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Vladimir Putin Offers Citizenship To Foreigners

- President Vladimir Putin issued a decree allowing foreign nationals who fight for Russia in Ukraine to obtain Russian citizenship for themselves and their families.
- The order said people who have signed contracts during what Moscow calls its "special military operation" in Ukraine can apply to get Russian passports for themselves and their spouses, children and parents. They must provide documents showing that they signed up for a minimum of one year.
- Those eligible include people who have signed contracts with the regular armed forces or other "military formations" - a description that could apply to groups such as the Wagner mercenary organisation.



India Has Not Sent Any Artillery Ammunition To Ukraine: MEA

- India on Thursday trashed reports that claimed spotting certain Indian-origin artillery shells in Ukraine, and categorically asserted that it has not sent any

ammunition to that country. MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said New Delhi has neither sent nor exported any artillery ammunition to Ukraine.

- "We have also seen some media reports in this regard. We can categorically say that we have not sent any of this artillery ammunition to Ukraine," he said at a media briefing.
- On Tuesday, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar held a "useful" phone conversation with his Ukrainian counterpart Dmytro Kuleba focusing on the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, Kyiv's peace formula and ways to advance bilateral ties.
- The phone conversation came days after Jaishankar paid a five-day visit to Russia during which he held extensive talks with Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and called on President Vladimir Putin.



Vice Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi Takes Over As VCONS

- Vice Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, AVSM, NM took over as **Vice Chief of the Naval Staff** on 04 Jan 24. On taking over, the Flag Officer paid homage to the Bravehearts at the National War Memorial.
- Prior to taking over as Vice Chief of the Naval Staff, VAdm Dinesh K Tripathi served as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command.
- An alumnus of Sainik School Rewa and National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, he was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 01 Jul 1985. A Communication and Electronic Warfare specialist, he served on frontline warships of the Navy as Signal Communication Officer and Electronic Warfare Officer, and later as the Executive Officer and Principal Warfare Officer.



ISIS Claims Responsibility For Iran Twin Blasts

- Islamic State claimed responsibility Thursday for two explosions that led to the death of over 100 people and wounded several others at a ceremony in Iran.
- People had gathered at a cemetery to mark the fourth death anniversary of senior military commander **General Qassem Soleimani** who was killed by a US drone in 2020. He was in charge of the Quds Force of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC).
- Taking to X, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said: "We are shocked and saddened on the terrible bombings in the Kerman City of Iran. At this difficult time, we express our solidarity with the government and people of Iran."



Defence Ministry Signs Contracts Worth ₹802 crore With Jupiter Wagons, BEML

- The Ministry of Defence inked two contracts for procurement of 697 **Bogie Open Military Wagons** at ₹473 crore with Jupiter Wagons Limited and procurement of **56 Mechanical Minefield Marking Equipment Mark II** at a cost of ₹329 crore with **BEML Ltd.**
- The BOM Wagons and MMME will be produced with equipment and sub-system sourced from indigenous manufacturers, giving a boost to the indigenous manufacturing and participation of the private sector in defence production, the defence ministry said in a statement.
- BOM wagons, designed by **Research Design and Standard Organization** are specialist wagons used by the Indian Army for mobilisation of the Army units. BOM wagons are used to transport light vehicles, Artillery Guns, BMPs, Engineering Equipment etc. from their peacetime locations to operational areas.
- MMME has been designed to operate cross country with complete load of stores and carry out marking of minefields with minimal time and manpower employment, as per the defence ministry.

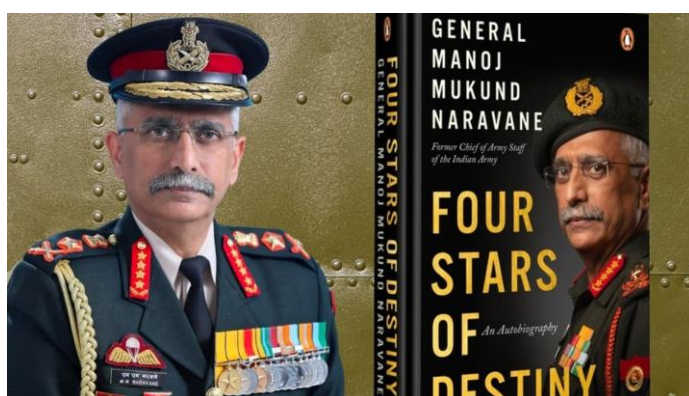


Gen Naravane's Memoir: Army Reviews Former Chief's Book

- The Indian Army is reviewing the memoir of its former chief General Naravane that discloses details of a conversation he had with Defence Minister Rajnath

Singh on the night of August 31, 2020, following the movement of Chinese PLA tanks and troops in Rechin La on the Line of Actual Control in eastern Ladakh.

- Excerpts from the memoir, Four Stars of Destiny, were published by news agency Press Trust of India on December 18. Publisher Penguin Random House has been asked not to share excerpts or soft copies of the book until the review is over.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. ___ Took Over As Vice Chief of the Naval Staff.

- A. Vice Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi
- B. Vice Admiral Aman Rastogi
- C. Vice Admiral R Hari Kumar
- D. None

ANSWER: A

2. India's Buys P8I Aircraft From

- A. Iran
- B. USA
- C. UK
- D. Uganda

ANSWER: B

3. JCPOA Stands For

- A. Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action
- B. Joint Comprehensive Plan of Act
- C. Joint Comprehensive Plane of Action
- D. None

ANSWER: A

4. 15th President of India Is/Was

- A. Shrimati Draupadi Murmu
- B. Shri Pratibha Singh Patil
- C. Shri Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam
- D. Shri Pranab Mukherjee

ANSWER: A

5. __Of The Constitution Read With The Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elections.

- A. Article 324
- B. Article 352
- C. Article 356
- D. Article 360

ANSWER: A

6. Make in India Was Launched In

- A. 2010
- B. 2014
- C. 2019
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

7. __holds the rank of Supreme Commander of the IAF.

- A. President of India
- B. PM
- C. NSA
- D. Chief of the Air Staff (CAS)

ANSWER: A

8. Which Is The Type Of A LUH?

- A. Chetak
- B. Apache
- C. Chinook
- D. Rafale

ANSWER: A

9. Hq of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited Is In

- A. Bangalore
- B. New Delhi
- C. Chennai
- D. Karachi

ANSWER: A

10. Current Vice Chief of the Air Staff Is

- A. Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh
- B. Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari
- C. Air Marshal Narmadeshwar Tiwari
- D. Air Marshal Vibhas Pande

ANSWER: A

11. Iran Boundary Doesn't Touch With

- A. Iraq
- B. India
- C. Pakistan
- D. Russia

ANSWER: D

12. Wing Commander Rank of IAF Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Army?

- A. Lieutenant
- B. Captain
- C. Lieutenant Colonel
- D. Colonel

ANSWER: C

13. Luanda Is The Capital Of

- A. Azerbaijan
- B. Qatar
- C. Angola
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

14. "A Place Called Home" Book Is Written By

- A. Rizwan Khan
- B. Priya Sharma
- C. Hew Strachan

D. Preeti Shenoy

ANSWER: D

15. Hq of United Nations Institute for Training and Research Is In

A. Geneva, Switzerland

B. Berlin, Germany

C. Turin, Italy

D. Tokyo, Japan

ANSWER: A

16. Where Is The Hq Of The Central Command of The Indian Army?

A. Kochi

B. Vishakhapatnam

C. Pune

D. Lucknow

ANSWER: D

17. The G20 was founded in

A. 1999

B. 2000

C. 2004

D. 2005

ANSWER: A

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

A. VINBAX

B. SLINEX

C. Indra

D. Vajra Prahar

ANSWER: A

19. India Purchased Tavor X 95 Rifles from

A. USA

B. Sweden

C. France

D. Israel

ANSWER: D

20. India Purchased Sig Saur Rifles from

A. USA

- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. Israel

ANSWER: A