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Defence Current Affairs

01 August 2023

Women In the Army

- The number of women in Indian Army medical and non-medical cadres are as under:
- The total number of women in Indian Army medical cadres, as on 01st July 2023:
 - Army Medical Corps (AMC) – 1,212
 - Army Dental Corps (ADC) – 168
 - Military Nursing Service (MNS) – 3,841
- The total number of women officers in Indian Army (excluding AMC, ADC and MNS) as on 01st January 2023 is 1,733.
- The major initiatives to increase the number of women in the Indian Army are given below:
 - 20 vacancies for Women Army cadets per year have been allotted in National Defence Academy, Pune with effect from July 2022.
 - Short Service Commission has 90 vacancies for women including 10 additional vacancies increased with effect from June 2023.
 - Approval has been given, since March 2023 for induction of women officers into following branches:
 - Artillery units.
 - Remount and Veterinary Corps.
 - Entry of Women officers as pilots in Army Aviation has commenced with effect from June 2021.
 - Enrolment of women as Other Ranks in Corps of Military Police in the Indian Army has commenced since 2019.

Navy Chief On 3-day Visit To Oman To Boost Bilateral Military Ties

- Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar is on a three-day visit to Oman with an aim to expand bilateral military cooperation. He was welcomed at the airport in Muscat by Rear Admiral Saif bin Nassir bin Mohsin Al-Rahbi, the Commander of the Royal Navy of Oman.
- During the visit, the Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) is scheduled to meet the military leadership of Oman and interact with institutions of higher defence studies of the country, the Indian Navy said on Twitter.
- Coinciding with the visit of the CNS, India's indigenous guided missile destroyer INS Visakhapatnam arrived at Port Sultan Qaboos in Muscat.





Myanmar Junta Extends State Of Emergency By Another Six Months

- Members of Myanmar's National Defence and Security Council on Monday decided to extend the state of emergency in the country and the term of the junta led by Min Aung Hlaing for another 6 months. The decision was taken during Myanmar's National Defence and Security Council meeting in Naypyidaw.
- As the term of the Myanmar junta led by Min Aung Hlaing expired on Monday, the junta chief presented a report to council members sharing details regarding

two-and-half years of military rule as is needed by the army-drafted 2008 Constitution. He stressed that there was still “unrest” in Myanmar.

- In November 2020, the National League for Democracy (NLD) secured victory in Myanmar's parliamentary elections. However, less than three months later, the Myanmar military carried out a coup and imprisoned Aung San Suu Kyi. Currently, she is serving a prison sentence which totals 33 years.



Defence Forces To Jointly Maintain Common Weapon Platforms

- In a step aimed to help save funds in a big way, the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) is working towards creating a system where maintenance of common weapon systems and platforms are done jointly by forces.
- Working towards creating joint fighting formations under the Theatre Commands, the DMA has already started joint procurement of weapon systems and is now looking at joint maintenance of weapon platforms.
- Even if we look around today, the light helicopters including the Cheetah/Chetak fleet are operated by the three services and if they are maintained jointly, they can lead to savings, they said.
- The Dornier aircraft is another example which is operated by the Indian Air Force, Navy and the Coast Guard and if they are maintained jointly, we can even improve serviceability along with savings.



IAF Moves LCA Tejas Jets To Kashmir For Flying Experience In Valley

- IAF has moved its indigenous Light Combat Aircraft Tejas to Jammu and Kashmir for the fleet to gain experience in flying in the valleys of the union territory situated along the border with Pakistan.
- The Indian Air Force has multiple bases in the Union Territory which are critical for operations on both fronts including China and Pakistan.
- The IAF has already operationalised two of its squadrons in the initial operational clearance and final operational clearance versions while a contract has been signed for the 83 Mark1As set to be delivered a couple of years from now.



Review Questions

1. International Maritime & Aerospace Exhibition 2023 Held In

- A. Bharat
- B. Maldives
- C. Malaysia
- D. Sri Lanka

ANSWER: C

2. INS Mormugao Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Destroyer

ANSWER: D

3. Information Management and Analysis Centre Is In

- A. Noida
- B. New Delhi
- C. Mumbai
- D. Gurugram

ANSWER: D

4. ___ Committee Had Recommended The Appointment Of The Chief of Defence Staff.

- A. Kargil War Committee
- B. Lodha Committee
- C. Abhijeet Sen Committee
- D. KV Kamath Committee

ANSWER: A

5. 'Service And Loyalty' Is The Motto Of

- A. CRPF
- B. BSF
- C. NSG
- D. ITBP

ANSWER: A

6. SIPRI Stands For

- A. Stockholm International Peace Rice Institute
- B. Stock International Peace Research India
- C. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute
- D. Sugar International Peace Research Institute

ANSWER: C

7. "Nischay Kar Apni Jeet Karon" is The Motto Of ____

- A. RAJPUT REGIMENT
- B. RAJPUTANA RIFLES
- C. THE BRIGADE OF THE GUARDS
- D. SIKH REGIMENT

ANSWER: D

8. Maiden AL-Mohed AL-Hindi exercise held b/w India &

- A. Iran
- B. Iraq
- C. Indonesia
- D. Saudi Arabia

ANSWER: D

9. C-17 Globemaster Manufactured By

- A. Airbus
- B. Lockheed Martin
- C. Dassault
- D. Boeing

ANSWER: D

10. Shakti military exercise held between India and ____?

- A. Iran
- B. Iraq
- C. France
- D. Uzbekistan

ANSWER: C

11. Air Commodore Rank Of IAF Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Army?

- A. Brigadier
- B. Lt. Gen
- C. Captain
- D. Major General

ANSWER: A

12. "Supreme Court On Commercial Arbitration" Book Written By

- A. Dr. Manoj Kumar
- B. J. Sai Deepak
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Kapil Sibbal

ANSWER: A

13. ___ Is The Largest Defense Contractors in the World.

- A. Lockheed Martin
- B. Boeing
- C. Raytheon Technologies
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

14. Port Gqeberha Is Located At

- A. South Africa
- B. Australia
- C. USA
- D. Sri Lanka

ANSWER: A

15. Ex 'IBSAMAR' Conducted b/w India &

- A. South Africa, Oman
- B. South Africa, Brazil
- C. Sri Lanka, Oman
- D. None

ANSWER: B

16. Boeing India To Collaborate With ___ To Develop Aerospace Parts And Defence Components.

- A. MIDHANI
- B. Adani

- C. Reliance
- D. Airbus

ANSWER: A

17. ECIL Stands For

- A. Electronics Corporation of India Limited
- B. Electronics Corporate of India Limited
- C. Electrical Corporation of India Limited
- D. None

ANSWER: A

18. INTERPOL Stands For

- A. International Criminal Pole Organization
- B. International Create Police Organization
- C. International Criminal Police Organization
- D. None

ANSWER: C

19. The World's Biggest Employer of The World Is

- A. Walmart
- B. Amazon
- C. Ministry of Defence(India)
- D. Foxconn

ANSWER: C

20. ISRO Is Ramping Up Its Efforts To Build Its Own Space Station By__.

- A. 2022
- B. 2025
- C. 2027
- D. 2035

ANSWER: D

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