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Defence Current Affairs

09 August 2023

Rajya Sabha Passes ISO (Command, Control & Discipline) Bill – 2023

- The Rajya Sabha, on August 08, 2023, passed the Inter-Services Organisation (Command, Control & Discipline) Bill - 2023. It was passed by the Lok Sabha on August 04, 2023.
- The bill seeks to empower Commander-in-Chief and Officer-in Command of ISOs with all disciplinary and administrative powers in respect of the personnel serving in or attached to such organisations.
- **Salient Features**
- The 'ISO Bill - 2023' shall be applicable to all personnel of regular Army, Navy, and Air force, and to persons of other forces as notified by the Central Government, who are serving in or attached to an Inter-Services Organisation.
- Bill empowers the Commander-in-Chief, Officer-in-Command or any other officer specially empowered in this behalf by the Central Government with all the disciplinary and administrative powers in respect of personnel serving in or attached to their ISO for the maintenance of discipline and proper discharge of their duties, irrespective of the service.
- The Commander-in-Chief or the Officer-in-Command means **General Officer/Flag Officer/Air Officer** who has been appointed as **Commander-in-Chief of Officer-in-Command** an Inter-Services Organisation.
- To maintain Command and Control in absence of the Commander-in-Chief or the Officer-in-Command, the officiating incumbent or the officer on whom the command devolves in absence of a C-in-C or Oi/C, will also be empowered to initiate all disciplinary or administrative actions over the service personnel, appointed, deputed, posted or attached to an Inter-Services organisation.
- The Bill also empowers the Commanding Officer of an Inter-Services organisation to initiate all disciplinary or administrative actions over the

personnel appointed, deputed, posted or attached to that Inter-Services Organisation. For the purpose of this Act, Commanding Officer means the officer in actual command of the unit, ship or establishment.



BEL Eyes Rs 20,300 Cr. Turnover in 2023-24

- State-run Bharat Electronics Limited has set a target of Rs 20,300 crore for financial year 2023-24 as demand for indigenous products is driving growth for the company, its CMD Bhanu Prakash Srivastava said. He said the order book of the 'Navratna' PSU under the Ministry of Defence stands at around Rs 64,800 crore as on August 1 this year.
- The Bengaluru-headquartered company has plans to start marketing offices in Brazil, Armenia and Kazakhstan, Srivastava said.
- He said the export sales target for 2023-24 is USD 90 million.
- The Government of India, he noted, is focusing on self-reliance to encourage domestic industry and has imposed restrictions on import of certain category of defence equipment.
- "This will enhance the demand for indigenous products and services in the near future," he said. "BEL being a leading indigenous solution provider in defence sector will have more opportunities in the coming years and this will drive the growth of the company".



Dhaksha Unmanned Systems Wins Order From Army For 200 Drones

- Agri solutions provider Coromandel International's subsidiary and drone manufacturer DUS announced it has secured a supply order for **200 medium-altitude logistics drones and accessories** from the Indian Army.
- Dhaksha Unmanned Systems, an arm of Coromandel International, has bagged two orders for **600 drones** with an aggregate value of **₹165 crore**.
- It also won a contract for **400 drones** from the agri inputs cooperative IFFCO for the supply of input-spraying drones.



2 BSF Personnel, 21 Civilians Held For Involvement In Infiltration

- Two Border Security Force (BSF) personnel and 21 civilians involved in infiltration attempts have been apprehended since 2021, Lok Sabha was informed. Union Minister of State for Home Nisith Pramanik said that to stop infiltration along the Indo-Pakistan and Indo-Bangladesh borders.
- Use of watercrafts and boats and floating border outposts for domination of riverine areas, advance technological equipments such as hand-held thermal imager, night vision device, twin telescope and unmanned aerial vehicles, upgradation of intelligence setup.
- "Two BSF personnel and 21 local persons/civilians involved in infiltration attempts have been apprehended since 2021. Whenever any such involvement of officials or local persons is noticed, the central and state government authorities concerned carry out proper investigation and appropriate strict action is taken as per the law," he said in written reply to a question.



S Paramesh Appointed as Additional Director General Coast Guard

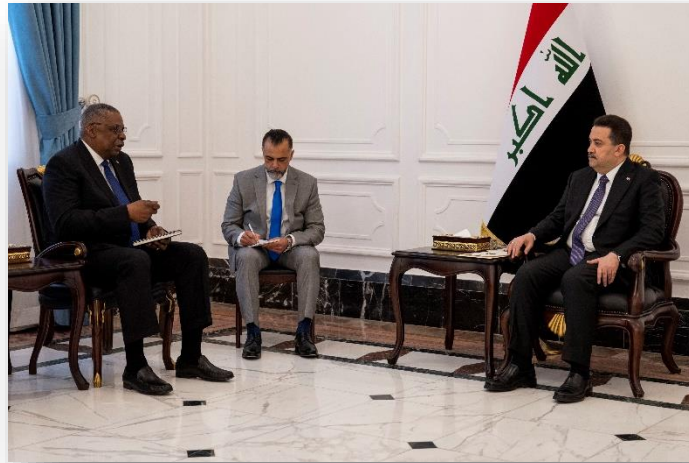
- S Paramesh has taken over as the Additional Director General Coast Guard at Coast Guard Headquarters New Delhi.
- The Flag Officer was at the helm of the Coast Guard Region (East), Coast Guard Region (West) and Coast Guard Commander (Eastern Seaboard) before assuming charge as Additional Director General Coast Guard.

- The Flag Officer is an alumnus of the National Defence College, New Delhi and Defence Services Staff College, Wellington.
- He was awarded the President's Tatrakshak Medal for Distinguished Service, the Tatrakshak Medal, and was also awarded the Coast Guard Director General's Honor in 2012 and the FOCINC (East) Honor in 2009.



US, Iraq Discuss Long-term Defense Cooperation

- Defence officials and diplomats from the United States and Iraq met at the Pentagon for the start of two days of talks that include a meeting between US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and Iraqi Minister of Defense Thabit Muhammad al-Abbasi.
- The United States and Iraq hope to take critical steps to expand their partnership from one focused almost entirely on countering the Islamic State (IS) to a 360-degree whole-of-government alliance.
- The US has about 2,500 troops in Iraq tasked with advising and assisting Iraqi security forces as they pursue the remnants of the Islamic State group, also known as ISIS or Daesh.
- The payoff has been a 64 per cent reduction in IS attacks in Iraq so far this year, US officials say. And the attacks that have taken place have been less deadly.



Review Questions

1. ___ Appointed as ADG Coast Guard.

- A. S Paramesh
- B. Ramesh Ahuja
- C. C. Ganjoo
- D. None

ANSWER: A

2. ___ Has Placed An Order For 200 Logistics Drones With Chennai-based "Dhaksha Unmanned Systems".

- A. IAF

- B. Indian Army
- C. ICG
- D. BSF

ANSWER: B

3. International Criminal Court (ICC) Hq Is In

- A. Moscow, Russia
- B. Vienna, Austria
- C. New York, USA
- D. The Hague, the Netherlands

ANSWER: D

4. Lieutenant Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Navy?

- A. Admiral
- B. Commodore
- C. Captain
- D. Sub Lieutenant

ANSWER: D

5. The President Of India Has The Power Of Pardoning Under _____.

- A. Article 72
- B. Article 73
- C. Article 74
- D. Article 76

ANSWER: A

6. Mitra Shakti Ex Conducts B/W The Rudra Is

- A. India & Indonesia
- B. India & UK
- C. India & Sri Lanka
- D. India & Thailand

ANSWER: C

7. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Is In

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

ANSWER: C

8. "One Arranged Murder" Book Is Written By

- A. Taslima Nasrin
- B. Chetan Bhagat
- C. Dadabhai Naoroji
- D. Ratan Tata

ANSWER: B

9. Exercise Zair-Al-Bahr Conducted B/w

- A. India- Uzbekistan
- B. India- Uganda
- C. India- Qatar
- D. India- UAE

ANSWER: C

10. The Satish Dhawan Space Centre Is In

- A. Chennai, T.N
- B. ITR, Odisha
- C. Trombay, M.H
- D. Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh

ANSWER: D

11. Montevideo Is The Capital Of

- A. Venezuela
- B. Qatar
- C. UAE
- D. Uruguay

ANSWER: D

12. Joint Exercises b/w IAF And France Are Called:

- A. Yama
- B. Garuda
- C. Varuna
- D. Vajra

ANSWER: B

13. Which Force Is Under The Control Of The MOD?

- A. Indo-Tibetan Border Police

- B. Rashtriya Rifles
- C. National Security Guard
- D. Sashastra Seema Bal

ANSWER: B

14. Exercise Al Nagah Conducted B/w

- A. India-Nepal
- B. India-Indonesia
- C. India-Oman
- D. India-Qatar

ANSWER: C

15. "The Future of India" Book Is Written By

- A. Deepak Chopra
- B. Anurag Mathur
- C. Bimal Jalan
- D. Amitava Ghosh

ANSWER: C

16. Kyoto Protocol Aims At :

- A. containing emissions of green-house gases
- B. stabilizing ozone cover
- C. reducing water pollution
- D. arresting desertification

ANSWER: A

17. War Cry of MECHANISED INFANTRY REGIMENT Is

- A. Bol Bajrang Bali Ki jai
- B. Raja Ramachandra ki jai
- C. Bolo Bharat Mata ki jai
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

18. CRPF Motto Is

- A. Service Before Self
- B. Service and Loyalty
- C. We Protect
- D. Touch the sky with glory

ANSWER: B

19. ICGS Saksham Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. Aircraft Carrier
- C. OPV
- D. Refueling Ship

ANSWER: C

20. "Nuclearization of Asia" Book Written By

- A. Rene Naba
- B. VR Chaudhari
- C. Gen Parvez Musharraf
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

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