers yet to be concluded, the Defence Ministry has extended the window by another six months to acquire equipment under the fast track procedures.
- The emergency procurement powers were given to the defence forces in August last year for six months to buy more equipment for strengthening their preparedness along the China border.

- The forces have around 300 proposals for weapon systems, spares and other equipment of which a majority are yet to be concluded, they said.
- The powers, which were first granted to defence forces post-Uri surgical strikes in 2016 during heightened tensions with Pakistan, have been helpful in tackling the military standoff with China going on since May 2020.



Zelenskyy Visits Poland To Thank Ally And Meet Ukrainians

- Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and his wife were welcomed with military honours, tributes and praise in Poland on Wednesday at the start of a state visit meant as a gesture of thanks by Kyiv to its neighbour for its crucial support in Ukraine's defence against Russia's invasion.
- The visit is a rare foray for Zelenskyy out of Ukraine since Russia invaded in February 2022. While it follows visits to the United States, Britain, France and Belgium, it stands out from the others because it was announced in advance without the secrecy of past trips.
- Poland, lying on NATO's eastern flank, feels especially threatened by Russia and has been one of the leading advocates for providing military aid.
- Poland, a member of NATO and the European Union, is modernising its military with orders of tanks and other equipment from US and South Korean producers, while the United States has also beefed up its military presence in Poland.



Saudi Arabia -Latest Customer Of Indian-made Artillery Guns

- The Royal Saudi Army That Had Carried Out Desert Trials Of Pune-based Kalyani Group Manufactured Bharat 52, A 155 Millimetre (Mm), 52 Calibres (Cal) Towed Howitzer And Garuda V2, A 105 Mm Gun Mounted On A Light Vehicle Chassis For Added Mobility In 2020 Has Placed Orders With India
- Royal Saudi Army Operates The GC-45 Howitzer, A 155 Mm Howitzer That Was Designed By Gerald Bull's Space Research Corporation (SRC), The Company That Was Later Acquired By The Kalyani Group.



Review Questions

1. Exercise AI NAJAH-IV is Conducted

- A. Rajasthan
- B. U.P.
- C. Kerala
- D. Uttarakhand

ANSWER: A

2. The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Is located at

- A. Paradip
- B. Cochin
- C. Kolkata
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: D

3. 'Iron Beam' New Laser-Based Air Defence System Made By

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

ANSWER: C

4. First Submarine Developed Under P-75 Is

- A. INS Kalvari
- B. INS Khanderi
- C. INS Karanj
- D. INS Vela

ANSWER: A

5. Who Wrote The Book New Dimensions Of India's Foreign Policy?

- A. Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- B. Abdul Kalam Azad
- C. Amit Chaudhuri
- D. Raghuram Rajan

ANSWER: A

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

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

ANSWER: C

7. Central Statistical Organization Hq Is In

- A. New Delhi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

8. Ex SHAKTI, Ex VARUNA, GARUDA India conducted with

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

ANSWER: C

9. Yaounde Is The Capital Of

- A. Cameroon
- B. Canada
- C. UAE
- D. Burundi

ANSWER: A

10. "The Oath of the Vayuputras" Book Written By

- A. Amish Tripathi
- B. Issac Newton
- C. Mahashweta Devi
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

11. 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

12. Commander Rank Of Indian Navy Is Equivalent To Rank Of IAF Is

- A. Wing Commander
- B. Squadron Leader
- C. Group Captain
- D. Flying Officer

ANSWER: A

13. INS Visakhapatnam (D66) Manufactured By

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

ANSWER: B

14. ___ Is India's 3rd Highest Military Decoration Award.

- A. PVC
- B. MVC
- C. Veer Chakra
- D. Kirti Chakra

ANSWER: C

15. "Turning Points" Book Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: D

16. Duty, Honour, Courage Is The Motto Of

- A. Maratha Light Infantry
- B. The Grenadiers
- C. Rajput Regiment
- D. Jat Regiment

ANSWER: A

17. Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation Hq Is In

- A. Mauritius
- B. Qatar
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

18. Surface Mine Clearing System on Sarath manufactured by

- A. Ordnance Factory Medak
- B. HAL
- C. DRDO
- D. MDL

ANSWER: A

19. "Life Divine" Book Written By

- A. Arvind Ghosh
- B. Muhammad Iqbal
- C. Annie Besant
- D. Motilal Nehru

ANSWER: A

20. Vembanad lake Is Located In

- A. Kashmir
- B. Ladakh
- C. Odisha
- D. Kerala

ANSWER: D

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