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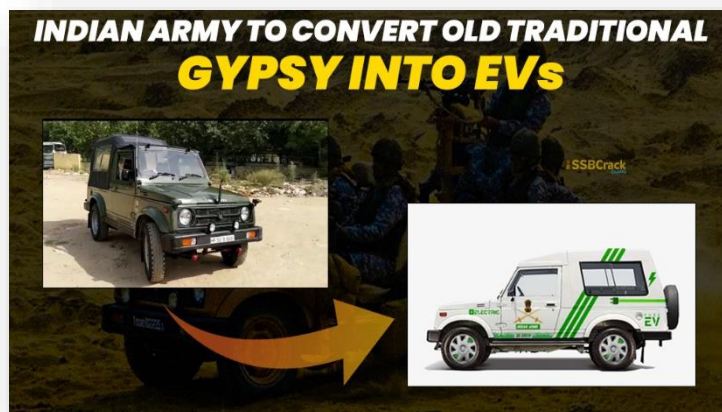
44 SQN, “Strategic Airlift” IAF Celebrated Diamond Jubilee

- 44 Squadron of the IAF is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee this year at Chandigarh. The rich and glorious history of the Sqn is a kaleidoscope of military history and military diplomacy of modern-day India and filled with tales of fortitude, courage, daring, devotion and professionalism which encapsulates all that IAF stands for.
- The Squadron was raised on **06 Apr 1961** and equipped with the **AN-12 aircraft**. It operated the **AN-12 till 1985**. In **March 1985**, it brought the **IL-76** aircraft into India, which was formally inducted into IAF on 16 Jun 1985.
- The aircraft continues to in service. The Diamond Jubilee celebrations due in 2021 had to be postponed due to **COVID 19 pandemic**.
- The harbinger of strategic airlift in the IAF, the Squadron has been a part of all **major military and HADR initiatives** in the recent history of the nation, which not only saw the IAF, and the nation evolve from a tactical to a strategic force, but also enhanced the military might of the sister Services.
- The Squadron has stayed true to its **motto of ‘ISHTAM YATNEN SADHYET’ which means ‘ACHIEVE GOALS THROUGH PERSEVERANCE’**.
- In 1985 the Squadron was renamed as the **‘MIGHTY JETS’**.



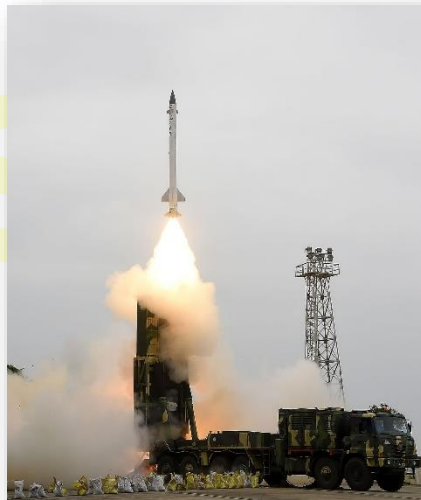
Indian Army Converting Gypsies SUVs Into Electric Vehicles

- **Retrofitted Electric Gypsies** were displayed during the ongoing Army Commanders Conference in New Delhi. When the Indian Army Cell, IIT-Delhi, and a start-up called **Tadpole Projects** collaborated on this project, these refitted vintage Military Gypsies were converted into **electric vehicles**.
- “Tadpole Projects website, the start-up does the work, which includes **removing the engine and converting the vehicle to an electric one.**” It claims it **extends the vehicle’s life by 7 years**, provides a two-year **warranty on the engine**, and a 5-year or 3-year warranty on the battery, which is extendable up to 5-7 years.”



DRDO & Indian Navy Conduct Successful Trial of BMD Interceptor

- DRDO and Indian Navy successfully conducted a maiden flight trial of sea-based **endo-atmospheric interceptor missile** off the coast of **Odisha in the Bay of Bengal** on April 21, 2023.
- The purpose of the trial was **to engage and neutralize a hostile ballistic missile threat** thereby elevating India into the elite club of Nations having Naval BMD capability.



India, China Hold 18th Round Of Military Talks

- India and China held a fresh round of high-level military talks on Sunday with a focus on resolving the remaining issues in eastern Ladakh as the border row enters the fourth year, people familiar with the matter said.
- The 18th round of military talks took place ahead of Chinese Defence Minister Li Shangfu's visit to India next week to attend a key meeting of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation being hosted by New Delhi** under its presidency of the grouping.
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- It is learnt that the Indian side **insisted on resolving the issues** at the remaining friction points of **Demchok and Depsang** in eastern Ladakh as soon as possible.
- In line with a decision taken at the 16th round of military talks, the two sides carried out disengagement from **Patrolling Point 15 in the Gogra-Hot springs** area in September last year.



Two C-130J Aircraft, INS Sumedha Positioned To Evacuate Citizens From Sudan

- **Two IAF C-130J** have been positioned in **Saudi Arabia's Jeddah** and **INS Sumedha has reached Port Sudan**, the MEA said. The MEA said that contingency plans are in place, but movement on the ground depends on the security situation.
- Meanwhile, Indian nationals are among **66 people** from "friendly and brotherly countries" evacuated by Saudi Arabia from violence-torn Sudan. The evacuation came days after External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar spoke to his Saudi Arabia counterpart.



  Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India

Situation in Sudan

Government of India is making all out efforts to ensure safety and security of Indians stranded in Sudan.

We are closely monitoring the complex and evolving security situation in Sudan.

We are also coordinating closely with various partners for the safe movement of those Indians who are stranded in Sudan and would like to be evacuated.

Apart from the Sudanese authorities, the Ministry of External Affairs and the Indian Embassy in Sudan are also in regular touch with the UN, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Egypt, and US among others.

As part of our preparations, and in order to move swiftly, the Government of India is pursuing multiple options. Two Indian Air Force C-130J are currently positioned on standby in Jeddah. And, INS Sumedha has reached Port Sudan.

Contingency plans are in place but any movement on the ground would depend on the security situation, which continues to be volatile with reports of fierce fighting at various locations in Khartoum. Sudanese airspace currently remains closed for all foreign aircraft. Overland movement also has risks and logistical challenges.

Our Embassy is in regular touch with the stranded Indians in Sudan and is advising them on the viability of safe movement and the need to avoid unnecessary risk. It is also coordinating all possible assistance including possible exit from Khartoum city as and when the security situation permits safe movement

23 April 2023



Review Questions

1. Maiden Flight Trial Of Sea-based Endo-atmospheric Interceptor Missile Conducted At

- A. Bay of Bengal
- B. IOR
- C. Arabian Sea
- D. None

ANSWER: A

2. Project Yojak Launched By

- A. ICG
- B. IAF
- C. BRO
- D. NSG

ANSWER: C

3. Rapid Action Force Hq Is In

- A. Mumbai

- B. Lucknow
- C. Surat
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: D

4. Baku Is In Which Continent

- A. Africa
- B. Asia
- C. Australia
- D. North America

ANSWER: B

5. “Naam Namak Nishaan” Is The Motto Of

- A. THE GRENADIERS
- B. Rajputana Rifles
- C. Gorkha
- D. None

ANSWER: A

6. Civil Services Day Every Year Observed On

- A. 20 April
- B. 21 April
- C. 22 April
- D. 23 April

ANSWER: B

7. The SAMHO Is An

- A. Anti-tank Guided Missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Ballistic missile
- D. Communication satellite

ANSWER: A

8. Joint Exercises B/w The India And USA Is Called:

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Tiger Triumph

ANSWER: D

9. AH-64 Apache Is A

- A. Transport Helicopter
- B. Attack Helicopter
- C. Light Utility Helicopter
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

10. Dhanush (howitzer) Manufactured By

- A. L & T
- B. Boeing
- C. ISRO
- D. Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited

ANSWER: D

11. INS Arihant Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Ballistic missile submarine
- D. Tank

ANSWER: C

12. ___ Is The Largest Air Command Of The IAF?

- A. Eastern
- B. Western
- C. Southern
- D. Northern

ANSWER: B

13. Kamikaze Drones Developed By

- A. India
- B. Russia
- C. Ukraine
- D. Iran

ANSWER: B

14. Tapas-BH Stands For

- A. Tactical Airborne Platform for Advanced Surveillance- Beyond Horizon
- B. Tactical Airborne Platform for Aerial Surveillance- Beyond Horizon

- C. Tactical Airborne Prime for Aerial Surveillance- Beyond Horizon
- D. None

ANSWER: B

15. "Crosscourt" Book Written By

- A. Cristiano Ronaldo
- B. Abhinav Bindra
- C. Vinesh Phogat
- D. Jaideep Mukerjee

ANSWER: D

16. Ex 'Ekuverin' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: D

17. The Regimental Center Of The Parachute Regiment Is In

- A. Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh
- B. Belgaum, Karnataka
- C. Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh
- D. Bangalore, Karnataka

ANSWER: D

18. In 2015 Indian Army Carried Its First Surgical Strike In

- A. Myanmar
- B. Pakistan
- C. China
- D. Nepal

ANSWER: A

19. Which Of The Following Helicopters Did Not Operate By The Indian Army?

- A. HAL Cheetah
- B. HAL LANCER
- C. HAL Rudra
- D. Chinook

ANSWER: D

20. Which Regiment Of The Indian Army Is Called As ‘The Gods Of War’?

- A. Mechanised Infantry
- B. Gorkha Regiment
- C. Regiment Of Artillery
- D. Rajput Regiment

ANSWER: C



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