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General Upendra Dwivedi Takes Over As The COAS

- General Upendra Dwivedi, PVSM, AVSM, takes over as the 30th Chief of the Army Staff from Gen Manoj Pande who superannuated after more than four decades of service to the nation on 30 Jun 2024.
- General Upendra Dwivedi is an accomplished military leader, with 40 years of service in the Armed Forces. An alumnus of Sainik School, Rewa (MP), he was commissioned into Regiment of Jammu & Kashmir Rifles in 1984. The General officer has a unique distinction of balanced command as well as staff exposure across Northern, Eastern and Western theatres, in varied operational environment.



Chief Of The Naval Staff Visits Bangladesh

- Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Indian Navy arrived in Bangladesh for a four-day official visit from 01 – 04 Jul 24. The visit is aimed to consolidate bilateral defence relations between India and Bangladesh and to explore new avenues for Naval cooperation.
- The CNS is scheduled to hold bilateral discussions with his counterpart Admiral M Nazmul Hassan, Chief of the Naval Staff, Bangladesh Navy in Dhaka, as also

review the Passing Out Parade scheduled at Bangladesh Naval Academy (BNA) at Chittagong on 04 Jul 24.

- Naval cooperation between India and Bangladesh has been traditionally strong, encompassing a wide span which includes operational interactions through Port Calls, Bilateral Naval Exercises, along with Capacity Building, Capability Enhancement and Training initiatives.



Delivery Of Third 25t Bollard Pull Tug, Bajrang

- Third 25T Bollard Pull (BP) Tug, Bajrang has been delivered to Indian Navy on 29 Jun 24 in presence of RAdm DK Goswami, ASD (Mbi). This Tug is a proud flag bearer of “Make in India” initiative of Govt of India.
- Contract for construction and delivery of three 25T BP Tug was concluded with M/s Shoft Shipyard Pvt Ltd (M/s SSPL), an MSME, in consonance with ‘Aatmanirbhar Bharat’ initiative of the Government of India. These Tugs are being built under the classification rules of Indian Register of Shipping (IRS).
- The availability of Tugs will provide impetus to Operational commitments of IN by facilitating assistance to Naval ships and submarines during berthing and unberthing, turning and manoeuvring in confined waters.



RIM of The Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC) – 24

- Indian multi-role stealth frigate **INS Shivalik**, mission deployed in **South China Sea and North Pacific Ocean**, has reached Pearl Harbour in Hawaii to take part in the RIMPAC exercise, which is world's largest naval exercise.
- INS Shivalik sailed into Pearl Harbour on completion of JIMEX 24, a bilateral exercise between India and Japan.
- The harbour phase of the exercise from 27 Jun to 07 Jul 2024 will see participation in multiple symposiums, exercise planning discussions, sports competitions and reciprocal deck visits. The sea phase of RIMPAC – 24, divided into **three sub-phases** will witness ships undertaking basic and advanced level integration exercises during the first two sub-phases.
- RIMPAC-24, spanning over six weeks of intense operations and training is aimed at enhancing interoperability and building trust among the navies of friendly foreign countries. Led by the **US Navy, approx 29 countries** are participating in the current edition of the multi-dimensional exercise.



India Develops New Explosive 2.01 Times More Lethal Than TNT

- India has successfully developed and certified a new explosive that is 2.01 times more lethal than standard TNT (Trinitrotoluene).
- The formulation, named SEBEX 2 - manufactured by a unit of Solar Industries - is said to provide a more powerful blast effect than any currently available solid explosive. The new explosive is reported to be 2.01 times more powerful than a standard TNT (Trinitrotoluene) explosion.
- The impact of an explosive is measured in terms of TNT equivalence, and any explosive with a higher TNT equivalence has greater destructive power.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Where has the Indian multi-role stealth frigate INS Shivalik reached to participate in the RIMPAC exercise?

- A. San Diego
- B. Yokosuka
- C. Pearl Harbour
- D. Guam

ANSWER: C

2. What is the name of the third 25T Bollard Pull (BP) Tug delivered to the Indian Navy on 29 June 2024?

- A. Bajrang
- B. Bhim
- C. Arjuna
- D. Dronacharya

ANSWER: A

3. Who has taken over as the 30th Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) from General Manoj Pande?

- A. General VK Singh
- B. General Bipin Rawat
- C. General MM Naravane
- D. General Upendra Dwivedi

ANSWER: D

4. Ex 'RIMAC' Hosted By

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

ANSWER: D

5. "Why Bharat Matters" Book Written By

- A. S Jaishankar

- B. V R Chaudhary
- C. Manoj Pande
- D. Admiral R Hari Kumar (Retd.)

ANSWER: A

6. 'Netra' Is A

- A. Early Warning And Control Aircraft System
- B. Early Warning And Control Atmosphere
- C. Early Warning And Centre Aircraft
- D. None

ANSWER: A

7. Dhamma Dipa International Buddhist University (DDIBU) Located At

- A. Tripura
- B. Assam
- C. U.P.
- D. Kerala

ANSWER: A

8. Light Combat Helicopter Is Manufactured By

- A. DRDO
- B. HAL
- C. Boeing
- D. Airbus

ANSWER: B

9. Ex 'KAZIND' & 'KHANJAR' Conducted b/w India &

- A.** Kazakhstan
- B.** Kyrgyzstan
- C.** Both a & b
- D.** None of the above

ANSWER: C

10. Munitions India Limited Is An Indian State-owned Defence Company, HQ in

- A. Pune
- B. Mumbai
- C. Noida
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: A

11. Current CDS Of India Is

- A. Gen Anil Chauhan
- B. Gen Bipin Rawat
- C. Gen M M Naravane
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

12. War Cry Of Mechanised Infantry Regiment Is

- A. Durga Mata K Jai
- B. Raja Ram Chandra K Jai
- C. Bolo Bharat Mata Ki Jai
- D. Bajrang Bali K Jai

ANSWER: C

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

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

ANSWER: D

14. Operation Devi Shakti Was Conducted In

- A. 2016
- B. 2017
- C. 2018
- D. 2021

ANSWER: D

15. Always Alert Is The Motto Of

- A. RAW
- B. IB
- C. DRDO
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

16. Only Five-star Rank Officer Of The IAF Is

- A. K.M Karippa

- B. V R Chaudhary
- C. R K S Bhadauria
- D. Arjan Singh

ANSWER: D

17. SPYDER Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Air defence system

ANSWER: D

18. Vilnius Is The Capital Of

- A. Lithuania
- B. Qatar
- C. Malawi
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

19. "Making of a General-A Himalayan Echo" Book Is Written By

- A. Ramesh Kandula
- B. Meghna Pant
- C. Hunter Biden
- D. Lt. Gen. Konsam Himalay Singh

ANSWER: D

20. President's Bodyguard Motto Is

- A. Jai Hind
- B. Sarvda Shaktishali
- C. Bharat Mata Ki Jai
- D. Rashtra Pratham

ANSWER: C