

Defence Current Affairs

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Govt To Set Up Intelligence Gathering Posts Along China Border

- Border posts of the ITBP along the India-China frontier from Ladakh to Arunachal Pradesh will have an additional team of intelligence officers for surveillance and information gathering.
- A highly placed source said the central government has approved a proposal for establishing the set-up that will be known as the **Border Intelligence Post (BIP)**.
- Each of the BIPs will be manned by four-five officials of the Intelligence Bureau and protected by ITBP personnel, the source in the know of the development said on the condition of anonymity.



Mega IAF List Of Desi Projects Worth Over Rs 3 Lakh Crore

- The Indian Air Force is taking up some of the biggest indigenisation projects in defence sector as the force led by Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari is working on 'Make in India' programmes worth over **Rs 3.15 lakh crore**.

- The list of weapon systems and platforms includes the 180 Light Combat Aircraft Mark1A, 156 Light Combat Helicopters, Light Utility Choppers and many other weapon systems which are supposed to form a large chunk of the service in coming times.
- The LCA Mark1A alone is supposed to be worth over Rs 1.2 lakh crore and is going to create a huge impact on developing a fighter aircraft manufacturing ecosystem in the domestic industry.
- The officials said the support towards building a major defence industry is key towards achieving a **USD 5 trillion** economy as envisaged by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



India To Get 3 ISTAR Aircraft Under ₹6,000-crore

- The air force has moved a proposal to acquire three airborne intelligence gathering aircraft under a project that will see the development of indigenous sensor technologies and systems.
- The new airborne intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition and reconnaissance (ISTAR) platform will be vital to map out battlefields and monitor enemy movements in real time, said people with knowledge of the matter.

- They said the air force has sought approval for a ₹6,000 crore project under which three ISTAR aircraft will be acquired. While the sensors and monitoring equipment will be indigenous, the aircraft will be a commercial or executive jet acquired from abroad.



UK Companies To Design, Manufacture AUKUS Nuclear Submarines

- The United Kingdom has awarded three UK companies a 4-billion-pound (USD 4.9 bn) contract to design and manufacture a nuclear-powered attack submarine as part of the country's AUKUS programme with Australia and the United States.
- The first of the submarines will be delivered into service in the UK in the late 2030s and the first Australian ones will follow in the early 2040s.
- The SSN-AUKUS program aims to enhance the capabilities of the UK, Australia, and the US to counter regional security challenges, particularly from China in the Asia-Pacific region.



First Training Squadron In Port Klang

- As part of the Indian Navy's long range deployment in South East Asia, the ships of First Training Squadron (1TS) -INS Tir, INS Sujata, and ICGS Sarathi are visiting Port Klang, Malaysia.
- The activities being undertaken by the 1TS include various professional and community interactions, training exchanges, cross deck visits and sports fixtures with personnel of Royal Malaysian Navy, as well as ships open for visit of school children.
- The deployment of 1 TS is aimed at exposing the trainees to the sociopolitical, military and maritime linkages of India with the friendly countries in the Indian Ocean Region and strengthening of bilateral engagements between the two Navies.



Review Questions

1. What is the purpose of establishing Border Intelligence Posts along the India-China frontier?

- A. To enhance diplomatic relations between India and China
- B. To conduct joint military exercises
- C. To provide additional surveillance and information gathering along the border
- D. To build infrastructure for tourism in the border regions

ANSWER: C

2. Who will be responsible for manning the Border Intelligence Posts along the India-China frontier?

- A. Indian Army personnel
- B. Intelligence Bureau officials
- C. ITBP personnel
- D. Local residents of the border areas

ANSWER: B

3. Why is the IAF proposing to acquire three airborne intelligence gathering aircraft?

- A. To transport troops
- B. To conduct aerial surveillance of wildlife
- C. To monitor enemy movements in real-time
- D. To deliver humanitarian aid

ANSWER: C

4. Which countries are part of the AUKUS program mentioned in the text?

- A. India, United States, and Australia
- B. United Kingdom, Australia, and United States
- C. United Kingdom, China, and Australia
- D. India, China, and Australia

ANSWER: B

5. Goodwill Ambassador Of 'Maa Bharati Ke Sapoot' Is

- A. Akshay Kumar
- B. Neeraj Chopra
- C. P V Sindhu

D. Amitabh Bachchan

ANSWER: D

6. Helicopter Training School Is Located At

A. Hakimpet, Telangana

B. Chennai, T.N.

C. Noida, U.P.

D. None

ANSWER: A

7. Wing Commander Rank Of IAF Is Equivalent to ___ Rank of Indian Navy.

A. Commander

B. Lieutenant

C. Admiral

D. Captain

ANSWER: A

8. Joint Exercise B/w India And Japan Is Called:

A. Shinyuu Maitri

B. SLINEX

C. Indra

D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: A

9. "Home in the World" Book Is Written By

A. Shashi Tharoor

B. Sitaram Yechuri

C. Amartya Sen

D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: C

10. Motto Of the Territorial Army Is

A. Rhino Charge

B. Duty Unto Death

C. Valour

D. Savdhani Va Shoorta

ANSWER: D

11. Army Dental Corps Centre Located At

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

ANSWER: A

12. Veera Madrassi, Adi Kollu, Adi Kollu Is The War Cry Of

- A. MECHANISED INFANTRY REGIMENT
- B. THE BRIGADE OF THE GUARDS
- C. MADRAS REGIMENT
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

13. RATS Stands For

- A. Regional Anti-Terrorist Student
- B. Regional Anti-Terror Structure
- C. Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure
- D. Regional Anti-Tourist Structure

ANSWER: C

14. Raytheon Technologies Is A Company Of Which Nation

- A. Taiwan
- B. China
- C. USA
- D. None of the Above

ANSWER: C

15. Mundra Port Is In

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

ANSWER: D

16. Air India One Manufactured By

- A. India
- B. Japan

- C. France
- D. USA

ANSWER: D

17. World Economic Forum Hq Is In

- A. Geneva, Switzerland
- B. Lausanne, Switzerland
- C. The Hague, The Netherlands
- D. Gland, Switzerland

ANSWER: A

18. Joint Exercises B/w India And Indonesia Is Called:

- A. Garuda Shakti
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: A

19. A book Titled "The Struggle for Police Reforms in India" by

- A. V. P Khare
- B. Ajay Ahuja
- C. Prakash Singh
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

20. Helicopter Training School Is Located At

- A. Hakimpet, Telangana
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- C. Noida, U.P.
- D. None

ANSWER: A