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Indo-Russian Joint Venture Delivers 35,000 AK-203

- Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Russia, Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL), a joint venture between India and Russia, has announced successful delivery of 35,000 AK-203 assault rifles to the Indian Army.
- Production has been deployed in India in full compliance with the Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan (Self-Reliant India) programmes. The project includes technology transfer, and its concept includes 100 per cent localization of AK-203 production.
- The Kalashnikov AK-203 assault rifle is a version of the AK-200 rifle chambered for the 7.62x39mm cartridge used in the Indian Army. The weapon has the traditional advantages of Kalashnikov assault rifles: reliability and ease of maintenance.



Modi to Focus On Trade Imbalance, Indian Soldiers In Talks With Putin

- Fixing India's trade imbalance with Russia and securing the discharge of Indians misled into fighting in the Ukraine war will be among Prime Minister Narendra Modi's priorities during talks in Moscow next week.

- Modi will visit Russia on July 8-9 for talks with President Vladimir Putin as part of annual summits between New Delhi and Moscow, launched in 2000.
- Modi's visit coincides with the July 9-11 NATO summit in Washington at which the Ukraine war will hold centre stage, and the timing has raised questions about the signal India could be sending.
- Kwatra said India-Russia trade had seen a sharp increase in 2023-24 and touched close to **\$65 billion** "primarily due to strong energy cooperation", but Indian exports accounted for just **\$4 billion**.



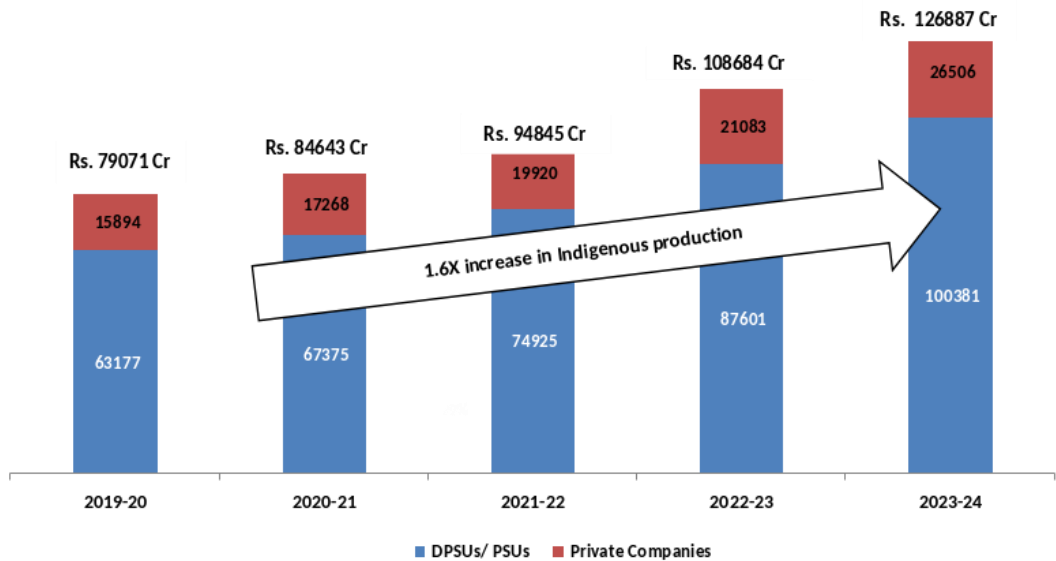
First Secretary-level Meeting Between India & Congo

- The first Secretary-level meeting between the Defence Ministries of India and Democratic Republic of Congo was held in New Delhi on July 05, 2024. The Indian delegation was led by Defence Secretary Shri Giridhar Aramane and included senior officers of MoD, MEA and the Armed Forces.
- The meeting was aimed at identifying areas for collaboration to fulfill the potential of defence cooperation between the two countries. Detailed discussions were held to promote cooperation in training and defence industry.
- The Indian delegation highlighted the significant progress India has made in defence manufacturing capability. The DRC side shared the need for modernisation of their Armed Forces. They expressed confidence in the capability of the India defence industry and suggested areas of co-production and co-development.



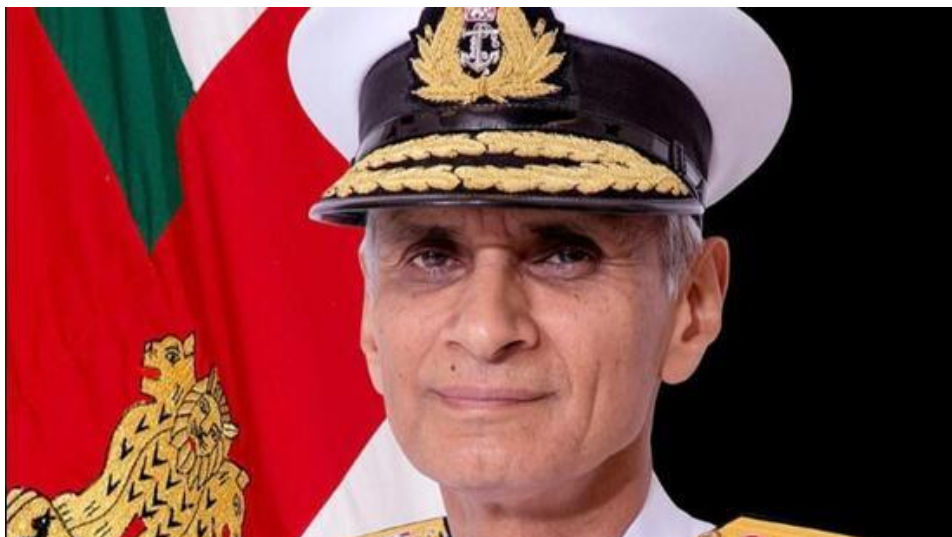
Annual Defence Production Hits Record High

- Ministry of Defence has achieved the highest-ever growth in indigenous defence production in value terms during FY 2023-24, on the back of successful implementation of the policies and initiatives of the Government, led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.
- The value of defence production in the country has gone up to a record-high figure i.e., **Rs 1,26,887 crore**, reflecting a growth of **16.7% over** the defence production of the previous financial year. The value of defence production in FY 2022-23 was **Rs 1,08,684 crore**.
- Of the total value of production (VoP) in 2023-24, about **79.2%** has been contributed by DPSUs/other PSUs and **20.8%** by the private sector. The data shows that in terms of absolute value, both DPSUs/PSUs and private sector have recorded a steady growth in defence production.



Agnipath set to hit combat effectiveness: Ex-navy Chief

- The controversy swirling around the Agnipath scheme for the induction of soldiers into the armed forces further deepened on Thursday after **former navy chief Admiral KB Singh** criticised the recruitment model saying it will “degrade the combat effectiveness” of the military.
- “The only motivation driving the Agnipath is reducing the pension bill. The fact that this scheme will degrade combat effectiveness is known to all who understand national security,” Singh wrote on X on Thursday, in response to a post on the subject by another former navy chief, Admiral Arun Prakash.
- The Agnipath scheme was a major departure from the military’s decades-old recruitment system, and seeks to recruit soldiers for only four years, with a provision of retaining 25% of them in regular service.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What was the value of defence production in the country in the financial year 2023-24?

- A. Rs 1,00,000 crore
- B. Rs 1,08,684 crore
- C. Rs 1,26,887 crore
- D. Rs 1,16,000 crore

ANSWER: C

2. How many AK-203 assault rifles were successfully delivered to the Indian Army?

- A. 20,000
- B. 25,000
- C. 30,000
- D. 35,000

ANSWER: D

3. Current Raksha Mantri Is ____.

- A. Rajnath Singh
- B. Sanjay Seth
- C. Ajay Bhatt
- D. Narendra Modi

ANSWER: A

4. What is the name of China's third aircraft carrier?

- A. Shanghai
- B. Fujian
- C. Beijing
- D. Tianjin

ANSWER: B

5. Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses Is Located At

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Wellington

D. Noida

ANSWER: A

6. Infantry Day Celebrated Every Year On

- A. 26 October
- B. 27 October
- C. 29 October
- D. 30 October

ANSWER: B

7. India's Shared Vision Of 'SAGAR' Stands For

- A. Security and Growth of All in Region
- B. Security and Growth of All in Rim
- C. Security and Growth of All in Region
- D. None

ANSWER: C

8. Motto of NSG Is

- A. शं नो वरुणः
- B. नभः स्पृशं दीप्तम्
- C. सर्वत्र सर्वोत्तम सुरक्षा
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

9. In Which Operation NSG Didn't Take Part?

- A. Operation Talwar
- B. Black Thunder
- C. Ashwamedh
- D. Vajra Shakti

ANSWER: A

10. SAG & SRG Stands For

- A. Special Act Group & Special Ranger Group
- B. Special Action Group & Special Roger Group
- C. Special Action Game & Special Ranger Group
- D. Special Action Group & Special Ranger Group

ANSWER: D

11. The Highest Rank Structure In NSG Is

- A. Director General
- B. Inspector General
- C. Deputy Inspector General
- D. Group Commander

ANSWER: A

12. INS Tarangini Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Sailing Ship
- C. UAV
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

13. FGM-148 Javelin Is Made By

- A. Boeing
- B. Lockheed Martin
- C. Raytheon
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

14. Ex KAZIND Conducted B/W India And

- A. France
- B. China
- C. Kazakhstan
- D. Kyrgyzstan

ANSWER: C

15. Q.M.HAV Stands For

- A. Quarter Havildar
- B. Quartermaster Havildar
- C. Quartermaster Hawadar
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

16. Santiago Is The Capital Of

- A. Oman

- B. Colombia
- C. UAE
- D. Chile

ANSWER: D

17. "Vahana Masterclass" Book Is Written By

- A. Alfredo Covelli
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. R. Kaushik

ANSWER: A

18. "Balidanam Vir Lakshanam" Is The Motto Of

- A. JKLI
- B. THE MAHAR REGIMENT
- C. THE BIHAR REGIMENT
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

19. Prithvi III Is A

- A. Air to Air Missile
- B. Surface to Air Missile
- C. Surface to Surface Missile
- D. Air to Sea Missile

ANSWER: C

20. Defence Electronics Research Laboratory (DLRL) Centre Is Located In

- A. Hyderabad, Telangana
- B. Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
- C. Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
- D. Tezpur, Assam

ANSWER: A