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IAF's New Nyoma Airbase Operational

- India's newest airbase at Nyoma in Ladakh has been inaugurated, with Air Chief Marshal AP Singh landing a C-130J transport aircraft at the facility.
- Located just 35 km from the China border, air force station Mudh-Nyoma is capable of fighter jet operations and is probably the highest such airfield of its kind, located at 13,700 feet.
- The project to transform Nyoma from an air strip that was used earlier by military transport aircraft to a full-fledged airbase that can handle high tempo fighter jet operations was completed in just over two years, with the Border Roads Organisation tasked with the job.
- The foundation stone for the base was laid by defence minister Rajnath Singh in September 2023. The decision to transform Nyoma into a frontline fighter base-the closest India currently has with China-was taken after the troop building by PLA forces in eastern Ladakh in 2020, which were followed by deadly clashes.
- "Developed at a cost of approximately ₹200 crore, the base will boost the air infrastructure in Ladakh and augment IAF's capability along the northern border," an official said. Earlier, the defence minister had said the airfield will prove to be a "game-changer" for the armed forces.



Navy Chief in US

- New Delhi: Navy chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi has proceeded on an official visit to the US and is scheduled to meet the top brass and senior officials in the US Department of War.
- The officer will be in the US till November 17 and is scheduled to visit operational commands and key naval institutions.
- "Discussions are expected to focus on shared maritime priorities in the Indo-Pacific, collaboration within multilateral frameworks such as, MILAN, and the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) initiatives," an official said.
- Admiral Tripathi will meet Adm Samuel J Paparo, commander, United States Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM), and Adm Stephen T Koehler, commander, United States Pacific Fleet (USPACFLT), besides other senior naval leadership.



'Terrorist Incident': Cabinet Passes Resolution

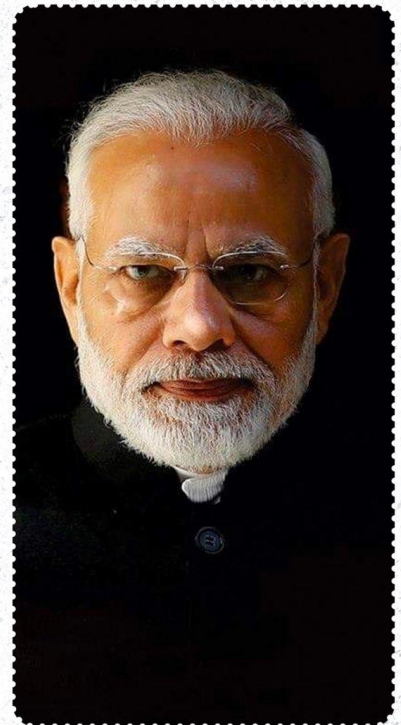
- The PM Modi-led Union Cabinet on Wednesday directed that the investigation into the "terrorist" car explosion near Delhi's Red Fort on November 10 be pursued "with the utmost urgency and professionalism." A Resolution passed by the Cabinet on the matter further confirmed the tragedy as a "terrorist incident" for the first time.

CABINET DECISION

MODI GOVT'S **ZERO TOLERANCE TO TERROR REAFFIRMED**

Union Cabinet Resolution on Red Fort Incident

- Condemns the cowardly terror attack near Red Fort
- Expresses condolences to victims & prays for the injured
- Appreciates medical teams, responders & citizens for timely action
- Notes global solidarity with India against terrorism
- Directs swift, professional investigation to bring culprits to justice
- Reaffirms India's commitment to national security & citizens' safety



Turkey's Shadow Over Delhi Blast

- A key detail has emerged from ongoing investigations into the November 10 blast near Red Fort metro station in Delhi in which an IED-laden Hyundai i10 exploded amid thick traffic, killing nearly a dozen people.

- initial intelligence inputs suggest that the blast was carried out by a Jaish-e-Muhammed (JeM) module seeking to avenge the extensive damage inflicted on the outfit's Bahawalpur headquarters during Operation Sindoor.
- Investigations indicate that the handlers of the terror group of several doctors responsible for the blast were based in Turkey and were in touch with the module. As per several media reports, Dr Umar Un Nabi, who is presumed to have driven the i10 car, and his accomplice Dr Muzammil Shakeel Ganaie, who has been arrested, had also visited Turkey to plan the attack. Both of them hail from the same village in Pulwama, J&K and worked at the same medical college in Faridabad.
- Curiously, just before the Delhi blast Uttar Pradesh ATS arrested one Farhan Nabi Siddiqui, the co-founder of Istanbul International, from Greater Noida for allegedly publishing hate literature and receiving over Rs 11 crore in foreign funds via hawala. But his Turkish partner Nasi Torba absconded.



IAF 'Maha Gajraj' Exercise

- The Indian Air Force recently executed a significant military drill named 'Maha Gajraj' in Barmer, Rajasthan, demonstrating its tactical adaptability and strategic preparedness.
- During this exercise, a fighter jet successfully performed an emergency landing on the Bharatmala Highway, a vital development that underscores India's evolving defence capabilities.

- The exercise was conducted under the South Western Air Command, where the primary objective was to test the operational readiness of the IAF to utilise highway infrastructure for rapid emergency response.
- The operation demonstrated the IAF's capacity to adapt civil infrastructure for strategic military use, a crucial capability for modern warfare scenarios where traditional airbases may be compromised or inaccessible.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What was the approximate cost of developing the Nyoma Airbase?

- A. ₹100 crore
- B. ₹150 crore
- C. ₹200 crore
- D. ₹250 crore

ANSWER: C

2. Which Indian military exercise demonstrated the emergency landing of a fighter jet on the Bharatmala Highway?

- A. Exercise Trishul
- B. Exercise Brahmashira
- C. Exercise Gagan Shakti
- D. Exercise Maha Gajraj

ANSWER: D

3. Which terrorist group is suspected to be behind the November 10 Red Fort car explosion in Delhi?

- A. Hizbul Mujahideen
- B. Jaish-e-Muhammed (JeM)

- C. Lashkar-e-Taiba
- D. Al-Badr

ANSWER: B

4. Which newly inaugurated airbase of the Indian Air Force is located at 13,700 feet near the China border?

- A. Daulat Beg Oldi Airbase
- B. Nyoma Airbase
- C. Thoise Airbase
- D. Chushul Airbase

ANSWER: B

5. Who landed a C-130J transport aircraft during the inauguration of the Nyoma Airbase?

- A. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh
- B. Lieutenant General Dhiraj Seth
- C. Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh
- D. Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi

ANSWER: C

6. Ex 'RED FLAG' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: D

7. Vayu Sena Medal Is Presented By

- A. IAF
- B. Indian Navy
- C. MOD
- D. None

ANSWER: A

8. IBSAMAR Is A Type Of

- A. Army Ex
- B. Air Force Ex

- C. Naval Ex
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

9. FGM-148 Javelin Is Made By

- A. Boeing
- B. Lockheed Martin
- C. Raytheon
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

10. Infantry School Of Indian Army Is At

- A.** Mhow
- B.** Bhopal
- C.** Gwalior
- D.** Jammu

ANSWER: A

11. HAL HPT-32 Deepak Is A

- A. Trainer Aircraft
- B. Fighter Aircraft
- C. Helicopter
- D. None

ANSWER: A

12. Range of Meteor BVRAAM Missile Is

- A. 150 km
- B. 250 km
- C. 350 km
- D. 450 km

ANSWER: A

13. Shishumar Is A

- A. Air to Air missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Anti-tank Guided missile
- D. Submarine

ANSWER: D

14. INS Kesari Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Landing Ship Tank

ANSWER: D

15. Duty, Honour, Courage Is The Motto Of

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

ANSWER: A

16. Hwasong-17 Is An ICBM Missile of Which Country?

- A. South Korea
- B. North Korea
- C. China
- D. USA

ANSWER: B

17. 'Swift and Sure' Is The Motto Of

- A. Army Aviation Corps
- B. Sikh Regiment
- C. Rajput Regiment
- D. Gorkha

ANSWER: A

18. "Bolo Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj ki jai" Is The War Cry Of

- A. Maratha Light Infantry Regiment
- B. Grenadiers
- C. Punjab Regiment
- D. Parachute Regiment

ANSWER: A

19. Range of RS-28 Sarmat Missile Is

- A. 12000 km

- B. 14000 km
- C. 16000 km
- D. 18000 km

ANSWER: D

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

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

ANSWER: D