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Air Chief Marshal A P Singh Takes Charge As New Chief of Air Staff

- **Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh**, an accomplished fighter pilot with more than 5,000 hours of flying experience, on Monday assumed charge as new chief of the IAF, succeeding incumbent **Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari**.
- Air Chief Marshal Singh was serving as Vice Chief of the Air Force in his previous assignment.
- The officer commanded a MiG-27 squadron and a frontline air base and as a test pilot, he led the MiG-29 Upgrade Project Management Team at Moscow, among a variety of command, staff, instructional and foreign appointments that he held in his career of nearly four decades.
- He was also the Project Director (Flight Test) at National Flight Test Centre and was tasked with flight testing of the LCA, Tejas.



Exercise KAZIND -2024

- The **8th edition** of India-Kazakhstan Joint Military Exercise KAZIND-2024 commenced today, at **Surya Foreign Training Node, Auli, Uttarakhand**. The exercise is scheduled to be conducted from 30th September to 13th October 2024.
- Joint Exercise KAZIND-2024 has been held annually since 2016. **Last edition** of the Joint Exercise was held at **Otar, Kazakhstan** from 30th October to 11th November 2023.
- The Indian Armed Forces, comprising 120 personnel, are being represented by a battalion of the **KUMAON Regiment** of Indian Army, along with other arms and services, as well as personnel from IAF. The Kazakhstan contingent will be represented mainly by personnel from **Land Forces and Air Borne Assault Troopers**.
- Aim of the Joint Exercise is to enhance joint military capability of both sides to undertake counter terrorism operations in a sub conventional scenario under Chapter VII of the **United Nations Charter**. The Joint Exercise will focus on operations in the **semi-urban and mountainous terrain**.



New Hezbollah Safieddine Chief Kisses Gun

- **Hashem Safieddine**, a prominent figure in Hezbollah's leadership, has been named by the group's executive council as the successor to Hassan Nasrallah as Secretary General, according to sources cited by Al-Arabiya on Sunday.
- Israel's airstrike in Beirut that destroyed an underground bunker where Hezbollah chief **Hassan Nasrallah** was hiding has brought to spotlight the country's intelligence agencies and their widespread network.
- Safieddine (Safi Al-Din), a cousin of Nasrallah, was notably one of the senior leaders who were not present at the site of the strike that killed several top Hezbollah commanders. Hashem Safieddine, born in 1964 in Deir Qanoun en-Nahr, a village near Tyre in southern Lebanon, studied theology alongside Hassan Nasrallah in Najaf, Iraq, and Qom, Iran—both major centers of Shia religious education. They became members of Hezbollah in its formative years.



Defence Accounts Department celebrated 277th Annual Day

- Defence Accounts Department (DAD) celebrated its **277th Annual Day** on October 01, 2024. Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh graced the main celebrations at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.
- Tracing its roots to the appointment of the **Military Pay Master in 1747**, DAD has continuously re-invented itself to provide exemplary services to the Armed Forces, and in turn to the Nation, in the fields of Internal Audit, Accounting, Financial Advice & Defence Pensions Management.

Army Signs 8th Procurement Contract Through iDEX

- In line with the commitment towards the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative, the Army on Monday signed the eighth procurement contract through the **Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) platform.**
- The contract for procurement of **'Generation of Quantum Secure Key (Quantum Key Distribution)'** with QuNu Labs was signed in the presence of Lt Gen NC Raja Subramani, Vice Chief of the Army Staff, at the South Block here.
- The aim of iDEX is to create an ecosystem to foster innovations and encourage technological development in defence and aerospace by engaging research and development institutes, academia, and industries and providing them funding and other support to carry out R&D which has good potential for future adoption by Indian defence and aerospace organisation.
- **Launched by PM Narendra Modi on April 12, 2018**, during the Defence Expo India, iDEX under the Defence Innovation Organisation has emerged as a front-runner in establishing the right kind of contact with startups and innovators and has gained substantial traction in the defence start-up community, the defence ministry said in a statement.
- At present there are a total of 74 projects of the Indian Army under iDEX included as part of Acing Development of **Innovation Tech with iDEX (ADITI), Defence India Startup Challenge (DISC)** and Open Challenge schemes which involve handholding of 77 startups for the development of latest state-of-the-art solutions for the Indian Army, it said



BEL inks Pact with SAC-ISRO to Boost Indigenisation of Defence And Space Production

- Defence PSU BEL on Monday said it has signed a MoU with the **Space Applications Centre (SAC), ISRO** to collaborate, indigenise and develop infrastructure for manufacturing space-grade **Travelling Wave Tube Amplifiers (TWTAs) in India**.
- The BEL said that the MoU that was signed at SAC Ahmedabad will give a boost to the indigenisation of defence and space production and save foreign exchange for the country.
- TWTAs developed by SAC, ISRO, and manufactured by BEL will be used in satellite communication and navigation payloads, microwave remote sensing radar payloads, scientific missions or probes and inter-spacecraft communications links. These items are integral parts of various communication and microwave remote sensing payloads, it added.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. When does the Defence Accounts Department (DAD) celebrate its Annual Day in 2024?

- A. October 01
- B. September 30
- C. November 01
- D. December 15

ANSWER: A

2. Where is the 8th edition of the India-Kazakhstan Joint Military Exercise KAZIND-2024 being held?

- A. Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- B. Auli, Uttarakhand
- C. Leh, Ladakh
- D. Pune, Maharashtra

ANSWER: B

3. Who succeeded Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari as the new Chief of the Indian Air Force?

- A. Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria
- B. Air Chief Marshal Anil Khosla
- C. Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh
- D. Air Chief Marshal Arup Raha

ANSWER: C

4. Which platform was used by the Indian Army to sign its eighth procurement contract in line with the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative?

- A. DRDO
- B. Idex
- C. HAL
- D. OFB

ANSWER: B

5. With which organization did BEL sign an MoU to develop infrastructure for manufacturing space-grade Travelling Wave Tube Amplifiers?

- A. ISRO

- B. DRDO
- C. Space Applications Centre (SAC), ISRO
- D. National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL)

ANSWER: C

6. Taragiri, a Project 17A Frigate Made By

- A. MDL
- B. CSL
- C. GRSE
- D. DRDO

ANSWER: A

7. Naib Subedar Jeremy Lalrinnunga is related with

- A. Table Tennis
- B. Cricket
- C. Boxing
- D. Weightlifting

ANSWER: D

8. The Jawaharlal Nehru Port is located At

- A. Paradip
- B. Cochin
- C. Kolkata
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: D

9. 'Iron Beam' new laser-based air defence system Made By

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Israel
- D. Russia

ANSWER: C

10. First Submarine Developed Under P-75 Is

- A. INS Kalvari
- B. INS Khanderi
- C. INS Karanj
- D. INS Vela

ANSWER: A

11. Who Wrote The Book New Dimensions Of India's Foreign Policy?

- A. Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- B. Abdul Kalam Azad
- C. Amit Chaudhuri
- D. Raghuram Rajan

ANSWER: A

12. Mechanical Training Institute (MTI) Of IAF Is In

- A. Yelahanka, Bengaluru
- B. Jalahalli, Bengaluru
- C. Tambaram Chennai
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

13. Central Statistical Organization Hq Is In

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

ANSWER: A

14. Ex SHAKTI, Ex VARUNA, GARUDA India conducted with

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

15. Yaounde Is The Capital Of

- A. Cameroon
- B. Canada
- C. UAE
- D. Burundi

ANSWER: A

16. "The Oath of the Vayuputras" Book Written By

- A. Amish Tripathi
- B. Issac Newton
- C. Mahashweta Devi
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

17. SITMEX Ex Is Done Among

- A. India, Singapore, and Thailand
- B. India, Sri Lanka and Thailand
- C. Indonesia, Singapore, and Thailand
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

18. Commander Rank Of Indian Navy Is Equivalent To Rank Of IAF Is

- A. Wing Commander
- B. Squadron Leader
- C. Group Captain
- D. Flying Officer

ANSWER: A

19. War Cry of the BIHAR REGIMENT

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

ANSWER: C

20. __Is India's 3rd Highest Military Decoration Award.

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

ANSWER: C