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Eight Lakh NCC Cadets Perform Yoga

- Eight lakh National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets celebrated the 10th International Day of Yoga by participating in yoga sessions organised by NCC across the country on June 21, 2024.
- Chief of the Army Staff-designate Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, who is currently Vice Chief of the Army Staff, led the celebrations at an event organised by the Indian Army HQs, Delhi Area at the Cariappa Parade Ground, Delhi Cantt.
- The International Day of Yoga is a day in recognition of Yoga, that is celebrated across the world annually on 21 June, following its adoption by the United Nations in 2014.
- The celebrations highlighted this year's theme 'Yoga for Self and Society'.



World Hydrography Day 2024

- On **21 June every year**, the **International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO)** celebrates the **World Hydrography Day** to raise awareness about hydrography and how it plays a vital role in improved knowledge of the seas and oceans.
- **The theme for 2024 is "Hydrographic Information - Enhancing Safety, Efficiency and Sustainability in Marine Activities"** in consideration of the on-going transformation in navigation, such as e-navigation, autonomous shipping and reduction of emissions leading to a profound evolution of hydrographic services.
- The department as NAVAREA VIII coordinator, covering an area of 26 Million sq. km of Indian Ocean, shares information concerning safety of navigation at sea through the web portal "**India WINS - Indian Warning Information and Navigation Services**".
- In line with Government of India's SAGAR initiative, the survey ships of the Indian Navy have conducted various joint survey operations with friendly foreign nations covering an area of 89000 sq. km in the last five years and have produced 96 charts.



Rear Adm Nelson D'Souza takes over as Commandant, MIT Pune

- Rear Admiral Nelson D'Souza has taken over as Commandant of Military Institute of Technology (MILIT), Pune from AVM Vivek Blouria. An accomplished alumnus of the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington and Naval War College, Goa, Rear Admiral D'Souza has served in numerous key positions within the Indian Navy since his commissioning in March 1991.
- As the new Commandant of one of India's premier tri-services technical training institutes which trains mid-level officers of tri-services including those from friendly foreign countries, Rear Admiral will focus on further strengthening MILIT's academic programmes and give a push to ongoing efforts at Jointness & Integration in training among tri-services and enhancing collaboration with the industry and academia in field of Niche Technologies.
- Under the new leadership, MILIT aims to continue nurturing highly skilled techno-warriors officers who would chart the course of armed forces in India into a future-ready force.



India, Qatar discuss sale of Mirage 2000 fighters to IAF

- A high-powered team from Qatar is in the capital to discuss the possible sale of 12 'sparingly used' Mirage 2000 fighters to the Indian Air Force, which will boost its combat aircraft strength at a time when legacy MiG fighters are being steadily retired from service.

- Sources said that the Qatari jets, which are configured to Mirage 2000-5 modernisation standards, can be a good addition to the two Mirage squadrons already in service with the air force. One of the mainstay strike fighters of the IAF, the French origin Mirage 2000s are no longer in production but are expected to stay in the Indian inventory for another decade.
- The Dassault Mirage 2000 is a French multirole, single-engine, delta wing, fourth-generation jet fighter manufactured by Dassault Aviation. It was designed in the late 1970s as a lightweight fighter to replace the Mirage III for the French Air Force.
- Top speed: 2,336 km/h
- Engine types: Turbofan, Snecma M53
- First flight: 10 March 1978
- Unit cost: 23,000,000–23,000,000 USD
- Manufacturer: Dassault Aviation
- Wingspan: 9.13 m
- Length: 14 m



South Korea Summons Russian Ambassador

- South Korea summoned the Russian ambassador to protest the country's new defence pact with North Korea on Friday, as border tensions continued to rise with vague threats and brief, seemingly accidental incursions by North Korean troops.
- Earlier Friday, the powerful sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un issued a vague threat of retaliation after South Korean activists flew balloons carrying

anti-Pyongyang propaganda leaflets across the border, and South Korea's military said it had fired warning shots the previous day to repel North Korean soldiers who briefly crossed the rivals' land border for the third time this month.

- Kim told Zinoviev that Russia's military support for North Korea harms South Korea's security and would inevitably have a "negative impact" on relations between Seoul and Moscow.
- He also urged Russia to "act responsibly," according to the ministry.
- That came two days after Moscow and Pyongyang reached a pact vowing mutual defense assistance if either is attacked, and a day after Seoul responded by saying it would consider providing arms to Ukraine to fight Russia's invasion.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. On which date is World Hydrography Day celebrated every year?

- A. June 1
- B. June 15
- C. June 21
- D. June 30

ANSWER: C

2. What is the theme for World Hydrography Day 2024?

- A. "Exploring the Depths: The Future of Hydrography"
- B. "Hydrographic Information - Enhancing Safety, Efficiency and Sustainability in Marine Activities"
- C. "Mapping the Ocean: The Hydrographer's Role"
- D. "Sustainable Seas: The Role of Hydrography"

ANSWER: B

3. Who has taken over as Commandant of the MILIT, Pune?

- A. Rear Admiral Sanjay Datt
- B. Rear Admiral Sandeep Mehta
- C. Rear Admiral Nelson D'Souza
- D. Rear Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar

ANSWER: C

4. HEAT Also Known As Abhyas Stands For

- A. High-speed Expendable Aerial Temperature
- B. High-speed Expendable Air Target
- C. High-speed Extra Aerial Target
- D. High-speed Expendable Aerial Target

ANSWER: D

5. BEL HQ Is In

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

ANSWER: A

6. Major Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of The Indian Navy?

- A. Captain
- B. Inspector
- C. Lt Commander
- D. Vice-admiral

ANSWER: C

7. Training Command of IAF is located at

- A. New Delhi
- B. Bangalore
- C. Gurugram
- D. Lucknow

ANSWER: B

8. Which Nation Is A New Member Of SCO?

- A. China
- B. Pakistan
- C. India
- D. Iran

ANSWER: D

9. War Cry of ASSAM REGIMENT

- A. Parakramo Vijayate
- B. Rhino Charge
- C. Jai Bajrangbali
- D. Duty, Honour, courage

ANSWER: B

10. ___ Is India's 3rd Highest Military Decoration Award.

- A. PVC
- B. MVC
- C. Veer Chakra
- D. Kirti Chakra

ANSWER: C

11. MV Suchindra Is The GOC In Chief Of

- A. Northern Command
- B. Western Command
- C. Southern Command
- D. Central Command

ANSWER: A

12. Colonel Rank of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank Of Indian Navy Is

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

ANSWER: B

13. War Cry of NAGA REGIMENT

- A. Bharat Mata ki Jai
- B. Ki ki so so Lhargyalo
- C. Jai Durga Naga
- D. Durga Mata Ki Jai

ANSWER: C

14. Regimental Centre Of The Rajput Regiment Is In

- A. Fatehgarh, Uttar Pradesh
- B. Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh
- C. Awantipora, J&K.
- D. Ranikhet, Uttarakhand

ANSWER: A

15. National Cadet Corps Was Established In

- A. July 16, 1948
- B. July 16, 1958
- C. July 26, 1968
- D. July 26, 1988

ANSWER: A

16. Ex 'Ekuberin' conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: D

17. Mitra Shakti Ex Held B/w India &

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. USA
- C. UK
- D. Nepal

ANSWER: A

18. From Which Country Has India Purchased Its Apache Helicopters?

- A. U.K.
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. USA

ANSWER: D

19. World's Highest Motorable Road Is In

- A. Sikkim
- B. Ladakh
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Assam

ANSWER: B

20. The National Cadet Corps (NCC) HQ, is at____

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

ANSWER: A

