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Defence Current Affairs

12 May 2023

CDS Awards Unit Citations To 3 Tri-service Units

- General Anil Chauhan, CDS, conferred CDS Unit Citations award to the **Strategic Forces Command, College of Defence Management, Secunderabad & 2 PARA (Special Forces)** for their exemplary performance for the Year 2021-22 in a ceremony held in New Delhi on May 11, 2023.
- The CDS unit citations award was constituted after the establishment of the **Office of Chief of the Defence Staff in 2019** to boost jointness and integration in the Armed Forces.



INS Garuda Celebrates 70th anniversary

- INS Garuda, the premier Naval Air Station of the **Southern Naval Command** in Kerala's Kochi completed 70 years of glorious service to the Indian Navy.
- Commissioned on **11 May 1953**, it is the **oldest Naval Air Station** which has been associated with the beginning of Naval aviation. Home to the first amphibious aircraft of the Indian Navy, the Sealander's, it has grown into a full-fledged air base operating some of the finest air assets of the Indian Navy.

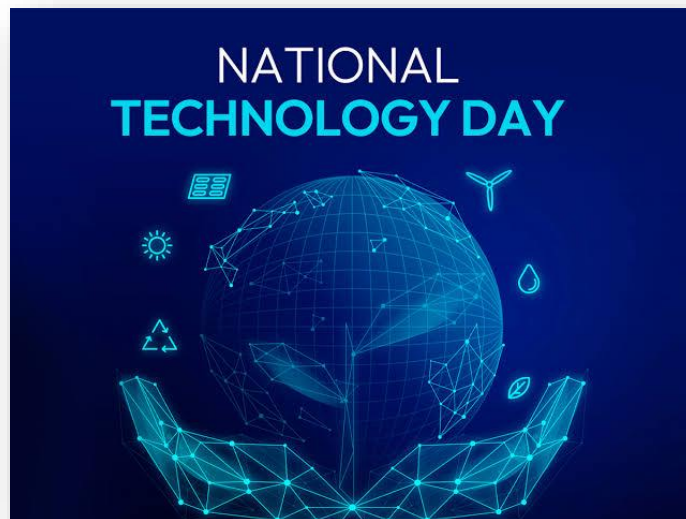
- Also known as the '**Cradle of Naval Aviation**', it has the unique distinction of operating the oldest as well as the latest aircraft available in the inventory of the Indian Navy.
- On 11 May 1953, Naval Air Station **INS Venduruthy II** was formally commissioned as **INS Garuda**. Minister of Defence Organisation Mahavir Tyagi performed the commissioning ceremony.



Pokhran Tests, 25 Years Completed

- **May 11** mark **25 years** of series of nuclear tests that were conducted in **Pokhran in 1998**. The tests included both underground and aboveground detonations, marked a significant milestone in India's nuclear program.
- A team of scientists under PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee had conducted **five nuclear tests on May 11 and 13 in 1998**. India's second round of nuclear tests, codenamed "**Operation Shakti**".
- The tests were **hailed as a triumph of Indian science and technology**, but also sparked widespread controversy and condemnation from the global community, leading to a period of diplomatic isolation and economic sanctions for India.

- May 11 is being celebrated as **National Technology Day** to acknowledge the contribution of scientists and engineers in the development of the country.
- For 2023, the theme is '**School to Startups-Igniting Young Minds to Innovate.**'



An infographic titled 'WHEN INDIA BECAME NUCLEAR'. It features a large image of a nuclear explosion. On the left, it says 'Three detonations happened on May 11 & two on May 13' with a radiation warning symbol. On the right, it shows portraits of former President Abdul Kalam and R. Chidambaram, with text stating they were the chief coordinators of Pokhran-II. At the bottom, a table lists the power of the three bombs: 15kt (Atom bomb), 45kt (Hydrogen bomb), and 0.2kt (The sub-kiloton device). To the right of the table, it says 'India became the 6th country to join the nuclear club' with a red map of India.

Britain Is Supplying Ukraine With Long-range Cruise Missiles

- Britain is supplying Ukraine with **Storm Shadow long-range cruise missiles**, defence minister Ben Wallace said, which would allow Ukraine's forces to hit Russian troops, ammunition, and fuel dumps deep behind the front line.

- Ukraine has been asking for months for long-range missiles, but support provided by Britain and other allies such as the United States has previously been limited to shorter range weapons.
- Storm Shadow is an Anglo-French low-observable, long-range, air-launched cruise missile developed since 1994 by Matra and British Aerospace, and now manufactured by MBDA.



Indian Soldiers Could Be Equipped With Jet Pack Suits To Enhance Border Defenses

- The Indian Army is reportedly considering equipping soldiers with jet pack suits for border defense against China and Pakistan. The “**Iron Man**” suits would be utilized in semi-urban and urban warfare scenarios and could function as an aerial surveillance platform.
- However, their effectiveness may be limited in areas with dense vegetation and high winds. The jet pack suits were demonstrated to the Army Borne Training School by Gravity Industries, a British company, and are powered by five gas turbines generating over **1,000 horsepower** with a speed exceeding **60 km/ph**.
- The Indian Defense Ministry intends to purchase **48 jet pack suits** through an emergency procurement process.



Review Questions

1. Theme Of The National Technology Day 2023 Is

- A. Young Minds
- B. Startups-Igniting Young Minds
- C. Better World
- D. School to Startups-Igniting Young Minds to Innovate

ANSWER: D

2. Which Indigenous Diving Support Vessels Have Been Launched Recently?

- A. INS Nistar
- B. INS Tiranga
- C. INS Neha
- D. INS Viraat

ANSWER: A

3. Which Of The Following Is A Cruise Missile Of India?

- A. Nirbhay
- B. Agni-1
- C. Prithvi-2

D. Dhanush

ANSWER: A

4. 'Maitree Exercise' Conducted b/w India &

A. Qatar

B. Oman

C. Thailand

D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

5. How Many Commands Of IAF?

A. 7

B. 3

C. 5

D. 6

ANSWER: A

6. Rustom Is A Medium Altitude Long Endurance UAV Being Developed By The

A. DRDO

B. NASA

C. ISRO

D. HAL

ANSWER: A

7. Which Transport Tactical Lifter Capable Of Carrying Payload Of More Than 50 Tons Is Also Used In Various Operations By IAF?

A. C-17

B. C-130J

C. IL-76

D. Mirage 2000

ANSWER: A

8. Which Force Is Deployed At India, Nepal And Bhutan Border?

A. Sashastra Seema Bal

B. Central Industrial Security Force

C. National Security Guard

D. Indo-Tibetan Border Police

ANSWER: A

9. Who Among The Following Has Become The First Ever Woman Pilot Of The Indian Navy?

- A. Chhavi Rajawat
- B. Shubhangi Swaroop
- C. Sita Sahu
- D. Asha Roy

ANSWER: B

10. What Is The Code Name Of The First Nuclear Test Of India?

- A. Chagai 1-1
- B. Smiling Buddha
- C. Project 596
- D. Shakti 1 – 1

ANSWER: B

11. What Is The Highest Military Honour Of India?

- A. Param Vir Chakra
- B. Bharat Ratna
- C. Maha Vir Chakra
- D. Padma Bhushan

ANSWER: A

12. When Was The Indian Air Force Founded?

- A. 30th October 1934
- B. 27th October 1932
- C. 8th October 1933
- D. 8th October 1932

ANSWER: D

13. What Is SRBM Developed By DRDO?

- A. Static-Random Ballistic Missile
- B. Scientific-Range Ballistic Missile
- C. Short-Range Ballistic Memory
- D. Short-Range Ballistic Missile

ANSWER: D

14. What Is 'Vigraha', With Respect To Indian Coast Guard?

- A. Offshore Patrol Vessel

- B. Submarine
- C. Destroyer
- D. Interceptor Boat

ANSWER: A

15. The "Ladakh Scouts" Is Also Known As -

- A. Snow Lions
- B. Snow Warriors
- C. Snow Leopards
- D. Snow Jackals

ANSWER: B

16. Shenyang FC-31 Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: D

17. Armed Forces Medical College Is Located At

- A. Mumbai
- B. Pune
- C. Nashik
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

18. 'Varuna' Is A Defence Exercise B/W India &

- A. Japan
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. France
- D. Australia

ANSWER: C

19. Super Hornet Fighter Aircraft Is Made By

- A. Dassault
- B. Boeing
- C. Airbus
- D. HAL

ANSWER: B

20. "Bolo Hindustan Ki Jay" Is The War Cry Of

- A. JKRIF
- B. RR
- C. MAHAR REGIMENT
- D. JKLIR

ANSWER: C



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