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Lt Gen Akhilesh Kumar Takes Charge as GoC of 1 Corps

- Lt Gen Akhilesh Kumar, who has rare and invaluable experience in varied terrains and operational environments, including the Line of Control, has taken charge as the general officer commanding of 1 Corps at Mathura.
- The general officer succeeds Lt Gen V Hariharan. He took charge of 1 Corps on October 1.
- Lt Gen Kumar, Sena Medal, is an alumnus of Sainik School, Tilaiya, and the National Defence Academy, Pune, and was commissioned into 4th Battalion, the Rajputana Rifles on June 13, 1992.



Lt Gen Mohit Seth Takes Over As White Knight Corps Commander

- Lieutenant General Mohit Seth took over as the new General Officer Commanding of the Nagrota-based White Knight Corps from Lieutenant General P K Mishra.

- Before his appointment, Lt Gen Seth served as Commandant of the Indian Military Training Team in Bhutan. An alumnus of the National Defence Academy and National Defence College, he was commissioned into the 3 Madras Regiment in 1991 and had commanded the Army's Kilo Force in Jammu and Kashmir.
- The White Knight Corps was raised on June 1, 1972, with Lt Gen J F R Jacob as its first GOC.



Centre Formalises 28 Strategic Ladakh Locations On Official Map

- In a significant cartographic and strategic move, the Government of India has formally incorporated 28 places and geographical features in Ladakh into the official Survey of India map following consultations with the Union Territory administration.
- The exercise is intended to standardise place names, improve the accuracy of official records and enhance public awareness of important locations across the sensitive Himalayan frontier.
- Among the newly identified sites are Gogra and Hot Spring, two areas that gained prominence during the 2020 India-China military standoff in eastern Ladakh. Both locations remain strategically important because of their proximity to Indian patrol routes along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

- The 2020 border crisis began on 5 May that year following confrontations around Pangong Tso, eventually expanding to multiple friction points across eastern Ladakh. Gogra and Hot Spring subsequently became central locations in negotiations between Indian and Chinese military commanders.
- After prolonged diplomatic and military talks, disengagement measures at several friction points commenced in 2022, reducing immediate tensions while broader boundary issues remained unresolved.
- The newly recognised features encompass a wide range of terrain, including peaks, mountains, passes, glaciers, valleys, rivers, lakes and land areas, reflecting the geographical diversity of Ladakh's high-altitude landscape.



BrahMos Exports To Cross \$600 Million

- India's BrahMos supersonic cruise missile exports are projected to exceed 600 million, with contracts and agreements linked to the Philippines, Vietnam and Indonesia.
- The Philippines has already received BrahMos systems worth about 330 million, while initial exports to Vietnam and Indonesia are estimated at about 100 million and 200 million respectively.
- BrahMos is a supersonic cruise missile developed as a joint venture between India and Russia. It is used in land-based, sea-based and air-launched configurations, and the air-launched version has been integrated with Sukhoi fighter jets.

- The Philippines became the first foreign customer for BrahMos in January 2022. It signed a contract for a Shore-Based Anti-Ship Missile System covering three batteries, which marked the first overseas sale of the missile system.
- India's overall defence exports reached a record ₹38,424 crore in FY 2025-26. This was a 62.66% increase from ₹23,622 crore in the previous fiscal year.
- The three Southeast Asian markets linked to BrahMos exports are the Philippines, Vietnam and Indonesia. These countries are located in maritime Southeast Asia, where anti-ship missile systems are relevant for coastal defence and sea denial roles.



North Korea Test-Fires Ballistic Missile

- North Korea fired a ballistic missile toward the sea on Saturday, South Korea's military said, extending a recent run of weapons tests during heightened tensions between the rivals over border land mine blasts that injured three South Korean soldiers.
- South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the missile launched from the North's eastern coastal Wonsan area flew more than 700 kilometers (435 miles) and that South Korean and U.S. militaries were analyzing the specifics. Japan's Defense Ministry said the missile landed outside the country's exclusive economic zone.
- The South's joint chiefs said the military stepped up surveillance and vigilance for possible further launches from the North and was closely sharing information with the United States and Japan.
- The launch came a day after the powerful sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un ridiculed South Korean demands for the North to apologize over the

Sept. 21 land mine blasts, which occurred about 10 meters (11 yards) south of the countries' military demarcation line.

- South Korea said a joint inspection of the site with the U.S.-led United Nations Command found that the blasts were caused by mines planted by North Korea. The command later determined that the North violated the armistice agreement that ended fighting in the 1950-53 Korean War.
- South Korea has also called on the North to halt its recent border fortification efforts, including the installation of mines and anti-tank barriers, which have accelerated after Kim Jong Un in 2024 abandoned his government's long-standing goal of reconciliation with the South and declared Seoul a permanent adversary.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Who has taken charge as the General Officer Commanding (GOC) of 1 Corps at Mathura?

- A) Lt Gen V Hariharan
- B) Lt Gen Akhilesh Kumar
- C) Lt Gen Mohit Seth
- D) Lt Gen P K Mishra

Answer: B) Lt Gen Akhilesh Kumar

2. Lt Gen Akhilesh Kumar was commissioned into which regiment in 1992?

- A) 3 Madras Regiment
- B) Rajput Regiment
- C) 4th Battalion, Rajputana Rifles
- D) Sikh Regiment

Answer: C) 4th Battalion, Rajputana Rifles

3. Who took over as the new commander of the Nagrota-based White Knight Corps?

- A) Lt Gen V Hariharan
- B) Lt Gen P K Mishra
- C) Lt Gen Akhilesh Kumar
- D) Lt Gen Mohit Seth

Answer: D) Lt Gen Mohit Seth

4. The White Knight Corps was raised in which year?

- A) 1965
- B) 1971
- C) 1972
- D) 1975

Answer: C) 1972

5. How many places and geographical features in Ladakh were formally incorporated into the official Survey of India map?

- A) 18
- B) 22
- C) 28
- D) 32

Answer: C) 28

6. Which of the following locations, associated with the 2020 India-China military standoff, are among the newly recognised Ladakh sites?

- A) Gogra and Hot Spring
- B) Tawang and Bum La
- C) Galwan and Doklam
- D) Nathu La and Lipulekh

Answer: A) Gogra and Hot Spring

7. Which country became the first foreign customer for the BrahMos missile system?

- A) Vietnam
- B) Indonesia
- C) Philippines
- D) Malaysia

Answer: C) Philippines

8. From which area did North Korea launch the ballistic missile mentioned in the report?

- A) Pyongyang
- B) Wonsan
- C) Kaesong
- D) Hamhung

Answer: B) Wonsan

9. Commandant of Defence Services Staff College Is

- A. Lt Gen Virendra Vats
- B. Lt Gen Vikram Singh
- C. Rear Admiral Anil Sen
- D. None

ANSWER: A

10. Cabinet Committee on Security Is Headed By

- A. PM
- B. NSA
- C. The President
- D. COAS Indian Army

ANSWER: A

11. Air Marshal Rank of IAF Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Army?

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

ANSWER: B

12. How Many States In India Have A Coastline?

- A. Seven
- B. Eight
- C. Nine
- D. Ten

ANSWER: C

13. OPEC Hq Is In

- A. Budapest, Hungary
- B. New York, USA

- C. Luanda, Angola
- D. Vienna, Austria

ANSWER: D

14. AUKUS Stands For

- A. Azerbaijan, the United Kingdom, & the United States
- B. Australia, the United Kingdom, & the United States
- C. Australia, the United Kingdom, & Uganda
- D. Argentina, the United Kingdom, & the United States

ANSWER: B

15. RIYADH Is The Capital Of

- A. SAUDI ARABIA
- B. SENEGAL
- C. SERBIA
- D. SEYCHELLES

ANSWER: A

16. "2001 Space Odyssey" Book Is Written By

- A. C. Clarke
- B. Abhijit Chavda
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

17. Captain Rank of Indian Navy Equivalent to Which rank of IAF?

- A. Flying Officer
- B. Flight Lieutenant
- C. Group Captain
- D. None

ANSWER: C

18. Predator B (MQ-9 Reaper) Is A

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

ANSWER: C

19. International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Hq Is At

- A. London, United Kingdom
- B. Vienna, Austria
- C. Paris, France
- D. Geneva, Switzerland

ANSWER: A

20. "If you win, you need not have to explain...If you lose, you should not be there to explain!" Said By__

- A. Winston Churchill
- B. Adolf Hitler
- C. Subhas Chandra Bose
- D. Bhagat Singh

ANSWER: A