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New Generation Ballistic Missile Agni-prime Successfully Flight-tested

- Strategic Forces Command (SFC), along with DRDO conducted the successful flight-test of New Generation Ballistic Missile Agni-Prime from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha at around 1900 hrs on April 03, 2024.
- The test met all the trial objectives validating its reliable performance, as confirmed from the data captured by a number of range sensors deployed at different locations, including two downrange ships placed at the terminal point. The launch was witnessed by the Chief of Defence Staff, Chief of Strategic Forces Command and senior officials from DRDO & the Indian Army.
- Agni-P or Agni-Prime is a two-stage, surface to surface, canister-launched, road mobile and solid-fueled medium-range ballistic missile being developed by India's Defence Research and Development Organisation as the sixth missile in the Agni series.
- **Manufacturer:** Bharat Dynamics Limited
- **Operational range:** 1,000–2,000 kilometres (620–1,240 mi)



Army Medical Corps Celebrates 260th Raising Day

- Army Medical Corps celebrated its 260th Raising Day on 03rd April 2024. Raised in the year 1764, the Corps has rendered selfless service to the nation over centuries of progress, development, dedication & sacrifice, both in combat and in peace, living up to the Corps motto of 'Sarve Santu Niramaya'.
- The Army Medical Corps is a specialist corps in the Indian Army, which primarily provides medical services to all Army personnel, serving and veterans, along with their families. Along with the branches in the Indian Navy and Indian Air Force, it forms part of the Armed Forces Medical Services.



Pan India Emergency Landing Facility Activation

- As part of the ongoing **exercise Gagan Shakti-24**, IAF aircraft recently operated from the Emergency Landing Facility in the northern sector in Kashmir valley. A large number of troops were airlifted and subsequently air landed utilising **Chinook, Mi-17 V5 and ALH Mk-III helicopters** by night.
- IAF also plans to practise similar drills in coordination with administration of State Governments for activation of ELF in other sectors. Various IAF fixed and rotary wing platforms will carry out coordinated landing and operations at these ELF, requiring good planning and coordination with civil administration employing **Whole-of-the-Nation-Approach (WNA)**.



Akashteer Control and Reporting Systems

- In a significant move towards enhancing India's defence capabilities and technology absorption, the induction of 'Akashteer Command and Control Systems' has commenced in the Indian Army's Corps of Army Air Defence.
- The deployment of Akashteer begins with the flagging off of the first batch of Control Centres from BEL Ghaziabad on April 4, 2024.
- The project developed by **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)** as part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative is poised to significantly enhance the operational efficiency and integration of the Army's air defence mechanisms.
- The Akashteer Project is a cutting-edge initiative designed to automate Air Defence Control and Reporting processes by digitising the entire process.
- It is highlighted that the Indian Army has declared the year 2024 as the "**Year of Tech Absorption**" and undertaking various initiatives to induct niche technology and systems in its inventory.



Philippines To Hold Joint Naval Drills With US, Japan, Australia

- The Philippines will hold joint naval drills with the United States, Japan and Australia, two diplomatic sources told AFP, as the four countries deepen military ties to counter China's expanding influence in the Asia-Pacific region.
- The exercise will be held Sunday in the disputed South China Sea -- which Beijing claims almost entirely -- days before US President Joe Biden is due to hold the first trilateral summit with the leaders of the Philippines and Japan.
- Described by the Philippine military as a visit aimed at strengthening military relations with partner nations, the presence of the Australian vessel underscores the collaborative efforts to address escalating tensions in the region.
- China's increasing assertiveness in asserting its claims over disputed waters has raised concerns among neighboring countries, including the Philippines and Japan, as well as self-ruled Taiwan.





REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **Where was the successful flight-test of New Generation Ballistic Missile Agni-Prime conducted?**

- A. Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island
- B. Agra, UP
- C. Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh
- D. Thumba, Kerala

ANSWER: A

2. **What is the name of the command and control systems recently inducted into Army Air Defence?**

- A. Akash Prithvi Systems
- B. Akash Deep Systems
- C. Akash Neel Systems
- D. Akashteer Command and Control Systems

ANSWER: D

3. Ugram Is A

- A. Assault Rifle
- B. Tank
- C. Helicopter
- D. Destroyer

ANSWER: A

4. Which port is also known as the New Mangalore Port?

- A. Mormugao Port
- B. Panambur Port
- C. Kandla Port
- D. Tuticorin Port

ANSWER: B

5. Which State Of India Has The 2nd Longest Coastline?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Kerala

ANSWER: B

6. "Freedom is not given, It. Is taken". Said By__

- A. Pandit Nehru
- B. Mahatma Gandhi
- C. Subhas Chandra Bose
- D. Bhagat Singh

ANSWER: C

7. DESERT EAGLE Exercise Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: C

8. War Cry Of THE INDIAN ARMY

- A. Bharat Mata ki Jai
- B. Vande Mataram
- C. Jai Hind

D. All of the above

ANSWER: D

9. Major General Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank Of IAF Is

- A. Commander
- B. Squadron Leader
- C. Group Captain
- D. Air Vice Marshal

ANSWER: D

10. The India-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement (LBA) came into force in

- A. 2015
- B. 2016
- C. 2017
- D. 2018

ANSWER: A

11. Mitra Shakti Ex Held B/w India &

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. USA
- C. UK
- D. Nepal

ANSWER: A

12. __ Himalayan pass is situated b/w India and China.

- A. Shenkora
- B. Thalghat
- C. Bhorghat
- D. Shipki La

ANSWER: D

13. AMCA Stands For

- A. Advanced Medium Cockpit Aircraft
- B. Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft
- C. Advanced Motor Combat Aircraft
- D. Advanced Machine Combat Aircraft

ANSWER: B

14. Wartime Gallantry Award Is/Are

- A. Param Vir Chakra
- B. Maha Vir Chakra
- C. Ashok Chakra
- D. Both a & b

ANSWER: D

15. Military College of Telecommunication Engineering Is At

- A. Gopalpur
- B. Mhow
- C. Pune
- D. Haridwar

ANSWER: B

16. "Bolo Hindustan Ki Jay" Is The War Cry Of

- A. JKRF
- B. RR
- C. MAHAR REGIMENT
- D. JKLIR

ANSWER: C

17. Quito Is The Capital Of

- A. Ecuador
- B. Qatar
- C. UAE
- D. Ethiopia

ANSWER: A

18. "The Earth spinner" Book Is Written By

- A. Brisha Jain
- B. Sanjay Gubbi
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Anuradha Roy

ANSWER: D

19. Joint Exercises B/w The India And Japan Is Called:

- A. Shinyuu Maitri
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra

D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: A

20. Motto of Territorial Army Is

A. Rhino Charge

B. Duty Unto Death

C. Valour

D. Savdhani Va Shoorta

ANSWER: D

