

Daily Defence Current Affairs

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Centre Appoints S Paramesh As New ICG Chief

- The centre on Monday appointed the **Indian Coast Guard's Additional Director General S Paramesh** as the new chief of the maritime force.
- He will assume his new appointment on October 15 (Tuesday).
- He is presently officiating as the Director General after the demise of his predecessor **DG Rakesh Pal** last month. He has served the organisation in various capacities in ashore and afloat appointments with distinction over the past three decades.
- The Flag Officer is an alumnus of the **National Defence College, New Delhi** and **Defence Services Staff College, Wellington**. He has a professional history, studded with achievements and a proven track record of outstanding and meritorious performance in all assignments he has held.
- The Flag Officer is a recipient of the **President's Tatrakshak Medal** for Distinguished Service, Tatrakshak Medal and was also awarded the **Director General Coast Guard Commendation** in 2012 and the FOCINC (East) Commendation in 2009.



Launch of ‘Samarthak’

- The first ship of the two Multi Purpose Vessel project, being built by **L&T, Shipyard** for the Indian Navy, was launched on 14 Oct 24 at L&T, Kattupalli. In keeping with the maritime traditions, the ship was launched by Mrs Shashi Tripathi President NWWA.
- The ship has been named ‘**Samarthak**’ which means ‘**Supporter**’ and is synonymous to the multi-dimensional role envisaged from the platform.
- The contract for building two **Multi Purpose Vessel** was signed between the **Ministry of Defence and L&T Shipyard** on 25 Mar 22.
- These Multi Purpose Vessels will be capable of towing ships, launch and recover various targets, operate uncrewed autonomous vehicles and act as a trial platform for various indigenous weapons and sensors under development.
- The Multi Purpose Vessels can achieve a **maximum speed** of **15 knots** and are **106 m long and 16.8 wide**.



Indian Navy Sailing Championship (INSC) – 2024

- The Indian Navy’s most awaited and the largest sailing regatta, the Indian Navy Sailing Championship (INSC), is set to take place at **Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala** from 16 Oct to 19 Oct 24.

- The **Marakkar Watermanship Training Centre (MWTC)** at INA, one of the finest sailing facilities in the country, is gearing up to host more than 100 participants of the Indian Navy who will test their sailing skills in five different classes of boats in three different formats of racing.
- INSC is an annual inter Command event conducted under the aegis of Indian Naval Sailing Association (INSA) based at Naval Headquarters to encourage participation of naval personnel in competitive sailing.
- Racing will take place in four most popular formats of sailing. Fleet Racing will be in **International Laser Class Association (ILCA-6) class boat for women, ILCA-7 class boat for men and Bic Beach class boat for windsurfing open**. Team Racing will take place in Enterprise class boat.



Chief of Army Staff Embarks On A Visit To Japan

- General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), departed on a visit to Japan from 14th to 17th October 2024, marking a significant step in bolstering the defence cooperation between India and Japan.
- **On 14th October 2024**, General Upendra Dwivedi interacted with Shri Sibi George, Indian Ambassador to Japan and would thereafter engage in discussion on India-Japan relations at the Embassy of India, Tokyo.
- **On 15th October 2024**, the COAS will engage in dialogues with the senior military leadership of Japan at the MoD in Ichigaya.
- **On 16th October 2024**, General Upendra Dwivedi, the COAS, accompanied by Gen MORISHITA Yasunori, Chief of Staff, Japan Ground Self Defence Force, will

visit Fuji School, wherein he will engage in a conversation with Lt Gen Kodama Yasuyuki, Commanding Gen of Fuji School.

- **On 17th October 2024**, the COAS will visit Hiroshima, wherein he will lay a wreath at Hiroshima Peace Park and pay floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi's Statue at the Peace Park.



Vice Admiral Kavita Sahai Assumes Charge As DGMS Navy

- **Surgeon Vice Admiral Kavita Sahai**, SM, VSM assumes charge as Director General Medical Services (Navy) on 14 Oct 24. The Flag Officer was commissioned in the Army Medical Corps on 30 Dec 1986.
- An alumna of the prestigious **Armed Forces Medical College Pune**, she has specialized in Pathology and super specialized in Oncopathology from the prestigious AIIMS, New Delhi.



11th India Sweden Innovation Day

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Minister of State (I/C) for Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Dr Jitendra Singh has called for bilateral collaboration between India and Sweden at multiple levels.
- In **Global Innovation Index (GII) 2024**, **Sweden ranks 2nd** among the 39 economies in Europe and among the 133 global economies featured in the GI 2024.
- The theme for 2024 is “**Accelerating Green Growth for Inclusive Transition**”.
- Dr Jitendra Singh said, "India and Sweden are strengthening partnership in green technology through initiatives like **Lead IT 2.0**, focusing on low-carbon industrial transitions, sustainable energy, and smart transport.”



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Who recently assumed charge as the Director General Medical Services (Navy) on 14th October 2024?

- A. Surgeon Vice Admiral Anil Chopra
- B. Surgeon Vice Admiral Kavita Sahai
- C. Surgeon Vice Admiral Sunita Sharma
- D. Surgeon Vice Admiral Vikram Singh

ANSWER: B

2. Where is the Indian Navy Sailing Championship (INSC) 2024 set to take place?

- A. Visakhapatnam
- B. Mumbai
- C. Kochi
- D. Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala

ANSWER: D

3. What is the name of the first ship of the Multi Purpose Vessel project launched by L&T Shipyard for the Indian Navy?

- A. Samarthak
- B. Veer
- C. Shaurya
- D. Vikrant

ANSWER: A

4. Which country's defence cooperation did General Upendra Dwivedi, visit to bolster from October 2024?

- A. Japan
- B. France
- C. United States
- D. Russia

ANSWER: A

5. Who has been appointed as the new chief of the Indian Coast Guard in October 2024?

- A. K Natarajan

- B. Rajendra Singh
- C. S Paramesh
- D. M V Baduria

ANSWER: C

6. Ex 'SURYA KIRAN' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: D

7. Pinaka Is Developed By

- A. JAXA
- B. DRDO
- C. Boeing
- D. CSL

ANSWER: B

8. Ex 'IBSMAR' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Brazil
- B. South Africa
- C. UAE
- D. Both A&B

ANSWER: D

9. "High Altitude Warfare School" Comes Under Which Command?

- A. Eastern Command
- B. Northern Command
- C. Western Command
- D. Army Training Command

ANSWER: B

10. PATRIOT Guidance Missile System Developed By B/W

- A. USA
- B. China
- C. Germany
- D. Russia

ANSWER: A

11. 'Konkan - Shakti' conducted b/w India &

- A. Singapore
- B. Oman
- C. Indonesia
- D. United Kingdom

ANSWER: D

12. The Karakoram Range covers parts of

- A. Afghanistan, China, Indonesia
- B. Afghanistan, China, India
- C. Afghanistan, China, India, Pakistan, and Tajikistan
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

13. Sarvatra Vijay Is The Motto Of

- A. RAJPUT REGIMENT
- B. DOGRA REGIMENT
- C. SIKH REGIMENT
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

14. "Kartavyam Anvatma" (Duty before death) Is The Motto Of

- A. RAJPUT REGIMENT
- B. DOGRA REGIMENT
- C. SIKH REGIMENT
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

15. Which of the following is NOT a landlocked country?

- A. Laos
- B. Serbia
- C. Ethiopia
- D. Cambodia

ANSWER: D

16. QRFV Stands For

- A. Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle

- B. Query Reaction Fighting Vehicle
- C. Quick Reaction Fighter Vehicle
- D. Quick Reactive Fighting Vehicle

ANSWER: A

17. Which Is The 3rd Highest Rank of The Indian Army?

- A. Major General
- B. Lt Colonel
- C. Major
- D. Captain

ANSWER: A

18. Which Countries Are Divided By The Nine Dash Line?

- A. People's Republic of China and PRC Taiwan
- B. Afghanistan and Pakistan
- C. Afghanistan and Iran
- D. India and Myanmar

ANSWER: A

19. Kakrapar Atomic Power Station is located in ____.

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Gujarat
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Uttarakhand

ANSWER: B

20. Mil Mi-35 Is A

- A. Attack Helicopter
- B. Fighter Jet
- C. Tank
- D. UAV

ANSWER: A