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Defence Current Affairs

08 July 2023

BASTILLE DAY PARADE AT PARIS, FRANCE

- The Indian Navy Marching Contingent, as part of the Tri services contingent, arrived in France for participation in the Bastille Day Parade at Paris on 14 Jul 23. The Navy team on parade will comprise of four officers and 64 sailors.
- The contingent will be led by **Cdr Vrat Baghel**. The officer is a specialist in Gunnery and Missile Warfare and has sailed on the French Ship BCR Var during exercise Varuna. He will be followed by his deputies, **Lt Cdr Disha Amrith** (who led the Indian Navy Contingent at the RD Parade 2023), **Lt Cdr Rajat Tripathi** and **Lt Cdr Jittin Lalitha Dharmaraj**.
- To commemorate the event, the Indian Navy will also be represented by **INS Chennai**, an indigenously built frontline destroyer, which will be deployed to France from 12 – 16 Jul 23. The ship's crew will represent India at the Bastille Day celebrations at Brest, France.
- This year marks a quarter century of Indo-French Strategic partnership. The two countries enjoy deep ties in the maritime domain which extend to their navies as well. Indigenous construction of the Project 75 Scorpene class submarines by MDL in collaboration with M/s Naval Group, France, has not only enhanced Naval capability but has also paved the way for future programmes.



IAF In BASTILLE DAY PARADE AT PARIS, FRANCE

- A flying contingent of four Rafale fighters, two C-17 Globemasters and 72 IAF personnel has departed for France today. The fly past & marching by the IAF air warriors on Bastille Day follows a long association that the two nations share, especially in the field of the air power.
- Many Indians like Welinkar, Shivdev Singh, HC Dewan & Jumbo Majumdar have fought over the skies of France during the two World Wars.
- The Indian Air Force has also operated multiple French aircraft starting with the Ouragan. This was followed by fighter aircraft like Breguet Alize, Mystere IVA, SEPECAT Jaguar, Mirage 2000 and now, the Rafale. Helicopters like the Alouette-III & Lama continue to render yeoman services to India, especially in the remote Himalayan areas.
- The professional ties between the two Air Forces have also been strengthened during flying exercises like Ex Desert Knight, Garuda and Orion.



MoD & HAL sign Rs 458 Crore Contract For Two Upgraded Dornier Aircraft

- Ministry of Defence signed, in New Delhi on July 07, 2023, a contract with HAL for procurement of two Dornier Aircraft for ICG along with associated Engineering Support package at an overall cost of Rs 458.87 crore. The aircraft will be procured under the Buy (Indian) Category.
- The aircraft will be fitted with a number of advanced equipment viz., Glass Cockpit, Maritime Patrol Radar, Electro Optic Infra-Red device, Mission Management System etc. The addition will further bolster the aerial surveillance capability of maritime areas of responsibilities of the ICG.



Rajnath Singh Launches A Single Window NCC Integrated Software for Cadets

- In a major step towards promoting digitisation and in sync with Digital India mission, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh launched an NCC Integrated Software in New Delhi on 07 July 2023.
- The NCC Integrated Software, developed in partnership with Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geo Informatics (BISAG), is a single window interactive software for Cadets, designed on the 'Entry to Exit Model'.
- During this event, the NCC and **State Bank of India** also signed a MoU in the presence of Raksha Mantri to open zero balance accounts of all NCC Cadets with debit card, chequebook & passbook facility under SBI's "Pahli Udaan" scheme. About 5 lakh cadets will be benefitted by this MoU every year.



US Plans To Send Controversial Cluster Munitions To Ukraine

- The White House said it had postponed the decision for as long as it could because of the risk of civilian harm from such unexploded ordnance.
- Ukraine has been asking for the weapons for months amid an ammunition shortage.
- Cluster munitions - which are banned by more than 100 countries - are a class of weapon that contain multiple explosive bomblets called submunitions.

- The Biden administration's latest weapons package for Ukraine is worth **\$800m (£626m)**. It includes Bradley and Stryker fighting vehicles, air defence missiles and anti-mine equipment.



REVEALED: HOW THE M864 SHELL WORKS

SHELL: detaches in midair & showers target area with grenades

EXPULSION CHARGE: used to break off shell casings and scatter munitions contained within

MUNITIONS: 72 grenades are contained within the shell

Fired from **155mm Howitzers**



Review Questions

1. NCC Signs MoU With ___ To Open Zero Balance Accounts Of All Cadets.

- A. BOB
- B. SBI
- C. ICICI
- D. HDFC

ANSWER: B

2. MoD & HAL sign Rs 458 crore contract for two upgraded Dornier Aircraft for

- A. IAF
- B. BSF
- C. ICG
- D. NSG

ANSWER: C

3. US Plans To Send Controversial Cluster Munitions To ___

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

ANSWER: D

4. NAMICA Stands For

- A. Nag Missile Cart
- B. Nag Missile Carrier
- C. Nag Missile Corn
- D. None

ANSWER: B

5. MRSAM Stands For

- A. Medium Router Surface to Air Missile
- B. Medium Range Surface to Anti Missile
- C. Medium Range Sea to Air Missile
- D. Medium Range Surface to Air Missile

ANSWER: D

6. Ex 'FRINJEX-23' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: D

7. The Military Engineer Services (MES) Is A Construction Agency Of Which Defence Force?

- A. Indian Army
- B. Indian Navy
- C. Indian Air Force
- D. Indian Coast Guard

ANSWER: A

8. 'Varuna' Is A Defence Exercise b/w India &

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

ANSWER: C

9. Super Hornet Aircraft Is Made By

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

ANSWER: B

10. Maritime Exercise/ Cutlass Express 2023 (IMX/CE-23) Held In The

- A. Persian Gulf
- B. Bay of Bengal
- C. Pacific Ocean
- D. IOR

ANSWER: A

11. With reference to the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), consider the following statements:

- 1. It aims to build and expand understanding and mutually beneficial cooperation through consensus-based, evolutionary, and non-intrusive means.**
- 2. As of 2023, it has 23 member states.**
- 3. Its secretariat is based in Mauritius.**

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

ANSWER: D

12. The Training Command of The IAF Is In

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

ANSWER: A

13. 'Vaduz' Is The Capital Of

- A. Liechtenstein
- B. Libya
- C. Liberia
- D. Lebanon

ANSWER: A

14. "The Book of Bihari Literature" Book Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Dr. Ambedkar
- C. Abhay K
- D. Samir Kumar Mahaseth

ANSWER: C

15. Commodore Rank Of Indian Navy Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Army?

- A. Brigadier
- B. Lt. Gen

- C. Captain
- D. Major General

ANSWER: A

16. MALABAR Exercise Was Initiated In Which Year?

- A. 1991
- B. 1992
- C. 1993
- D. 1994

ANSWER: B

17. EXERCISE FRINJEX-2023 TO COMMENCE AT

- A. Kerala
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. H.P.
- D. M.H.

ANSWER: A

18. Armed Forces Flag Day Is Observed On

- A. 06 Dec
- B. 07 Dec
- C. 08 Dec
- D. 09 Dec

ANSWER: B

19. Ex 'Sangam' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: B

20. Hindustan Lead-in Fighter Trainer (HLFT-42) Aircraft Will Be Manufactured By

- A. DRDO
- B. ISRO
- C. HAL
- D. BEL

ANSWER: C

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