

Defence Current Affairs

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Anish Dayal Singh Appointed CRPF Chief, Nina Singh To Head CISF

- ITBP chief Anish Dayal Singh was appointed as the Director General of CRPF on Thursday, a Personnel Ministry order said. Singh, a 1988-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of Manipur cadre, was holding the additional charge of the CRPF following the retirement of incumbent S L Thaosen on November 30.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved Singh's appointment as DG, CRPF up to December 31, 2024, i.e. the date of his superannuation, it said.
- Rahul Rasgotra, at present a special director in the Intelligence Bureau (IB), will be the new ITBP chief in place of Singh.



US Warship Shoots Down Drone, Missile Fired By Yemen's Huthis

- An American warship shot down a drone and an anti-ship ballistic missile fired Thursday by Yemen's Iran-backed Huthi rebels, the US military said.

- The Huthis have repeatedly targeted vessels in the vital Red Sea shipping lane with strikes they say are in support of Palestinians in Gaza, where Israel is battling militant group Hamas.
- "There was no damage to any of the 18 ships in the area or reported injuries," CENTCOM said, adding that it was the 22nd attempted attack on international shipping by the Huthis since mid-October.
- US forces in Iraq and Syria have also repeatedly come under fire from drone and rocket attacks that Washington says are being carried out by Iran-backed armed groups.



Tanzanian Military Chief Visits Ahmednagar

- General Jacob John Mkunda, Chief of Defence Staff of the Tanzania People's Defence Forces, visited the Mechanised Infantry Centre and School in Ahmednagar near here with the aim of fostering defence cooperation between his nation and India.
- The key focus of the cooperation will be mechanised infantry related equipment, technical and training aspects, including infrastructure and curriculum.
- "During the visit, the delegation was briefed by the Commandant, MIC&S on the selection of personnel, training aspects and facilities. The delegation visited the training battalions and witnessed model rooms and simulator training as also execution of certain dynamic drills to highlight the versatility of the Infantry Combat Vehicle," the release said.



Induction Of Missile Cum Ammunition (MCA) Barge

- Missile Cum Ammunition Barge, LSAM 10, the fourth Barge of 08 x Missile Cum Ammunition Barge project, built by MSME Shipyard, M/s SECON Engineering Projects Pvt Ltd, Visakhapatnam for Indian Navy, was inducted on 28 Dec 23 at Naval Dockyards, Mumbai for NAD(Karanja).
- The contract for building 08 x Missile Cum Ammunition Barge was signed between **MoD and M/s SECON Engineering Projects Pvt Ltd**, Visakhapatnam on 19 Feb 21.
- These Barges are indigenously designed and built under relevant Naval Rules and Regulation of Indian Register of Shipping. The model testing of the Barge during design stage was undertaken at Naval Science and Technological Laboratory, Visakhapatnam.



Qatar Court Reduces Death Sentence Of Former Indian Navy Personnel

- The Qatari Court on Thursday commuted the death penalty sentence of eight ex-Indian naval officers it had arrested last year in the Dahra Global case, Ministry of External Affairs said in a press statement. The sentence has now been reduced to jail terms.
- Describing the judgement, Ministry of External Affairs said, "We have noted the verdict today of the Court of Appeal of Qatar in the Dahra Global case, in which the sentences have been reduced."
- The people cited above said the Qatari court had commuted the death sentence of all eight men and given them prison terms of varying duration. "The death sentence is off the table. The prison terms vary from a few years to several years," one of the people said on condition of anonymity.
- The commutation of the death sentence makes it possible for India to invoke a 2015 agreement with Qatar on the transfer of sentenced persons. The pact allows citizens of India and Qatar who have been convicted and sentenced for criminal offences to serve their sentences in their home country.
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- The agreement – signed during a visit to India by the emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, in March 2015 – is not applicable to persons sentenced to death.
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- The external affairs ministry said the Indian side is in close touch with the legal team and the families of the eight men to "decide on the next steps".



Review Questions

1. Fourth Barge Of 08 X Missile Cum Ammunition Barge Project Built By

- A. HSL
- B. GSL
- C. SECON Engineering Projects Pvt Ltd
- D. MDL

ANSWER: C

2. Who Is Appointed As CRPF Chief?

- A. Anish Dayal Singh
- B. Nina Singh
- C. Amit Nagar
- D. None

ANSWER: A

3. Which of the following countries constitute I2U2?

1. Iran, 2. India, 3. Israel, 4. United Kingdom, 5. USA, 6. UAE, 7. Iraq

Select the correct answer using the codes given below: Frigates Is ____.

- A. 1, 2, 4 and 5 only
- B. 1, 3, 4 and 5 only
- C. 2, 3, 5 and 6 only
- D. 2, 4, 5, and 7 only

ANSWER: C

4. CAATSA Stands For

- A. Cosmetics America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act
- B. Contour America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act
- C. Countering America's Adversaries Tough Sanctions Act
- D. Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act

ANSWER: D

5. Which country is not the current non-Permanent member of the UNSC?

- A. Albania
- B. Brazil
- C. Gabon
- D. Indonesia

ANSWER: D

6. LAKSHYA Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Robot

ANSWER: C

7. Chengdu J-20 Is A

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

ANSWER: D

8. GPS Stands For

- A. Geo Positioning System
- B. Global Position System
- C. Global Positioning Security
- D. Global Positioning System

ANSWER: D

9. Joint Exercises B/w India And Russia Is Called:

- A. Yama
- B. Garuda
- C. Indra

D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: C

10. Army Cadet College Is At

A. Prayagraj

B. Pune

C. Kochi

D. Dehradun

ANSWER: D

11. Combat Army Aviation Training School Is At

A. Nashik

B. Pune

C. Nagpur

D. Dehradun

ANSWER: A

12. Ghauri Is A

A. Helicopter

B. Machine Gun

C. Missile

D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: C

13. Regimental Center of Dogra Regiment Is In

A. Faizabad, U.P

B. Bokaro, Jharkhand

C. Balasore, Odisha

D. Ambala, Haryana

ANSWER: A

14. Where Is The Hq Of The SAC Of The IAF?

A. Kochi

B. Vishakhapatnam

C. Shillong

D. Thiruvananthapuram

ANSWER: D

15. Valletta Is The Capital Of

- A. Malta
- B. Mauritania
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

16. "Queen of Fire" Book Is Written By

- A. Devika Rangachari
- B. Sree Ram Chaulia
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

17. Joint Exercises B/w The India And France Is Called:

- A. Yama
- B. Garuda
- C. Shakti
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: C

18. Mission Shakti Was Launched In The Year Of

- A. 2019
- B. 2020
- C. 2021
- D. 2022

ANSWER: A

19. INS Ranjit Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Tank

ANSWER: A

20. GSAT-7B Is a

- A. Air to Air missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Anti-tank Guided missile

D. Communication satellite

ANSWER: D