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Defence Current Affairs

03 May 2023

Air Marshal Balakrishnan Manikantan took over as AOC-in-C SAC

- Air Marshal Balakrishnan Manikantan took over as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) of **Southern Air Command** on 01 May 23. An alumnus of Sainik School Kazhakootam and National Defence Academy, the Air Marshal was commissioned in the Indian Air Force on 07 Jun 86.
- He has flown over **5400 hrs.** on various types of helicopters and fixed wing aircraft. He is a Helicopter Combat Leader and a Type Qualified Flying Instructor.



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Raksha Mantri Hands Over A Fast Patrol Vessel & A Landing Craft Assault Ship To Maldives

- On the second day of his 3-day visit to the Maldives, Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh handed over a **Fast Patrol Vessel** and a **Landing Craft Assault ship** to the Maldives National Defence Forces on May 02, 2023.
- The Fast Patrol Vessel, **capable of coastal and offshore surveillance** at high speeds, was commissioned as MNDF Coast Guard ship **Huravee**. President of

Maldives Mr. Ibrahim Mohamed Solih and Defence Minister Ms Mariya Ahmed Didi were present on the occasion.

- **On climate change**, the Raksha Mantri said, it has a huge impact on the maritime environment and its effects can pose challenges for taking forward national and regional aspirations.



India Blocks 14 Apps In Jammu And Kashmir For Spreading Terror

- After getting inputs from intelligence agencies, the central government has blocked 14 messenger mobile applications that were largely used in Jammu and Kashmir for spreading terror.
- These apps include **Crypviser, Enigma, Safeswiss, Wickrme, Mediafire, Briar, BChat, Nandbox, Conion, IMO, Element, Second line, Zangi, Threema** among others, quoting sources. According to sources, these mobile applications were used by terrorists in Kashmir to communicate with their supporters and on-ground workers (OGW).
- These apps have been blocked **under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act, 2000**, the official added.



DRDO & Indian Navy Conducts Successful Maiden Test Trial Of Air Droppable Container -150 in Goa

- DRDO and Indian Navy conducted the successful maiden test trial of '**Air Droppable Container -150** (ADC) from IL 38SD aircraft off the coast of Goa.
- ADC-150 is an indigenously designed and developed **Air Droppable Container** with 150 kg payload capacity. The trial was conducted to enhance the naval

operational logistics capabilities by providing quick response to meet the requirement of critical engineering stores to ships, which are deployed more than 2,000 kms from the coast.

- It reduces the requirement for ships to come close to the coast to collect spares and stores. **3 DRDO laboratories**, Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam; Aerial Delivery Research & Development Establishment, Agra and Aeronautical Development Establishment, Bengaluru have been involved in the development of ADC-150 container.



VISIT Of Admiral R Hari Kumar, CNS To Singapore

- Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff, Indian Navy is on an official visit to **Singapore from 02 to 04 May 2023**.
- During the visit the CNS co-officiated the inaugural ceremony of maiden **ASEAN – India Maritime Exercise (AIME) 2023**, held at **Changi Naval Base**, Singapore on 02 May 23. The ceremony was jointly inaugurated by Adm R Hari Kumar and RAdm Sean Wat, Chief of Navy, Republic of Singapore Navy in the presence of senior dignitaries from other ASEAN nations.
- This inaugural edition of AIME is being **co-hosted by the Republic of Singapore Navy and Indian Navy**; and will witness participation of ships and personnel from other ASEAN countries.

- ASEAN is at the core of **India's Indo-Pacific Policy** as was enunciated by the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi in his speech at the **Shangri La Dialogue in Singapore in 2018**.



Review Questions

1. Who Took Over As Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Southern Air Command?

- A. Air Marshal Balakrishnan Mukund
- B. Air Marshal Bala Manikantan
- C. Air Marshal Krishnan Manikantan
- D. Air Marshal Balakrishnan Manikantan

ANSWER: D

2. Southern Air Command Is In

- A. New Delhi
- B. Bangalore, Karnataka
- C. Nagpur, Maharashtra
- D. Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

ANSWER: D

3. Raksha Mantri Hands Over A Fast Patrol Vessel & A Landing Craft Assault Ship To___.

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

ANSWER: D

4. ASEAN – India Maritime Exercise (AIME) 2023, Held At

- A. Gwadar Port
- B. JNPT
- C. Chabahar Port
- D. Changi Naval Base

ANSWER: D

5. Which Isn't India's Priorities in G20 Summit

- A. Checking tax evasion to fight corruption
- B. Choking terror funds
- C. Market access for key drugs
- D. Compete with China

ANSWER: D

6. International Criminal Court (ICC) Hq Is In

- A. Moscow, Russia
- B. Vienna, Austria
- C. New York, USA
- D. The Hague, the Netherlands

ANSWER: D

7. Lieutenant Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Navy?

- A. Admiral
- B. Commodore
- C. Captain
- D. Sub Lieutenant

ANSWER: D

8. "Chandipur-on-sea" Is Located In

- A. Odisha
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. West Bengal
- D. Tamil Nādu

ANSWER: A

9. Exercise Zair-Al-Bahr Conducted B/w

- A. India- Uzbekistan
- B. India- Uganda
- C. India- Qatar
- D. India- UAE

ANSWER: C

10. The Satish Dhawan Space Centre Is In

- A. Chennai, T.N
- B. ITR, Odisha
- C. Trombay, M.H
- D. Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh

ANSWER: D

11. "Anti-Terrorism Day" in India Is Observed On

- A. May 21
- B. May 23
- C. June 21
- D. June 23

ANSWER: A

12. "An Indian Pilgrim" Book Written By

- A. Subhas Chandra Bose
- B. Mohan Das Karam Chandra Gandhi
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

13. Ex AI Nagah Conducted B/w

- A. India-Nepal
- B. India-Indonesia
- C. India-Oman
- D. India-Qatar

ANSWER: C

14. The Conqueror Is The Motto Of

- A. BSF
- B. CRPF
- C. ITBP
- D. Para SF

ANSWER: D

15. Nassau Is The Capital Of

- A. Oman
- B. Albania
- C. UAE
- D. Bahamas

ANSWER: D

16. "Collective Spirit, Concrete Action" Book Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Narendra Modi

D. Shashi Shekhar Vempati

ANSWER: D

17. Warsaw Is The Capital Of

- A. Poland
- B. Ukraine
- C. Germany
- D. Oman

ANSWER: A

18. Kyoto Protocol Aims At :

- A. containing emissions of green-house gases
- B. stabilizing ozone cover
- C. reducing water pollution
- D. arresting desertification

ANSWER: A

19. War Cry Of MECHANISED INFANTRY REGIMENT Is

- A. Bol Bajrang Bali Ki jai
- B. Raja Ramachandra ki jai
- C. Bolo Bharat Mata ki jai
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

20. ICGS Saksham Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. Aircraft Carrier
- C. OPV
- D. Refueling Ship

ANSWER: C

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