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Sampark 4.0 – An Echs Outreach Initiative

- The fourth edition of ‘SAMPARK’, an ECHS (Navy) outreach initiative, part of the Indian Navy's unwavering commitment to provide quality healthcare services to the Naval Veterans/ Veer Naris and their families, is being launched from 16 Dec 24, covering various locations in Maharashtra.
- Sampark 4.0 will focus on establishing direct communication channels between the veterans and ECHS(Navy), promoting a sense of camaraderie and support within the veteran community.
- ‘Sampark’ also aims to foster a deeper sense of trust among veterans and their families, ensuring that they feel heard, supported, and cared for. This outreach will also enhance awareness amongst the veterans and their families by educating them about various healthcare services, entitlements and procedures within ECHS, empowering them to access these benefits in a better manner.



The poster features the Indian Navy logo on the top left and the ECHS logo on the top right. The text is centered and uses a mix of blue, orange, and black colors. The background of the poster shows a silhouette of a person and a ship on the water.

"SAMPARK 4.0"
**VETERAN OUTREACH INITIATIVE BY THE
INDIAN NAVY**

**TEAM ECHS(N) EXTENDS INVITATION TO
BRAVE VETERANS AND VEER NARIS
OF MAHARASHTRA**

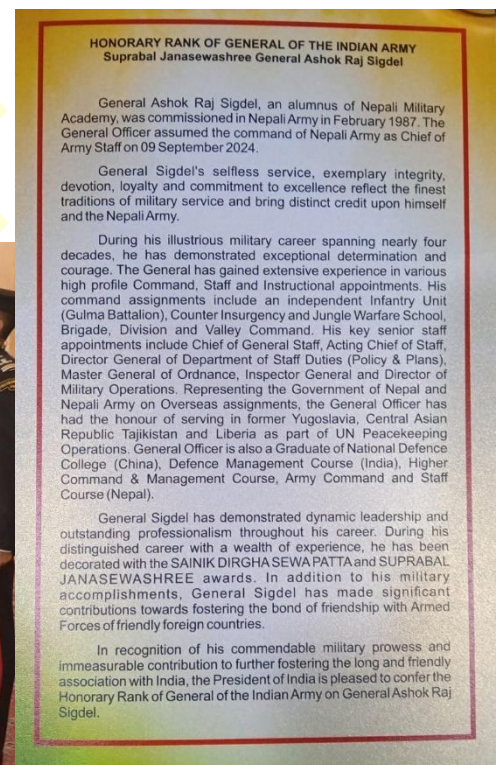
JOIN US AT THE FOLLOWING ECHS POLYCLINICS
FOR AN INTERACTIVE AND IMMERSIVE SESSION
OF ECHS RELATED DISCUSSIONS:-

THANE	-	16 DEC 24
NASIK	-	17 DEC 24
AURANGABAD	-	18 DEC 24
AHMEDNAGAR	-	19 DEC 24
SOLAPUR	-	20 DEC 24
KOLHAPUR	-	21 DEC 24
PUNE	-	23 DEC 24

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Nepali Army Chief General Ashok Raj Sigdel Conferred Honourary Rank of General Of Indian Army

- Suprabal Janasewashree General Ashok Raj Sigdel, Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) of the Nepali Army, continued his official visit to India today, marking a historic and symbolic moment in Nepal-India defence relations.
- On the second day of his visit, General Sigdel was conferred with the Honourary Rank of General of the Indian Army, a unique and cherished tradition between the two armies that further strengthens the military ties.
- As part of his visit, General Sigdel also planted a sapling at Manekshaw Centre, located opposite upcoming Thal Sena Bhawan in New Delhi. This gesture symbolises the deep rooted and enduring relationship between the Nepali and Indian armies, serving as a mark of commitment by both partners.



9th India-Thailand Defence Dialogue

- The 9th India-Thailand Defence Dialogue took place in New Delhi on December 12, 2024. The meeting was co-chaired by Joint Secretary (International Cooperation) Shri Amitabh Prasad and Thailand's Deputy Permanent Secretary for Defence Gen Tharapong Malakam.

- Both sides agreed for early establishment of Joint Working Group to effectively steer and monitor the cooperation in the areas of defence industry. Both sides also agreed to conduct SME Exchange between Indian and the Thai Armed Forces to carry forward and institutionalise regular engagement in niche domains.
- Earlier in the day, the Deputy Permanent Secretary laid a wreath and paid homage to the fallen heroes at National War Memorial, New Delhi. The Thailand delegation also visited National Museum and paid respects to the Holy relics of Lord Buddha placed at Museum.
- As part of the visit, the Thailand delegation will visit DRDO headquarters and discuss ways to enhance defence industrial capabilities by cooperation in defence research and joint production.



MoD Signs Contract with HAL for 12 Su-30MKI

- In a major boost to the Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiative of the government, a contract for procurement of 12 Su-30MKI aircraft along with associated equipment has been signed between Ministry of Defence and M/s HAL on at an approximate cost of **13,500 Crore** inclusive of taxes and duties.
- The aircraft would have an indigenous content of 62.6%, enhanced due to indiginisation of many components to be manufactured by Indian defence industry.
- These aircraft would be manufactured at Nasik division of HAL. The supply of these aircraft would enhance operational capability of Indian Air Force and strengthen defence preparedness of the country.



Indian Light Tank Achieves Major Milestone

- Indian Light Tank (ILT) has achieved a major milestone by firing a number of rounds at different ranges at an altitude of more than 4200m, at a High Altitude Location with consistently accurate results.
- This was subsequent to the Phase I trial in desert environment in September 2024. This light tank has been defined, designed and developed by Combat Vehicles Research & Development Establishment, the Chennai-based laboratory of DRDO against the Provisional Staff Qualitative Requirements of Indian Army.
- It is manufactured by the Industry Partner **Larsen & Toubro Precision Engineering & Systems**.
- ILT is being designed as a 25-ton class armoured fighting vehicle to meet the requirements of the Armed Forces for High altitude applications. In an integrated manner, the design to realisation to demonstration at high altitude has been achieved in three years.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which company is the industry partner manufacturing the Indian Light Tank (ILT)?

- A. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- B. Larsen & Toubro Precision Engineering & Systems
- C. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- D. Tata Advanced Systems

ANSWER: B

2. How many Su-30MKI aircraft has the Ministry of Defence contracted HAL to procure?

- A. 10
- B. 12
- C. 15
- D. 20

ANSWER: B

3. Who is the Special Director of the Intelligence Bureau (IB)?

- A. Nalin Prabhat
- B. Sapna Tewari
- C. An Odisha cadre IPS officer
- D. Director General of the National Security Guard

ANSWER: B

4. Armoured Corps Centre & School (ACC&S) Is In

- A. Chennai
- B. Pune
- C. Ahmednagar
- D. Nashik

ANSWER: C

5. PADMA Stands For

- A. Pay Roll Automation for Disbursement of Monthly Allowances
- B. Pay Roll Automation for Digital Monthly Allowances
- C. Pay Roll Automated for Disbursement of Monthly Allowances

D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

6. India's One and Only Tri-Services Command

- A. New Delhi
- B. Northern Army Command
- C. Andaman & Nicobar Command
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

7. The ALH MK III Helicopters Have Been Indigenously Manufactured By__.

- A. Boeing
- B. HAL
- C. DRDO
- D. Dassault Aviation

ANSWER: B

8. INS Satpura Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Guided Missile Stealth Frigate

ANSWER: D

9. HEAT Stands For ____.

- A. Highly Explosive Anti-Tank
- B. Highest Explosive Anti-Tank
- C. High Explosive Anti-Tank
- D. High Explore Anti-Tank

ANSWER: C

10. Current Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Is__.

- A. Dr. Samir Kamath
- B. Dr. Rakesh
- C. Dr. Rajiv Kumar
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

11. The Hawker Siddeley HS 748 Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Transport Aircraft

ANSWER: D

12. Juba Is The Capital Of

- A. South Sudan
- B. Spain
- C. Sweden
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

13. "Legend of Suheldev: The King Who Saved India" Book Is Written By

- A. Urjit Patel
- B. Stephen King
- C. J.K Rowling
- D. Amish Tripathi

ANSWER: D

14. Duty, Honour, Courage Is The Motto Of

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

ANSWER: A

15. Prahaar Missile Manufactured By

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

ANSWER: B

16. 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

17. INS Jalashwa Is A

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

ANSWER: D

18. Exercises B/w The India And UK Is Called:

- A. Desert Eagle
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Indradhanush

ANSWER: D

19. How Many Countries Are In SAARC?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 8
- D. 6

ANSWER: C

20. Current CDS of Indian Armed Forces Is

- A. Gen Anil Chauhan
- B. Gen Bipin Rawat
- C. Gen M M Narravane
- D. None

ANSWER: A

