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IAF Chief VR Chaudhari Reviews LCA Programme

- The Chief of Air Staff (CAS) Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari reviewed the status of the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) programme in Air Headquarters in the national capital.
- Opening the proceedings, the CAS, brought out that the LCA has been the flag bearer of the IAF efforts towards indigenisation of its aircraft fleet. He said that given the nature of this project of national importance, it is required that all stakeholders adopt a collaborative approach towards its success.
- Representatives of HAL assured the CAS of the timely delivery of the contracted twin-seaters in the coming months, as well. Further to the LCA Mk 1, 83 LCA Mk-1A aircraft have also been contracted by the IAF in 2021.
- The CMD of HAL assured those present that the deliveries of this advanced variant of the LCA would commence by Feb 2024.



Russia Removes 'General Armageddon'

- Russia has removed Sergei Surovikin, nicknamed "General Armageddon", as head of the air force after he vanished from public view during a Wagner mercenary mutiny against the top army brass.
- A recipient of Russia's top military award, Surovikin is the most senior Russian military figure to lose his job over the June 23-34 mutiny, which President Vladimir Putin said could have tipped Russia into civil war.
- Wagner boss Yevgeny Prigozhin, who spearheaded the revolt, remains free and on Monday posted a video address which he suggested was shot in Africa. The two men Prigozhin had wanted to topple - Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu and Valery Gerasimov, chief of general staff - remain in their posts.
- Surovikin's reported removal and the appointment of an acting successor suggests the authorities found fault with his behaviour during the revolt, and appears to be part of a drive to remove or sideline anyone deemed too close to Wagner.



Tejas Successfully Fires BVRAM

- In a major milestone, indigenously developed Light Combat Aircraft Tejas successfully fired Astra air-to-air beyond visual range (BVR) missile off the coast of Goa.

- The missile release was successfully carried out from the aircraft at an altitude of about 20,000 ft and all the objectives of the test were met and it was a perfect textbook launch, the Ministry of Defence said.
- The test launch was monitored by the Test Director and scientists of the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), DRDO, HAL along with officials from the Centre for Military Airworthiness and Certification (CEMILAC) and Directorate General of Aeronautical Quality Assurance (DG-AQA).



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15th BRICS Summit: PM Modi Emphasises reforms in UNSC, WTO

- PM Narendra Modi, during his participation at the 15th BRICS Summit in South Africa, emphasized undertaking reforms in the UNSC, WTO and multilateral financial institutions.
- The leaders held productive discussions including on global economic recovery, partnership with Africa and the Global South and reviewed the progress made on the BRICS agenda so far, the Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement.
- “In his various interventions, Prime Minister highlighted the following: Called for setting defined timelines for UNSC reforms, Called for reform of Multilateral Financial Institutions, Called for reform of WTO, Exhorted BRICS to build consensus on its expansion, Urged BRICS to send a global message of unity and not polarisation, Proposed creation of a BRICS Space Exploration Consortium, Offered Indian Digital Public Infrastructure - the Indian stack to BRICS partners, Proposed undertaking skill mapping, skilling and promoting mobility among BRICS countries, Proposed joint efforts of BRICS countries for protection of Big

Cats under International Big Cat Alliance, Proposed establishing a repository of traditional medicine among BRICS countries, Called upon BRICS partners to support AU's permanent membership of the G20," the MEA statement read.



Modi Government Sets Up High Power Committee To Review DRDO

- Under directions of PM Narendra Modi and with a view to overhaul the DRDO, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has set up a nine-member committee of experts under **Prof K Vijay Raghavan** to review and redefine the role of the department and submit a report within three months.
- Prof Vijay Raghavan is former **Principal Scientific Advisor** to the Government of India and one of the key architects of the **National Research Foundation (NRF)**.
- The other members of the DRDO review committee are Lt Gen (Retd) Subrata Saha, former Deputy Chief of Army Staff, Vice Admiral S N Ghormade, former Vice Chief of Navy Staff, Air Marshal B R Krishna, former Chief of Integrated Staff, Sujan R Chinoy, DG of MP-IDSA, Prof Manindra Agarwal of IIT Kanpur, S.P. Shukla, President SIDM, J D Patil of L&T, Defence & others.



Review Questions

1. Tejas Successfully Fired ____ Missile.

- A. Agni
- B. Astra
- C. Akash
- D. Nirbhay

ANSWER: B

2. 15th BRICS Summit Held At

- A. Qatar
- B. South Africa
- C. Russia
- D. India

ANSWER: B

3. Hq Of Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre Is In

- A. Ahmedabad
- B. New Delhi
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: A

4. Mopa International Airport Is In

- A. M.H.
- B. Gujrat
- C. Goa
- D. Kerala

ANSWER: C

5. AFBCWF Stands For

- A. Army Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund
- B. Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Future
- C. Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund
- D. None

ANSWER: C

6. प्रहार से सुरक्षा Is The Motto Of

- A. Garud Commando Force
- B. MARCOS
- C. PARA SF
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

7. Indian Army Flag Consist Colors of ___ Colors.

- A. Gold, Red And Black
- B. Gold, Red And Blue
- C. Gold, Rose Black And Black
- D. Green, Red And Black

ANSWER: A

8. Which Country Has the Maximum Nuclear Warheads?

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

ANSWER: B

9. “Naam Namak Nishaan” Is The War Cry Of

- A. THE GRENADIERS
- B. RR
- C. Sikh Regiment
- D. Gorkha Regiment

ANSWER: A

10. 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

11. Operational Range of Rudram-1 Is

- A. 150 km
- B. 250 km
- C. 350 km
- D. 450 km

ANSWER: B

12. Where Is The Hq Of The Eastern Command of The Indian Army?

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

ANSWER: D

13. Joint Exercises B/w The India And Sri Lanka Is Called:

- A. Yama
- B. VINBAX

- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: B

14. Luanda Is The Capital Of

- A. Andorra
- B. Algiers
- C. Angola
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

15. "Sea of Tranquility" Book Is Written By

- A. Emily St. John Mandel
- B. Barak Obama
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. S. Jenifer

ANSWER: A

16. Ex PRABAL DOSTYK Conducted B/W India And

- A. France
- B. China
- C. Kazakhstan
- D. Kyrgyzstan

ANSWER: C

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

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

ANSWER: B

18. What Is The Ranking Of The IAF In The World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA)?

- A. 1st
- B. 2nd
- C. 3rd
- D. 4th

ANSWER: C

19. "Balidanam Vir Lakshanam" Is The Motto Of

- A. JKLI
- B. THE MAHAR REGIMENT
- C. THE BIHAR REGIMENT
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

20. F 18 Super Hornet Fighter Aircraft Manufactured By

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

ANSWER: A

