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Defence Current Affairs

06-07 August 2023

Passing Out Parade of Agniveers

- The Assam Regimental Centre held a Passing out Parade of the first batch of Agniveers at Shillong, informed Public Relations Officer, Defence Guwahati.
- 44 Agniveers passed out at the ceremony conducted at the Parsons Parade Ground, Happy Valley.
- Lt Gen BS Raju, Army Cdr, reviewed the Passing Out Parade of first batch of 164 Agniveers at Jat Regimental Centre, Bareilly. He exhorted the passing out soldiers to serve the Nation with pride and applauded the training staff and parents for their support.



MiG-29 Fleet To Undergo 2nd Life Extension Programme

- IAF has devised a bold plan to extend the operating life of its fleet of frontline MiG-29 fighter jets. The 2nd life extension scheme intends to push out the retirement of these fearsome aircraft from 2027 to 2037, which was previously scheduled.

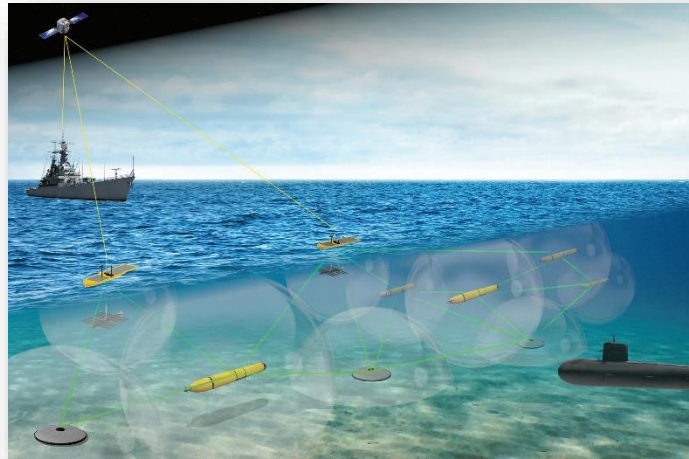
- This extension essentially keeps the fleet operating for approximately 50 years, demonstrating the IAF's dedication to optimising existing assets and strengthening air defence capabilities.
- The MiG-29 fighter jets were initially introduced into the IAF in 1986, and they played an important part in bolstering India's aerial capabilities. India purchased these legendary fighter planes from the Soviet Union as one of the first export customers.



Indian Navy Issues RFI For 12 Minesweepers After Long-Awaited Delay

- The Indian Navy released a Request for Information for the procurement of 12 state-of-the-art Counter Mine Warfare Vessels on Aug 3. The long-awaited RFI signals India's renewed efforts to enhance its mine-warfare capabilities after several failed attempts over the past 15 years.
- The RFI outlines the requirements for the 12 MCMVs, which are set to be constructed over an eight-year period. The order will be split between the lowest and second-lowest bidding shipyards. The proposed delivery timeline for the MCMVs ranges from **2030 to 2037**.
- The Indian Navy currently operates without a single minesweeper, and the last of its fleet of six minesweepers, acquired from the Soviet Union in the late 1970s, was decommissioned four years ago. The absence of dedicated mine-countermeasure vessels has left a significant gap in India's naval fleet, prompting the urgent need for modern and advanced MCMVs.

- The centrepiece of these vessels is said to lie in their armament and "cutting-edge" technologies, which will be tailored to tackle a range of threats in both anti-submarine warfare and naval mine countermeasures (NCM) domains, as per the RFI.



Russia Ukraine War and Peace Talks

- A Ukraine-organised two-day peace summit in Saudi Arabia's Jeddah has ended without any concrete action beyond a commitment to further consultations.
- Andriy Yermak, the chief of staff to Zelenskyy, said the discussions had been very productive but did not give any details.
- Russia did not attend. Its deputy foreign minister, Sergei Ryabkov, said the meeting reflected the West's "doomed efforts" to mobilise developing nations behind Zelenskyy.
- Russia launched a wave of air attacks on Ukraine, using cruise and hypersonic missiles as well as Iranian-made drones, according to the Ukrainian air force. "In total, the enemy used 70 air assault weapons in several waves," in the night from Saturday to Sunday, it said.
- "Unfortunately, there are casualties and wounded among the civilian population. Residential buildings and other civilian infrastructure suffered destruction," it added in a statement.

Army Foils Infiltration Bid in Jammu And Kashmir's Poonch

- An infiltration bid was foiled along the Line of Control (LoC) in the general area of Degwar Terwan in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch during wee hours of Monday, the Army said.
- Lt Col Suneel Bartwal, PRO (Defence) Jammu, said that contact was established by ambush in Garhi Battalion, Poonch around 02:00 am. Two individuals observed moving across LoC in General area Degwar Terva.
- In a joint operation by the Indian Army and the Jammu and Kashmir Police, two terrorists who had infiltrated the LoC from the Pakistan side were engaged in a gunfight with the security forces.
- During the gunfight, one terrorist was killed, and another was shot at while trying to run back to the LoC. He was shot at and was seen falling down.
- A search operation was carried out in the area to recover the bodies of the terrorists. While the first terrorist was gunned down, it was not known whether the second terrorist was killed or injured.
- Jammu-based defence PRO Lt Col Suneel Bartwal said an Army ambush party established contact with terrorists in the Garhi battalion area around 2 am.
- “Two individuals were observed moving across the LoC in the general area of Degwar Terva. In the ensuing firefight, one terrorist was seen dropping while the second moved towards Pintu Nala,” the officer said.



Durand Cup: Super Cup champions Odisha FC to take on Indian Army Football

- More teams are set to get a slice of 132nd Durand Cup action on Monday, as Indian Super League side and reigning Super Cup champions Odisha FC lock horns with the Indian Army Football Team at the SAI stadium in Kokrajhar, and the first-ever promoted ISL side Roundglass Punjab FC take on the might of Mohun Bagan Super Giant at Kolkata's Kishore Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata.
- There are enough names in the 26-member Roundglass Punjab FC squad headed by Greek coach Staikos Vergetis, who can ruffle the feathers of Mohun Bagan Super Giant, who in turn were not quite challenged in their first game against the Bangladesh Army Football team.
- Upfront they have a goal machine in Luka Majcen, the Slovenian poacher who has over 50 goals in his four-season India stint across clubs so far. Other names like Leon Augustine, Amarjit Kiyam and Nepalese Kiran Limbu in goal, have been proven performers.



Review Questions

1. INS Delhi Is A
 - A. Destroyer
 - B. OPV
 - C. Submarine
 - D. Tank

ANSWER: A

2. AFA Academy Situated In

- A. New Delhi
- B. Ranikhet
- C. Dundigal
- D. None

ANSWER: C

3. INAS 550 Is Based At

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

ANSWER: A

4. Ex 'Nomadic Elephant' conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: B

5. SPYDER Air-defense System New Laser-based Air Defence System Made By

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

ANSWER: C

6. Chisinau Is The Capital Of

- A. Mexico
- B. Qatar
- C. Germany
- D. Moldova

ANSWER: D

7. 14,18 SSB Board Is At

- A. Kapurthala

- B. Gandhinagar
- C. Bhopal
- D. Allahabad

ANSWER: D

8. Anti-Submarine Warfare School Is Located At

- A.** Lonavala
- B.** Coimbatore
- C.** Ezhimala
- D.** Kochi

ANSWER: D

9. 'Operation Khatma' Book Is Written By

- A. Robert De Cook
- B. Amit Kumar
- C. RC Ganjoo and Ashwini Bhatnagar
- D. Roger Faligot

ANSWER: C

10. Barrett M82 Is A

- A. Sniper Rifle
- B. Machine Gun
- C. Missile
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: A

11. Which Is Not The Commissioned Ranks In The Army Service?

- A. Brigadier
- B. Colonel
- C. General
- D. Commander

ANSWER: D

12. "The Direction Of War" Book Is Written By

- A. Jhon Neil
- B. Napoleon
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Nathaniel Fick

ANSWER: C

13. Blaser R93 Tactical Is Rifle Of

- A. Oman
- B. Qatar
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Germany

ANSWER: D

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

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

ANSWER: D

15. North-West Region Of ICG Located In

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

ANSWER: C

16. Department of Defence Production Comes Under

- A. Ministry of Culture
- B. MHA
- C. MOD
- D. MEA

ANSWER: C

17. Which Country Is Not The Member Of QUAD?

- A. USA
- B. India
- C. Japan
- D. Russia

ANSWER: D

18. Dhanush (howitzer) Manufactured By

- A. L & T

- B. Boeing
- C. ISRO
- D. Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited

ANSWER: D

19. International Olympic Day Is Observed On

- A. 21 June
- B. 22 June
- C. 23 June
- D. 24 June

ANSWER: C

20. World Breastfeeding Week Is Observed On

- A. 1 to 7 August
- B. 8 to 15 August
- C. 15 to 22 August
- D. 23 to 30 August

ANSWER: A



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