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Army Coup In Bangladesh

- Sheikh Hasina has quit as Bangladesh Prime Minister and the Army has taken control amid violent protests demanding her exit. Bangladesh Army chief General Waker-Uz-Zaman told the media that the Army will form an interim government and has appealed to the protesters to return to the path of peace.
- "There is a crisis in the country. I have met Opposition leaders and we have decided to form an interim government to run this country. I take all responsibility and promise to protect your life and property. Your demands will be fulfilled. Please support us and stop violence. If you work with us, we can move towards a proper solution. We cannot achieve anything through violence," he said. The Army chief also confirmed that Ms Hasina has stepped down.
- The 76-year-old is accompanied by her younger sister, Sheikh Rehana. Protesters demanding her resignation have, meanwhile, stormed Gono Bhaban, the Prime Minister's official residence, local media reports have said. The Bangladesh Army, it is learnt, had given a 45-minute ultimatum to the Prime Minister to step down.
- She is expected to fly to London in the early hours of Tuesday where she has sought political asylum, reported Times Now citing sources.
- Hasina's C-130 transport aircraft landed at Hindon Air Base where she was received by senior Indian Air Force officials and met National Security Advisor Ajit Doval.
- Amid the turmoil in Bangladesh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a meeting of Cabinet Committee on Security on Monday night, after being briefed on the situation by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar.



BSF On High Alert Across Bangladesh Borders

- In the wake of the situation in Bangladesh and Sheikh Hasina's resignation as the PM, BSF has sounded high alert across all its formations along the border.
- The Union home ministry has rushed BSF director general Daljit Singh Chaudhary to the Indo-Bangladesh border in North 24 Parganas district and Sunderbans area of West Bengal. There are six BSF frontiers on the Indo-Bangladesh Border and more troops have been mobilised in wake of the recent developments, added officials.
- Moments after Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina stepped down and the country's army, led by Waker-Uz-Zaman, formed an interim government in Dhaka, the Border Security Force (BSF) has put all its posts on the entire 4,096-km-long border on "high alert", people familiar with the development said.
- Currently, there are 1,096 border out-posts (BOPs) of the BSF on the Indo-Bangladesh Border (IBB) along West Bengal (2216.7 km), Assam (263 km), Meghalaya (443 km), Tripura (856 km) and Mizoram (318 km).
- The IBB is marked by difficult terrain such as hills, rivers and valleys, and the BSF is tasked to keep a strict vigil on illegal cross border activities and illegal migration from Bangladesh to India.



CDS Gen Anil Chauhan Chairs Apex Tri-services Conference

- Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan chaired the apex level tri-services financial conference for Armed Forces at Manekshaw Centre in Delhi on Monday.
- The conference was aimed to enhance cohesion and synergy in the financial issues of the Armed Forces and saw the participation of senior officials from the Ministry of Defence (MoD), MoD (Finance), Controller General of Defence Accounts, Integrated Financial Advisers of Services, Government e-Marketplace, Service Headquarters, and Indian Coast Guard Headquarters.
- "Today's conference topic was to 'To Enhance Financial Cohesion and Synergy'. All the armed forces should have cutting-edge equipment to beat the challenges. But, to have all this cutting-edge equipment is very expensive, we have to depend on foreign expenses."



India Selects 2 Crew Members For Axiom-4 Mission to ISS

- India has shortlisted two astronaut-designates for the upcoming Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station. Indian astronauts Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla and Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair have been shortlisted to go to the U.S. to train for the upcoming Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station (ISS).
- The Axiom-4 mission is the fourth private astronaut mission to the ISS. The assigned crew members will be approved to fly to the ISS by the Multilateral Crew Operations Panel (MCOP).
- “The recommended Gaganyatris will commence their training for the mission from 1st week of August 2024,” Isro said. “The experiences gained during this mission will be beneficial for the Indian Human Space Program and it will also strengthen human space flight cooperation between ISRO and NASA.”
- The mission comes more than a year after Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced plans for an Indian astronaut to visit the ISS during a state visit to the US.



Passing Out Parade Of Fourth Batch Of Agniveers

- Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff will review the Passing Out Parade (POP) of the fourth batch of Agniveers at INS Chilka on 09 Aug 24. The post sunset ceremony will see 1390 Agniveers including 216 women Agniveers taking the 'Antim Pag' from the hallowed portals of INS Chilka. Along with Naval Agniveers, 330 Coast Guard Naviks will also pass out on this occasion. Vice Admiral V Srinivas, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command will be the Conducting Officer of parade. This momentous event will be witnessed by proud families of the passing-out Agniveers, eminent veterans and sports personalities.

- The POP not only signifies the successful completion of 16 weeks of ab-initio Naval training of the Agniveers but also their new voyage in the Combat Ready, Credible, Cohesive and Future Ready Indian Navy. The training at Chilka included training on academics, various facets of service and outdoor training based on the core values of Duty, Honour and Courage. During the POP, deserving Agniveers would be presented awards by CNS in various categories.
- As part of the event, CNS will inaugurate new infrastructure building/ facilities and attend the valedictory function of Agniveers and present awards to various divisions.
- The POP will be live streamed from 1710 h on 09 Aug 24 on Indian Navy YouTube channel, Facebook page and regional Doordarshan network.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Who chaired the apex level tri-services financial conference for the Armed Forces in Delhi?

- A. General Bipin Rawat
- B. Admiral Karambir Singh
- C. Air Chief Marshal R.K.S. Bhadauria
- D. General Anil Chauhan

ANSWER: D

2. Which two Indian astronaut-designates have been selected for the NASA-ISRO mission to the ISS as part of the Axiom-4 mission?

- A. Rakesh Sharma and Kalpana Chawla
- B. Shubhashu Shukla and Prashanth Nair
- C. Sunita Williams and Raj Chari
- D. Suresh K. and Anil Menon

ANSWER: B

3. Which of the following Indian states share a Border with Bangladesh?

1. West Bengal, 2. Assam, 3. Meghalaya, 4. Mizoram, 5. Tripura

Select the correct code:

- A. 1,2,3
- B. 1,2,3,4
- C. 1,2,3,5
- D. 1,2,3,4 and 5

ANSWER: D

4. Army Airborne Training School Is Located At

- A. Agra
- B. Mumbai
- C. Pune
- D. Nagpur

ANSWER: A

5. Ex 'KAZIND' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Kazakhstan
- B. Kyrgyzstan
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

6. Aero India Show 2023 Was Held In

- A. Chennai
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Noida
- D. Kochi

ANSWER: B

7. Ex EASTERN BRIDGE Conducted B/W India &

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

ANSWER: B

8. Duty, Honour, Courage Is The Motto Of

- A. Maratha Light Infantry
- B. The Grenadiers
- C. Rajput Regiment
- D. Jat Regiment

ANSWER: A

9. Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation Hq Is In

- A. Mauritius
- B. Qatar
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

10. Surface Mine Clearing System on Sarath manufactured by

- A. Ordnance Factory Medak
- B. HAL
- C. DRDO
- D. MDL

ANSWER: A

11. College of Defence Management Is In

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

ANSWER: A

12. GAGAN Stands For

- A. GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigate
- B. GPS Aided Geography Augmented Navigation

- C. GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigation
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

13. Regimental Centre of GARHWAL RIFLES Is In

- A. Happy Valley, Shillong, Meghalaya
- B. Ranikhet, Uttarakhand
- C. Lansdowne, Uttarakhand
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

14. Harare Is The Capital Of

- A. Uzbekistan
- B. Qatar
- C. Zambia
- D. Zimbabwe

ANSWER: D

15. "Forging Mettle : Nrupender Rao and the Pennar Story" Book Is Written By

- A. Vijay Sharma
- B. Manish Kumar
- C. Sumit Nayar
- D. Pavan C Lall

ANSWER: D

16. The Eurocopter Tiger Is A

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

ANSWER: A

17. INS Jalashwa Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Amphibious transport dock

ANSWER: D

18. CDAC Stands For

- A. Centre for Development of Advanced Concept
- B. Centre for Development of Adert Computing
- C. Centre for Development of Advanced Computing
- D. None

ANSWER: C

19. Heckler & Koch PSG1 Is A

- A. Tank
- B. Missile
- C. Sniper Rifle
- D. Submarine

ANSWER: C

20. MBT Arjun Is A

- A. Tank
- B. Missile
- C. Sniper Rifle
- D. Submarine

ANSWER: D