

# Defence Current Affairs

## 28 October 2023

### India Gives 'Letter of Request' To France for buying 26 Rafale-M

- In a significant development, India has given the Letter of Request to the French government for the procurement of 26 Rafale Marine fighter aircraft for the Indian Navy under a government-to-government deal.
- The Letter of Request has been delivered to the French government a few days back and they are expected to decide on the Indian request and respond in the near future, top defence sources told ANI.
- The LoR is like a tender document in which the Indian government has specified all its requirements and capabilities that it would want to have in the Rafale Marine aircraft being acquired for the aircraft carriers **INS Vikrant and INS Vikramaditya**, they said.



## Hamas Vows 'Full Force' After Israel Steps Up Gaza Ground Operations

- Hamas said on Saturday its militants in Gaza were ready to confront Israeli attacks with "full force" after Israel's military widened its air and ground attacks on the Palestinian enclave.
- The Palestinian militant group that rules Gaza said earlier its fighters were clashing with Israeli troops in areas near the border with Israel after Israel reported intensified attacks in Gaza.
- On Friday, the **United Nations General Assembly** overwhelmingly backed a resolution drafted by Arab states calling for an immediate humanitarian truce and demanded aid access to Gaza and protection of civilians.



## LAUNCH OF THIRD ACTCM BARGE, LSAM 17

- Third **Ammunition Cum Torpedo Cum Missile (ACTCM) Barge, LSAM 17** (Yard 127) was launched by Cmde V Pravin, AWPS (Mbi) on 27 Oct 23 at M/s **Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd, Thane.**
- With all major and auxiliary equipment/systems sourced from indigenous manufacturers, this Barge is proud flag bearer of "Make in India" initiative of Ministry of Defence.
- Contract for construction and delivery of 11 x Ammunition Cum Torpedo Cum Missile (ACTCM) Barge was concluded with M/s Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd,

Thane, a MSME, in consonance with “**Aatmanirbhar Bharat**” initiatives of the Government of India.



## ICG Subordinate Officers' Conclave 2023

- The 6th Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Subordinate Officers' Conclave was organised in New Delhi on October 26 & 27, 2023. The theme of the conclave was '**Towards an Inclusive Approach**'.
- It comprised various brainstorming sessions and lectures on a variety of subjects including IT, health, HR, leadership and media sensitisation. Subordinate officers from various Coast Guard units across the country attended the event.
- Inaugurating the conclave, Director General Rakesh Pal stated that the idea of Subordinate Officers' Conclave is in sync with the Prime Minister's vision to encourage innovative ideas towards inclusive growth of the service in particular '**Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas aur Sabka Prayas**'.



## Armenian PM Indicates Peace Treaty With Azerbaijan on Cards

- Amid fears of fresh war in the region, Armenian Prime Minister **Nikol Pashinyan** has announced that a peace treaty with neighboring Azerbaijan is on the cards and could be clinched in the next few months.
- This announcement comes amid Russia's offer to host a tripartite summit in Moscow to end hostilities between the two former Soviet republics.
- The signing of a treaty of peace and normalization of relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan could happen by the end of this year, Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said at the European Parliament.
- "If the principles I listed are officially supported, then the signing of an agreement on peace and the normalization of relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan will be a real possibility by the end of this year," he said.



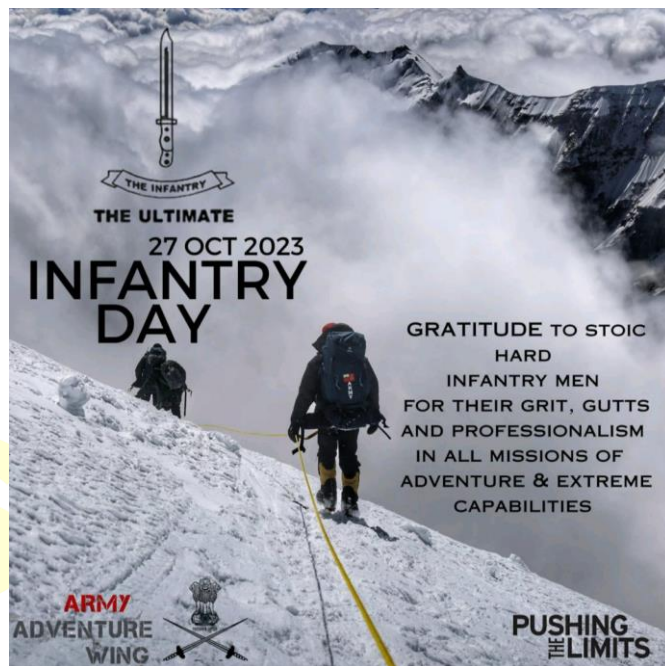
## Infantry Day Wreath Laying Ceremony On 27 Oct 2023

- Infantry Day is celebrated every year to commemorate the landing of the 1st Battalion of the SIKH Regiment at Srinagar airfield on 27 Oct 1947 to protect the people of Jammu & Kashmir from the nefarious designs of Pakistani Kabaili Raiders aided by the Pakistan Army. This gallant action resulted in foiling of Pakistan's plans to occupy Jammu & Kashmir. Infantry is also known as the "Queen of the Battle" and its history is as old as the first human war.
- The infantry has played a crucial role in the army in protecting the sovereignty of the nation since independence. Be it the war of 1962 with China or of 1947-



48 with Pakistan, be it the war of 1965, 71 or 1999 Kargil conflict. The contribution of infantry in triumphing these historical wars is unparalleled.

- Apart from these wars, the Counter Insurgency/ Counter Terrorist Operations in North and Northeast, Op BLUE STAR and Op RAKSHAK in Punjab, Op PAWAN in Sri Lanka and recently Op SNOW LEOPARD in Eastern Ladakh have been the continuous witness of the sheer professionalism and commitment of infantry which eventually led to success of these operations.



## Review Questions

1. India Had Signed A \_\_ Deal With Russia To Buy Five Units Of The S-400 Air Defence Missile Systems.
  - A. USD 5 billion
  - B. USD 6 billion
  - C. USD 7 billion
  - D. USD 8 billion

**ANSWER: A**

2. INS Baratang Is Manufactured By
  - A. CSL
  - B. MDL
  - C. GRSE

D. DRDO

**ANSWER: C**

**3. INS Baratang Is A**

A. Destroyer

B. OPV

C. Submarine

D. Tank

**ANSWER: B**

**4. Ex CYCLONE Conducted b/w India &**

A. France

B. Oman

C. UAE

D. Egypt

**ANSWER: D**

**5. Deputy National Security Adviser of India Is**

A. Ajit Doval

B. Pankaj Kumar Singh

C. S. Jaishankar

D. Rajiv Kumar

**ANSWER: B**

**6. Infantry Day of Indian Army In India Is Observed On**

A. 13 Sep

B. 14 Sep

C. 27 Oct

D. 16 Sep

**ANSWER: C**

**7. India's Largest Floating Solar Power Project Commissioned In**

A. Pune, M.H.

B. Chennai, T.N

C. Ranikhet, UK

D. Ramagundam, Telangana

**ANSWER: D**

**8. Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) Is Located In**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Chennai
- D. Kochi

**ANSWER: B**

**9. Central Air Command of IAF Is Located In**

- A. Shillong
- B. Gandhinagar
- C. Prayagraj
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**10. The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) motto is**

- A. Always be there
- B. Service for Nation
- C. 24\*7
- D. Disaster Service Forever

**ANSWER: D**

**11. Third-generation anti-tank missile is \_\_\_\_\_?**

- A. Prithvi
- B. Akash
- C. Trishul
- D. Nag

**ANSWER: D**

**12. Range of the K-15 Sagarika missile is-**

- A. 700 km
- B. 500 km
- C. 400 km
- D. 200 km

**ANSWER: A**

**13. SLNS Sayurata Is A Ship Of**

- A. Oman



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

**ANSWER: C**

**14. The Headquarters and Secretariat of the SAARC Is In**

- A. Kathmandu
- B. Dhaka
- C. New Delhi
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**15. Bangui Is The Capital Of**

- A. Cape Verde
- B. Qatar
- C. Central African Republic
- D. Maldives

**ANSWER: C**

**16. "Arms and the Man" Book Is Written By**

- A. George Bernard Shaw
- B. Jules Verne
- C. Gunnar Myrdal
- D. Lewis Wallace

**ANSWER: A**

**17. The Port Duqm is in**

- A. Yemen
- B. Iran
- C. Iraq
- D. Oman

**ANSWER: D**

**18. Regimental Centre Of THE BRIGADE OF THE GUARDS**

- A. Kamptee, Maharashtra
- B. Ahmednagar, Maharashtra
- C. Delhi Cantonment
- D. Fatehgarh, Uttar Pradesh

**ANSWER: A**

**19. Western Air Command (WAC) Is In**

- A. Mumbai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Chennai
- D. Panaji

**ANSWER: B**

**20. Range of K-9 Vajra Howitzer is**

- A. 40km
- B. 38km
- C. 20km
- D. 55km

**ANSWER: B**