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# Defence Current Affairs

## 02 June 2023

### Successful Training Launch of Agni-1 Ballistic Missile

- A successful training launch of a Medium-Range Ballistic Missile, Agni-1 was carried out by the Strategic Forces Command from APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha on June 01, 2023. The missile is a proven system, capable of striking targets with a very high degree of precision.
- The user training launch successfully validated all operational and technical parameters of the missile.

Name	Type	Range
• Agni-I	MRBM	700–1,200 km (Operational)
• Agni-P	MRBM	1,000-2,000 km (Under development)
• Agni-II	MRBM	2,000–3,500 km (Operational)
• Agni-III	IRBM	3,000–5,000 km (Operational)
• Agni-IV	IRBM	3,500–4,000 km (Operational)
• Agni-V	ICBM	7,000–8,000 km (Operational)
• Agni-VI	ICBM	11,000–12,000 km Under development)



## Nepal Wants Better Terms For Gurkha Fighters Joining Indian Army

- **Nepal Prime Minister Puspha Kamal Dahal** will use his trip to India to push for **better terms for Gurkha fighters recruited for India's army**, posing a test for New Delhi as it vies for influence with Beijing in the Himalayan nation.
- Ties between Nepal and India came under strain when PM Narendra Modi's government last year replaced long term employment with shorter contracts tenure and no pension. Nepal, weeks later, stopped the 200-year-old recruitment process until there was more clarity.
- Nepalis make up about **60% of India's 44 Gurkha battalions**, which each comprise of a thousand soldiers. These battalions continually rotate through India's western and northern borders with Pakistan and China, making them a significant part of India's military planning.
- Gurkha troops have been part of the subcontinent's military since 1815 when the British East India Company and the Kingdom of Nepal signed a peace treaty, opening the doors for enlisting them.
- An agreement between London, New Delhi and Kathmandu after India's independence in **1947** allowed India and Britain to continue recruiting Gurkha fighters into their armies.



## Change Of Command Of Air Force Station Hindan

- Air Commodore Sanjay Chopra took over command of Air Force Station Hindan from **Air Commodore Vinay Pratap Singh** on **01 Jun 23**. An impressive parade was held on this occasion.
- Air Commodore Sanjay Chopra was commissioned as Helicopter Pilot in the Indian Air Force in **December 1995**. He is a Qualified Flying Instructor, has flown more than **4700 hours** and is an alumnus of **College of Air Warfare, Secunderabad**.
- The Air Officer has commanded a Helicopter Unit, a Flying Station and has held various operational appointments. He is a recipient of the **Vayu Sena Medal**.





## P Upadhyay INAS Takes Over As Director General Of Naval Armament

- P Upadhyay, INAS has taken over as **Director General of Naval Armament** at IHQ MoD (Navy) from Shri KSC Iyer, who superannuated on 31 May 23. Shri P Upadhyay, belongs to 1987 batch of **Indian Naval Armament Service**.
- He joined Naval Armament Organization of Indian Navy on 12 Jul 1989. The officer specialises in Missile and Torpedo Maintenance besides having vast knowledge on disposal of ammunition.
- He assumes the charge of Director General of Naval Armament on 01 Jun 23.



## Air Marshal Rajesh Kumar Anand Vsm Takes Over As AOA

- Air Marshal Rajesh Kumar Anand, VSM took over as Air Officer-in-Charge Administration on **01 Jun 2023**. An alumnus of NDA, the Air Marshal was commissioned in Administrative Branch of the IAF as an Air Traffic Controller on **13 Jun 1987**.
- He has undergone the **Higher Air Command Course** from **College of Air Warfare and Area Control Course** from the Singapore Aviation Academy.
- For his distinguished service, he was awarded **Vishisht Seva Medal** in January 2022 by the **President of India**.



## IAF Trainer Aircraft Crashes In Karnataka, Pilots Safe

- An Indian Air Force's (IAF) trainer aircraft crashed in an open field in Karnataka's Chamarajanagar.
- The Kiran trainer aircraft crashed near Makali village in Chamarajanagar district during a routine training sortie. Both the pilots of the aircraft ejected safely.
- A Court of inquiry has been ordered to ascertain the cause of the crash.



## 33 Gallantry And Distinguished Service Awards Conferred At Naval Investiture Ceremony 2023

- The Naval Investiture Ceremony, 2023 for the Eastern Naval Command (ENC) was held in Visakhapatnam.
- As per an official release from the Defence Ministry, CONS R Hari Kumar conferred thirty-three gallantry and distinguished service awards during the Naval Investiture Ceremony.
- In addition to these awards, the CNS also presented the **Lt VK Jain Memorial Gold Medal** for pioneering research in the field of Weapon Improvement and Electrical Engineering, as well as the **Capt. Ravi Dhir Memorial Gold Medal** for promoting Flight Safety.
- Indian naval vessels **Betwa, Satpura, Sutlej and Nireekshak**, Kalvari class submarine **INS Karanj** along with INAS 321 FSS and INAS 318 received the Unit Citation.







## Review Questions

**1. Successful Training Launch Of Agni-1 Ballistic Missile Conducted From**

- A. Chennai
- B. Pune
- C. APJ Abdul Kalam Island
- D. Mumbai

**ANSWER: C**

**2. \_\_\_ Took Over Command Of Air Force Station Hindan.**

- A. Air Commodore Sanjay Chopra
- B. Air Commodore Vinay Pratap Singh
- C. Commodore Ram Singh
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**3. \_\_\_ TAKES OVER AS AIR OFFICER-IN- CHARGE ADMINISTRATION (**

- A. Air Commodore Sanjay Chopra
- B. Air Commodore Vinay Pratap Singh
- C. Commodore Ram Singh
- D. Air Marshal Rajesh Kumar Anand

**ANSWER: D**

**4. Which Country Won Men's Junior Asia Cup Hockey 2023?**

- A. Pakistan
- B. India
- C. Japan
- D. Nepal

**ANSWER: B**

**5. Akash Prime Is A**

- A. Rocket
- B. Air Defence Missile System
- C. Sniper Rifle
- D. Tank

**ANSWER: B**

**6. IRBM Stands For**

- A. Intermediate Resource Ballistic Missile
- B. Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile
- C. Intermediate Range of Ballistic Missile
- D. Intermediated Range Ballistic Missile

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Southern Army Command headquarters Is in**

- A. Jaipur
- B. Kolkata
- C. Pune
- D. Lucknow

**ANSWER: C**

**8. HEAT Also Known As Abhyas Stands For**

- A. High-speed Expendable Aerial Temperature
- B. High-speed Expendable Air Target
- C. High-speed Extra Aerial Target
- D. High-speed Expendable Aerial Target

**ANSWER: D**

**9. BEL HQ Is In**

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Noida
- C. New Delhi
- D. Chennai

**ANSWER: A**

**10. Major Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of The Indian Navy?**

- A. Captain
- B. Inspector
- C. Lt Commander
- D. Vice-admiral

**ANSWER: C**

**11. Which Nation Is A New Member Of SCO?**

- A. China

- B. Pakistan
- C. India
- D. Ukraine

**ANSWER: D**

**12. \_\_Is India's 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Military Decoration Award.**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**13. Regimental Centre**

- A. Fatehgarh, Uttar Pradesh
- B. Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh
- C. Awantipora, J&K.
- D. Ranikhet, Uttarakhand

**ANSWER: A**

**14. World's Highest Motorable Road Is In**

- A. Sikkim
- B. Ladakh
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Assam

**ANSWER: B**

**15. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)?**

- 1. It is a non-statutory body.**
- 2. It is chaired by the Union Minister of Home Affairs.**

**Choose the correct answer using the codes given below:**

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

**ANSWER: D**

**16. The Primary Mission Of The Indian Army Is To Ensure**

- A. National Security And National Unity

- B. Peace
- C. Air Quality Neat And Clean
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**17. School of Artillery Is At**

- A. Chennai
- B. Bhopal
- C. Nagpur
- D. Deolali

**ANSWER: D**

**18. Barak 8 Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Missile
- D. Tank

**ANSWER: C**

**19. With reference to the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, which of the following statements is/are correct?**

1. India and Russia are the members of Shanghai Five.
2. The SCO's official languages are Chinese and English.
3. Recently, Iran became a member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

**Select the correct answer using the code given below:**

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 3 only

**ANSWER: D**

**20. North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) Hq Is In**

- A. Brussels, Belgium
- B. Berne, Switzerland
- C. Jakarta, Indonesia
- D. Kathmandu, Nepal

**ANSWER: A**





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