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IAF Condolences Death of DG of ICG Rakesh Pal

- Following the sudden demise of Rakesh Pal, the Director General of the Indian Coast Guard, Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari and Indian Air Force personnel extended their heartfelt condolences on Monday.
- ICG Chief Rakesh Pal passed away in Chennai on Sunday after suffering a cardiac arrest. He was taken to Rajiv Gandhi Government Hospital in the city after feeling unwell. Despite receiving immediate treatment, he could not be saved.
- DG Rakesh Pal was appointed as the **25th Director General** of the Indian Coast Guard in July last year.



Indian Army Mourns The Loss Of Gen Padmanabhan

- The Indian Army deeply mourns the passing of General Sundararajan Padmanabhan (Retired), who served as the 20th COAS. The Chief of Army Staff,

General Upendra Dwivedi and all ranks of the Indian Army offer their tribute and heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

- Born on December 5, 1940, in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala; General Padmanabhan was a distinguished alumnus of the RIMC, Dehradun, and the NDA, Khadakwasla. He was commissioned into the Regiment of Artillery on December 13, 1959, marking the beginning of an illustrious career spanning over four decades.
- On September 1, 1996, General Padmanabhan took over as the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command and later, the Southern Command. He assumed the office of the Chief of Army Staff on October 1, 2000.



ICG Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre

- Rajnath Singh inaugurated the newly-constructed state-of-the-art Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre building in Chennai, Tamil Nadu on August 18, 2024.
- He also virtually launched the Regional Marine Pollution Response Centre, located at the Chennai Port premises, and the Coast Guard Air Enclave in Puducherry.
- **Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre**

- This state-of-the-art facility aims to significantly enhance the coordination and effectiveness of maritime rescue operations for mariners & fishermen in distress at sea. It underscores the Government's resolve to protect lives and ensure a swift response in critical situations.
- **Regional Marine Pollution Response Centre**
- This establishment is a first-of-its-kind facility for coordinating response against marine pollution, particularly oil and chemical pollution, in waters adjoining the coastal states in the Indian Ocean Region. The creation of this centre was first announced by Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh during the maiden Indo-ASEAN meeting held in Cambodia on November 22, 2022.
- **Coast Guard Air Enclave**
- This facility marks a significant milestone for ICG and will play a vital role in maritime security along the Puducherry and south Tamil Nadu coast. The Air Enclave will be equipped with Chetak and ALH Squadrons.



Para-drop of BHISHM Critical Trauma Care Cube

- IAF and Indian Army have jointly carried out a first-of-its-kind precise para-drop operation of the Aarogya Maitri Health Cube at a high-altitude area close to 15,000 feet.
- These critical trauma care cubes have been indigenously developed under **Project BHISHM (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita and Maitri)**. The operation was conducted in line with PM Narendra Modi's vision of providing critical supplies to HADR affected areas.

- The successful para-drop and deployment of the BHISHM trauma care cube exemplified the synergy & jointness of the Armed Forces and underscored the commitment to providing timely & effective assistance as first responders.



Russian Navy's Commander-in-Chief visits India

- Admiral Aleksandr Alekseyevich Moiseyev, the Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Federation Navy, is on an official visit to India from August 19-22 to strengthen bilateral naval relations between the two nations.

- The Indian Navy cooperates with the Russian Federation Navy on many fronts, which include operational interactions, training, hydrographic cooperation, and the exchange of subject matter experts in various fields through the IRIGC M&MTC mechanism between the two countries, the Ministry stated.
- The Indian Navy has also been interacting with the Russian Federation Navy in various multilateral forums, viz. **IONS (Indian Ocean Naval Symposium), MILAN, IORA (Indian Ocean Rim Association), WPNS (Western Pacific Naval Symposium) and ADMM-Plus (ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus).**



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is the name of the long-range glide bomb successfully tested by DRDO from a Su-30 MK-I?

- A. GAURAV
- B. GARUDA
- C. NAG
- D. AGNI

ANSWER: A

2. Which country participates alongside India in the annual Mitra Shakti military exercise?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Nepal
- C. Bhutan
- D. Sri Lanka

ANSWER: D

3. What is the name of India's 2nd nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine that is set to be commissioned?

- A. INS Arihant
- B. INS Chakra
- C. INS Sindhurakshak
- D. INS Arighat

ANSWER: D

4. What is the name of the project under which the Aarogya Maitri Health Cube, para-dropped by the IAF and Indian Army, was developed?

- A. Project VISHWAS
- B. Project SHAKTI
- C. Project BHISHM
- D. Project SURAKSHA

ANSWER: C

5. In which city was the ICG Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre building inaugurated?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Chennai
- C. Kolkata
- D. Kochi

ANSWER: B

6. What Is The Range Of The Nirbhay Class Long-range Cruise Missiles?

- A. 500 Km
- B. 750 Km
- C. 1,000 Km
- D. 1,250 Km

ANSWER: C

7. Defence Innovation Start-up Challenge Is An Initiative Of

- A. MHA

- B. MEA
- C. MOD
- D. PMO

ANSWER: C

8. The Army Design Bureau Signed A MoU With

- A. Drone Federation of India
- B. IDEX
- C. HAL
- D. IAI

ANSWER: A

9. Ex 'Harimau Shakti' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: A

10. Navigation Training School of IAF Is In

- A. Begumpet
- B. Noida
- C. Kochi
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: A

11. Hq of White Knight Corps Is In

- A. Nagrota
- B. Udhampur
- C. Jaipur
- D. Noida

ANSWER: A

12. Which Company Is The Manufacturer of The HAL Rudra?

- A. Boeing
- B. DRDO & Israel Aerospace Industries
- C. HAL
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

13. Lieutenant colonel Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Navy?

- A. Commander
- B. Wing Commander
- C. Captain
- D. Admiral

ANSWER: A

14. Secretariat of ASEAN Is In

- A. Jakarta
- B. Dhaka
- C. New Delhi
- D. Doha

ANSWER: A

15. "An Introduction to Dreamland" Book Is Written By

- A. Bhagat Singh
- B. Raja Ram
- C. Leo Tolstoy
- D. George Bernard Shaw

ANSWER: A

16. Wassenaar Arrangement Works On Transfer Of

- A. Conventional weapons and dual-use goods and technologies
- B. Wheat and Rice
- C. Space Technology
- D. High yielding seeds

ANSWER: A

17. Which One Of The Following Pairs Is Not Correctly Matched?

- A. Christ Church - New Zealand
- B. Nairobi - Kenya
- C. Budapest - Hungary
- D. Kinshasa - Zaire

ANSWER: A

18. "Sita: Warrior of Mithila" Book Is Written By

- A. Amish Tripathi
- B. Rabindranath Tagore
- C. Amrita Pritam
- D. Chetan Bhagat

ANSWER: A

19. Which Of The Following Is Not Correctly Matched?

- A. Chennai - Deepest port of India
- B. Cochin - Natural port
- C. Kandla - Tidal port
- D. Jawaharlal Nehru port - Sole mechanized port

ANSWER: A

20. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Hq Is In

- A. Nairobi, Kenya
- B. New York City, USA
- C. Rome, Italy
- D. Washington, DC, USA

ANSWER: A