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Expansion of NCC by 3 Lakh Cadets

- Union Minister of State for Defence, Sanjay Seth, on Tuesday announced a major expansion of the National Cadet Corps (NCC), with plans to add three lakh new cadets across the country.
- The announcement came during the inauguration of a conference of Special Joint State Representatives and Additional/Deputy Directors General (JS R&A/D) of the NCC in Bhopal.
- “The NCC instills a spirit of nationalism and service. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has resolved to raise the number of cadets to between 17 and 20 lakh. With support from all states, we will soon achieve this target,” he said.
- During the event, Director General of NCC, Lt Gen Gurbirpal Singh, outlined the organisation’s achievements and future plans. He stressed the need for robust training and camping infrastructure nationwide and emphasized efforts to boost youth participation and enhance cadet performance.



UK Moving To Warfighting Readiness

- Asserting that Britain is moving to "warfighting readiness", British Prime Minister Keir Starmer on Monday said the country faces "war in Europe, new nuclear risks, daily cyber attacks, growing Russian aggression in our waters" and the threat the country now faces "is more serious, more immediate and more unpredictable".
- Speaking on the Strategic Defence Review, during which he unveiled the government's defence spending plans, Starmer said Britain's defence policy will always be "NATO first".
- The SDR also includes plans to build 12 attack submarines under the AUKUS programme, enhancing NATO's deterrence capabilities as well as investment of



India, UK hold 17th UK-India Foreign Office Consultations

- Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri and UK Permanent Under-Secretary Oliver Robbins co-chaired the **17th UK-India Foreign Office Consultations** and the inaugural **Strategic Exports and Technology Cooperation Dialogue** in the national capital, focusing on deepening the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership across trade, technology, defence, and people-to-people exchanges.
- The Foreign Secretary also thanked the UK Government for its expression of solidarity and support in India's fight against terrorism.
- According to a statement from the UK High Commission, the discussions reviewed significant breakthroughs like the historic trade deal. They set an

ambitious roadmap for the next decade, underscoring the UK's commitment to economic growth and mutual cooperation on global issues.



"Results and How You Act Are Important," CDS

- CDS General Anil Chauhan delivered a special lecture on 'Future Wars and Warfare' at Savitribai Phule University in Pune, Maharashtra. The CDS clarified the Armed Forces' position on losses faced during Operation Sindoor. Using a cricket analogy, the CDS said the results were more important.
- "When I was asked about losses on our side, I said these are not important. The results and how you act are important. It would not be very correct to talk about losses... Suppose you go to a cricket match, and you win by an innings defeat, then there's no question of how many wickets, how many balls and how many players... Based on technical parameters, we will take out this particular data and share it with you. We will tell you how many aircraft we destroyed and how many radars we destroyed. We'll make a rough assessment of that and come out with that shortly." Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan said
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- Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan said, "...On the 10th of May, at about 1 am, their (Pakistan's) aim was to get India to its knees in 48 hours. Multiple attacks were launched, and in some manner, they have escalated this conflict, which we had hit only terror targets... Operations which they thought would continue for 48 hours, folded up in about 8 hours, and then they picked up the telephone and said they wanted to talk..."

- He said that the Pahalgam attack was the starting point of the war.
- Talking about terrorism, CDS Chauhan said, "...The whole starting point of this particular war was the Pahalgam terror attack. Is terrorism a rational act of warfare? I don't think that's because terrorism has no defined logic..."
- On Pakistan's attitude towards India, he added, "As far as our adversary is concerned, it has decided to bleed India by a thousand cuts...In 1965, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto declared a thousand-year war against India when he addressed the United Nations Security Council..."
- On May 7, the Indian Armed Forces carried out Operation Sindoor, eliminating nine terror sites deep inside Pakistan. In response, the Pakistani side attempted to target Indian defence and civil installations. India retaliated with precision strikes, destroying several Pakistan air bases. An understanding on the cessation of hostilities was reached on May 10.



Reliance Infra Targets Rs 3,000 Cr Defence Exports

- Reliance Infrastructure Ltd, the flagship company of Anil Ambani's Reliance Group, is targeting Rs 3,000 crore from the export of 155 mm ammunition and aggregates by the end of financial year 2027, sources said.
- In the current year itself, the company is estimated to export Rs 1,500 crore of large calibre ammunition.
- Reliance Infrastructure has already clocked exports of up to Rs 100 crore of artillery ammunition and aggregates and is aiming to be among the top three exporters of defence equipment in India, sources aware of the matter said.

- The key export market for Reliance includes countries in the European Union, focusing on large restocking demand for artillery ammunition.
- According to the experts, the market size for restocking is estimated at Rs 4,00,000 crore.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **Who co-chaired the 17th UK-India Foreign Office Consultations held in New Delhi?**
A. S. Jaishankar and James Cleverly
B. Vikram Misri and Oliver Robbins
C. Sanjay Seth and Boris Johnson
D. Ajit Doval and David Cameron

ANSWER: B

2. **What significant announcement did Sanjay Seth make regarding the NCC?**
A. Launch of a new defence university
B. Deployment of NCC cadets to border areas
C. Addition of three lakh new cadets to the NCC
D. Introduction of NCC in all private schools

ANSWER: C

3. **In which country is the 2025 edition of the exercise with India "NOMADIC ELEPHANT" being held?**
A. Mongolia
B. Thailand
C. Nepal

D. Bhutan

ANSWER: A

4. In which area was Operation Nader launched by Indian security forces to target terrorists?

- A. Pulwama
- B. Tral
- C. Baramulla
- D. Shopian

ANSWER: B

5. 'Ex AL NAGAH, NASEEM-AL-BAHR, Ex EASTERN BRIDGE' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: B

6. Who Is The Chairman Of The National Command Authority Of India?

- A. PM
- B. NSA
- C. Cabinet Secretary
- D. Defence Minister

ANSWER: A

7. 'Ex KOMODO' Hosted By

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

ANSWER: D

8. Operational Range of Rudram-1 Is

- A.** 150 km
- B.** 250 km
- C.** 350 km

D. 450 km

ANSWER: B

9. Army Air Defence College Is In

- A. Gopalpur, Odisha
- B. Pune, M.H.
- C. Chennai, T.N.
- D. None

ANSWER: A

10. "Sarvatra Izzat-o-Iqbal" Is The Motto Of

- A. Dogra Scouts
- B. Sikkim Scouts
- C. Regiment Of Artillery
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

11. Prahaar Missile Manufactured By

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

ANSWER: B

12. Thales Group Is A Company of ____

- A. UK
- B. USA
- C. Germany
- D. France

ANSWER: D

13. Which Of The Following Is Not The Command Location Of The Indian Army?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Lucknow
- C. Pune
- D. Jaipur

ANSWER: A

14. Which Is The 2 Star Rank In The Indian Army?

- A. Brigadier
- B. Major General
- C. Lt Gen
- D. Colonel

ANSWER: B

15. Bratislava Is The Capital

- A. Oman
- B. Serbia
- C. UAE
- D. Slovakia

ANSWER: D

16. "Courts of India" Book Is Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. CJI Ranjan Gogoi (Former)
- C. Roopa Pai
- D. Peter Baker

ANSWER: B

17. World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) Hq Is At

- A. Paris, France
- B. Vienna, Austria
- C. New York, USA
- D. Geneva, Switzerland

ANSWER: D

18. UNICEF Stands For

- A. Union Nations Children's Fund
- B. United Nations Children's Fund
- C. United Nations Children's Future
- D. United International Nations Children's Fund

ANSWER: B

19. __Himalayan pass is situated b/w India and China.

- A. Shenkora
- B. Thalghat

- C. Bhorphat
- D. Shipki La

ANSWER: D

20. Wartime Gallantry Award Is/Are

- A. Param Vir Chakra
- B. Maha Vir Chakra
- C. Vir Chakra
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: D