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India Needs Stronger Armed Forces To Become Developed Nation By 2047: Rajnath Singh

- India needs stronger armed forces with modern equipment to become a developed nation by 2047, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Sunday while underlining the need for effective utilisation of financial resources by the three services. Singh made the remarks after launching several digital initiatives of the Defence Accounts Department (DAD) during its 276th annual day celebrations at Delhi Cantonment.
- Describing the DAD as the "guardian of defence finance", he emphasised the need to bolster the internal vigilance mechanism so that any suspicious activity can be detected and reviewed immediately.
- This, he said, will not only help in dealing with the problem quickly but also increase the trust of the people in the department.
- The digital initiatives launched included an integrated defence finance dashboard for the Ministry of Defence -- SARANSH (Summary of Accounts, Budget and Expenditure for Raksha Mantralaya) and BISWAS (Bill Information and Work Analysis System and e-Raksha Awaas).



Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan Takes Over As DG BRO

- Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan took over as the 28th Director General Border Roads (DGBR) on September 30, 2023. He assumed the charge following the superannuation of Lt Gen Rajeev Chaudhry.
- Prior to his appointment as the DGBR, the General Officer was holding the appointment of Commandant, College of Military Engineering, Pune.
- Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan is an alumnus of National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla and Indian Military Academy, Dehradun and was commissioned into the Corps of Engineers in 1987. He has participated in Operation Vijay, Operation Rakshak and Operation Parakram during his illustrious service.



SIMBEX 23 CONCLUDES

- Indian Naval Ships Ranvijay (guided-missile Destroyer), Kavaratti (ASW Corvette), submarine Sindhukesari and a long range Maritime Patrol Aircraft P8I participated in the 30th edition of Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) in Singapore.
- First held in 1994, the three-decade-old annual exercise kicked off with an opening ceremony on 21 September 2023, which was attended by personnel from both the navies. The ceremony saw unveiling of the SIMBEX 30th Edition Logo.
- The Sea Phase of SIMBEX 23 was conducted from 25 to 28 September 2023, wherein units of Indian Navy alongwith RSS Stalwart, Valour, Tenacious, a submarine, Maritime Patrol Aircraft Fokker F-50 and fighter aircraft engaged in complex maritime security exercises including advanced anti-submarine warfare, surface and air defence exercises, as well as tactical manoeuvres and weapon firings.
- SIMBEX 23 ended on a high note reaffirming the close bonds of friendship and interoperability between the two maritime nations.



Northern Army Command Conducts Two-day Army Air Defence Conclave

- Northern Army Command conducted a two-day Army Air Defence Conclave to review joint strategies for a comprehensive approach to counter evolving air threats and ensure national security.
- The Dhruva Command conducted a two-day DHRUVA Air Defence Conclave 2023 in Jammu and Kashmir on September 29 and September 30, 2023.
- Northern Army Commander Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi witnessed the equipment display and interacted with the participants.
- The conclave was held in the backdrop of the evolving air threats in the region, including the increasing use of drones and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) by adversaries.
- The participants discussed a range of issues related to air defence, including threat assessment, sensor integration, weapon system integration, and command and control.



India Concludes Women Military Officers Course for ASEAN Countries

- India concluded its premier Women Military Officers Course for women military officers from ASEAN countries and the Indian Army. The initiative based on the United Nations framework, was organised under the stewardship of the Defence Ministry.
- The course has been designed to elevate leadership competencies, strategic acumen, and operational efficacy among female officers while offering a rich platform for cross-cultural interaction and mutual professional development, according to the press release.
- The course was conducted under the aegis of the Centre for UN Peacekeeping in India which has a rich history of training and deploying peacekeepers across various UN missions.



Review Questions

1. Who Become The New DG BRO?

- A. Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan
- B. Lt Gen Amit Tyagi
- C. Lt Gen Rajiv Chowdhari
- D. None

ANSWER: A

2. The British Indian government Established The Indian Army Nursing Services (IANS) In The Year __.

- A. 1885
- B. 1888
- C. 1926
- D. 1947

ANSWER: B

3. Which INS Participated In SIMBEX 23?

- A. INS Ranvijay
- B. INS Delhi
- C. INS Durg
- D. None

ANSWER: A

4. Ex 'DESERT EAGLE' conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: C

5. IORA Stands For

- A. Indian Ocean Rim Associate
- B. Indian Ocean Rome Association
- C. Indian Ocean Recall Association
- D. Indian Ocean Rim Association

ANSWER: D

6. IORA Established In

- A. 6 March 1997
- B. 6 March 1998
- C. 6 March 1999
- D. 6 March 2000

ANSWER: A

7. Project 75 Is Related To the Manufacturing Of

- A. Tank
- B. Socrpean Submarine
- C. Sniper Rifle
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: B

8. HELINA Missile Has A Maximum Range Of

- A. 7 kilometres
- B. 8 kilometres
- C. 9 kilometres
- D. 10 kilometres

ANSWER: A

9. Amman Is The Capital Of

- A. Oman
- B. Qatar
- C. UAE
- D. Jordan

ANSWER: D

10. Which Department Doesn't Come Under MOD?

- A. Department of Defence
- B. Department of Military Affairs
- C. Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare
- D. Department Of Border Management

ANSWER: D

11. Training Command of IAF is located at

- A. New Delhi
- B. Bangalore
- C. Gurugram

D. Lucknow

ANSWER: B

12. ISRO Was Established On

A. 15 August 1969

B. 1 September 1965

C. 1 October 1975

D. 18 December 1985

ANSWER: A

13. INS Visakhapatnam (D66) Manufactured By

A. GRSE

B. MDL

C. CSL

D. Boeing

ANSWER: B

14. Rashtriya Rifles Motto Is

A. Courage and Valor

B. Always Brave

C. Service Before Self

D. Lethal

ANSWER: A

15. "India's Heroes – A Tribute" Book Is Written By

A. Aditya Kashyap

B. Gen Manoj Pande

C. Hew Strachan

D. Lt Gen Ata Hasnain

ANSWER: A

16. Parakram Diwas Celebrated On

A. December 1

B. October 8

C. January 23

D. March 10

ANSWER: C

17. Amogha Is A

- A. Anti-tank guided missile
- B. Surface-to-surface tactical ballistic missile
- C. Quick reaction surface-to-air missile
- D. Multiple rocket launcher

ANSWER: A

18. Operation Steeplechase Launched In

- A. July 1971
- B. July 1972
- C. July 1973
- D. July 1974

ANSWER: A

19. War Cry of THE BIHAR REGIMENT

- A. Parakramo Vijayate
- B. Rhino Charge
- C. Jai Bajrangbali
- D. Duty, Honour, courage

ANSWER: C

20. Mein Kampf Book Written By

- A. Mahatma Gandhi
- B. Adolf Hitler
- C. A.P.J Abdul Kalam
- D. Jawaharlal Nehru

ANSWER: B