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Defence Current Affairs

21 July 2023

IAF Maintenance Command Develops Satellite-Based Real Time Aircraft Tracking System

- The Indian Air Force's Maintenance Command has developed a satellite-based real time aircraft tracking system that can get information about the location of an aircraft, a senior official said.
- Talking to reporters, Air Marshal Vibhas Pande, Air Officer Commanding in Chief (AOC-in-C), Maintenance Command located here, said the aircraft tracking system would be implemented once the final trial pending in the eastern sector gets over.
- The tracking system is satellite-based and can track the path of an aircraft, Air Marshal Pande said. The final trial of the aircraft tracking system is pending in the eastern sector and once it is completed then modification will be implemented in all the aircraft.



India's Desperate Struggle To Get Into A First-world Exporter Club

- A definite mark of a developed country is its ability to build fighter jets and export them to other countries. A select few countries, including China, have this capability. The only developing country among them is Brazil. Now India is in a hurry to barge into this exclusive club of countries, determined as it is to grow into a world power.
- India has been in overdrive to sell its indigenously built light-combat aircraft Tejas, manufactured by state-owned HAL but has failed to find a customer so far. Yet, the frantic search for Tejas customers continues as India tries to boost its defence exports.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set ambitions to more than triple the value of annual defence exports to **\$5 billion over the next two years** and his government has been making diplomatic efforts to export the Tejas.
- China has hankered to become a major fighter jet exporter for some time but has failed, according to an article in Foreign Policy. Between 2000 and 2020, China exported just **\$7.2 billion** worth of military aircraft, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute arms transfers database.



Argentina signs Lol with Hindustan Aeronautics

- HAL and Argentina's Ministry of Defence on Thursday signed a Letter of Intent (Lol) on productive cooperation and acquisition of Light and Medium Utility Helicopters for Argentinian armed forces.
- The Argentinian Defence Minister remarked that the day was interesting and a step on the road to an ever-growing and strong collaboration with HAL.
- Taiana also invited Minister Singh to the II Latin American Conference of United Nations Peacekeeping Operations (ALCONU) that will take place in Argentina on September 12.
- In a press statement, Argentina's Defence Minister said, "We are here to perfect and deepen the agreements we have and sign some others. One of them is a Memorandum of Understanding that is richer in content and concrete possibilities than the one currently in force."





Negotiations Continue On Scorpene Submarine Deal

- Negotiations for India's acquisition for the Scorpene submarines from France are on track and both sides do not expect any sort of difficulty in concluding the deal, sources familiar with the matter said.
- Both countries hailed the success of the first Scorpene submarine construction programme (P75 – Kalvari), a model of 'Make-in- India' and the sharing of naval expertise between companies in the two countries.

- MoU was signed between state-run Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) and France's Naval Group for building three additional Scorpene submarines in India under the P75 programme.



Wagner Mercenaries And Belarus Hold Military Exercises

- Mercenaries from Russia's Wagner group will help train Belarusian special forces during exercises at a military range near the border with NATO-member Poland, the Belarusian defence ministry said.
- Wagner chief Yevgeny Prigozhin was shown in a video on Wednesday welcoming his fighters to Belarus, telling them they would take no further part in the Ukraine war for now but ordering them to gather their strength for Africa.
- Poland said earlier this month that it would send 500 police to shore up security at its border with Belarus to cope with rising numbers of migrants crossing as well as any potential threats after Wagner mercenaries relocated to Belarus.



Review Questions

1. ___ Signs LoI With Hindustan Aeronautics To Acquire Light, Medium Utility Helicopters.

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

ANSWER: B

2. 'Exercise Orion 2023' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: C

3. Akash Is A

- A. Surface to Air missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Anti-tank Guided missile
- D. Communication satellite

ANSWER: A

4. LCA Tejas Is Manufactured By

- A. Boeing
- B. Lockheed Martin
- C. HAL
- D. DRDO

ANSWER: C

5. Ex EKUVERIN, EX EKATHA Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. Malaysia
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: D

6. War Cry Of Mechanised Infantry Regiment Is

- A. Durga Mata K Jai
- B. Raja Ram Chandra K Jai
- C. Bolo Bharat Mata Ki Jai
- D. Bajrang Bali K Jai

ANSWER: C

7. SSLV Stands For

- A. Small Satellite Low Vehicle
- B. Small Satellite Launch Velocity
- C. Small Satellite Launch Vehicle
- D. None

ANSWER: C

8. Which Is Not An OPV?

- A. INS Saryu
- B. INS Sunayna
- C. INS Gomati
- D. INS Sumitra

ANSWER: C

9. SPYDER Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Air defence system

ANSWER: D

10. "Making of a General-A Himalayan Echo" Book Is Written By

- A. Ramesh Kandula
- B. Meghna Pant
- C. Hunter Biden
- D. Lt. Gen. Konsam Himalay Singh

ANSWER: D

11. President's Bodyguard Motto Is

- A. Jai Hind
- B. Sarvda Shaktishali
- C. Bharat Mata Ki Jai
- D. Rashtra Pratham

ANSWER: C

12. Military College of Electronics and Mechanical Engineering Is At

- A. Imphal
- B. Mhow
- C. Secunderabad
- D. Vairengte

ANSWER: C

13. The Border Security Force Has Its Headquarters At

- A. Jaipur
- B. Gurugram
- C. Kushinagar
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: D

14. The Pinaka Rocket System Has Been Developed By

- A. JAXA
- B. ISRO
- C. Munitions India Limited
- D. Armament Research and Development Establishment, Pune

ANSWER: D

15. DARPAN Stands For

- A. Defence Accounting Receipts and Payment System
- B. Defence Accounts Receipts and Payment System
- C. Defence Accounts Reserve and Payment System
- D. None

ANSWER: B

16. INS Mysore Is A

- A. OPV
- B. Frigate
- C. Destroyer

D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: C

17. The Cheetah Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: A

18. Wellington Is The Capital Of

- A. Germany
- B. Italy
- C. UAE
- D. New Zealand

ANSWER: D

19. "Billions & Billions" Book Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Carl Sagan
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: B

20. Naval War College Is Located In

- A. Goa
- B. Mumbai
- C. Chennai
- D. Kochi

ANSWER: A

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