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Defence Current Affairs

09 May 2023

Heritage Centre of IAF Inaugurated

- Rajnath Singh inaugurated the IAF Heritage Centre in Chandigarh on May 08, 2023. The Centre, an embodiment of IAF's rich history and legacy, houses a collection of artefacts, murals and 3D dioramas, showcasing the evolution of the force since its inception. It displays the heroic deeds of the IAF and the country's technological progress in aircraft/equipment.
- One of the highlights of the Centre is the array of simulators that allows visitors to replicate the thrill of flying iconic aircraft in the IAF's inventory and gives them a chance to get a taste of what it feels to be a pilot.





IAF MiG-21 Crashes In Rajasthan

- An IAF MiG-21 fighter plane crashed near Hanumangarh in Rajasthan. The plane took off from Suratgarh. According to the most recent information, **two civilian women and a man were killed** when the jet crashed on their house in Hanumangarh's Bahlolnagar area.
- The pilot of the **plane is safe**, according to District Collector Rukmani Riar. Over **2,000 people** have gathered at the crash site, and police and administration are attempting to keep the peace.
- Following the tragic occurrence, a **rescue mission has been launched** to recover any survivors and assist those affected. Rescue crews are working hard to secure the safety and well-being of anyone who may be trapped in the wreckage.
- Earlier this month, one pilot was killed when two IAF fighter jets, a **Sukhoi Su-30** and a **Mirage 2000**, collided during a training exercise in Rajasthan's Bharatpur. While one plane crashed in Morena, Madhya Pradesh, the other crashed and landed in Bharatpur, Rajasthan.



Boat Tragedy: Indian Navy Assists Rescue Operation At Malappuram

- A helicopter of the Indian Navy, with an aircrew diver, was set off on Monday for Malappuram, wherein a boat capsized drowning around 40 tourists, to assist in the ongoing rescue operations, a statement from SNC.
- "Initial aerial survey of the site of the incident was undertaken. Contact has been established with National Disaster Relief Force (NDRF) and a local diving team undertaking a search in the area," the statement read.
- The Kerala government has also ordered a judicial probe into the incident. The chief minister announced **Rs 10 lakh** compensation to the kin of victims and said the government will bear the treatment expense of the injured people.



IAF Receives First Batch Of Indigenous VTOL Loitering Munition

- The air force has received its **first indigenously designed and developed loitering munitions**. These are capable of operating from all kinds of terrain and high-altitude areas and can take down targets at a **range of over 50 km**, without exposing any personnel to risk.
- Developed by **Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL)**, the autonomous system is designed for **Vertical Take Off and Landing (VTOL)** and has successfully demonstrated its capability to carry out precision strikes during trials and tests.



India-ASEAN Naval Exercise Concludes

- The maiden India-ASEAN naval exercise concluded in the South China Sea on Monday, even as China kept a watch on the manoeuvres with its maritime militia force.
- Two Indian warships which took part in the exercise are now proceeding to their next port of call towards **Vietnam**. Sources said that as expected, China did keep a close watch on the exercise but there was no interference and the drills took place as planned.
- While India has sent warships to the South China Sea in the past as well, this was the first such naval exercise with the ASEAN grouping. Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar had inaugurated the exercise along with Rear Admiral Sean Wat, Chief of Navy, Republic of Singapore Navy.



Russia To 'Develop' Its Military Facilities In Kyrgyzstan

- Russia will "develop" its military installations in Central Asian ally Kyrgyzstan, the Kremlin said, following talks between the two countries' leaders in Moscow.
- Kyrgyzstan, a majority-Muslim country of nearly seven million people, hosts a **Russian military base made up of an airfield, a naval installation on Lake Issyk-Kul** and several other sites.

- **Russia and Kyrgyzstan, an ex-Soviet republic, are linked through a Moscow-led military alliance, the Collective Security Treaty Organisation (CSTO).**



IAF Working On Phasing Out Remaining Three Squadrons Of MiG-21 Jets

- The crash of a MiG-21 jet in Rajasthan's Hanumangarh has once again put the spotlight on the **Indian Air Force's aging fleet of Soviet-origin aircraft** which have been involved in around **400 accidents** since their first induction in the early 1960s.
- Three people were killed after the MiG-21 fighter aircraft crashed into a house in Hanumangarh in Rajasthan shortly after it took off for a routine training sortie from the Air Force Station at Suratgarh.
- The MiG-21s used to be the mainstay of the IAF for a long period of time. After its induction in the early 1960s, the **IAF procured over 870 MiG-21 fighters** to boost its overall combat prowess.
- At present, the IAF has three MiG-21 squadrons with a total of **around 50 aircraft**, according to officials. The IAF last year finalised a timeline of **three years to phase out** the remaining Mig-21 fighter squadrons.
- The IAF also plans to start the phasing out of the **three squadrons of Mig-29 fighter jets in the next five years**, they said.



Review Questions

1. **COBRA GOLD** is a
- A. Bilateral Exercise
 - B. Domestic Exercise
 - C. Multilateral Exercise
 - D. None

ANSWER: C

2. **Udham Singh** was an Indian revolutionary belonging to_____.

- A. Ghadar Party and HSRA
- B. Indian National Congress
- C. Jansangh
- D. None

ANSWER: A

3. **The Jawaharlal Nehru Port** is located at

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

ANSWER: D

4. 'Iron Beam' new laser-based air defence system Made By

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

ANSWER: C

5. India Purchased MiG-21 from

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. Russia

ANSWER: D

6. Rezang La Has Located B/W Borders Of

- A. India-Pakistan
- B. India-China
- C. India-Nepal
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

7. 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

8. 38th Parallel border lines divide which of the two following countries?

- A.** North Korea and South Korea
- B.** India and Tibet
- C.** Poland and Germany
- D.** Pakistan and Afghanistan

ANSWER: A

9. Which one of the following countries has the longest coastal line?

- A. Brazil
- B. Australia
- C. India

D. Canada

ANSWER: D

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

A. Yelahanka, Bengaluru

B. Jalahalli, Bengaluru

C. Tambaram Chennai

D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

11. "Jai Mahakali Ayo Gorkhali" Is The War Cry Of Written By

A. BIHAR REGIMENT

B. MAHAR REGIMENT

C. NAGA REGIMENT

D. GORKHA REGIMENTS

ANSWER: D

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

A. USA

B. Sweden

C. France

D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

13. Siachen conflict b/w India and Pakistan held in

A. 1983

B. 1984

C. 1985

D. 1986

ANSWER: B

14. India Purchased Sig Sauer assault rifles from

A. USA

B. Sweden

C. France

D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

15. 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

16. 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

17. INS Visakhapatnam (D66) Manufactured By

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

ANSWER: B

18. War cry of the BIHAR REGIMENT

- A. Parakramo Vijayate
- B. Rhino Charge
- C. Jai Bajrangbali
- D. Duty, Honour, courage

ANSWER: C

19. ___ is India's 3rd highest military decoration award.

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

ANSWER: C

20. ZA'IR-AL-BAHR exercise held b/w India and ___?

- A. China
- B. USA
- C. Qatar

D. Singapore
ANSWER: C

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