

Defence Current Affairs

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Northern Command chief reviews security in wake of Middle East Conflict

- The advisor to lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha, RR Bhatnagar, and army commander of Northern Command, lieutenant general Upendra Dwivedi, chaired a security review meeting in Srinagar in the wake of the ongoing Israel-Palestine crisis.
- "The situation in the Middle East was deliberated and various contingency scenarios dwelled on. The nuances of security in the region in relation to the onset of the winter season also came up for discussion," said the Srinagar based defence spokesperson.
- Officials said numerous aspects related to the prevailing security situation in the Union Territory were discussed. The director general of J&K Police, Dilbag Singh, Chinar Corps commander Rajiv Ghai and other senior officials from military, state administration and security agencies attended the meeting.



India Considers Sending Armenia More Weapons

- India is mulling over supplying a fresh batch of military equipment to Armenia, its strategic ally in Caucasus, after the successful delivery of the first batch of weapons over the past year.
- A senior Armenian official visited Delhi recently and held discussions in this regard, said people with knowledge of the matter. India has emerged as a credible weapon supplier.
- Last September, Armenia and India signed military agreements with the aim of arming the Armenian army with heavy weapons amid the Azerbaijani military incursions into Armenia's international borders. The arms deal included significant export orders of Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launchers (MBRL), anti-tank missiles, rockets and ammunition worth US \$250 million to Armenia. The Pinaka multi-rocket launch system, which is an indigenous Indian heavy weapon, is capable of firing a salvo of 12 rockets in 44 seconds. According to a report, "A single battery can neutralize a one square km region." In 2020, India also landed a US \$43 million order to supply four Swathi weapon-locating radars to Armenia. These systems can "track incoming artillery projectiles and pinpoint the location of enemy gun positions for counteraction," according to WION News.
- First time India has decided to export the **Pinaka system** to another country. Azerbaijan's use of drones is a key reason why Armenia has been purchasing the Pinaka system, since its "shoot and scoot" capability enables it to escape counter-battery fire. Its low cost and simplicity of use also make it an ideal weapons system for Armenia. The Armenian army can easily become familiar with this system as it is accustomed to using the Russian-made GRAD system.



SF Training School Gets A Cutting-edge Vertical Wind Tunnel

- In a landmark move to augment the training infrastructure of special forces and combat free-fallers, the Special Forces Training School (SFTS) at Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh, gets Indian Army's first Vertical Wind Tunnel (VWT).
- General Manoj Pande, Chief of the Army Staff, virtually inaugurated the facility. The state-of-the-art wind tunnel is set to refine the Combat Freefall (CFF) skills of armed forces personnel.
- As part of the ongoing transformation of the Indian Army, technology is being infused into the training methodologies. Installation of a VWT is also a step in that direction. Functioning as a freefall simulator, the VWT creates a column of air at specific velocities, orchestrating different CFF conditions.
- The system simulates varied freefall scenarios which is crucial in assessing individual reactions to numerous situations in an airborne operating environment. It reduces potential instability in the air and during parachute deployment thereby assisting trainees to get used to free-fall conditions.



CURTAIN RAISER GOA MARITIME CONCLAVE (GMC) – 2023

- The 4th edition of GMC- 2023 is being held from 29 to 31 October 2023 by the Indian Navy under the aegis of Naval War College, Goa. GMC is the Indian Navy's outreach Initiative providing a multinational platform to harness the collective wisdom of practitioners of maritime security and the academia towards garnering outcome oriented maritime thought.
- The **theme** for this year's edition of GMC is "**Maritime Security in the Indian Ocean Region: Converting Common Maritime Priorities into Collaborative Mitigating Frameworks**", which has been derived keeping in mind the necessity of 'synergising and collaborating efforts' in the maritime domain towards achieving maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region.



Israel Bombards Gaza, Prepares Invasion As Biden Urges Path To Two States

- Israel kept up its strikes on Hamas targets in Gaza as it prepared for a ground invasion while more Palestinian civilians were killed and world powers at the United Nations failed to secure plans to deliver critical humanitarian aid.
- U.S. President Joe Biden, in remarks looking beyond the war that began with an Oct. 7 attack on Israel by Palestinian Hamas militants, said on Wednesday that the future should include Israeli and Palestinian states side by side.
- "Israelis and Palestinians equally deserve to live side by side in safety, dignity and in peace," Biden said at a joint press conference in Washington with visiting Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.
- Biden said he believed one reason the Islamist Hamas group attacked southern Israel, killing 1,400 people and taking more than 200 hostages of different nationalities, was to prevent normalising relations between Israel and Saudi Arabia.
- Israeli retaliatory strikes have killed over 6,500 people, the health ministry in the Hamas-run strip said on Wednesday. Reuters has been unable to independently verify casualty figures.
- For her meritorious service she has been awarded the AOC-in-C (WAC) and CAS Commendations as well as the Vishisht Seva Medal by the President of India. Three generations of her family have served in the IAF over the last seven decades.



Review Questions

1. Army Airborne Training School Is Located At

- A. Agra
- B. Mumbai
- C. Pune
- D. Nagpur

ANSWER: A

2. Current Raksha Rajya Mantri Is

- A. Rajnath Singh
- B. Ajay Bhatt
- C. Smirti Irani
- D. Anurag Thakur

ANSWER: B

3. Ex 'PRABAL DOSTYK' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Kazakhstan
- B. Kyrgyzstan
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

4. "Early Intervention Centre- Prayas" Has Been Established At

- A. ARMY HOSPITAL (R&R)
- B. AIIMS Delhi
- C. Northern Army Command
- D. Eastern Army Command

ANSWER: A

5. The First Indian Army Logistics Seminar, Organised On The Theme Of

- A. Samanjasya Se Shakti
- B. Make In India
- C. Ek Bharat
- D. Logistic: Backbone of Indian Army

ANSWER: A

6. 1st Indian Army Logistics Seminar Held In

- A. Jaipur
- B. New Delhi
- C. Chennai
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

7. Aero India Show 2023 Was Held In

- A. Chennai
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Noida
- D. Kochi

ANSWER: B

8. Ex EASTERN BRIDGE Conducted B/W India &

- A. UK
- B. Oman
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. USA

ANSWER: B

9. Duty, Honour, Courage Is The Motto Of

- A. Maratha Light Infantry
- B. The Grenadiers
- C. Rajput Regiment
- D. Jat Regiment

ANSWER: A

10. Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation Hq Is In

- A. Mauritius
- B. Qatar
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

11. Surface Mine Clearing System on Sarath manufactured by

- A. Ordnance Factory Medak
- B. HAL
- C. DRDO
- D. MDL

ANSWER: A

12. College of Defence Management Is In

- A. Secunderabad
- B. Chennai
- C. Noida
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: A

13. GAGAN Stands For

- A. GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigate
- B. GPS Aided Geography Augmented Navigation
- C. GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigation
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

14. 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

15. Harare Is The Capital Of

- A. Uzbekistan
- B. Qatar
- C. Zambia
- D. Zimbabwe

ANSWER: D

16. "Forging Mettle : Nrupender Rao and the Pennar Story" Book Is Written By

- A. Vijay Sharma
- B. Manish Kumar

C. Sumit Nayar

D. Pavan C Lall

ANSWER: D

17. The Eurocopter Tiger Is A

A. Helicopter

B. Machine Gun

C. UAV

D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: A

18. INS Jalashwa Is A

A. Destroyer

B. OPV

C. Submarine

D. Amphibious transport dock

ANSWER: D

19. CDAC Stands For

A. Centre for Development of Advanced Concept

B. Centre for Development of Adert Computing

C. Centre for Development of Advanced Computing

D. None

ANSWER: C

20. Heckler & Koch PSG1 Is A

A. Tank

B. Missile

C. Sniper Rifle

D. Submarine

ANSWER: C