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Defence Current Affairs

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BEL Developed Lighter Version Weapon Locating Radar

- The lighter and compact version of Weapon Locating Radar, known as SWATHI Mountains, developed indigenously by Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) along with LRDE, DRDO, has been inducted into the Indian Army.
- Lt Gen. J B Chaudhari, Dy. Chief of Army Staff (CD&S) flagged off the state-of-the-art RADAR system designed for use in mountainous and high-altitude terrains in Agra, in the presence of Mr. Manoj Kumar, Executive Director, and Mr. Rajnish Sharma, General Manager (Military Radars SBU), BEL.
- The induction of SWATHI Mountains into the Indian Army's arsenal will bolster the Army's battlefield surveillance and transparency capabilities and give a boost to the Make in India and Atmanirbharbharat initiatives.
- **Range Artillery** → 2-30 km
- **Rockets** → 4-80 km
- **Mortars** → 2-20 km
- **Azimuth:** +/- 45° Electronic scan
- **Elevation:** -5 to 75°
- **Power :** 40 kW



Australia To Host Latest Edition Of 10-day Malabar Exercise For First Time

- The latest edition of the Malabar exercise is all set to commence in the Australian waters from August 11-21 that will see the participation of the United States, Japan, India and Australia.
- The ten-day exercise aims to deepen the interoperability between the key partners, Australia, India, Japan and the United States who are also members of the Quad or the Quadrilateral security dialogue.
- The Malabar series of exercises began as an annual bilateral naval exercise between India and the US in 1992. Japan joined the Naval Exercises in 2015. Malabar 2020 saw the participation of the Australian Navy also.



Dhaksha Unmanned Systems wins order from Army

- Agri solutions provider Coromandel International's subsidiary and drone manufacturer Dhaksha Unmanned Systems on Monday announced it has secured a supply order for 200 medium-altitude logistics drones and accessories from the Indian Army.
- This order comes on the back of a recent contract for the supply of 400 agri-spraying drones from IFFCO, Dhaksha Unmanned Systems said in a statement.
- These two orders are planned to be delivered over the next 12 months, the company said, adding it also has a strong order pipeline which will further increase the potential revenues for the current year.



China Releases TV documentary showcasing army's ability to attack Taiwan

- China has released a new documentary about the army's preparation to attack Taiwan and showcasing soldiers pledging to give up their lives if needed as Beijing continues to ramp up its rhetoric against the self-ruled island.
- “Chasing Dreams,” an eight-part docuseries aired by state broadcaster CCTV earlier this week to mark the People Liberation Army's 96th anniversary, features military drills and testimonials by dozens of soldiers, of which several express their willingness to die in a potential attack against Taiwan.
- China claims Taiwan, a self-ruled democracy, as its own territory, to be conquered by force if necessary.



Top Hizbul commander among two terrorists killed

- A self-styled divisional commander of Hizbul Mujahideen was killed along with his bodyguard as security forces foiled an infiltration attempt and a conspiracy by the proscribed outfit to revive its activities in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district early Monday, officials said. While the body of Hizbul commander Munesar Hussain was retrieved, his bodyguard's body was still lying near the Line of Control (LoC) in Degwar sector, the officials said.
- Troops in the Degwar sector noticed the movement of some terrorists attempting to sneak into this side under the cover of darkness in the early hours of the day and engaged them in an encounter, the officials said.
- Jammu-based defence PRO Lt Col Suneel Bartwal said the two infiltrating terrorists were engaged by the joint team of Army and police in Garhi Battalion area around 2 am.
- Lt Col Bartwal said the body of one of the slain terrorists was retrieved and has been identified on the basis of police records as Hussain -- a resident of Bagyladra village of Poonch who a self-style Divisional Commander of Hizbul Mujahideen was.



Review Questions

1. “Sangathan Va Veerta” Is The Motto Of

- A. JAT REGIMENT
- B. PARACHUTE REGIMENT
- C. PUNJAB REGIMENT
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

2. SCO Hq Is In

- A. Beijing
- B. New Delhi
- C. Moscow
- D. Islamabad

ANSWER: A

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

- A. Kochi
- B. Chandi Mandir
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai
- E. Qatar

ANSWER: B

4. Victoria/Mahé Island, Is The Capital Of

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

ANSWER: B

5. "The Old Man and the Sea" Book Is Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Ernest Hemingway
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. L K Adwani

ANSWER: B

6. The Rudra Is A

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

ANSWER: A

7. INS Chennai Is A

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

ANSWER: A

8. India Purchased M17 V5 Helicopter from

- A.** USA
- B.** Sweden
- C.** France
- D.** Russia

ANSWER: D

9. Armed Forces Medical College Is Located At

- A. Mumbai
- B. Pune
- C. Nashik

D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

10. Ex 'DUSTLIK' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. Uzbekistan
- D. Thailand

ANSWER: C

11. Brigadier Rank of Indian Army Is Equivalent to which rank of Indian Navy?

- A. Commodore
- B. Captain
- C. Commander
- D. Lieutenant

ANSWER: A

12. The Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School Is In

- A. Vairengte, Mizoram
- B. Pune, M.H.
- C. Lucknow, U.P.
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

13. Zmiinyi Island (Snake Island), Is In Which Sea/Ocean?

- A. Pacific Ocean
- B. Black Sea
- C. Mediterranean Sea
- D. Atlantic Ocean

ANSWER: B

14. Which Is/Are The Combat Arms Of The Indian Army?

- A. Infantry
- B. The Armoured Corp
- C. The Mechanized Infantry
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: D

15. SALVEX (Salvage) Ex Conducted B/W India And

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Uganda
- D. European Union

ANSWER: A

16. "How Prime Ministers Decide" Book Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Chetna Maroo
- C. Rishi Raj
- D. Neerja Chowdhury

ANSWER: D

17. Ex 'HARIMAU SHAKTI' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: C

18. HFSDR Stands For

- A. High Frequency Man Packed Software Defined Radio
- B. High Frequency Meta Packed Software Defined Radio
- C. High Frequency Multi Packed Software Defined Radio
- D. None

ANSWER: A

19. UIDAI Stands For

- A. Unique Identification Author of India
- B. Unique Identity Authority of India
- C. Unique Identification Authority of Indonesia
- D. Unique Identification Authority of India

ANSWER: D

20. International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Hq Is At

- A. London, United Kingdom
- B. Vienna, Austria
- C. Paris, France

D. Geneva, Switzerland

ANSWER: A



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