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Indian Army Raises Apache Squadron At Jodhpur

- In preparation for the delivery of six Apache attack helicopters from the US starting in May, the Indian Army has established a squadron for these heavy-duty choppers at Jodhpur along the western front with Pakistan.
- The squadron was raised in the presence of Army Aviation's director general Lt-General Ajay Suri and other officials. According to an officer, the delivery, initially scheduled to begin in February, has been slightly delayed, with the first three Apaches now expected in May.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) has already inducted **22 Boeing-manufactured Apache helicopters** under a **Rs 13,952 crore** deal signed with the US in September 2015. The Army, under a separate **Rs 5,691 crore** deal inked in February 2020, will receive six choppers.



Rajnath Singh Inaugurates the 'Nausena Bhawan'

- Nausena Bhawan, the newly-constructed Headquarters of the Indian Navy, located at Delhi Cantt. was officially inaugurated by Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath

Singh on March 15, 2024. The inauguration marks a significant milestone for the Indian Navy as it establishes its first independent headquarters in Delhi.

- Previously, the Navy operated from 13 different locations, necessitating a consolidated and purpose-built facility such as Nausena Bhawan. The architectural design of Nausena Bhawan was selected through a rigorous all-India Competition process, ensuring the building's functionality and aesthetic appeal.
- Nausena Bhawan is equipped with extensive IT infrastructure supported by UPS systems, promoting a paperless work environment and meeting the stringent network requirements of the Navy.



MoD Signs Contract Worth Over Rs. 2,890 Cr With HAL

- The Ministry of Defence signed a contract with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) on March 15, 2024, for Mid Life Upgrade (MLU) of 25 Dornier Aircraft along with associated equipment for the Indian Navy at a cost of Rs.2,890 cr.
- The MLU for Dornier Aircraft includes an upgrade to incorporate state-of-the-art Avionics Systems and Primary Role sensors. The upgrade would significantly enhance the operational capability of the Dornier aircraft of the Indian Navy to perform Primary Roles of Maritime Surveillance, Coastal Surveillance, Electronic Intelligence and development of Maritime Domain Awareness.
- MLU of 25 Dornier Aircraft is likely to generate an employment of 1.8 Lakh Mandays during its execution span of 6.5 years. The indigenous upgrade entails supply of major systems and equipments from indigenous sources thus significantly contributing towards "Atmanirbharta" in Defence.



Exercise Gaganshakti 2024

- A comprehensive operational discussion was conducted as a run-up to 'Exercise Gaganshakti 2024', featuring deliberations on all domain warfare, including Cyber, Space, Cognitive, and Information Warfare, the Indian Air Force (IAF) informed through a statement on Friday.
- During the discussion, the focus was on joint operations and synchronisation of efforts for swift and optimised application of war-fighting assets, the statement added.
- The exercise provided IAF with an excellent opportunity to practice its wartime drills and undertake operations in realistic scenarios, the release stated, adding

that activities were undertaken cohesively to achieve the stated objectives of the Indian Air Force, in the event of any contingency.



Indian Navy Thwarts Piracy Attack On Bangladesh-flagged Vessel

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- After receiving intimations, the Indian Navy immediately deployed a warship and the Long-Range Maritime Patrol (LRMP). After locating the Bangladesh vessel, it tried to establish communication to ascertain the status of the ship's crew members but failed to receive a response from the ship.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Where is the location newly-established squadron for Apache attack helicopters by the Indian Army?

- A. Delhi Cantt.
- B. Jodhpur
- C. Mumbai
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: B

2. Nausena Bhawan Is In

- A. Delhi Cantt.
- B. Jodhpur
- C. Mumbai
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: D

3. Which company signed a contract with the MoD for the Mid Life Upgrade of 25 Dornier Aircraft?

- A. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- B. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- C. Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL)
- D. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

ANSWER: A

4. What was discussed as a run-up to 'Exercise Gaganshakti 2024'?

- A. Only land warfare tactics
- B. Cyber, Space, Cognitive, and Information Warfare
- C. Naval operations
- D. Air Force training drills

ANSWER: B

5. C295 Aircraft Manufactured By

- A. Boeing
- B. Airbus
- C. HAL
- D. None

ANSWER: B

6. Indian Space Science Data Centre Is Located At

- A. Chennai
- B. Bengaluru
- C. New Delhi
- D. Kochi

ANSWER: B

7. National Assessment and Accreditation Council Hq In

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Bengaluru
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

8. __Plans To Establish The National Government Cloud To Store Sensitive Data.

- A. MOD
- B. MEA
- C. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

9. The Hawker Siddeley HS 748 Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Transport Aircraft

ANSWER: D

10. 'Swift and Sure' Is The Motto Of

- A.** Army Aviation Corps
- B.** Sikh Regiment
- C.** Rajput Regiment
- D.** Gorkha

ANSWER: A

11. Which Regiment Has Motto: "Veer bhogya Vasundhara"?

- A. RAJPUTANA RIFLES
- B. RAJPUT REGIMENT
- C. DOGRA REGIMENT
- D. SIKH REGIMENT

ANSWER: A

12. ICMF Stands For

- A. Integrated Cryogenic Engine Manufacturing Facility
- B. Integrated Cry Engine Manufacturing Facility
- C. Integrated Cryogenic Engine Make Facility
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

13. "Bolo Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj ki jai" Is The War Cry Of

- A. Maratha Light Infantry Regiment
- B. Grenadiers
- C. Punjab Regiment
- D. Parachute Regiment

ANSWER: A

14. Rabat Is The Capital Of

- A. Morocco
- B. Montenegro

- C. Monaco
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

15. "Without Fear or Favour" Book Written By

- A. R K Narayan
- B. Khushwant Singh
- C. Neelam Sanjiva Reddy
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: C

16. Exercises B/w The India And Bangladesh Is Called:

- A. GARUDA SHAKTI
- B. SLINEX
- C. SAMPRITI
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: C

17. _____ Is The Legal Branch Of The Indian Army.

- A. Army Court
- B. Supreme Court
- C. Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Department
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

18. Hq of REGIMENTS UNDER CORPS OF ENGINEERS Is In

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Jabalpur
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

19. Predator C Avenger Is A

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

ANSWER: D

20. Exercises B/w India And Kyrgyzstan Is Called:

- A. KHANJAR
- B. SLINEX
- C. NOMADIC ELEPHANT
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: A