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Indian Peacekeeper Is UN Military Gender Advocate of The Year

- An Indian peacekeeper deployed in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), who helped establish networks for local people to voice their security and humanitarian concerns, is the winner of the 2023 United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award, the UN announced.
- Major Radhika Sen served in eastern DRC with the UN peacekeeping mission, MONUSCO, from March 2023 to April 2024 as the Commander of the Engagement Platoon for the Indian Rapid Deployment Battalion.
- Major Sen facilitated English classes for children, and health, gender and vocational training for displaced and marginalized adults. Her efforts directly inspired women's solidarity, providing safe spaces for open dialogue.
- **Major Sen is the second Indian peacekeeper** to receive the award, following **Major Suman Gawani**, a co-recipient for 2019. Other past honourees were from Brazil, Ghana, Kenya, Niger, South Africa and Zimbabwe.



National Strategic Policy doesn't have to be written down: CDS

- General Anil Chauhan said that the absence of a written national strategic policy does not imply that the country lacks a strategic policy. Speaking at the release of book "Crafting a New Indian Art of War," Gen Chauhan contested the insistence on having a national security strategy in written format.
- "When we talk about national security strategy, I believe it consists of policy, processes, and practices to succeed. In our country, probably all three are addressed. The only thing missing is a written policy. I don't know why people insist on that," Gen Chauhan said.
- If we didn't have a policy, we wouldn't have succeeded as we did in revoking Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir, he asserted. Citing the example of Israel, he said, "They (Israel) don't have a written policy, but they have a policy and follow that policy."



Rafah Airstrike, And Fire Was Caused By Secondary Blast

- The Israeli military says an initial investigation into a strike that sparked a deadly weekend fire in a tent camp in the southern Gaza city of Rafah has found the blaze was caused by a secondary explosion.
- Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari, the chief military spokesman, said Tuesday that the military fired two 17-kilogram (37-pound) munitions that targeted two senior Hamas militants. He said the munitions would have been too small to ignite a

fire on their own and the military is looking into the possibility that weapons were stored in the area.

- New strikes in the same western Tel al-Sultan district of Rafah that was hit Sunday killed at least 16 Palestinians, the Palestinian Civil Defense and the Palestinian Red Crescent said Tuesday. Residents reported an escalation of fighting in the southern Gaza city once seen as the territory's last refuge.



India, France to begin negotiations this week in mega Rs 50,000 crore

- In a significant development, contract negotiations between the governments of India and France in the over Rs 50,000 crore deal for 26 Rafale Marine fighter jets is scheduled to begin on May 30 with the arrival of a high-level French team New Delhi.
- The French side would meet with Indian Defence Ministry counterparts to begin official negotiations in the fighter jet deal for the Indian Navy under which aircraft would be operated from both aircraft carriers operated by the force.
- France had submitted its response to India's tender for buying 26 Rafale Marine jets for the Indian Navy's aircraft carriers - **INS Vikrant and INS Vikramaditya** in December itself.



IIT Kanpur, DRDO Jointly Inaugurate Centre Of Excellence In Defence Technologies

- The Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, in collaboration with the Defence Research and Development Organisation, has established a DRDO-Industry-Academia Centre of Excellence (DIA CoE) on its campus for interdisciplinary research in next-generation defence technologies.
- This is in line with the DIA CoEs set up by DRDO in key academic institutions in the country, through which it is building an ecosystem to facilitate technology development in the academic environment through experienced faculty and bright scholars, in conjunction with the efforts of the different scientists from DRDO laboratories.
- The new centre will spearhead focused research initially in identified research and development verticals, including printing on flexible substrates to build devices and systems based on thin films for strategic applications.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The IIT Kanpur has collaborated with which organization to establish a Centre of Excellence on its campus?

- A. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- B. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- C. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- D. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

ANSWER: B

2. An Indian peacekeeper deployed in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) won which award for helping establish networks for local people to voice their security and humanitarian concerns?

- A. Nobel Peace Prize
- B. United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award
- C. Param Vir Chakra
- D. International Humanitarian Award

ANSWER: B

3. What is the proposed addition of cadet vacancies approved by Raksha Mantri for the expansion of the NCC?

- A. 20,000 cadets
- B. 2,000,000 cadets
- C. 300,000 cadets
- D. 200,000 cadets

ANSWER: C

4. Defence Institute of Physiology & Allied Sciences Is An Operating Agency Of

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

ANSWER: C

5. Ex 'BLUE FLAG' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: C

6. Which Organisation Manufactured Tejas Mark-2 Fighter Jets?

- A. BEL
- B. BDL
- C. HAL
- D. DRDO

ANSWER: C

7. Udarshakti Is A Bilateral Exercise Which Is Held Between India And Which Other Country?

- A. Malaysia
- B. Singapore
- C. Russia
- D. Japan

ANSWER: A

8. What Is The Name Of The Submarine Which Has been Decommissioned From The Indian Navy?

- A.** INS Rajput
- B.** INS Nishank
- C.** INS Sindhudhvaj
- D.** INS Ranjit

ANSWER: C

9. Heron MK II Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: C

10. Chabahar Port Is Located In

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. Iran

ANSWER: D

11. SCO Member Countries Contribute About __Of Global GDP.

- A. 30%
- B. 40%
- C. 50%
- D. 60%

ANSWER: A

12. Pratap Chandra Lal Was A Former Chief Of

- A. IAF
- B. Indian Army
- C. Indian Navy
- D. BSF

ANSWER: A

13. Space & Upper Atmosphere Research Commission Is A Space Agency Of

- A. USA
- B. Pakistan
- C. China
- D. Bhutan

ANSWER: B

14. RS-28 Sarmat "Satan 2" is a

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. Missile
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: C

15. BELMOPAN Is The Capital Of

- A. BELIZE
- B. BENIN
- C. BHUTAN
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

16. "The Living Mountain" Book Is Written By

- A. JK Rowling
- B. Aakash Ranison
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Amitav Ghosh

ANSWER: D

17. Joint Exercises B/w India And Sri Lanka Is Called:

- A. Ashoka
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. MITRA SHAKTI

ANSWER: D

18. India Purchased Sig Sauer assault rifles from

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

19. India Purchased Romeo 64 Helicopter from

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. Russia

ANSWER: A

20. Which Is Not The Member Of BIMSTEC?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Bhutan
- C. India
- D. Pakistan

ANSWER: D

