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First Command And Control Compatibility Board Meeting

- The first Command and Control Compatibility Board (CCCB) meeting for 2024 between India and the U.S. was held at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi from 04-07 June 2024.
- The meeting had participation of a 29-member United States delegation led by Mr Paul Nicholson, Executive Director, US INDOPACOM and a 38 member Indian delegation led by Brigadier Rahul Anand of Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff.
- The CCCB is the Technical Expert Group formed under Article XI of the Communication Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA) between India and USA and is held twice a year. After signing of the historic agreement in September 2018, this is the **seventh such meeting** between both nations to calibrate, reinforce and achieve steady progress in the bilateral Defence partnership.



France To Transfer Mirage-2000 Fighter Jets To Ukraine: Macron

- France will transfer Mirage-2000 fighter jets to Ukraine and train their Ukrainian pilots as part of a new military cooperation with Kyiv as it fights the Russian invasion, President Emmanuel Macron announced.
- He said France would equip and train an entire brigade of 4,500 Ukrainian soldiers so they can defend themselves when they return to Ukraine from training.
- Zelensky's visit to France, where on Thursday he attended ceremonies for the 80th anniversary of **D-Day** and crossed paths with US President Joe Biden, is seen as a crucial time to drum up more help.



Germany Looking Into Buying Eight Additional F-35 Jets

- Germany is looking into buying eight additional **F-35 fighter jets** made by U.S. defence giant Lockheed Martin, a military source told Reuters on Friday, on top of the 35 jets it has ordered.
- Berlin is examining the costs of such a purchase, the source said, with the stealth aircraft seen as the most advanced fighter jet.
- In 2022, Germany decided to order **35 F-35s**, including missiles and other weapons, for around 10 billion euros (**\$10.89 billion**).

- The aircraft will replace the aging Tornado, the only German jet capable of carrying U.S. nuclear bombs stored in Germany.
- The German air force has been flying the Tornado since the 1980s, and Berlin has plans to phase it out between 2025 and 2030.
- The Lockheed Martin F-35 Lightning II is an American family of single-seat, single-engine, stealth multirole combat aircraft designed for air superiority and strike missions; it also has electronic warfare and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capabilities.



US To Send New \$225 Million Military Aid Package To Ukraine

- The U.S. will send about USD 225 million in military aid to Ukraine, U.S. officials said Thursday, in a new package that includes ammunition Kyiv's forces could use to strike threats inside Russia to defend the city of Kharkiv from a heavy Russian assault.
- The officials said the aid includes munitions for the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, or HIMARS, as well as mortar systems and an array of artillery rounds. They spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss aid not yet publicly announced.
- Under a new U.S. directive, Ukraine can use such weapons to strike across the border into Russia if forces there are attacking or preparing to attack. That change, however, does not alter U.S. policy that directs Ukraine not to use American-provided ATACMS or long-range missiles and other munitions to strike offensively inside Russia, according to U.S. officials.



Himars rocket launcher system

Range: 50 miles (80km)*
Crew: 3

Weight: 16.25 tonnes
Speed: 53 mph (85 kmph)



UN Chief 'Strongly Condemns' Myanmar Military Attacks On Civilians

- UN chief Antonio Guterres condemned on Thursday recent attacks by Myanmar's military that reportedly killed scores of civilians in western Rakhine state.
- The Arakan Army (AA), an ethnic minority armed group, attacked junta forces in Rakhine in November, ending a ceasefire that had largely held since a military coup in 2021.

- Guterres "strongly condemns the recent attacks by the Myanmar military that have reportedly killed scores of civilians, including in Rakhine State," his spokesman Stephane Dujarric said in a statement.
- The AA says it is fighting for more autonomy for the ethnic Rakhine population in the western state, which is also home to around 600,000 members of the persecuted Rohingya Muslim minority.
- This week the AA said junta troops had killed more than 70 civilians in a raid on Byain Phyu village, north of the state capital Sittwe.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Where was the first Command and Control Compatibility Board meeting for 2024 between India and the U.S. held?

- A. Washington D.C.
- B. Paris
- C. New Delhi
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: C

2. Which country announced it will transfer Mirage-2000 fighter jets to Ukraine and train Ukrainian pilots?

- A. Germany
- B. United Kingdom
- C. France
- D. United States

ANSWER: C

3. How many additional F-35 fighter jets is Germany considering buying?

- A. 5
- B. 8
- C. 10
- D. 12

ANSWER: B

4. Who Is The Current NIA Chief?

- A. Sadanand Vasant Date
- B. Dinkar Gupta
- C. Dinesh Gupta
- D. None

ANSWER: A

5. Op Sankalp Is Running By

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

ANSWER: D

6. METOC SEMINAR 'MEGHAYAN 2024' Conducted By

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

ANSWER: D

7. Awardees of PVC IN Kargil War Are

- A. Captain Vikram Batra
- B. Captain Manoj Kumar Pandey
- C. Rifleman Sanjay Kumar
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: D

8. Prevention of Money-Laundering Act Came In

- A. 2000
- B. 2001
- C. 2002
- D. 2004

ANSWER: C

9. 'Desh Pukare Jab Sab Ko' Is The March Past Song Of

- A. IAF
- B. ICG
- C. BSF
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

10. Hitler was the dictator of which country?

- A. Russia
- B. Egypt
- C. France
- D. Germany

ANSWER: D

11. What was the name given to World war I by historians?

- A. First War
- B. European war
- C. The Great war

D. Seven-year War

ANSWER: C

12. Cairo Is The Capital Of

A. Egypt

B. Qatar

C. UAE

D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

13. Indian Army Has How Many Operational Commands?

A. 3

B. 4

C. 5

D. 6

ANSWER: D

14. SALVEX (Salvage) Ex Conducted B/W India And

A. USA

B. UK

C. Uganda

D. European Union

ANSWER: A

15. Mil Mi-35 Is A

A. Attack Helicopter

B. Fighter Jet

C. Tank

D. UAV

ANSWER: A

16. The Training Command of The IAF Is In

A. Bengaluru

B. New Delhi

C. Pune

D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

17. "Good Economics for Hard Times" Book Is Written By

- A. Abhijit V. Banerjee
- B. Thomas Sowell
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

18. Germany Borders With The

- A. Netherlands
- B. Belgium
- C. Czech Republic
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: D

19. "Jat balwan, jai bhagwan" Is The War Cry Of

- A. JKRIF
- B. RR
- C. CORPS OF ENGINEERS
- D. JAT REGIMENT

ANSWER: D

19. Sub Lieutenant Rank of Indian Navy Is Equivalent to which rank of Indian Army?

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

ANSWER: D

20. On which dates did the US drop atom bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki respectively?

- A. Aug 6, 1945 & Aug 9, 1945
- B. Aug 6, 1945 & Sept 12, 1945
- C. Aug 5, 1946 & Aug 8, 1946
- D. Aug 9, 1946 & Aug 12, 1946

ANSWER: A