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Police Commemoration Day 2024

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah will pay homage to the martyrs on **Police Commemoration Day** at National Police Memorial in New Delhi on Monday, **21st October 2024**.
- On **October 21, 1959**, **ten valiant Policemen laid down their lives** in an ambush laid by heavily armed **Chinese troops at Hot Springs, Ladakh**. October 21 is observed in commemoration of these martyrs and of all other martyrs who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty.
- Police Commemoration Day i.e., October 21 is observed across the country and homage is paid to police martyrs with the main function organised at National Police Memorial which is customarily presided over by the Union Home Minister. A joint parade of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) along with Delhi Police is held. Union Home Minister, MoS, MPs, Heads of CAPFs/CPOs etc pay homage to the martyrs by laying wreaths.
- Thereafter, Union Home Minister addresses the assembly remembering the martyrs and outlines the challenges of Policing. Retired DGs, officers from Police fraternity and other dignitaries also attend. The programme concludes with Union Home Minister laying wreath at the altar dedicated to the martyrs of Hot Springs. The event is telecast live on Doordarshan, webcast on Police websites besides coverage by AIR and other media.



India Names Canada Border Police Official In Terror Case

- Amid a massive diplomatic row between Indian and Canada over the killing of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, New Delhi has reportedly added a **Canadian Border Service Agency (CBSA)** official, identified as Sandeep Singh Sidhu, to its list of fugitive terrorists sought for deportation.
- PM Justin Trudeau and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police went public this week with allegations that Indian diplomats were targeting Sikh separatists in Canada by sharing information about them with their government back home.
- Reports indicate that Sandeep Singh Sidhu, an employee of the CBSA and a member of the banned International Sikh Youth Federation (ISYF), is accused of promoting terrorist activities in Punjab. Sandeep Singh Sidhu allegedly had ties with Pakistan-based Khalistan terrorist Lakhbir Singh Rode and other ISI operatives, reportedly playing a role in the 2020 assassination of Balwinder Singh Sandhu.



India, Saudi Arabia Review Work Of Strategic Partnership Council Committee

- India and Saudi Arabia held a meeting in New Delhi to review the work of the Political, Security, Social and Cultural Committee of the Strategic Partnership Council between the two countries.
- The Indian delegation was led by Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, while the Saudi delegation was led by Deputy Minister of Political Affairs, Saud Al Sati. The two sides on Friday also discussed bilateral matters and regional/ global issues of mutual interest.
- The **Strategic Partnership Council (SPC)** agreement was signed in 2019 which established a high-level council to steer the Indo-Saudi relationship.
- The SPC has two sub-committees - Committee on Political, Security, Social and Cultural Cooperation and Committee on Economy and Investments.



Defence Ministry Considers Establishing Umbrella Body

- The Defence Ministry is exploring the creation of a **National Aerospace Testing Establishment (NATE)** to oversee and streamline the testing and evaluation of all military aircraft, helicopters, drones, and airborne weapons.
- This proposed body aims to integrate various agencies, including the armed forces, DRDO, and defence PSUs like HAL, under a single entity, enhancing efficiency and reducing delays in project timelines.
- NATE will provide a "synergistic approach" to flight-testing, which currently involves multiple organizations conducting time-consuming ground and airborne trials.
- By consolidating these efforts, NATE will not only streamline processes but also shorten the prototype development cycle, benefiting the growing private sector, MSMEs, and start-ups involved in military aviation.
- Countries like the UK and France have similar centralized flight-testing structures, and it is believed that establishing NATE will lead to better utilization of existing resources and a more integrated approach to aviation development in India.



Russia Won't Let Ukraine Obtain Nuclear Weapons

- Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Friday Russia would not let Ukraine get nuclear weapons, after Ukraine's leader said that since Kyiv had given up its Soviet-era nuclear arms, it must join NATO.
- Putin said any move by Ukraine to get nuclear weapons could not be concealed and would draw an appropriate Russian response. "**Russia will not allow this to happen, no matter what,**" he told.

- Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said he had told U.S. presidential candidate Donald Trump that Ukraine needed either nuclear weapons or NATO membership for its security - but as it gave up nuclear weapons after the breakup of the Soviet Union, joining NATO was the only way it could deter Russia.
- Ukraine inherited nuclear weapons after the breakup of the Soviet Union but voluntarily relinquished them in the 1990s in return for guarantees of its territorial integrity, a deal it says Moscow reneged on by invading its land.



Swavlamban Shakti Exercise

- With the aim of enhancing combat capabilities through the integration of niche and emerging technologies, the **Army's Sudarshan Chakra Corps of Southern Command** is conducting 'Exercise SWAVLAMBAN SHAKTI' at Babina Field Firing Ranges near **Jhansi**.
- The exercise began on Thursday and will continue till October 22, a defence release said here. The **XXI Corps or Sudarshan Chakra Corps**, a strike corps of the army, is **headquartered in Bhopal**.
- The exercise that aims to integrate New Technology Equipment (NTEs) into the Army's offensive strategies, ensuring readiness for future warfare scenarios.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Where is the Army's Sudarshan Chakra Corps headquartered?

- A. Jhansi
- B. Bhopal
- C. Pune
- D. Jaipur

ANSWER: B

2. What is the purpose of the National Aerospace Testing Establishment proposed by the Defence Ministry?

- A. To train military pilots
- B. To oversee testing and evaluation of military aircraft and drones
- C. To develop advanced fighter jets
- D. To design new defense helicopters

ANSWER: B

3. When is Police Commemoration Day observed?

- A. October 10
- B. October 15
- C. October 21
- D. October 25

ANSWER: C

4. Defence Industrial Corridors Was Inaugurated In

- A. 2018

- B. 2017
- C. 2020
- D. 2022

ANSWER: A

5. 'Konkan – Naval Exercise' Conducted b/w India

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

ANSWER: D

6. Permanent Secretariat of Colombo Security Conclave Is In

- A. Accra, Ghana
- B. New Delhi
- C. Colombo
- D. Mauritius

ANSWER: C

7. Defence Industrial Corridors Was Inaugurated In

- A. 2018
- B. 2021
- C. 2022
- D. 2016

ANSWER: A

8. The Karakorams 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

9. Army War College Is In

- A. Mhow
- B. New Delhi
- C. Noida
- D. Nagpur

ANSWER: A

10. Sarvatra Vijay Is The Motto Of

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

ANSWER: A

11. Where Is The Training Command of The IAF?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

12. Exercise Cope India Conducted b/w

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

ANSWER: A

13. “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

14. The Cheetah Is A

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

ANSWER: A

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

- A. Laos

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

ANSWER: D

16. "THE ROOM ON THE ROOF " Book Written By

- A. Ruskin Bond
- B. Satyajit Ray
- C. Manohar Malgonkar
- D. Nirad C. Chaudhuri

ANSWER: A

17. Exercise Lamitiye Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: D

18. Rashtriya Raksha University Is In

- A. Gandhinagar
- B. Mumbai
- C. New Delhi
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: A

19. HSTDV Stands For

- A. Hypersonic Technology Vehicle
- B. Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle
- C. Hypersonic Technology Detonator Vehicle
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

20. Joint Ex B/w The India And Singapore Is Called:

- A. Bold Kurukshetra
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: A