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Defence Current Affairs

01-02 May 2023

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Visited Maldives

- Rajnath Singh will pay an official visit to the Maldives between May 01-03, 2023. Rajnath Singh will hold bilateral talks with his Maldivian counterpart Ms Mariya Ahmed Didi and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Abdulla Shahid.
- In tune with India's commitment to capacity building of friendly countries & partners in the region, Shri Rajnath Singh will gift one Fast Patrol Vessel ship and a Landing Craft to the Maldives National Defence Forces.
- India and the Maldives are working closely to effectively address shared challenges, including maritime security, terrorism, radicalization, piracy, trafficking, organised crime and natural disasters.
- India's vision of SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) along with its **'Neighborhood First' policy** as well as Maldives' **'India First' policy** seek to work together to jointly develop the capabilities within the Indian Ocean Region.



Chief Of The Air Staff Visits Sri Lanka

- Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari embarked on a four-day official visit to Sri Lanka. During the visit, the CAS is scheduled to meet the President of Sri Lanka, the PM

of Sri Lanka, the Hon'ble State Minister of Defence, the CDS, the Commanders of Sri Lanka Air Force, Army & Navy, and the Defence Secretary.

- The CAS is visiting Sri Lanka on the invitation of the Commander of Sri Lanka Air Force, Air Marshal SK Pathirana. During the visit the CAS shall also interact with student officers of the National Defence College, Sri Lanka and visit the Sri Lankan Air Force Academy.



NSA Doval Hold Talks With His Iranian Counterpart

- NSA Ajit Doval held talks with his Iranian counterpart Rear Admiral Ali Shamkhani, Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council.
- The two officials discussed economic, political and security issues concerning the two countries as well as the most important regional and international developments.
- Iran is located at a strategic and crucial geographical location between the **Persian Gulf and the Caspian Sea.**

- Iran is important to India as it provides an alternate route of connectivity to Afghanistan and Central Asian Republics, in the absence of permission for India to use the land route through Pakistan.



American GE Working With India On Jet Engines For LCA, AMCA

- US GE is open to the transfer of technology to India for the indigenous manufacture of engines for light combat aircraft **LCA Mark2 by 2028** as it does not want to lose a big market o Europe.

- GE also announced agreements that deepen the company's investment in India's military. One expands GE's most significant partnership within the Indian armed forces -- **its work with HAL**, the government's aerospace and defense manufacturing firm.
- DRDO chairman said that discussions are ongoing for the manufacture of engines for the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) Mark 2 with three defence firms in three countries.



ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise

- Two frontline warships of the Indian Navy arrived in Singapore to participate in the inaugural edition of the ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise. The harbour phase of the exercise is scheduled to be held at the **Changi Naval Base** from May 2 to 4, while the sea phase will be conducted from May 7 to 8 in the **South China Sea**.
- The South China Sea has been witnessing major military assertiveness by China in the last few years.
- The two Indian naval ships that arrived in Singapore are **INS Satpura** and **INS Delhi**.
- INS Delhi is **India's first indigenously-built guided missile destroyer**, while INS Satpura is an **indigenously-built guided missile stealth frigate**.
- Both the ships are part of the navy's Eastern Fleet based in Visakhapatnam.



Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan Takes Commander-In-Chief, CINCAN

- Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan has taken over as the 17th Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command (CINCAN) on 01 May 2023.
- The Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) is the only Joint-services Command in India and serves as a model for the country's planned theaterisation of **Army, Navy, and Air Force** capabilities.
- Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan is a distinguished alumnus of the NDA Khadakwasla, having been commissioned into the fighter stream of the IAF in 1986.
- With over 3200 accident-free fighter flying hours on various variants of MIG-21 and Kiran aircraft, he is an accomplished fighter combat leader.



AIR MARSHAL NARMDESHWAR TIWARI took over as Air Officer AOC-in-C SWAC

- Air Marshal Narmdeshwar Tiwari took over as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C), Southwestern Air Command (SWAC) at Gandhinagar on 01 May 2023. He succeeds Air Marshal Vikram Singh, who superannuated on 30 Apr 2023.
- Air Marshal Narmdeshwar Tiwari was commissioned in the Fighter Stream on 07 Jun 1986. He is an alumnus of the NDA and passed out as the President Gold Medalist. He has flown over 3600 hours on various types of aircraft. He is a Qualified Flying Instructor as well as an Experimental Test Pilot.



Review Questions

- 1. Who Has Taken Over As The 17th Commander-in-Chief Of The Andaman and Nicobar Command?**
 - A. AIR MARSHAL NARMDESHWAR TIWARI
 - B. Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan
 - C. Air Marshal Sandeep Singh
 - D. None

ANSWER: B

2. Which Two INS Ships Participating In ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise?

- A. INS Delhi, Mumbai
- B. INS Satpura, Delhi
- C. INS Durga, Him Giri
- D. None

ANSWER: B

3. The Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School Is In

- A. Vairengte, Mizoram
- B. Pune, M.H.
- C. Lucknow, U.P.
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

4. India And Sri Lanka Are Separated By -

- A. Palk Strait
- B. Indian Ocean
- C. Lakshadweep
- D. Arabian Sea

ANSWER: A

5. Where Is The Hq Of The Eastern Command of The Indian Army?

- A. Kochi
- B. Shimla
- C. Pune
- D. Kolkata

ANSWER: D

6. Syria Borders With The

- A. Turkey
- B. Iraq
- C. Jordan
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: D

7. "Sarvatra" (Everywhere) Is The Motto Of

- A. JKRIF
- B. RR

- C. CORPS OF ENGINEERS
- D. Madras Regiment

ANSWER: C

8. Air Marshal Rank of IAF Is Equivalent to which rank of Indian Navy?

- A.** Commodore
- B.** Captain
- C.** Commander
- D.** Vice Admiral

ANSWER: D

9. 'CORPS' In Indian Army Headed By__

- A. General Officer Commanding (GOC)
- B. General Officer Commanding-in-chief (GOC-in-C)
- C. Major General
- D. Brigadier

ANSWER: A

10. Gaborone Is The Capital Of

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

ANSWER: C

11. "Kiki Man Ray" Book Written By

- A. Mark Braude
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Maddie Mortimer
- D. Emma Donoghue

ANSWER: A

12. LADAKH SCOUTS Is Also Known As

- A. Snow Warriors
- B. Fighter
- C. Protector
- D. Veera

ANSWER: A

13. Sampriti Ex Conducts B/W

- A. India & Indonesia
- B. India & Bangladesh
- C. India & Sri Lanka
- D. India & Russia

ANSWER: b

14. Male Is The Capital Of

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

ANSWER: D

15. Ex 'CYCLONE' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. France
- D. Egypt

ANSWER: D

16. Exercise Bison Conducted B/w India &

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Australia
- D. Indonesia

ANSWER: C

17. Which Is/Are The Combat Arms Of The Indian Army?

- A. Infantry
- B. The Armoured Corp
- C. The Mechanized Infantry
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: D

18. "OPERATION KHUKRI" Book Is Written By

- A. Khushwant Singh
- B. Abraham Lincoln

- C. Sudha Murty
- D. Rajpal Punia & Ms Damini Punia

ANSWER: D

19. The Training Command of The IAF Is In

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

ANSWER: A

20. Atal Tunnel At Rohtang Built By____

- A. MHA
- B. BRO
- C. NHAI
- D. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

ANSWER: B



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