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Rajnath Singh To Review Preparedness Of Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh arrived in Visakhapatnam on Friday to review the preparedness of the Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet.
- He received Guard of Honour at INS Dega in Visakhapatnam.
- Earlier, on Thursday, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held a meeting with various top officials and dignitaries of the security forces to discuss the '100-day Action plan' of the Ministry of Defence with a special focus on ex-servicemen welfare. He instructed the officers to re-dedicate themselves to achieve the desired results as per the Action Plan.
- The meeting was attended by CDS (Chief of Defence Staff) General Anil Chauhan, COAS (Chief of the Army Staff) General Manoj Pande, CAS (Chief of the Air Staff) Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, CNS (Chief of the Navy Staff) Admiral Dinesh Tripathi and other officials of the department after he took charge as the Defence Minister.
- Singh who took charge as the Defence Minister at his office in South Block in the national capital said that the government will strive to boost exports in the defence sector and aims for a target of Rs 50,000 crore over the next five years.



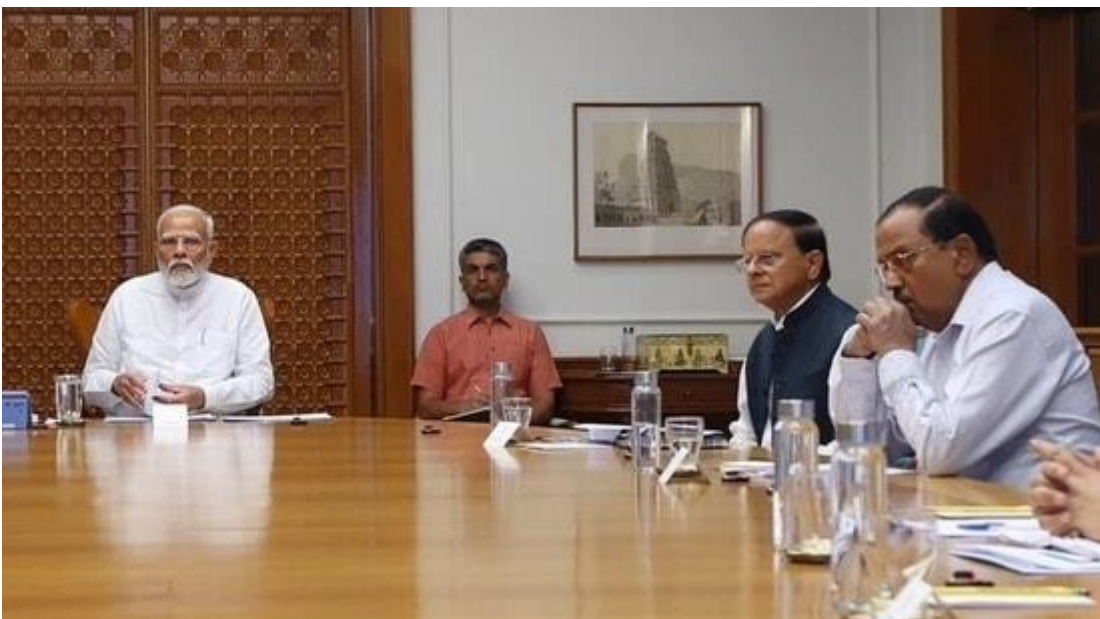
Army Gets Nagastra-1, India's First Indigenous Suicide Drone

- In a significant stride towards achieving 'atmanirbharta' (self-reliance) in ammunition and defence systems, the Indian Army is set to induct its first indigenous loiter munition, Nagastra-1. Developed by Solar Industries, Nagpur, the Army has placed a supply order for Economics Explosives Ltd (EEL), a 100 per cent subsidiary of Solar Industries, to supply 480 loiter munitions.
- Following a successful Pre-Delivery Inspection (PDI) from May 20-25, EEL delivered the first batch of 120 units to the ammunition depot at Pulgaon. The Nagastra-1 excels in "kamikaze mode" by neutralising hostile threats with GPS-enabled precision strikes, boasting an accuracy of up to two metres.
- Weighing 9 kg, this man-portable fixed-wing electric UAV has an endurance of 30 minutes. It offers a 15 km range with man-in-loop control and extends up to 30 km in autonomous mode. Due to its electric propulsion system, Nagastra-1 provides a low acoustic signature, making it almost undetectable at altitudes over 200 metres.



Ajit Doval Reappointed As National Security Adviser: Government Order

- Ajit Doval has been reappointed as the National Security Adviser for a third term, as per a government order issued on Thursday.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved Doval's appointment with effect from June 10.
- "His appointment will be co-terminus with the term of the Prime Minister or until further orders, whichever is earlier," the order read.
- Even before the extension, Doval is the longest-serving NSA. He served his first term of 5 years beginning 2014, and his second term in 2019. His last term ended on June 5.
- Meanwhile, the Centre on Thursday reappointed **Pramod Kumar Mishra** as the principal secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The appointments committee of the cabinet also re-appointed PK Mishra as the Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- With PM Narendra Modi reappointing **Dr P K Mishra** as Principal Secretary to PM and Ajit Doval as National Security Advisor, the two retired bureaucrats have become the longest-serving principal advisors to the Prime Minister.



Dras Thunder Motorcycle Rally From Delhi To Kargil War Memorial

- In a poignant tribute to Bravehearts who made the supreme sacrifice during Op VIJAY, Dras Thunder Motorcycle Rally was ceremoniously flagged off today from Cariappa Parade Ground, New Delhi by Lt General Upendra Dwivedi.
- Dras Thunder Motorcycle Rally comprises of an Officer and 19 soldiers of 13 JAK RIFLES (KARGIL). Subedar Mehar Singh, Vir Chakra and Naib Subedar Kewal Kumar, Sena Medal, members of the team, are Op VIJAY Gallantry awardees and had actively taken part in capture of Pt 4875 and Pt 5140.
- The rally aims to pay homage to Indian Army braves, who brought victory during the Kargil War 25 years ago. Riding with a sense of purpose, the motorcycle rally will cover a distance of 1029 Km through challenging terrain, echoing the spirit and determination displayed by Indian Army in the battlefield.



IAF Effort: General Elections-2024

- The Transport and Helicopter fleets of IAF undertake varied war and peacetime tasks. In addition to the peacetime role of sustaining our troops by air maintenance, airlift of combat troops during domestic and international exercises, etc, a number of tasks towards nation building are undertaken.
- IAF has particularly been on the forefront in aid to civil power. During the General Elections-2024, substantial flying effort has taken place over the last

few months by the medium lift helicopters (Mi-17 Variants), light utility helicopters (Chetaks) and the indigenously manufactured ALH Dhruv.

- IAF has been actively involved with the task of airlifting electronic voting machines and deploying ECI personnel on election duties, as has been carried out during previous General/ Assembly elections. During General Elections 2024, IAF played a pivotal role in extending the reach of ECI into remote corners of the country and to places where movement by road was a security concern.



Pak terrorist organisations including LeT, TRF Target Jammu As Kashmir Remains 'Pacified': J&K Police Chief

- Amid rising cases of terrorism, law enforcement agencies believe that the ongoing jihadi escalation in Jammu is happening as the terrorist organisation are trying to open their new base in Jammu region, reported ToI.
- “After the Valley is relatively pacified, terrorist outfits like Lashkar-e-Taiba have shifted attention to Jammu, activating different axes that run through Chenab, Tawi and Ujh-Ravi rivers. It is a determined effort on part of Pakistan-based elements to ratchet up things for reasons that include boosting morale of their fighters and creating inter-communal tension in a region with mixed population (by religion),” J&K police chief Swain told TOI over phone.
- Citing the difficult topography and demography of areas within Jammu (with a 60:40 Hindu-Muslim population), the chief believes that the terrorists may be trying to target civilians from a particular community with a design to spark communal unrest, thus creating a law and order challenge. He, however, said the lack of separatist sentiment in Jammu, unlike how things were in Kashmir, was one less headache for security forces.
- **Forces chalk out strategy**

- Highlighting further on topography, Swain while talking about the recent deadly Reasi bus attack where nine people died said 70% of contiguous mountainous terrain. He added that difficult topography offers the hiding terrorists an advantage as there was invariably a time gap between information reaching the forces and follow-up action.



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REVIEW QUESTIONS

EXAMS

1. Which country hosted the G7 summit in 2024?

- A. United Kingdom
- B. Japan
- C. Germany
- D. Italy

ANSWER: D

2. Which company delivered the first batch of indigenously developed Nagastra-1 Loitering Munitions to the Indian Army?

- A. Bharat Electronics
- B. Larsen & Toubro
- C. Tata Advanced Systems
- D. Solar Industries

ANSWER: D

3. Who is the woman entrepreneur behind Ingenious Research Solutions Pvt Ltd. that developed the AI tool "Divya Drishti"?

- A. Dr. Shivani Verma
- B. Dr. Nandini Sharma
- C. Dr. Meera Rao
- D. Dr. Anjali Gupta

ANSWER: A

4. With which organization has the Indian Army collaborated for demonstration trials of Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus technology?

- A. Indian Oil Corporation Limited
- B. Ashok Leyland
- C. Tata Motors Limited
- D. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

ANSWER: A

5. Which organization awarded the contract to Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers to build a research vessel?

- A. HAL
- B. DRDO
- C. ISRO
- D. BHEL

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