

Defence Current Affairs

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MoD Approves Rs 2800 Cr Rockets for Pinaka weapon System

- In a major boost for the Indian Army, the Defence Ministry has approved a **Rs 2,800 crore** proposal for buying around **6,400 rockets** for **Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launcher** systems.
- The Defence Ministry's Defence Acquisition Council's recent meeting had cleared the proposal for the acquisition of two types of these rockets, known as **Area Denial Munition Type 2 and Type-3**.
- The rockets would be procured by the Indian Army from indigenous sources only and two main contenders include the **Economic Explosives Limited of Solar Industries and the Munitions India Limited**-- one of the ammunition-producing companies created by the corporatization of the erstwhile Ordnance Factories.
- The Indian-made Pinaka weapon system, named after the bow of **Hindu God Shiva**, has been developed by the **DRDO**.
- The weapon system is one of the first few Indian military terms to have been exported to foreign countries, including **Armenia**.
- Private sector companies involved in the project include Larsen & Toubro, Tata Defence and Economic Explosives Limited.



Need To Reform, Rebuild War Fighting Machinery

- Future battlespace will be cluttered, congested, contested and complex, said Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari on Thursday, underscoring the need to reimagine, reform, redesign and rebuild the traditional war fighting machinery to adapt to this emerging paradigm. He also tomorrow's wars cannot be fought with imported weapons, and it was imperative to develop indigenous weaponry, particularly air-launched weapons.
- The Chief of Air Staff (CAS) was delivering the General BC Joshi Memorial Lecture on 'Transformation of IAF into a Contemporary and Future Ready Aerospace Force' here at the Savitribai Phule Pune University.
- Chaudhari spoke about the significance of well-trained personnel and the complexities of a technology-driven battlespace.
- He said investment in innovation and "disruptive" training programmes with a focus on technology infusion for skill development will prove to be decisive in future multi-domain operations.



US Senate Passes Annual Defence Policy Bill With USD 886 Billion Package

- The US Senate approved the annual defence policy bill with a compromise 886 billion USD package that laid out how the pentagon will be funded through the next fiscal year.

- The National Defence Authorization Act (NDAA) is one of the largest bills passed annually by lawmakers and is a yearlong process for Congress.
- The defence bill was finalized by conference negotiators in the House and Senate last week, after the chambers passed vastly different versions over the summer, with House Republicans slipping in provisions on the culture wars engulfing America.
- The final bill dropped many of the controversial House amendments. An amendment to block the Pentagon's abortion policy failed to make it into the NDAA, as did another preventing the Defence Department from funding gender-affirming surgery.



Mild Blast Heard Near Army Gate Of Jorhat Military Station

- A mild blast sound was heard near the Army gate at Jorhat Military Station in Assam, according to defence sources. As per the sources, the sound was heard in Jorhat this evening.
- The recent explosion follows two different grenade blasts on November 22 and December 9. On November 22, a grenade detonated near the entrance of an Army camp in Dirak, Tinsukia district, resulting in no reported casualties. Another blast occurred on December 9 at the 149 CRPF in Joysagar, Sivasagar district. ULFA-I took responsibility for both events.



"We want it to end as soon as possible, but...": White House on Israel-Hamas War

- The White House said on Thursday that it wants the Israel-Hamas war to end "as soon as possible" but also clarified that Washington won't be dictating terms and Tel Aviv has the right to take it "as long as they feel" to eliminate the Hamas threat.
- US National Security Council Coordinator for Strategic Communications John Kirby said that the war could end if Hamas Head in Gaza, Yahya Sinwar surrenders and releases the hostages.
- The White House official further said that the war was started by Hamas and that Israel has the right and responsibility to continue it to protect its people.
- "This war that Hamas started and Israel has a right and responsibility to continue to conduct this war and protect their people and protect their nation...how long that's going to take I can't predict," Kirby said.
- An armed conflict between Israel and Hamas-led Palestinian militant groups has been taking place chiefly in and around the Gaza Strip since 7 October 2023, with clashes also taking place in the West Bank and Israel–Lebanon border.



Review Questions

1. Bhutan Is The Member In Which Organization?

- A. SAARC
- B. OPEC
- C. OECD
- D. IBRD

ANSWER: A

2. BIMSTEC Stands For

- A. Bay of Bengal Innovative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cop.
- B. Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cop.
- C. Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sector Technical and Economic Cop.
- D. None
- E. Lion Capital of Ashoka

ANSWER: B

3. Ex DUSTLIK conducted b/w India &

- A. Uzbekistan
- B. Vietnam
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

4. Indian Coast Guard Formed On

- A. August 18, 1978

- B. September 18, 1978
- C. March 18, 1976
- D. April 18, 1976

ANSWER: A

5. War Cry of MECHANISED INFANTRY REGIMENT Is

- A. Bol Bajrang Bali Ki jai
- B. Raja Ramachandra ki jai
- C. Bolo Bharat Mata ki jai
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

6. Government PSEs are known by three names. Which of the following is NOT one of the names by which PSEs are identified?

- A. Miniratna
- B. Pancharatna
- C. Maharatna
- D. Navratna

ANSWER: B

7. Which of the following is not a "Maharatna" company?

- A. HAL
- B. ONGC
- C. SAIL
- D. IOC

ANSWER: A

8. 'T-72 Ajeya' Is the Name Of:

- A. Fighter aircraft
- B. Tank
- C. Ambulance
- D. Infantry regiments

ANSWER: B

9. Kargil Vijay Diwas Is Observed On

- A. 14 March
- B. 17 July
- C. 26 July
- D. 20 August

ANSWER: C

10. Founder of the ISRO Is

- A. Vikram Sarabhai
- B. A P J Abdul Kalam
- C. Homi J. Bhabha
- D. Satish Dhawan

ANSWER: A

11. INS Dwarka Base of Indian Navy Is At

- A. Gujarat
- B. Goa
- C. Karnataka
- D. Lakshadweep

ANSWER: A

12. INS Kadamba is an Indian Navy base located At

- A. Gujarat
- B. Goa
- C. Karnataka
- D. Lakshadweep

ANSWER: C

13. DRDO Archer Is A

- A. Fighter aircraft
- B. Tank
- C. Ambulance
- D. UAV

ANSWER: D

14. "One Bullet Away" Book Is Written By

- A. V.D. Savarkar
- B. Napoleon
- C. Hitler
- D. Nathaniel Fick

ANSWER: D

15. Rabat Is The Capital Of

- A. Morocco
- B. Mozambique
- C. Montenegro
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

16. Where is the headquarters of WNC of the Indian Navy?

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Gandhi Nagar
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: D

17. "The Direction Of War" Book Is Written By

- A. Jhon Neil
- B. Napoleon
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Nathaniel Fick

ANSWER: C

18. Central Army Command headquarters is in

- A. Jaipur
- B. Kolkata
- C. Pune
- D. Lucknow

ANSWER: D

19. Which country is not a member of NATO?

- A. Albania
- B. Belgium
- C. Bulgaria
- D. China

ANSWER: D

20. AH-64 Apache is a

- A. Utility Helicopter
- B. Attack Helicopter
- C. Fighter Aircraft

D. UAV

ANSWER: B



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