

Daily Defence Current Affairs

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DRDO Celebrates 66th Foundation Day

- DRDO celebrated the 66th Foundation Day of its establishment. Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Dr Samir V Kamat DRDO paid floral tributes to the Missile Man of India and former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.
- He expressed happiness that the Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) has also been accorded this year for induction of several DRDO developed systems worth more than **1 lakh 42 thousand crores**.
- This is the highest ever accorded to DRDO developed systems in any year. This constitutes a significant component of Aatmanirbharta in Defence Production.



AVM S Sivakumar Took As Senior Officer-in-charge Administration

- On 1st January 2024 Air Vice Marshal S Sivakumar took over as Senior Officer-in-Charge Administration of Headquarters Western Air Command, New Delhi.
- Air Vice Marshal Sivakumar was commissioned in the Administration Branch on 16 Jun 1990 and is an alumni of the College of Air Warfare. During his illustrious

service carrier, he has served in various capacities at units, Command HQs and Air HQs.



Vice Admiral B Sivakumar Assumes Charge

- Vice Admiral B Sivakumar, AVSM, VSM has assumed charge as the Controller Warship Production and Acquisition on 01 Jan 24. An alumnus of the National Defence Academy (70th Course), he was commissioned as an Electrical Officer into the Indian Navy on 01 Jul 1987.
- He holds Master Degrees in Engineering from IIT Chennai and Management from Osmania University. The Flag Officer has held various important appointments in the Staff and Materiel Branch at Naval and Command Headquarters, Dockyard and Training Establishments.



Vice Admiral Kiran Deshmukh Assumes Charge As The Chief Of Materiel

- Vice Admiral Kiran Deshmukh, AVSM, VSM has assumed charge as the Chief of Materiel on 01 Jan 24. An alumnus of VJTI, University of Mumbai, VAdm Deshmukh was commissioned as an Engineer Officer into the Indian Navy on 31 March 86.
- VAdm Kiran Deshmukh, takes over as COM from VAdm Sandeep Naithani who hands over the baton on completion of 39 Years of glorious service. Well known as distinguished and a thorough professional Flag Officer of the Indian Navy.



Lt General Nagendra Singh Takes Over Command Of Chetak Corps

- Lieutenant General Nagendra Singh took over command of the Chetak Corps on January 1, 2024, as the 34th General Officer Commanding. He has replaced

Lieutenant General Sanjiv Rai, who superannuated on December 31, 2023, after his successful tenure of more than a year in Chetak Corps.



Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh Inaugurates First All-girls Sainik School

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated Samvid Gurukulam Girls Sainik School at Vrindavan in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh on January 01, 2024. The first all-girls Sainik School, with a strength of approx.

870 students, has been inaugurated under the initiative of establishing 100 new Sainik Schools in partnership mode with NGOs/Private/State Government Schools in all State/Union Territories, of which 42 have been set up.

The objectives behind the vision of setting up of 100 new Sainik Schools are to provide quality education to the students in tune with the National Education Policy 2020 and give them better career opportunities, including joining the Armed Forces.



2,274 Cadets To Take Part In NCC Republic Day Camp 2024

- The National Cadet Corps (NCC) Republic Day Camp 2024 commenced at the Cariappa Parade Ground, Delhi Cantt with Sarva Dharma Puja on December 30, 2023. This year, a total of 2,274 cadets from all 28 States and eight Union Territories will participate in the month-long camp. With 907 girls, this year's camp will see the largest participation of girls cadets. This diverse participation includes 122 cadets from Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, apart from 171 from the North-Eastern Region, effectively portraying a microcosm of 'Mini India'.
- As part of the Youth Exchange Programme, the camp will also witness the participation of cadets and officers from 25 friendly countries – Argentina, Botswana, Bhutan, Brazil, Czech Republic, Fiji, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Tajikistan, UK, Venezuela, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Nigeria, Mauritius and Mozambique.



INDIAN NAVY ENHANCES SURVEILLANCE IN NORTH/ CENTRAL ARABIAN SEA AND GULF OF ADEN

- The last few weeks have witnessed increased maritime security incidents on merchant vessels transiting through international shipping lanes in Red Sea, Gulf of Aden and Central/ North Arabian Sea. The piracy incident on MV Ruen approximately 700 nautical miles from the Indian coast and recent drone attack on MV Chem Pluto, approximately 220 nautical miles South West of Porbandar indicates a shift in maritime incidents closer to Indian EEZ.
- In response to these incidents, Indian Navy has substantially enhanced maritime surveillance efforts in Central/ North Arabian Sea and augmented force levels. Task Groups comprising destroyers and frigates have been deployed to undertake maritime security operations and render assistance to merchant vessels in case of any incident. Aerial surveillance by long-range maritime patrol aircraft and RPAs has been enhanced to have a complete maritime domain awareness. Towards effective surveillance of EEZ, Indian Navy is operating in close coordination with Coast Guard.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. DRDO Celebrated 66th Foundation Day On
 - A. 31 Dec 2023
 - B. 01 January 2024
 - C. 02 January 2024
 - D. None

ANSWER: C

2. Rajnath Singh Inaugurates First All-girls Sainik School At

- A. Pune
- B. Lucknow
- C. Vrindavan
- D. None

ANSWER: C

3. Ex 'Desert Cyclone Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: C

4. IRBM Stands For

- A. Intermediate-range Ballast Missile
- B. Intermediate-range Ballistic Mobile
- C. Intermediate-range Ballistic Missile
- D. None

ANSWER: C

5. Major General Rank of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of IAF?

- A. Flying Officer
- B. Flight Lieutenant
- C. Squadron Leader
- D. Air Vice Marshal

ANSWER: D

6. Valour and faith Is The Motto Of

- A. Mechanised Infantry Regiment
- B. JKLI
- C. Rajput Regiment
- D. Ladakh Scouts

ANSWER: A

7. Regimental Centre of RAJPUT REGIMENT Is In

- A. Sultanpur
- B. Noida
- C. New Delhi

D. Fatehgarh

ANSWER: D

8. Defence Acquisition Council Headed By

A. Defence Minister

B. CDS

C. COAS

D. PM

ANSWER: A

9. INS Sindhukirti Is A

A. Destroyer

B. OPV

C. Submarine

D. Tank

ANSWER: C

10. Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) is a shipyard located in

A. Mumbai

B. Kochi

C. Chennai

D. Visakhapatnam

ANSWER: D

11. INS Brahmaputra (F31) Is A

A. Destroyer

B. OPV

C. Submarine

D. Guided missile frigate

ANSWER: D

12. World's Highest Battlefield Is In

A. Drass

B. Kishtwar

C. Jaipur

D. Siachen

ANSWER: D

13. Ulaanbaatar Is The Capital Of

- A. Oman
- B. Mozambique
- C. Mongolia
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

14. "Kashmiri Century: Portrait of a Society in Flux" Book Is Written By

- A. Kavitha Rao
- B. Bimal Jalan
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Khemlata Wakhlu

ANSWER: D

15. AFV Stands For

- A. Armoured Fighting Vehicle
- B. Armoured Furious Vehicle
- C. Army Fighting Vehicle
- D. None

ANSWER: A

16. Where Is The Hq Of The Southern Command of The Indian Navy?

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

17. Iveco LMV Is a

- A. Air to Air missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Armour Vehicle
- D. Communication satellite

ANSWER: C

18. Exercises B/w The India And Mongolia Is Called:

- A. Nomadic Elephant
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra

D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: A

19. India Purchased Rafale Jet from

A. USA

B. Sweden

C. France

D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

20. Which Officer Took As Senior Officer-in-charge Administration of Headquarters Western Air Command?

A. AVM S Sivakumar

B. Vice Admiral B Sivakumar

C. Vice Admiral Kiran Deshmukh

D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

