

Defence Current Affairs

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Indian Army Acquiring Suitcase-based SATCOMS

- Indian Army is acquiring advanced hand-held and lightweight **suitcase-based Satellite Communication** (Satcom) sets to provide secure satellite-based communications to troops stationed in remote and challenging terrains along the LAC with China, as well as to Special Forces engaged in precision operations.
- These contracts encompass various types of Satcom terminals, including man-portable Ku-band satellite terminals, S-band hand-held terminals, S-band manpack terminals, and light vehicle-based Ku-band satellite communication terminals, among others.
- The GSAT-7B satellite project is expected to be operational by 2025-26, further bolstering the Indian armed forces' communication capabilities in the evolving landscape of modern warfare.



IAF Enhances Fleet With New Dornier Do-228 Aircraft from HAL

- The IAF has welcomed the arrival of the first of six brand-new Dornier Do-228 aircraft, exclusively manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). This upgraded version of the aircraft boasts new engines, composite propellers, advanced avionics, and a modern glass cockpit.
- The Ministry of Defence inked the deal back in March, securing the procurement of six Dornier-228 aircraft from HAL for the IAF, with a budget of Rs 667 crore. Originally employed by the IAF for Route Transport Role and communication tasks, these aircraft have also played a vital role in training transport pilots.
- The Indian Navy has demonstrated its strong regional partnership by presenting its Dornier Do-228 maritime patrol aircraft to the Sri Lanka Air Force (SLAF).



Indian Navy To Release Updated Roadmap For Indigenisation Next Week

- The Indian Navy will unveil an updated new "indigenisation roadmap" next week with a focus on specific initiatives to achieve self-reliance in acquiring various critical technologies and platforms to boost its overall military might.

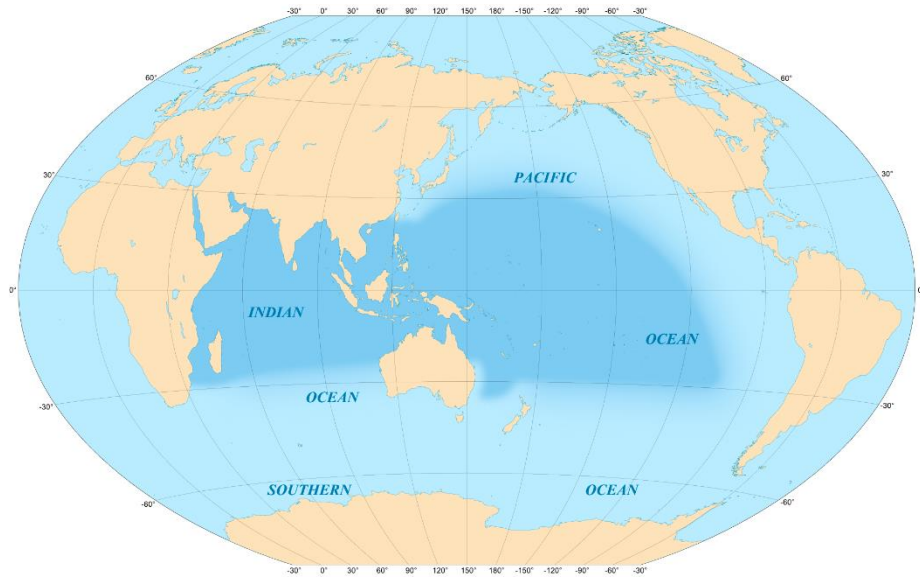
- The roadmap will be released at the second edition of the annual 'Swavlamban' seminar to be held on October 4 and 5, Navy officials said on Wednesday adding Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to attend the conclave.
- An updated "Indian Navy indigenisation roadmap", a document titled '**Swavlamban 2.0**' and new challenges for the industry are planned to be released at the seminar, said another senior official.



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France Concerned About Indo-Pacific safety

- Chief of the French Army, **General Pierre Schill** expressed concern on Indo-Pacific's safety and said that PM Modi's participation in the Bastille Day is a sign of deepening strategic partnership between India and France.
- "So France, as a nation of Pacific is also concerned in free movements and open space in the Pacific and the fact that through the multilateral coordination between nations and also armies to have the right and the laws been forced and for a free access to Pacific."



31 Terrorists Killed In Joint Operations So Far In 2023: J-K Police

- Earlier, a total of 47 terrorists were killed and 204 apprehended in multiple operations conducted by the CRPF and other security forces in Jammu and Kashmir till September 26 this year, official sources said.
- The data further reveals that a total of 111 terrorists are currently active in Jammu and Kashmir, including 40 local terrorists and 71 foreign terrorists. As per the data, 137 terrorists were active in Jammu and Kashmir last year.

- Of the 47 terrorists killed in Jammu and Kashmir between January 1 and January 26 this year, including nine local terrorists and 38 foreign terrorists.
- The number of terrorists neutralised in 2022 remained at 187, including 130 local terrorists and 57 foreign terrorists.



Review Questions

1. Dornier Do-228 Aircraft Manufactured By

- A. DRDO
- B. HAL
- C. Boeing
- D. None

ANSWER: B

2. Current Vice Chief of the Naval Staff Is

- A. Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh
- B. Admiral R Hari Kumar
- C. Vice Admiral Snjay Singh
- D. None

ANSWER: A

3. Rustom Is A Medium Altitude Long Endurance UAV Being Developed By The

- _____.
- A. DRDO
 - B. NASA
 - C. ISRO
 - D. HAL

ANSWER: A

4. Which Transport Tactical Lifter Capable Of Carrying Payload Of More Than 50 Tons Is Also Used In Various Operations By IAF?

- A. C-17
- B. C-130J
- C. IL-76
- D. Mirage 2000

ANSWER: A

5. Which Force Is Deployed At India, Nepal And Bhutan Border?

- A. Sashastra Seema Bal
- B. Central Industrial Security Force
- C. National Security Guard
- D. Indo-Tibetan Border Police

ANSWER: A

6. Who Among The Following Has Become The First Ever Woman Pilot Of The Indian Navy?

- A. Chhavi Rajawat
- B. Shubhangi Swaroop
- C. Sita Sahu
- D. Asha Roy

ANSWER: B

7. What Is The Code Name Of The First Nuclear Test Of India?

- A. Chagai 1-1
- B. Smiling Buddha
- C. Project 596
- D. Shakti 1 – 1

ANSWER: B

8. Which Is The Smallest Unit Of The Indian Army?

- A. Corps
- B. Section
- C. Battalion
- D. Platoon

ANSWER: B

9. What Is The Highest Military Honour Of India?

- A. Param Vir Chakra
- B. Bharat Ratna
- C. Maha Vir Chakra
- D. Padma Bhushan

ANSWER: A

10. When Was The Indian Air Force Founded?

- A. 30th October 1934
- B. 27th October 1932
- C. 8th October 1933
- D. 8th October 1932

ANSWER: D

11. What Is SRBM Developed By DRDO?

- A. Static-Random Ballistic Missile
- B. Scientific-Range Ballistic Missile
- C. Short-Range Ballistic Memory
- D. Short-Range Ballistic Missile

ANSWER: D

12. What Is The India-China Border Line Called?

- A. McMahon Line
- B. Marginal Line
- C. Mannerheim Line
- D. Medicine Line

ANSWER: A

13. The "Ladakh Scouts" Is Also Known As -

- A. Snow Lions
- B. Snow Warriors
- C. Snow Leopards
- D. Snow Jackals

ANSWER: B

14. Shenyang FC-31 Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: D

15. Armed Forces Medical College Is Located At

- A. Mumbai
- B. Pune
- C. Nashik
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

16. "White Darkness: And Other Stories," Authored By

- A. Lt Gen Y K Joshi
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Lt Col Ramesh Menon (Retd)

ANSWER: D

17. Where Is The Hq Of The Southwestern Command of The Indian Army?

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

ANSWER: D

18. Super Hornet Fighter Aircraft Is Made By

- A. Dassault
- B. Boeing
- C. Airbus
- D. HAL

ANSWER: B

19. "Bolo Hindustan Ki Jay" Is The War Cry Of

- A. JKRIF
- B. RR
- C. MAHAR REGIMENT

D. JKLIR

ANSWER: C

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

A. Commodore

B. Captain

C. Commander

D. Lieutenant

ANSWER: A

