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Defence Current Affairs

16-19 April 2023

Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan Assumes Charge As Controller Of Personnel Services

- Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan assumed charge as Controller of Personnel Services on 17 Apr 23. The Flag Officer was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 01 Jul 87 and is a specialist in Communication and Electronic Warfare.
- He is an alumnus of the NDA, the Joint Services Command and Staff College, Shrivenham, United Kingdom; the College of Naval Warfare, Karanja; and the United States Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, USA.
- A recipient of the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal, the Admiral has held several key operational, staff and training appointments in his naval career including the command of missile vessels INS Vidyut and INS Vinash; the missile corvette INS Kulish; the guided missile destroyer INS Mysore; and the aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya.



Odisha Govt To Deploy Superannuated Teachers Of AFMS In Medical Colleges, Hospitals

- Aiming towards improving the quality of medical education in the state, the Odisha government has initiated steps for the redeployment of superannuated teachers of **Armed Force Medical Service** in partnership with the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and NITI Aayog.
- The government informed in a press release that the engagement of these experienced teachers would add value to the excellence of medical education and health care services in Odisha.
- The AFMS is an inter services organisation under the Ministry of Defense, covering the Indian Armed Forces. It came into existence in **1948**.
- The **Director General Armed Forces Medical Services** (in the rank of Lt Gen or equivalent) is the head of the Armed Forces Medical Services.



US Air Force's Rockwell B1 Lancer Participates In Exercise Cope India 2023

- The **Rockwell B1 Lancer** of the US Air Force participated in the **ongoing Exercise Cope India 2023** which began on April 13, the IAF said. The Rockwell B1 Lancer also known as "Bone" used by the US Air Force participated along with other fighter aircraft in Exercise Cope India 2023.

- Exercise Cope India 23, a bilateral Air Exercise between the IAF and the United States Air Force started at Air Force Stations Arjan Singh (Panagarh), Kalaikunda and Agra on April 10.
- The exercise aims to enhance mutual understanding between the two Air Forces of two forces and share their best practices, the Ministry of Defence said.



Big Bang Boom Solutions Sets Up Naval Research And Development Center

- India's fastest-growing startup in the defence sector, Big Bang Boom Solutions Pvt. Ltd. (BBBS), inaugurated the Naval Research and Development Center (NRDC) in Chennai.
- NRDC is expected to carry out varied projects including Passive Naval Deterrence, Electronic Warfare Systems, AI and Sensor enabled Fire detection and Suppression, High Expansion Foaming Systems, Oil spill containment and other.
- The government has declared the defence sector as one of the core investment areas under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat. BBBS' contribution to the sector includes, Anti Drone Defence System, See through Armor Concept and a slew of other offerings, which has also led it to be accorded the prestigious SKOCH award.



Army Commanders Conference Organised In Hybrid Format

- Army Commanders' Conference (ACC) is an apex-level biannual event which is an institutional platform for conceptual level deliberations, culminating in making important policy decisions for the Indian Army. The first ACC for the year 2023 is scheduled from 17 to 21 April 2023.
- On the first-day of the conference, agenda points sponsored by various Command Headquarters will be discussed, followed by an update from **Commander-in-Chief Andaman and Nicobar Command** and sessions by **Principal Staff Officers of the Army Headquarters**.
- The forum will also review the progress on the activities charted out as part of **'Year of Transformation-2023'** along with progress on Agnipath Scheme, digitisation & automation initiatives, Combat Engineers tasks, work aspects and budget management.

Eye on China, Army to hold border security meet today

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: With no signs of any de-escalation in the continuing three-year military confrontation with China, top Army generals will review the operational situation, combat readiness and infrastructure development along the frontier, among other issues, this week.

The five-day Army commanders' conference (ACC), to be chaired by General Manoj Pande from Monday onwards, will also "brainstorm the current and emerging security scenarios" as well as get an update on the tri-service Andaman and Nicobar Command, an officer said on Saturday.

The operational preparedness along the LAC in the three sectors — western



The 5-day conference will be chaired by Gen Manoj Pande

(Ladakh), middle (Uttarakhand, Himachal) and eastern (Sikkim, Arunachal) — will be analysed in the backdrop of China having massively strengthened its military positions and infrastructure along the frontier.

China has refused so far to undertake troop disengagement at the crucial face-offs at the strategically-located Depsang Plains as well as the Charding Ninglung Nal-

ah track junction at Demchok in eastern Ladakh, while also hardening its stance in the eastern sector. "A talk on the future contours of India-China relations by former foreign secretary Vijay Gokhale is also planned during the ACC," he said.

Defence minister Rajnath Singh will address the Army brass on April 19 and review an equipment display focussing on niche technologies, innovations, solutions for surveillance, artificial intelligence, robotics and operational logistics. The ACC will be conducted in the "hybrid format" for the first time, with the commanders-in-chief of the different commands in the country meeting virtually on Monday and then travelling to New Delhi.



Review Questions

1. Armed Forces Medical Services Came Into Existence In

- A. 1948
- B. 1949
- C. 1950
- D. 1951

ANSWER: A

2. Rockwell B1 Lancer Is The Aircraft Of

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

ANSWER: A

3. Big Bang Boom Solutions Sets Up Naval Research and Development Center In

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai

- C. Pune
- D. Noida

ANSWER: B

4. World Heritage Day 2023 Is Observed On

- A. 18 April
- B. 21 April
- C. 22 April
- D. 23 April

ANSWER: A

5. Who Assumed Charge As Controller Of Personnel Services?

- A. Vice Admiral Sanjay Singh
- B. Vice Admiral M. Holi
- C. Vice Admiral Gopal Swaminathan
- D. Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan

ANSWER: D

6. Major Rank of Indian Army Equivalent to Which rank of IAF?

- A. Flying Officer
- B. Group Captain
- C. Squadron Leader
- D. None

ANSWER: C

7. CBSE Stands For

- A. Central Board of Second Education
- B. Central Boarding of Secondary Education
- C. Central Board of Secondary Education
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

8. War Cry Of THE BRIGADE OF THE GUARDS Is

- A. Garud ka hun bol pyare
- B. Everywhere
- C. Victory Is Mine
- D. Charge and Attack

ANSWER: A

9. Wartime Distinguished Service Medal Is

- A. PVC
- B. MVC
- C. VSM
- D. YSM

ANSWER: D

10. Colonel Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank Of Indian Navy Is

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

ANSWER: B

11. Tangail Airdrop Was Done At Which Year?

- A. 1948
- B. 1962
- C. 1965
- D. 1971

ANSWER: D

12. War Cry of NAGA REGIMENT

- A. Bharat Mata ki Jai
- B. Ki ki so so Lhargyalo
- C. Jai Durga Naga
- D. Durga Mata Ki Jai

ANSWER: C

13. Kamov Ka-31 Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle
- C. Helicopter
- D. Submachine gun

ANSWER: C

14. High Altitude Warfare School Is At

- A. Wellington
- B. Gulmarg
- C. Shimla

D. Dehradun

ANSWER: B

15. Southwestern Air Command Of IAF Is In

- A. Prayagraj
- B. Gandhinagar
- C. Shillong
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: B

16. Sankalp-class OPV Designed And Built By

- A. Goa Shipyard Limited
- B. GRSE
- C. MDL
- D. CSL

ANSWER: A

17. Pratap Chandra Lal Was A Former Chief Of

- A. IAF
- B. Indian Army
- C. Indian Navy
- D. BSF

ANSWER: A

18. Selection Centre South (SCS) Is In

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

ANSWER: D

19. "Jai Mahakali Ayo Gorkhali" Is The War Cry Of

- A. BIHAR REGIMENT
- B. MAHAR REGIMENT
- C. NAGA REGIMENT
- D. GORKHA REGIMENTS

ANSWER: D

20. HAL's 'TEDBF' Stands For

- A. The Engine Deck Based Fighter
- B. Twin Engine Dock Based Fighter
- C. Twin Engine Deck Busy Fighter
- D. Twin Engine Deck Based Fighter

ANSWER: D



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