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Manipur: 2 CRPF Personnel Killed In Militant Attack

- Two CRPF personnel were killed and two others injured as militants allegedly attacked a camp of security forces in Manipur's Bishnupur district in the early hours of Saturday, police said. The militants attacked an IRBn (India Reserve Battalion) camp at Naranseina in the Moirang police station area, they said.
- The injured were inspector Jadav Das and constable Aftab Das, he said, adding that they received splinter wounds. The CRPF personnel were deployed to provide security to the IRBn camp.
- A massive search was underway to find the perpetrators of the attack, police said.



SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting in Kazakhstan

- Defence Secretary Shri Giridhar Aramane participated in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' meeting in Astana, Kazakhstan on April 26, 2024.

- During the meeting, a protocol was signed by the Defence Ministers of all SCO Member States. A Joint Communique was issued after the meeting, in which the SCO Defence Ministers agreed, amongst other initiatives, to developing the idea of **‘One Earth, One Family, One Future’**.
- At the meeting, the Defence Secretary reiterated India’s steadfast commitment towards maintaining peace, stability and security in the SCO region. He emphasised the need to adopt a zero-tolerance approach towards terrorism in all its forms for prosperity and development of the SCO Member States.



IAF Ushers in Digital Transformation with Digi Locker Integration

- IAF embarked on a transformative digital journey by integrating with the Digi Locker platform, a flagship initiative under the Digital India programme, here on April 26, 2024.
- In a ceremonial event held at Air Headquarters, Vayu Bhawan, the IAF and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology signed the momentous MoU to leverage Digi Locker’s secure and accessible document repository services.
- With over 269 million registered users and a staggering 6.73 billion issued documents, DigiLocker is rapidly emerging as a national standard for digital document exchange platform.



Indian Air Force Investiture Ceremony

- IAF Investiture Ceremony was held on 26 April 2024 near the Param Yodha Sthal, which is a part of the **National War Memorial complex** in New Delhi. The ceremony began with the awardees paying homage to the fallen heroes of the country by laying a wreath at the **Amar Chakra** of the NWM.
- This solemn ceremony was followed by the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, conferring Presidential awards to 51 air warriors.
- The recipients included three Yudh Seva Medal, seven Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry), 13 Vayu Sena Medal and 28 Vishisht Seva Medal awardees. The CAS complimented each of the awardees for their gallant actions and distinguished service in the truest traditions of the Indian Air Force.



US Says It's Reviewing New Information About Israeli Unit

- The US has determined that an Israeli military unit committed gross human-rights abuses against Palestinians in the West Bank before the war in Gaza began six months ago, but it will hold off on any decision about aid to the battalion while it reviews new information provided by Israel, Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in a letter to House Speaker Mike Johnson.
- The undated letter, obtained by The Associated Press on Friday, defers a decision by the US whether to impose a first-ever block on US aid to an Israeli military unit over its treatment of Palestinians. Israeli leaders, anticipating the US decision this week, have angrily protested any such aid restrictions.
- Blinken stressed that US military support for Israel's defence against Hamas and other threats would not be affected by the State Department's final decision on the one unit. Johnson muscled through legislation providing USD 26 billion in additional funds for Israel's defense and for relief of the growing humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza.



Spain To Send Patriot Missiles To Ukraine

- Spain will send a small number of Patriot missiles to Ukraine, El Pais newspaper reported on Friday, in response to pressure from EU and NATO allies to send more military aid to Kyiv.
- With Russia having stepped up air attacks on Ukraine, EU governments have been urged to supply more protective systems to Kyiv, especially countries like Greece and Spain that have such arms in their arsenal.

- The MIM-104 Patriot is a surface-to-air missile (SAM) system, the primary such system used by the United States Army and several allied states. It is manufactured by the U.S. defense contractor Raytheon and derives its name from the radar component of the weapon system.
- Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy made an urgent plea to NATO states earlier this month, saying that Ukraine needed "seven more Patriots or similar air defense systems" to defend its cities from Russian strikes.
- "Putin must be brought down to earth, and our sky must become safe again," Zelenskyy said. "It depends fully on your choice... (the) choice whether we are indeed allies."
- On April 21, Zelenskyy added on X: "'Patriots' can only be called air defense systems if they work and save lives rather than standing immobile somewhere in storage bases."



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **Where did Defence Secretary Shri Giridhar Aramane participate in the SCO Defence Ministers' meeting?**
 - A. New Delhi
 - B. Astana, Kazakhstan
 - C. Moscow, Russia
 - D. Beijing, China

ANSWER: B

2. What is the theme developed by the SCO Defence Ministers during their meeting?

- A. One Earth, One Family, One Future
- B. Digital India Programme
- C. Transformative Digital Journey
- D. Secure and Accessible Document Repository

ANSWER: A

3. TROPEX Stands For

- A. Theatre Level Ready Operational Exercise
- B. Theatre Level Readiness Operational Exercise
- C. Theatre Level Readiness Operation Exercise
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

4. Which Nation Doesn't Participate In Ex Malabar?

- A. Australia
- B. Austria
- C. Japan
- D. USA

ANSWER: B

5. 'Ex AL NAGAH, NASEEM-AL-BAHR, Ex EASTERN BRIDGE' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: B

6. Who Is The Chairman Of The National Command Authority Of India?

- A. PM
- B. NSA
- C. Cabinet Secretary
- D. Defence Minister

ANSWER: A

7. 'Ex KOMODO' Hosted By

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

ANSWER: D

8. Operational Range of Rudram-1 Is

- A. 150 km
- B. 250 km
- C. 350 km
- D. 450 km

ANSWER: B

9. Army Air Defence College Is In

- A. Gopalpur, Odisha
- B. Pune, M.H.
- C. Chennai, T.N.
- D. None

ANSWER: A

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. Prahaar Missile Manufactured By

- A. MDL
- B. BDL
- C. CSL
- D. DRDO

ANSWER: B

12. Thales Group Is A Company of ___

- A. UK
- B. USA

- C. Germany
- D. France

ANSWER: D

13. Which Of The Following Is Not The Command Location Of The Indian Army?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Lucknow
- C. Pune
- D. Jaipur

ANSWER: A

14. Which Is The 2 Star Rank In The Indian Army?

- A. Brigadier
- B. Major General
- C. Lt Gen
- D. Colonel

ANSWER: B

15. Bratislava Is The Capital

- A. Oman
- B. Serbia
- C. UAE
- D. Slovakia

ANSWER: D

16. "Courts of India" Book Is Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. CJI Ranjan Gogoi (Former)
- C. Roopa Pai
- D. Peter Baker

ANSWER: B

17. World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) Hq Is At

- A. Paris, France
- B. Vienna, Austria
- C. New York, USA
- D. Geneva, Switzerland

ANSWER: D

18. UNICEF Stands For

- A. Union Nations Children's Fund
- B. United Nations Children's Fund
- C. United Nations Children's Future
- D. United International Nations Children's Fund

ANSWER: D

19. __Himalayan pass is situated b/w India and China.

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

ANSWER: D

20. Wartime Gallantry Award Is/Are

- A. Param Vir Chakra
- B. Maha Vir Chakra
- C. Vir Chakra
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: D