

# Defence Current Affairs

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### Military Nursing Service Celebrates 98<sup>th</sup> Raising Day

- MNS celebrated its 98th Raising Day on Oct 1, 2023. As one of the oldest and most distinguished all-women services in the Armed Forces, the Service holds more than 5,000 officers posted at various hospitals of the Armed Forces.
- To commemorate the 98th anniversary, the serving and retired officers led by Addl DGMNS Maj Gen I Delos Flora paid homage at the National War Memorial on 30 Sep 2023. A cake-cutting ceremony by MNS officers of Delhi Garrison was held at AH(R&R).
- The origin of MNS dates back to the pre-independence colonial era when British and Indian soldiers served in the British Army. The British Indian government established the Indian Army Nursing Services (IANS) in the year 1888.
- On 1st Oct 1926, the Permanent Nursing Service was raised in the Indian Army and designated as the Indian Military Nursing Service.



## 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**

