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Defence Current Affairs

20 July 2023

DG Rakesh Pal appointed as 25th DG of ICG

- DG Rakesh Pal has been appointed as the 25th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard. He is an alumnus of the Indian Naval Academy and joined Indian Coast Guard in January 1989. DG Rakesh Pal was conferred with Tatrakshak Medal in 2013 and **President Tatrakshak Medal** in 2018 for his illustrious service.
- He has undergone professional specialisation in Gunnery & Weapons Systems at Indian Naval School Dronacharya, Kochi, and an Electro-Optics Fire Control Solution course from the United Kingdom. The Officer holds the recognition of being the First Gunner of ICG.



C-295 Transport Planes India Factory For Main Parts To Go Live This Month

- A production plant that will manufacture major components for India's C-295 transport planes is going live in Hyderabad this month, in a significant milestone that marks the first time India will produce aircraft of this size.

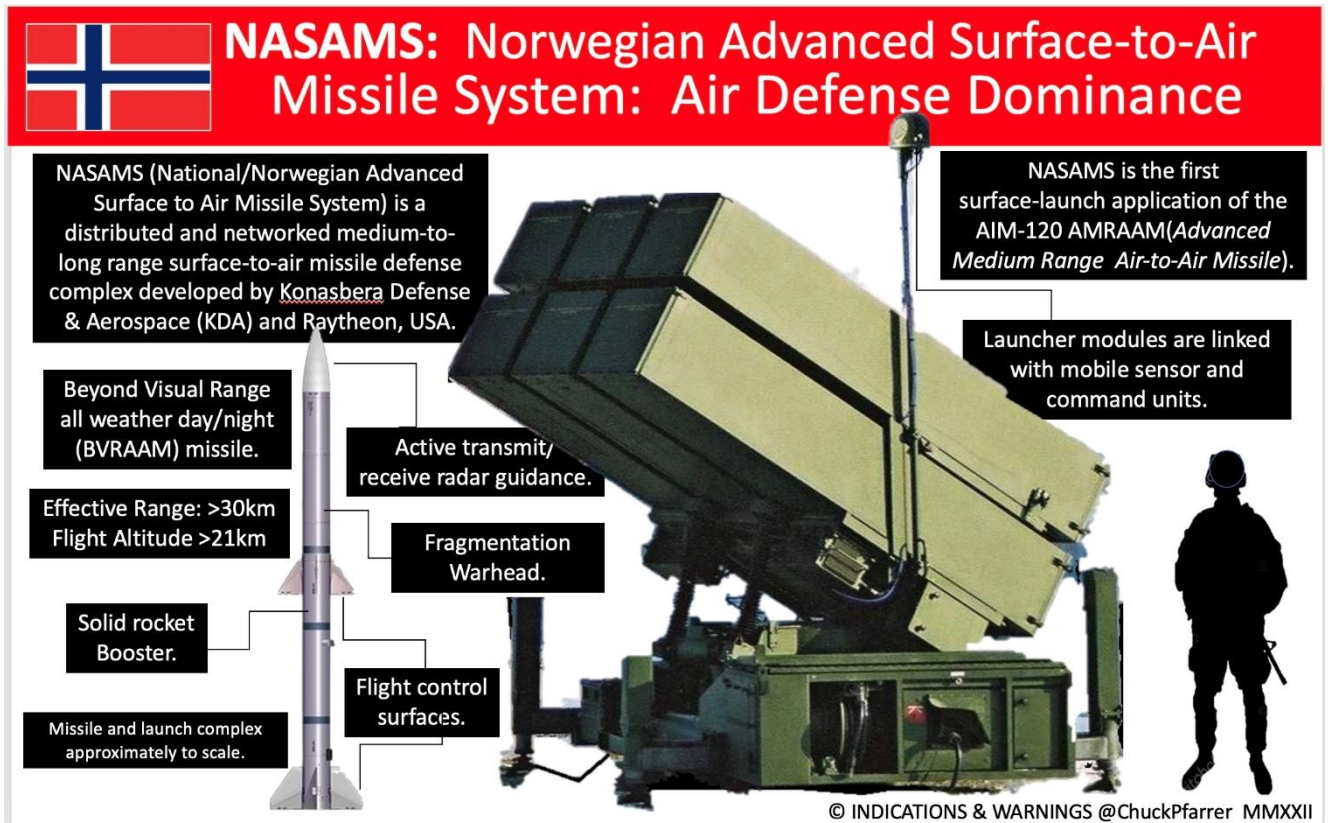
- The first of the 56 military transporters ordered by the IAF will be delivered in September from a production line in Spain but work to make 40 of these aircraft in India kicks off this month.
- The IAF has also entered into a five-year Performance-Based Logistics (PBL) agreement with Airbus, making the company contractually obligated to ensure 85 percent availability for the fleet at any point in time. This means that at any point in time, 85 percent of the fleet has to be operationally ready and not be in servicing or wait of spare parts.
- While the IAF has ordered 56 C-295 aircraft — each capable of carrying cargo up to 9 tonnes — Airbus officials confirmed that they, along with TATA, are in talks with the Indian Navy and the Indian Coast Guard for the procurement of up to 15 additional aircraft of which nine will be deployed for maritime surveillance.



US Announces 1.3 billion USD Military Aid Package For Ukraine

- The US government on Wednesday announced a 1.3 billion USD military aid package for Ukraine — during its ongoing conflict with Russia — including air defence systems and attack drones.
- The package includes four more **National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile Systems** (NASAMS), medium-range air defence batteries that have helped Ukraine withstand ongoing Russian barrages of missiles and drones.

- The latest package will give Kyiv a total of 12 NASAMS from the US. Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin said last November that the NASAMS had a 100 percent success rate in intercepting Russian attacks, CNN reported.
- The package also includes Phoenix Ghost and Switchblade attack drones, as well as counter-drone equipment.



Surat Diamond Bourse overtakes Pentagon as world's largest office building

- For the longest time, the Pentagon, which is the headquarters of the US Army, has been the world's largest office. However, the epithet has now passed to the newly constructed 'Surat Diamond Bourse' in Gujarat.
- Encompassing 4,500 offices for national and international traders, Surat Diamond Bourse aims to promote imports, exports, and trading of diamonds, gems, and jewellery from India.
- Famous across the state for its design, the bourse is built at a cost of about Rs 3000 crore and can accommodate 65,000 diamond professionals at a time bringing cutters, polishers, and traders under a single roof for the first time.



One Army Officer Died, Three Soldiers Injured In Fire Accident In Siachen Glacier

- One Army officer died while three soldiers sustained injuries in a fire accident in the Siachen glacier on Wednesday.
- “In a fire accident in the Siachen glacier, one officer lost his life while three soldiers were injured. The injured have been safely evacuated from there to hospital”, Defence PRO, Leh Lt Col PS Sidhu said.
- He said that the Regiment Medical Officer Capt Anshuman Singh succumbed to serious burn injuries during the unfortunate incident.
- While three other personnel suffered smoke inhalation and second-degree burns, the officials added.



Review Questions

1. DG ___ has been appointed as the 25th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard.
- A. V.S Pathania
 - B. Rakesh Pal
 - C. Manoj Singh
 - D. None

ANSWER: B

2. Coco Islands Is Located At
- A. Bharat
 - B. Sri Lanka
 - C. Maldives
 - D. Maynmar

ANSWER: D

3. Cabinet Clears Rs 2,600-crore LIGO-India; Observatory To Come Up In Which Indian State?
- A. U.P.

- B. M.P.
- C. M.H.
- D. H.P.

ANSWER: C

4. Which Command Conducted Ex Kavach?

- A. WNC
- B. ARTRAC
- C. A&NC
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

5. What Is The Motto Of The Army Ordnance Corps?

- A. Shastra Se Shakti
- B. Veer Baldani
- C. Shakti
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

6. INS Chennai Is A

- A. Missile Destroyer
- B. Submarine
- C. Landing Ship Tank
- D. None

ANSWER: A

7. Where Is The Hq Of The South Western Command of The Indian Army?

- A. Jaipur
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

8. Ex 'AUSINDEX' Conducted b/w India &

- A.** Angola
- B.** Oman
- C.** UAE
- D.** Australia

ANSWER: D

9. Joint Exercises B/w The India And USA Is Called:

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Tiger Triumph

ANSWER: D

10. Moroni Is The Capital Of

- A. Comoros
- B. Costa Rica
- C. Cuba
- D. Dominica

ANSWER: A

11. "Gandhi: Siyasat Aur Sampradaiykta" Book Written By

- A. Aniruddha Bhattacharjee
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Dr MA Hasan
- D. Piyush Babele

ANSWER: D

12. Which Force Has Motto: वयम् रक्षामः('We Protect')

- A. ICG
- B. Indian Navy
- C. BSF
- D. Indian Army

ANSWER: A

13. Konkurs-M ATGM Developed By

- A. MDL
- B. BDL
- C. CSL
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

14. UAV Vibhram Developed By

- A. IIT Kanpur
- B. IIT Delhi
- C. IIT Mumbai
- D. IIT Roorkee

ANSWER: A

15. ...Is The Second-largest Exporter Of Defence Equipment To India.

- A. USA
- B. Russia
- C. France
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: DC

16. Lieutenant Commander Of Indian Navy Is Equivalent to Which Rank Of IAF?

- A. Squadron Leader
- B. Major
- C. Group Captain
- D. Flying Officer

ANSWER: A

17. INS Androth Is A

- A. Anti Submarine Warfare Ship
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: A

18. Gwadar Port Is Located In

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

ANSWER: D

19. Space & Upper Atmosphere Research Commission Is A Space Agency Of

- A. USA
- B. Pakistan
- C. China

D. Bhutan

ANSWER: B

20. Naval War College Is Located In

A. Goa

B. Mumbai

C. Chennai

D. Kochi

ANSWER: A



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