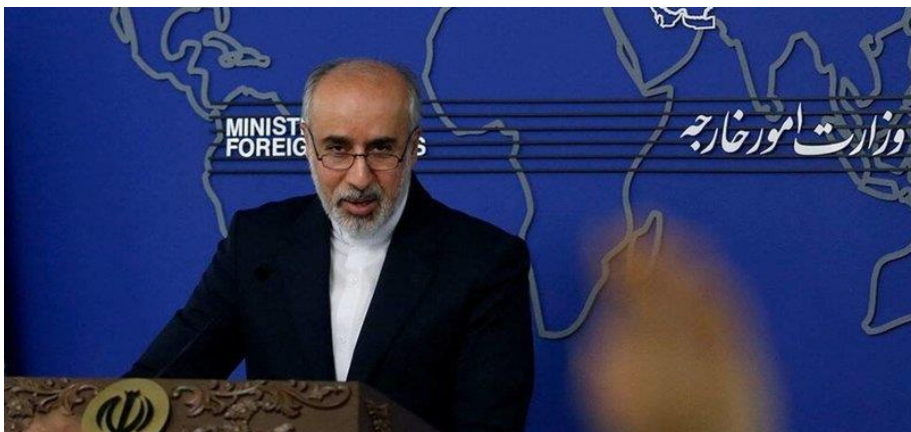


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Iran Rebukes G7 Statement Over Its Nuclear Programme Escalation

- Iran called upon the Group of Seven on Sunday to distance itself from "destructive policies of the past", the Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Nasser Kanaani said, referring to a G7 statement condemning Iran's recent nuclear programme escalation.
- On Friday, the G7 warned Iran against advancing its nuclear enrichment programme and said they would be ready to enforce new measures if Tehran were to transfer ballistic missiles to Russia.
- Last week, the U.N. nuclear watchdog's 35-nation Board of Governors passed a resolution calling on Iran to step up cooperation with the watchdog and reverse its recent barring of inspectors.
- Iran responded by rapidly installing extra uranium-enriching centrifuges at its Fordow site and begun setting up others, according to a International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) report.
- Iran is now enriching uranium to up to 60% purity, close to the 90% of weapons grade, and has enough material enriched to that level, if enriched further, for three nuclear weapons, according to an IAEA yardstick.



India To Carry Out High Altitude Trials Of Indigenous Short-range Air Defence Missiles

- Amid the large-scale requirement for shoulder-fired air defence missiles, DRDO is going to carry out trials of the indigenous shoulder-fired air defence missiles before handing them over to the Indian Army for user trials.
- The DRDO has been developing Very Short-Range Air Defence missiles to meet the requirements of the Indian Army and Air Force to tackle aerial targets like fast-moving drones, fighter aircraft and helicopters in border areas.
- DRDO is looking to carry out high-altitude trials of the Indigenous tripod-fired short-range air defence missile in mountainous regions like Ladakh or Sikkim
- The Indian Army is progressing in two cases worth Rs 6,800 crore for developing **Very Short-Range Air Defence (VSHORAD)** systems indigenously, amid a lack of inventory of shoulder-fired missiles to tackle aerial threats from Pakistan and China.



Exercise Red Flag 2024 Concluded

- IAF contingent participated in the Exercise Red Flag 2024 conducted at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska of the United States Air Force, from 04 Jun to 14 Jun 24. This was the second edition of Ex Red Flag 2024, which is an advanced aerial combat training exercise, held four times in a year by the US Air Force.

- The exercise witnessed participation of the Indian Air Force along with Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF), Royal Air Force of the United Kingdom, Royal Netherlands Air Force (RNLAf), German Luftwaffe, and the US Air Force.
- This was the first time the IAF Rafale aircraft participated in Ex Red Flag, wherein, they operated alongside the RSAF and USAF F-16 and F-15s, and the USAF A-10 aircraft.



Combined Graduation Parade At Air Force Academy

- The Combined Graduation Parade (CGP) was held at the Air Force Academy (AFA), Dundigal on 15 June 2024, to mark the successful culmination of training of 235 flight cadets of flying and ground duty branches of the Indian Air Force.
- Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, Chief of the Air Staff, the Reviewing Officer, conferred the Presidents' Commission to the graduating flight cadets on successful completion of their training. The graduating officers included 22 women officers who got commissioned in various branches of the IAF.
- The ceremony was witnessed by a number of dignitaries from IAF and sister services as well as the family members of the graduating officers. On this occasion, 09 officers from the Indian Navy, 09 officers from the Indian Coast Guard, and 01 officers from the friendly foreign countries were also awarded 'Wings' on successful completion of flying training.



India, Saudi Arabia And Other Countries Opt Out Of Signing Ukraine Declaration In Switzerland

- India was among several countries - Saudi Arabia, India, South Africa, Thailand, Indonesia, Mexico, and the United Arab Emirates - who did not sign the final communique at the Ukraine peace summit in Switzerland. The Indian delegation was led by Pavan Kapoor, Secretary (West) of the MEA in the discussions.
- Switzerland, which hosted the summit, said over 90 countries took part in the talks, and the vast majority of them signed up to the communique, according to a list which the Swiss organizers posted at the close of proceedings. Brazil, which was listed as an "observer" on the list of attendees, also did not feature as a signatory.
- The draft of the final communique in the Ukraine peace summit refers to Russia's invasion as a "war" - a label Moscow rejects - and calls for Ukraine's control over the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant and its Azov Sea ports to be restored. However, it omitted tougher issues of what a post-war settlement for Ukraine would look like, whether Ukraine can join NATO and what troop withdrawals from both sides would look like.



Amit Shah Reviews Security, Logistics Arrangements For Amarnath Yatra

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday reviewed security and logistics arrangements for the Amarnath Yatra in a high-level meeting, instructing the security agencies to be "vigilant" and "ensure sufficient deployment of security personnel" for the annual pilgrimage.
- He instructed establishing perfect inter-agency coordination for effective security arrangements including a well-established standard operating response mechanism.
- As per the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has undertaken significant initiatives to make the Amarnath Yatra safe and comfortable for the devotees. Last year more than 4.5 lakh devotees took the holy darshan.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **Where was the Exercise Red Flag 2024, in which the Indian Air Force participated, conducted?**

- A. Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada
- B. Ramstein Air Base, Germany
- C. Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska
- D. Edwards Air Force Base, California

ANSWER: C

2. **Which organization is set to carry out trials of the indigenous shoulder-fired air defence missiles for the Indian Army?**

- A. Bharat Electronics Limited
- B. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- C. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- D. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

ANSWER: B

3. **At which location did India refuse to sign the final joint communique on peace for Ukraine, insisting on the creation of conditions for all parties' participation?**

- A. Geneva, Switzerland
- B. Brussels, Belgium

- C. New York, USA
- D. Paris, France

ANSWER: A

4. Drishti 10 Starliner Is A

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

ANSWER: A

5. Current Executive Of Defence Planning Committee

- A. Rajnath Singh
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Nirmala Sitaraman
- D. Ajit Doval

ANSWER: D

6. Field Marshal Of Indian Army Is A

- A. 2 Star General
- B. 3 Star General
- C. 4 Star General
- D. 5 Star General

ANSWER: D

7. Defence Space Agency Hq Is Located At

- A. New Delhi
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Chennai
- D. Noida

ANSWER: B

8. INS Kochi Is A

- A. Guided-missile destroyers

- B. Landing ship tank
- C. Submarine
- D. Frigates

ANSWER: A

9. _ Is Not A G7 member.

- A. China
- B. USA
- C. UK
- D. France

ANSWER: A

10. The Standard Meridian Of India Is

- A. 82 degrees 30' E
- B. 84 degrees 30' E
- C. 72 degrees 30' E
- D. 92 degrees 30' E

ANSWER: A

11. Army Medical Corps Motto Is

- A. Courage and Valor
- B. Sarve santu niramaya
- C. Service Before Self
- D. Lethal

ANSWER: B

12. Glock 18 Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. Machine Pistol
- C. Assault rifle
- D. Submachine gun

ANSWER: B

13. Which Is The Largest Uranium-producing Country In The World?

- A. USA
- B. India
- C. Kazakhstan
- D. Uzbekistan

ANSWER: C

14. Kaiga Atomic Power Plant Is In

- A. Karnataka
- B. Gujarat
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Uttarakhand

ANSWER: A

15. Who established the Atomic Energy Commission of India in 1948?

- A. P.K. Iyengar
- B. M.R. Srinivasan
- C. Vikram Sarabhai
- D. Homi Bhabha

ANSWER: D

16. Nay Pyi Taw Is The Capital Of

- A. Bhutan
- B. Nepal
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Myanmar

ANSWER: D

17. "India's Women Unsung Heroes" Book Is Written By

- A. Chandrachur Ghose

- B. Ruskin Bond
- C. Dr. Thomas Matthew
- D. Meenakshi Lekhi

ANSWER: D

18. Ex 'Konkan Shakti' conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. UK
- C. UAE
- D. Japan

ANSWER: B

19. "Kartavyam Anvatma" (Duty before death) Is The Motto Of

- A. RAJPUT REGIMENT
- B. DOGRA REGIMENT
- C. SIKH REGIMENT
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

20. Which Country Isn't the member of NSG?

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

ANSWER: C