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CDS Anil Chauhan's Tenure Extended By 8 Months

- New Delhi, Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan's tenure has been extended up to May next year, the government said on Wednesday.
- Gen Chauhan's current stint as the top military officer is scheduled to end on September 30. He has been serving as the Chief of Defence Staff since September 30, 2022.
- The defence ministry said the government has approved the extension of service of Gen Chauhan as CDS and Secretary, Department of Military Affairs, up to May 30 next year or until further orders, whichever is earlier.



Air Force use would've slowed Chinese offensive in 1962 war: CDS

- Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan has said the use of Air Force would have slowed the Chinese offensive considerably during the 1962 Sino-Indian

war, and it may have been termed as "escalatory" then, but that is not the case now as seen in Operation Sindoor.

- Speaking about the war with China 63 years ago, he noted the forward policy should not have been applied uniformly to Ladakh and **NEFA (North-East Frontier Agency)** or present-day **Arunachal Pradesh**, arguing the two regions had different histories of dispute and entirely different terrain, and following identical policies was flawed.
- General Chauhan made the remarks in a recorded video message played on Wednesday during the release of the revised autobiography of the late Lieutenant General S P P Thorat - 'Reveille to Retreat' - in Pune.
- Lt Gen Thorat was the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command, in the lead-up to the Sino-Indian war.



L&T, BEL Join Hands To Bid For Next-gen Fighter Jet Contract

- New Delhi: India's largest private sector defence player Larsen and Toubro has announced a strategic partnership with state-owned Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) to bid for a mega contract to make next-generation fighter jets for the Air Force.
- The consortium said it will participate in the Expression of Interest notice issued by Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) by submitting a response in the coming weeks, making it the first off the block to announce such a partnership.



Statehood Protest Takes Violent Turn In Ladakh

- Four persons were killed and at least 50 injured in Leh Wednesday as police opened fire after protesters, demanding statehood and seeking extension of Sixth Schedule protections to Ladakh, turned violent. The BJP office in Leh was also torched.
- Following the violence, climate activist Sonam Wangchuk, who was on a hunger strike for the past 35 days in support of Ladakh's demands, called off his fast. The Leh administration has restricted the assembly of four or more people as a precautionary measure.
- The violence came ahead of talks scheduled between the Centre and the Leh Apex Body on October 6, after a gap of four months. Sources at the Centre said the government wanted Wangchuk to be kept out of the negotiations, seeing him as a hurdle in the negotiations.
- Wangchuk, who said the people were frustrated as "next elections are about to happen and they (the Centre) are yet to fulfil promises made in the last elections", claimed they were now expecting a high-level delegation from the Home Ministry to meet them in Ladakh on Thursday.
- The Gen Z remark seemed to be a reference to the violent protests in Nepal recently led by youths, which led to the overthrow of the government.



Deal 66,500 Crore for 97 Tejas Mark-1A Fighters

- The largest-ever contract worth Rs 66,500 crore for 97 Tejas Mark-1A fighters is now all set to be inked with HAL though the IAF is yet to get even the first such 'improved' jet of the 83 ordered earlier for Rs 46,898 crore in Feb 2021.
- The mega 97-jet contract for the fourth-generation Tejas could be inked as early as Thursday, a day ahead of the retirement of 36 old MiG-21s that will drag down the IAF to its all-time low of 29 fighter squadrons (each has 16-18 jets).
- Pakistan, in contrast, is cruising close behind with 25 fighter squadrons, and will get at least 40 J-35A fifth-generation Chinese stealth jets in the near future. China, of course, is leagues ahead, with more than four times the number of fighters, bombers and force-multipliers as compared to India.
- After Operation Sindoor, which saw Pakistan use Chinese-origin jets like J-10s armed with PL-15 beyond visual range air-to-air missiles with ranges over 200-km, an IAF internal assessment has held it will need far more than even its "authorized" 42.5 fighter squadrons to tackle the collusive and fused threat from its adversaries.
- GE has delivered three engines till now, with another seven slated by Dec. Thereafter, GE is expected to deliver 20 engines every year. For the 97-jet deal, HAL will ink another deal with GE for 113 more such engines for \$1 billion.



Idea Forge, First Breach Launch 'First Forge' JV To Manufacture UAV

- Indian drone manufacturer idea Forge Technology Limited has announced the formation of a joint venture with US-based First Breach to supply and manufacture UAVs in the United States. The new entity, named First Forge Technology Inc., will focus on advancing UAV production for the US market.
- According to regulatory filings, First Forge Technology Inc. will be engaged in a wide array of activities, including licensing, sourcing, designing, engineering, manufacturing, and distribution of specific UAV platforms in the US. The effort is aimed at creating a localised supply chain that ensures compliance with US market standards and defence procurement requirements.
- By combining cutting-edge drone technologies with robust US manufacturing capacities, the First Forge joint venture is set to enhance competitive positioning in the UAV sector. If executed successfully, it could establish idea Forge as a global defence technology player while strengthening the US drone supply chain.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which two companies have announced a strategic partnership to bid for next-gen fighter jet contracts?

- A. HAL and DRDO
- B. L&T and BEL
- C. Tata Advanced Systems and ISRO
- D. Adani Defence and BHEL

ANSWER: B

2. What is the worth of the largest-ever contract for 97 Tejas Mark-1A fighters?

- A. ₹46,898 crore
- B. ₹50,000 crore
- C. ₹66,500 crore
- D. ₹70,000 crore

ANSWER: C

3. Idea Forge has partnered with which company to form the joint venture 'First Forge Technology Inc.'?

- A. Lockheed Martin
- B. Boeing
- C. First Breach
- D. General Atomics

ANSWER: C

4. Operation Trident Was Conducted In

- A. 1978
- B. 1988
- C. 1998
- D. 1971

ANSWER: D

5. Rustom Is A Medium Altitude Long Endurance UAV Being Developed By The

- _____.
- A. DRDO
 - B. NASA
 - C. ISRO

D. HAL

ANSWER: A

6. Which Transport Tactical Lifter Capable Of Carrying Payload Of More Than 50 Tons Is Also Used In Various Operations By IAF?

A. C-17

B. C-130J

C. IL-76

D. Mirage 2000

ANSWER: A

7. Which Force Is Deployed At India, Nepal And Bhutan Border?

A. Sashastra Seema Bal

B. Central Industrial Security Force

C. National Security Guard

D. Indo-Tibetan Border Police

ANSWER: A

8. Who Among The Following Has Become The First Ever Woman Pilot Of The Indian Navy?

A. Chhavi Rajawat

B. Shubhangi Swaroop

C. Sita Sahu

D. Asha Roy

ANSWER: B

9. What Is The Code Name Of The First Nuclear Test Of India?

A. Chagai 1-1

B. Smiling Buddha

C. Project 596

D. Shakti 1 – 1

ANSWER: B

10. Which Is The Smallest Unit Of The Indian Army?

A. Corps

B. Section

C. Battalion

D. Platoon

ANSWER: B

11. What Is The Highest Military Honour Of India?

- A. Param Vir Chakra
- B. Bharat Ratna
- C. Maha Vir Chakra
- D. Padma Bhushan

ANSWER: A

12. When Was The Indian Air Force Founded?

- A. 30th October 1934
- B. 27th October 1932
- C. 8th October 1933
- D. 8th October 1932

ANSWER: D

13. What Is SRBM Developed By DRDO?

- A. Static-Range Ballistic Missile
- B. Scientific-Range Ballistic Missile
- C. Short-Range Ballistic Memory
- D. Short-Range Ballistic Missile

ANSWER: D

14. What Is The India-China Border Line Called?

- A. McMahon Line
- B. Marginal Line
- C. Mannerheim Line
- D. Medicine Line

ANSWER: A

15. The "Ladakh Scouts" Is Also Known As -

- A. Snow Lions
- B. Snow Warriors
- C. Snow Leopards
- D. Snow Jackals

ANSWER: B

16. Shenyang FC-31 Is A

- A. Destroyer

- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: D

17. Armed Forces Medical College Is Located At

- A. Mumbai
- B. Pune
- C. Nashik
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

18. "White Darkness: And Other Stories," Authored By

- A. Lt Gen Y K Joshi
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Lt Col Ramesh Menon (Retd)

ANSWER: D

19. Where Is The Hq Of The Southwestern Command of The Indian Army?

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Pune
- D. Jaipur

ANSWER: D

20. Brigadier Rank of Indian Army Is Equivalent to which rank of Indian Navy?

- A. Commodore
- B. Captain
- C. Commander
- D. Lieutenant

ANSWER: A