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Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi Assumes Charge

- Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi on Monday assumed charge as the Vice Chief of Army Staff, replacing Lieutenant General MV Suchindra Kumar. Lt Gen Dwivedi was serving as the Northern Army Commander in his previous assessment.
- Lt Gen Kumar has been appointed as General-Officer-Commanding of Udhampur-based Northern Command.
- Lt Gen Dwivedi is the front-runner to become the Army Chief when incumbent General Manoj Pande retires on May 31.
- After his induction into office, Lt. General Upendra Dwivedi paid homage to the Bravehearts at the National War Memorial (NWM) and reviewed the Guard of Honour.
- Lt. General Dwivedi is an alumnus of Sainik School in Rewa, the National Defence Academy, and the Indian Military Academy.



'INDUS-X' Summit

- India and the US will explore ways to bolster their strategic cooperation at a two-day summit beginning Tuesday, which would be specifically focused on advancing bilateral defence innovation and collaboration. The defence ministry said the 'INDUS-X' summit in Delhi marks a "significant milestone" in the collaborative efforts between the two countries.
- The ministry said the summit aims to be a "pivotal" event driving strategic technology partnerships and defence industrial cooperation between India and the US.
- The summit is being organised by India's Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) and the Department of Defence of the US in cooperation with the US-India Business Council and Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM).



India Hosts Milan Naval Exercise

- India on Monday kick-started a nine-day mega naval exercise in Visakhapatnam with participation of around 50 navies that came amid the fractious geopolitical environment including growing global concerns over deteriorating security situation in the Red Sea.
- Navies from the US, Japan, Australia, France, Bangladesh, South Korea, Vietnam, Indonesia and Malaysia, among others, are participating in the **12th edition of the 'Milan' exercise** that is aiming to bolster maritime cooperation among like-minded nations.
- The harbour phase of the exercise is from February 19 to 23. The sea phase featuring various complex drills and manoeuvres will be from February 24 to 27.

- The formal opening ceremony will take place on Wednesday, Navy officials said.
- The harbour phase includes the opening ceremony, international city parade, international maritime seminar, Milan Tech Expo and table top exercise, among others.
- During the sea phase, the participating navies will conduct advanced air defence, anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare drills, the officials said.



₹60,000-crore Sukhoi Fighter Upgrade Begins

- A comprehensive upgrade of the mainstay Su 30MKI fighter jet fleet that will see the aircraft get new radars, mission control system, electronic warfare capabilities and integration of new weapon systems will see heavy participation from the private sector.
- The ₹60,000-cr upgrade, approved by the defence ministry last year, will be done by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, with support from the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and several major partners.
- In addition to the extensive upgrades planned for its Su-30MKI fleet, the IAF is making significant strides in bolstering its entire defence capabilities through a series of strategic procurements valued at approximately ₹1.7 trillion (\$21 billion).
- The Sukhoi Su-30 is a twin-engine, two-seat supermaneuverable fighter aircraft developed in the Soviet Union by Russia's Sukhoi Aviation Corporation. It is a multirole fighter for all-weather, air-to-air and air interdiction missions.



Visit Of Admiral R Hari Kumar To MIT

- Admiral R Hari Kumar has stressed upon the need to redesign and rebuild our traditional war fighting machinery to adapt to emerging paradigms of future wars. Speaking on “Maritime Challenges of India and Indian Navy’s Endeavours” at Military Institute of Technology, Girinagar, Pune on 19 Feb 24.
- Adm R Hari Kumar underscored the significance of Indian Ocean Region, its maritime challenges and emphasised the need for a self – reliant approach and enhanced collaborative efforts toward ensuring Maritime security, highlighting the recent anti-piracy operations undertaken by IN warships.
- The Chief of Naval Staff’s visit to MILIT in Pune marks the auspicious occasion of birth anniversary of **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj**, the great Indian warrior, who laid the foundation of modern Indian Navy.
- The CNS also visited newly established labs at MILIT and congratulated MILIT for its role in shaping officers of the three services including officers from Friendly Foreign Countries as techno-warriors, future commanders and Staff Officers.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Military Institute Of Technology Is In

- A. Pune
- B. Noida
- C. Chennai
- D. Lucknow

ANSWER: A

2. Who Assumes Charge As Vice Chief of Army Staff?

- A. Lt Gen V K Malik
- B. Lt Gen Anil Parashar
- C. Lt Gen M V Suchindra
- D. Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi

ANSWER: D

3. 'INDUS-X' Summit Held Between Bharat &

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

ANSWER: D

4. ___ Hosts Milan Naval Exercise.

- A. USA
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. None

ANSWER: D (Bharat Host This Exercise)

5. Ex 'LAMITIYE' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: D

6. Chinook Chopper Manufactured By

- A. Airbus
- B. Lockheed Martin
- C. Boeing
- D. HAL

ANSWER: C

7. Army War College Is In

- A. Mhow
- B. New Delhi
- C. Noida
- D. Nagpur

ANSWER: A

8. SFDR Stands For

- A. Solid Fuel Ductile Ramjet
- B. Solid Fuel Ducted Ram
- C. Solid Fuel Ducted Rocket
- D. Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet

ANSWER: D

9. Allocation of Funds to Which Security Forces Is High?

- A. Indo- China Border
- B. Indo-Myanmar Border
- C. Indo- Bangladesh Border
- D. None of these

ANSWER: A

10. Wing Commander Rank Of IAF Is Equivalent to __ Rank of the Indian Navy.

- A. Commander
- B. Lieutenant
- C. Admiral
- D. Captain

ANSWER: A

11. FSSAI Stands For

- A. Food Safety and Standards Authority of Iran

- B. Food Safety and Stand Authority of India
- C. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

12. Ilyushin Il-38 Is A

- A. Maritime patrol Aircraft
- B. Ship
- C. Tank
- D. Anti Tank Missile

ANSWER: A

13. The Chief of Naval Staff Is A

- A. One Star Admiral
- B. Two Star Admiral
- C. Three Star Admiral
- D. Four Star Admiral

ANSWER: D

14. Ex 'BLUE FLAG' conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: D

15. President's Bodyguard Motto Is

- A. Jai Hind
- B. Sarvda Shaktishali
- C. Bharat Mata Ki Jai
- D. Rashtra Pratham

ANSWER: C

16. Military College of Electronics and Mechanical Engineering Is At

- A. Imphal
- B. Mhow
- C. Secunderabad
- D. Vairengte

ANSWER: C

17. 'Translating Myself and Others' Book Is Written By

- A. Jhumpa Lahiri
- B. Dr. Prabhleen Singh
- C. Chetan Bhagat
- D. Nirupama Rao

ANSWER: A

18. Muscat Is The Capital Of

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

ANSWER: A

19. Where Is The Hq Of The Southern Western Air Command of The IAF?

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

ANSWER: A

20. Current DG Of ICG Is

- A. MM Naravane
- B. Rakesh Pal
- C. Anil Deshmukh
- D. Vivek Jacob

ANSWER: B