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Defence Current Affairs

05 August 2023

IAF Receives Israeli Spike NLOS Anti-Tank Missiles

- IAF has received Israeli Spike NLOS (Non-Line of Sight) anti-tank guided missiles, which can reach targets from distances of up to 30 km, to improve its ability to destroy enemy targets hidden behind mountains.
- According to defence officials, the Israeli Spike NLOS anti-tank guided missiles have been delivered and trials will begin soon.
- The NLOS missiles will now be combined with the Russian-origin fleet of **Mi-17V5 helicopters**, which can take out targets from long distances and be particularly efficient against enemy objectives and assets hidden behind mountains or hills, according to the sources.
- Spike is an Israeli fire-and-forget anti-tank guided missile and anti-personnel missile with a tandem-charge high-explosive anti-tank warhead. As of 2007, it is in its fourth generation. It was developed and designed by the Israeli company **Rafael Advanced Defense Systems**.



LS Passes Bill That Seeks To Give Push To Theaterisation

- Lok Sabha passed a bill to empower commanders of inter-services organisations to exercise disciplinary or administrative control over personnel of the army, IAF & navy serving under their command with Rajnath Singh stating that the legislation is an important step in the direction of military reforms.
- The Defence Minister moved the Inter-Services Organisations (Command, Control and Discipline) Bill, 2023 for passage in the House amid opposition protests over their demands related to Manipur debate.
- Rajnath Singh said that at present the service personnel of Air Force, Army and Navy are governed by the provisions of the Air Force Act, 1950, the Army Act, 1950 and the Navy Act, 1957 and only officers of the respective services are empowered to exercise disciplinary powers over the service personnel under the respective Service Acts.



India To Participate In Ukraine Peace Talks Hosted By Saudi Arabia

- India will participate in Ukraine peace talks to be hosted by Saudi Arabia on Aug. 5 and 6, a foreign ministry spokesperson said during a news briefing.
- Saudi Arabia has invited Western nations, Ukraine and some major developing countries to discuss the peace plan proposed by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy earlier this year.

- Russia, which has not been invited, said that it will follow the discussions. Ukraine has said that the Kremlin was not welcome at the talks.



BDL Hands Over First RF Seeker Of 'Akash' to DRDO

- Bharat Dynamics Limited handed over the first Radio Frequency (RF) Seeker of Akash, a next generation weapon system produced at its newly commissioned state-of-the-art Seeker Facility Centre, to the DRDO.
- Seeker is a critical and technology intensive subsystem used in Surface-to-Air Missiles and Air-to-Air Missiles for target tracking in the terminal phase.
- The RF Seeker has been designed by DRDO's Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad and produced by BDL at its state-of-the-art Seeker Facility Centre set up at BDL, Kanchanbagh Unit in Hyderabad.
- In a special ceremony held at BDL's Kanchanbagh Unit, BDL Chairman and Managing Director, Commodore A. Madhavarao (retd.) handed over the 1st RF Seeker manufactured by BDL at this facility to DRDO Chairman and Secretary, Department of Defence Research & Development, Dr Samir V Kamat.
- **Designed:** 2021
- **Engine:** Dual-pulse solid rocket motor
- **Flight altitude:** 0.030–14 km
- **Guidance system:** Mid-course: Inertial navigation system with two-way datalink; Terminal: Active radar homing
- **In service:** 2023 (planned), **Operational range:** 70–80 km



11,414 Women Serving In Three Services: Government Data

- Eleven thousand four hundred fourteen women personnel are serving in the three services with the Army having the maximum of 7,054 of them, government data placed before Lok Sabha. The total number includes officers, other ranks as well as those in medical, dental and nursing services.
- The number of women personnel employed in the three services excluding those in medical, dental and nursing services comes to 4,948.
- Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt while replying to a question in Lok Sabha, the Army has 1,733 women officers while 100 women personnel are employed in other ranks.
- In the IAF, the number of women officers is 1,654 while 155 are working as Airmen (agniveer-vayu) as on July 1, Bhatt said.
- In the Navy, 580 women are posted as officers while 726 are operating as sailors (Agniveers) as on July 26.
- In the Army, Bhatt said 1,212 women are working in the Army Medical Corps, while the number in Army Dental Corps and Military Nursing Service is 168 and 3,841.



Review Questions

1. Range of Akash-NG Missile Is

- A. 25-30 Km
- B. 35-50 Km
- C. 50-60 Km
- D. 70-80 Km

ANSWER: D

**2. Inter-Services Organisations (Command, Control and Discipline) Bill, 2023
Related With**

- A. Indian Railways
- B. Indian Armed Forces
- C. Civil Aviation of India
- D. None

ANSWER: B

3. Ukraine Peace Talks To Be Hosted By

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Saudi Arabia
- E. Nishan

ANSWER: D

4. Israeli Spike NLOS Is A

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

ANSWER: D

5. EX EKATHA Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: D

6. Port Al-Shuwaikh Is Located At

- A. Kuwait
- B. Oman
- C. Iran
- D. Pakistan

ANSWER: A

7. The IMA Was Founded On

- A. October 1, 1930
- B. October 1, 1931
- C. October 1, 1932
- D. October 1, 1933

ANSWER: C

8. 15th President of India Is/Was_____

- A.** Droupadi Murmu
- B.** Pranab Mukherjee
- C.** Pratibha Singh Patil
- D.** Rajendra Prasad

ANSWER: A

9. IPCC Stands For

- A. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Challenge

- B. Intergovernmental Panel on Cloud Change
- C. Intergovernmental Pan on Climate Change
- D. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

ANSWER: D

10. Joint Exercises B/w The India And Vietnam Is Called:

- A. Yama
- B. VINBAX
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: B

11. Which Is Not A Tactical Ballistic Missiles?

- A. Prithvi
- B. Prahar
- C. Pralay
- D. Agni

ANSWER: D

12. India Shares Its Land Boundaries With Which Countries In The East?

- A. China, Nepal and Bhutan
- B. Bhutan and Afghanistan
- C. Myanmar and Bangladesh
- D. Pakistan and Afghanistan

ANSWER: C

13. "The Unending Game: Insights into Espionage" Book Is Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Vikram Sood
- C. Abhishek Manu Singhvi
- D. Ahmed Saadawi

ANSWER: B

14. Group Captain Rank Of IAF Is Equivalent to Which Rank of Indian Navy?

- A. Colonel
- B. Captain
- C. Commander
- D. Major

ANSWER: B

15. India Purchased Kamov Ka-27 From

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Russia
- D. France

ANSWER: C

16. DGAQA Stands For

- A. Directorate General of Aeronautical Quality Assurance
- B. Directorate General of Aeronautical Query Assurance
- C. Directorate General of Aeronautical Quality Assured
- D. None

ANSWER: A

17. Where Is The Hq Of The Southern Command of The Indian Navy?

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

ANSWER: A

18. The NCC First And Only Airstrip In The Country Is_____.

- A. Idukki Airstrip
- B. Kochi Airstrip
- C. Trombay Airstrip
- D. None

ANSWER: A

19. ALH MK-III Helicopter Manufactured By

- A. DRDO
- B. Israel Aerospace Industries
- C. Boeing
- D. HAL

ANSWER: D

20. Heron TP Is A

- A. Air to Air missile
- B. Sniper Rifle

- C. Anti-tank Guided missile
- D. Drone

ANSWER: D



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