

# Defence Current Affairs

## 26 November 2023

### Uttarakhand Tunnel Rescue: IAF Flies In 'Critical DRDO Equipment' to Uttarkashi

- The Indian Air Force on Sunday flew in 'critical DRDO equipment' in an effort to accelerate the rescue of 41 workers, who are trapped inside the collapsed portion of the under-construction Silkyara tunnel in Uttarkashi for over two weeks now, the IAF informed.
- "Responding with alacrity to the requirements of the ongoing rescue operation, late last evening the IAF flew in critical DRDO equipment to Dehradun. #HADROps," the IAF stated in its official release.
- Earlier, on Sunday, a plasma-cutting machine was flown to the tunnel site from Hyderabad to cut through the Auger drilling machine and its stuck blades from inside the tunnel.
- The process of removing the auger blades from the rubble was underway even before the new machine arrived at the tunnel site in the early hours of Sunday.
- Meanwhile, a safety umbrella was thrown around the Silkyara tunnel where 41 workers have been trapped for two weeks now, official sources said, adding that the umbrella ensures the protection of the rescuers.
- Also, as part of efforts to relieve the stress and anxiety of the workers trapped in the Silkyara tunnel, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has stepped in to provide them with a landline through which they can talk to their families.



## PASSING OUT PARADE- INA 2023

- POP held at INA, Ezhimala, on 25 Nov 23, 158 trainees comprising Midshipmen of 105 Indian Naval Academy Course, cadets of 38 Naval Orientation Course (Coast Guard), 35 and 36 Naval Orientation Course (Extended) passed out with flying colours, marking the culmination of their ab- initio training.
- The passing out trainees included 08 foreign cadets from 05 countries: **Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Myanmar** and the first international women trainee from **Mauritius**.
- The '**President's Gold Medal**' for the Indian Naval Academy B. Tech Course was awarded to **Midshipman Ravikant Ranjan**.
- The other medal winners were as follows:-
  - (a) CNS Silver medal for INAC B. Tech Course – Midshipman Sushen Pujani
  - (b) FOC-in-C South Bronze Medal for INAC B. Tech Course-Midshipman Piyush N Thorve
  - (c) CNS Gold Medal for NOC (Extended) – Cadet Akash Dahiya
  - (d) FOC-in-C South Silver Medal for NOC (Extended) – Cadet Anaokar Shlok
  - (e) Commandant, INA Bronze Medal for NOC (Extended) – Cadet Samarth Rajput
  - (f) Director General Coast Guard Best Assistant Commandant - Asst Comdt Hitesh Rattan.



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- As a build up to the occasion, the NCC cadets spearheaded two weeks long '**Swachhata Hi Sewa**' a pan India cleanliness and awareness drive encompassing various impactful events aimed at fostering a garbage-free India.



## PM MODI Flies The Fighter Jet 'Tejas'

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi took a sortie on the indigenously built light combat fighter aircraft **Tejas** in Bengaluru.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Bengaluru-based defence **PSU Hindustan Aeronautics Limited** on Saturday and reviewed the ongoing work at its manufacturing facility, officials said.
- Tejas is a **single-seater fighter aircraft**, but the Prime Minister took a sortie in the twin-seat trainer variant operated by the Air Force. The Indian Navy also operates the **twin-seater variant**.
- Light Combat Aircraft Tejas is a **4.5-generation multi-role fighter aircraft** and is designed to take offensive air support and provide close combat support for ground operations.



## 9<sup>th</sup> National Level Pollution Response Exercise

- The 9<sup>th</sup> National Level Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX-IX) was conducted by the Indian Coast Guard on 25 Nov 2023 off Vadinar, Gujarat. DG Rakesh Pal, DG ICG, and the Chairman NOSDCP reviewed the preparedness of all agencies during the exercise.
- Representatives of various ministries and departments of central and coastal state governments, ports, oil handling agencies, and other stakeholders participated in the exercise. More than 31 foreign observers and 80 delegates participated in the exercise.
- The NATPOLREX-IX accomplished its objective of testing the level of preparedness and coordination between various resource agencies to respond to a **marine oil spill** invoking provisions of the **National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan** or NOSDCP.



## 7 Officials Including 1 SP, 2 DSP Suspended

- The Punjab police has suspended 7 officials including one Superintendent of Police (SP) and two Deputy Superintendent of Police DSP for the security lapse **during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Punjab** on January 5, 2022.
- On February 5, 2022, the PM was going to attend a rally in Ferozpur when farmers blocked the way. The Prime Minister's convoy was stopped for around 20 minutes.
- So far in this case, the then SP Ferozpur Gurvinder Singh Sanga, DSP Parson Singh, DSP Jagdish Kumar, Inspector Tejinder Singh, Balwinder Singh, Jaswant Singh and ASI Rakesh Kumar have been suspended.



## IAF Considering Taking Over Three Airstrips In UK

- The Indian Air Force is in the process of taking over three air landing strips in Uttarakhand, which will not only be strategically useful for the defence forces but also help in improving the connectivity of the state, CDS General Anil said.

- The three airstrips mentioned by the CDS include Pithoragarh in the Kumaon Hills and Dharasu and Gauchar in the Garhwal Hills.
- Addressing the event 'Raibaar-5', the CDS said, "Pithoragarh, Dharasu, and Gauchar are landing grounds in Uttarakhand. These landing strips are made on the land of the state government.



## Review Questions

### 1. World Climate Action Summit Will Be Held At

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

**ANSWER: C**

### 2. Yulin Naval Base Is In

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. China
- D. Cambodia

**ANSWER: C**

### 3. INS 'Vikrant' Is Designed & Built By

- A. Indian Navy & DRDO
- B. Boeing & Indian Navy
- C. DRDO & MDL
- D. Warship Design Bureau & CSL

**ANSWER: D**

**4. Defence Research & Development Laboratory Hq Is In**

- A. Hyderabad
- B. New Delhi
- C. Kochi
- D. Mumbai

**ANSWER: A**

**5. Lieutenant Commander Of the Indian Navy Is Equivalent to Which Rank Of IAF?**

- A. Squadron Leader
- B. Major
- C. Group Captain
- D. Flying Officer

**ANSWER: A**

**6. Which Is The Capital Of Uzbekistan?**

- A. Moscow
- B. Dodoma
- C. Tashkent
- D. Dushanbe

**ANSWER: C**

**7. Ex 'DESERT EAGLE' Conducted b/w India &**

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

**ANSWER: C**

**8. Naib Subedar Jeremy Lalrinnunga Is Related With**

- A. Table Tennis
- B. Cricket
- C. Boxing
- D. Weightlifting

**ANSWER: D**

**9. What Is The Highest Commissioned Rank Awarded In The IAF?**

- A. Air Marshal
- B. Air Chief Marshal



- C. Wing Commander
- D. Admiral

**ANSWER: B**

**10. Rashtriya Raksha University Is In**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**11. The Zorawar Is A**

- A. Tank
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Fighter Jet

**ANSWER: A**

**12. Current Scientific Advisor To The Defence Minister Is**

- A. Rakesh Sinha
- B. S. Somnath
- C. G. Sateesh Reddy
- D. Samir Kamat

**ANSWER: C**

**13. The Current Chairman Of DRDO Is**

- A. Rakesh Sinha
- B. S. Somnath
- C. G. Sateesh Reddy
- D. Samir Kamat

**ANSWER: D**

**14. Havildar Achinta Sheuli Is Related With**

- A. Archery
- B. Weightlifting
- C. Judo
- D. Football

**ANSWER: B**

**15. Ex SHAKTI, Ex VARUNA, GARUDA India conducted with**

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**16. \_\_Is India's 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest Military Decoration Award.**

- A. PVC
- B. MVC
- C. Veer Chakra
- D. Kirti Chakra

**ANSWER: C**

**17. Motto of THE MARATHA LIGHT INFANTRY REGIMENT**

- A. Parakramo Vijayate
- B. Assam Vikram
- C. Yudhaya Krit Nishchaya
- D. Duty, Honour, courage

**ANSWER: D**

**18. Dodoma Is The Capital Of**

- A. Tanzania
- B. Turkmenistan
- C. UAE
- D. Tajikistan

**ANSWER: A**

**19. "The Godfather" Book Is Written By**

- A. Mario Puzo
- B. Anne Frank
- C. Amish Tripathi
- D. Albert Einstein

**ANSWER: A**

**20. Motto Of Territorial Army Is**

- A. Rhino Charge
- B. Duty Unto Death
- C. Valour

D. Savdhani Va Shoorta

**ANSWER: D**