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Riyadh For World Defence Show 2024

- Bearing testimony to the growing defence ties between India and Saudi Arabia, Raksha Rajya Mantri Ajay Bhatt is on a visit to Riyadh as head of the Indian delegation for the ongoing World Defence Show (WDS) 2024.
- The five-day show, which commenced on February 04, 2024, is showcasing the latest advancements in defence technology serving as a vital platform for international collaboration amongst the participating companies.
- India's '**Aatmanirbhar Bharat**' and Saudi Arabia's '**Vision 2030**' are national programmes that can be mutually beneficial to both sides. Both initiatives prioritise technological advancements, indigenous capabilities and knowledge sharing.



CDS Inaugurates DEFSAT 2024

- Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan has stressed that as the country is going through Amrit Kaal, it is time for building a highly capable Aatmanirbhar defence space ecosystem.

- Inaugurating 'DEFSAT', a three-day Space Seminar and Exhibition at the Manekshaw Centre, Delhi Cantt on Feb 7, 2024, Gen Anil Chauhan underlined that from space augmentation to exploration, the Government has envisioned big targets for the nation.
- CDS said that Space can be used as a force multiplier to enhance combat capabilities in traditional domains of **land, air, sea and even cyber**. He called upon all the stakeholders of defence space ecosystem to work on bolstering the Counter-Space capabilities as deterrent for safeguarding country's space assets.
- The CDS emphasized that the Government is encouraging all the stakeholders including start-ups for development of a dependable space ecosystem within the nation. "We probably had one Start Up in 2014 which has grown to 204 Start Ups in space sector with 54 additions in 2023 itself. In 2023, we as a nation invested \$123 mn in the sector bringing the total funding to \$380.25 mn," said Gen Anil Chauhan.



Rajnath Singh Approves Waiver Of Provision For Bro's Casual Paid Labourers

- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has approved a proposal for waiver of the provision to complete 179 working days, at the time of accident, for payment of ex-gratia lump sum compensation to Casual Paid Labourers (CPLs) working in Border Roads Organisation (BRO)/General Engineering Reserve Force (GEF).
- As per the existing instructions, the CPLs, who have worked at least 179 days in BRO, are covered for payment of ex-gratia lump sum compensation of Rs five

lakh. Several families of deceased CPLs are deprived of the grant due to this constraint of 179 working days.

- Considering the cases of deaths occurred/reported during their engagement, the waiver of the condition of minimum 179 working days on humanitarian grounds would be a great reprieve for the families of the CPLs who lose their bread winner while on Government duty and will go a long way in securing their livelihoods.



'Absolute Victory': Israeli PM Netanyahu

- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu rejected a ceasefire demand by Hamas and vowed to press ahead with Israel's military offensive in Gaza until achieving "absolute victory."
- Netanyahu made the comments on Wednesday shortly after meeting the visiting US secretary of state, Antony Blinken, who has been traveling the region in hopes of securing a ceasefire agreement.
- He ruled out any arrangement that leaves Hamas in full or partial control of Gaza. He also said that Israel is the "only power" capable of guaranteeing security in the long term. Netanyahu also called for the replacement of the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA.
- President Joe Biden said Hamas' demands are "a little over the top" but that negotiations will continue. The deadliest round of fighting in the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has killed over 27,000 Palestinians, leveled entire neighborhoods, driven the vast majority of Gaza's population from their homes and pushed a quarter of the population to starvation.



PAC Flays Navy For Delays In Deployment Of Officers For Special Prahari Bal

- Several fast interception crafts (FICs) of the Indian Navy remained non-operational from 2014 to 2019 due to defective engines for extended periods, a parliamentary committee said in its report on Wednesday.
- In its report, the **Public Accounts Committee (PAC)** also flayed the Navy, saying it is yet to achieve the complete deployment of officers for the **Special Prahari Bal (SPB)**, despite a significant **lapse of 12 years** since the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) sanctioned it in February 2009.
- The SPB is a maritime force envisaged following the **26/11 Mumbai terror attack** with a primary focus on providing security to all coastal and offshore naval assets by carrying out patrolling through FICs.
- The formation of the SPB was sanctioned in February 2009 by the CCS with a complement of 1,000 personnel comprising 120 officers, 240 senior sailors and 640 junior sailors to be based at 13 Indian naval ports.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What did Raksha Mantri approve regarding ex-gratia compensation for Casual Paid Labourers?

- A. Increase in working days requirement for compensation eligibility
- B. Reduction in compensation amount for deceased CPLs' families
- C. Waiver of the requirement for completing 179 working days
- D. Mandatory insurance for all CPLs working in BRO/GREF

ANSWER: C

2. What did CDS Gen Anil Chauhan emphasize during the inauguration of 'DEFSAT'?

- A. Need for increased military expenditure
- B. Urgency for international space cooperation
- C. Importance of a self-reliant defense space ecosystem
- D. Necessity of stricter border control measures

ANSWER: C

3. Where is the World Defence Show 2024 Ongoing?

- A. Riyadh
- B. New Delhi
- C. Dubai
- D. Geneva

ANSWER: A

4. Which Edition Of The SIMBEX Is Conducted In 2023?

- A. 20th
- B. 25th
- C. 30th
- D. 35th

ANSWER: C

5. Ex 'Austra Hind' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Austria
- B. Angola
- C. Australia
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

6. Which Force Plans To Procure Made in India C-295MMMA?

- A. NSG
- B. SSB
- C. ICG
- D. BSF

ANSWER: C

7. AESA Radar Stands For

- A. Active Electronically Scanned Arrow
- B. Active Electron Scanned Array
- C. Active Electronically Scanned Array
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

8. Current Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee Is

- A.** VR Chaudhary
- B.** R. Hari Kumar
- C.** Anil Chauhan
- D.** Manoj Pande

ANSWER: C

9. A Hypersonic Speed Cruise Missile Would Travel At Least _____ The Speed Of Sound.

- A. four times
- B. five times
- C. Three times
- D. None of these

ANSWER: B

10. "Sarvatra Izzat-o-Iqbal" Is The Motto Of

- A. Dogra Scouts
- B. Sikkim Scouts
- C. Regiment Of Artillery
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

11. Which One of The Following Countries Is Smaller Than India?

- A. Argentina
- B. Canada
- C. China
- D. Brazil

ANSWER: A

12. Motto of THE MARATHA

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

ANSWER: D

13. Maintenance Command of The IAF Is In

- A. Nagpur
- B. New Delhi
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

14. Desert Corps Comes Under Which Command Of the Indian Army?

- A. Jodhpur

- B. Jaipur
- C. Chennai
- D. Agra

ANSWER: A

15. Exercise Agni Warrior Conducted b/w India &

- A. Australia
- B. France
- C. Singapore
- D. Malaysia

ANSWER: C

16. Satish Dhawan Space Centre - SDSC Operated By

- A. ISRO
- B. DRDO
- C. DRDO & NASA
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

17. "Exam Warriors" Book Is Written By

- A. V K Singh
- B. Gen Anil Chauhan
- C. Narendra Modi
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: C

18. Which Of The Following Is The Subsonic Cruise Missile?

- A. Astra missile
- B. Maitri missile
- C. Nag
- D. Nirbhay

ANSWER: D

19. Arjun MK-IA Is A

- A. Attack Helicopter
- B. Fighter Jet
- C. MBT

D. UAV

ANSWER: C

20. MARCOS Motto Is

A. The Few, The Fearless

B. Always Brave

C. Veerta

D. Lethal

ANSWER: A

