

Defence Current Affairs

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Army Launches Massive SAR Operation In Sikkim For 23 Missing Soldiers

- Five people died and 23 Army personnel are reported missing due to a flash flood that occurred in Teesta River in Lachen Valley in North Sikkim. The Defence PRO in Guwahati said the incident occurred following a sudden cloud burst over Lhonak Lake in North Sikkim around 1:30 am.
- “Troops of Trishakti Corps Indian Army launched a massive search and rescue operation to trace the 23 missing soldiers. The search operations are being undertaken under conditions of incessant rains, fast-flowing water in the Teesta River with the roads and bridges washed away at many places. By evening of 4 Oct 23, one soldier has been rescued and the search operations for balance 22 personnel continue,” they said.
- The family members of the missing persons have been contacted and informed about the situation. All other Indian Army personnel posted in Sikkim and North Bengal are safe and they are unable to contact their family members due to disruptions of mobile communication.



Raksha Rajya Mantri Ajay Bhatt Hands Over Twin Seater LCA Tejas to the IAF

- Ajay Bhatt said that the LCA Tejas symbolizes India's journey towards self-sufficiency in defence manufacturing. This programme has been a shining example of commitment to reduce country's dependency on foreign aircrafts, and it serves as a beacon of hope for a self-reliant India.
- RRM further said that the LCA Tejas program has been an inspiring saga of relentless dedication and innovation. The inception of the LCA Tejas aircraft was rooted in the dream of equipping our Indian Air Force with a world-class indigenous fighter aircraft. It was a dream that many believed was too ambitious at the beginning of the programme, but the men and women at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), DRDO Labs, CEMILAC, DGAQA, PSUs, IAF and countless other institutions and individuals who contributed to this programme proved that nothing is impossible when the country's interest comes first and all institutions come together for completion of this important cause.
- The HAL's first Series Production twin seater of LCA Tejas is decked with state-of-the-art technology, agility, and versatility, It will provide suitable training to the Pilots of IAF. The IAF has already placed an order for 83 LCAs with HAL.



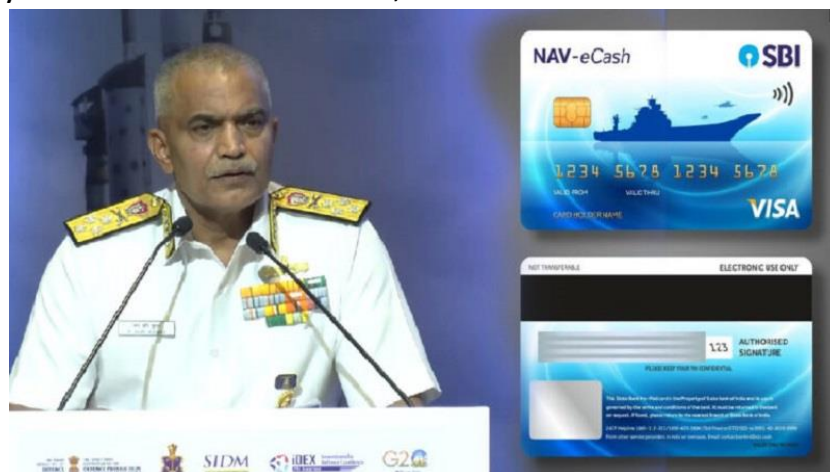
TRI-SERVICES COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE 2023

- Tri-Services Commanders' Conference-2023 (Western Grouping) was held at Subroto park, New Delhi on 03 & 04 October 2023 under the aegis of Western Air Command. The two-day conference was hosted by Air Marshal PM Sinha, AOCC, Western Air Command. General Anil Chauhan, Chief of Defence Staff presided over the event.
- The commanders reviewed the current geopolitical situation, deliberated on the means to enhance operational preparedness and synergy of operations in the area of interest. Discussions were also held on ensuring integrity of our borders and mitigating threats.
- General Officers Commanding in Chief of Northern Command, South Western Command, Southern Command and Western Command; Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, Western Naval Command, Air Officers Commanding in Chief of South Western Air Command and Southern Air Command; Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to Chairman Chief of Staff Committee, Director General Defence Intelligence Agency and Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (Operations) attended the conference.



Navy Brings Out Dual-chip Debit Card For Offline Transaction

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday unveiled a unique dual-chip debit card that has been developed primarily to facilitate naval personnel at high seas carry out offline transactions if required.
- The 'SBI NAVeCash Card' can be used in online mode (as a regular debit card) as well as in offline mode while at sea with no direct connectivity with banks, the defence ministry said.
- Singh unveiled the card at the 'Swavlamban 2.0' seminar organised by the Indian Navy.
- It is a one-of-its-kind dual-chip debit card developed by the State Bank of India (SBI) and the Indian Navy, the ministry said in a statement.
- "The card is a positive step towards the Prime Minister's dream of Digital India with cashless financial transactions as it obviates the usage of cash onboard ships even in high seas," the statement said.
- The Project Kusha has been given approval for worth around **Rs 21,700 crores** and would be carried out by the DRDO jointly with private and public sector industry.
- The Indian Air Force is also going to get the basic trainer aircraft in the **HTT-40** being built by the HAL at a cost of Rs 6,100 crores.



Neeraj Grabs Gold, Kishore Takes Silver In Javelin

- Indian javelin throwers -- Neeraj Chopra and Kishore Jena produced a commanding performance to walk away with a gold and silver as Indian athletes continued their sensational run, claiming seven medals in the athletics competition at the Asian Games
- It's an all-India win at the javelin throw event in the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou as Neeraj Chopra defended his Gold medal with an 88.88-metre throw while Kishore Kumar Jena won a Silver with his personal best of 87.54 meters as he almost threatened the golden boy of the top spot at one point. It seemed like the Indian duo was competing within themselves only as after a couple of weak throws, both Neeraj and Jena came into their own.
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Review Questions

1. **Where was the Tri-Services Commanders' Conference-2023 (Western Grouping) held?**
 - A. Mumbai

- B. Chennai
- C. New Delhi
- D. Kolkata

ANSWER: C

2. What is the purpose of the 'SBI NAVeCash Card' unveiled by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh?

- A. To facilitate online transactions for naval personnel
- B. To facilitate offline transactions for naval personnel at sea
- C. To encourage more naval personnel to use debit cards
- D. To replace traditional debit cards for all Indians

ANSWER: B

3. Who won the gold and silver medals in javelin throw at the Asian Games?

- A. Neeraj Chopra and Kishore Jena
- B. Neeraj Chopra and another Indian athlete
- C. Kishore Jena and a foreign athlete
- D. Neeraj Chopra and a foreign athlete

ANSWER: A

4. The Submarines In The Project-75 Scorpene Class Are Powered By

- A. Diesel-electric propulsion systems
- B. Nuclear Powered Submarine
- C. Hydrogen Fueled Submarine
- D. None

ANSWER: A

5. Who Is The Responsible Minister Of The Defence Acquisition Council?

- A. MHA
- B. MOD
- C. MEA
- D. PM

ANSWER: B

6. 'Air Independent Propulsion System' Is Inducted

- A. Helicopter

- B. UAV
- C. Submarine
- D. Destroyer

ANSWER: C

7. Regimental Centre of GARHWAL RIFLES Is In

- A. Happy Valley, Shillong, Meghalaya
- B. Ranikhet, Uttarakhand
- C. Lansdowne, Uttarakhand
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

8. "Bolo Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj ki jai" Is The War Cry Of

- A. Maratha Light Infantry Regiment
- B. Grenadiers
- C. Punjab Regiment
- D. Parachute Regiment

ANSWER: A

9. Exercises B/w The India And UK Is Called:

- A. Desert Eagle
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Indradhanush

ANSWER: D

10. 'Nirdeshak' Ship Is built by

- A. MDL
- B. GRSE
- C. CSL
- D. DRDO

ANSWER: B

11. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Island Is Located At

- A. A&N
- B. Ladakh
- C. J&K
- D. Puducherry

ANSWER: A

12. V. O. Chidambaranar Port Trust Is Located In

- A. T.N
- B. M.H
- C. Goa
- D. A.P

ANSWER: A

13. Full-Form of ATAGS Is

- A. Adventure Towed Artillery Gun System
- B. Advanced To Artillery Gun System
- C. Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System
- D. Advanced Towed Artillery Gum System

ANSWER: C

14. At Which Of The Following Places Is The Heavy Vehicles Factory Located?

- A. Kanpur
- B. Khadki
- C. Avadi
- D. 24 Paraganas

ANSWER: C

15. Sofia Is The Capital Of

- A. Brunei
- B. Qatar
- C. UAE
- D. Bulgaria

ANSWER: D

16. "Prashata Ranvirta" Is A Motto Of

- A. Jammu And Kashmir Rifles
- B. Gorkha Regiment
- C. Punjab Regiment
- D. None

ANSWER: A

17. Exercises B/w India And Bangladesh Is Called:

- A. GARUDA SHAKTI

- B. SLINEX
- C. SAMPRITI
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: C

18. Barrett M95 Is A

- A. Sniper Rifles
- B. Helicopter
- C. ATAGS
- D. ATGM

ANSWER: A

19. Astra Is A

- A. Air-to-air Missile
- B. Air-to-surface Missile
- C. Air-to-sea Missile
- D. None

ANSWER: A

20. Where Is The Hq Of The Southern Command of The IAF?

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

ANSWER: D

