



The two countries resolved to enhance their cooperation in defence and security with special focus on maritime security. The meeting was co-chaired by Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar. During the event, the Implementing Arrangement on "Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief" (HADR) was signed between the two countries.

7. Which institution announces the Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) scheme?

- [A] State Bank of India
- [B] Indian Bullion Association
- [C] Ministry of Finance
- [D] Reserve Bank of India

Answer: Reserve Bank of India

Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) is issued by the Reserve Bank India on behalf of the Government of India. The bonds are denominated in the units of grams of gold.

The 6th tranche of Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Scheme 2020-21 has been announced by the Reserve Bank of India and the issue price of the Bond has been fixed at Rs.5117 per gram. The scheme will be open from 31st August to 4th September.

8. Who is the head of the committee set up by the Defence Ministry, to review AFHQ CS cadre?

- [A] Bipin Rawat
- [B] DB Shekatkar
- [C] R Chandrashekhar
- [D] AN Das

Answer: DB Shekatkar

The Union Ministry of Defence has recently set up a committee to review the Armed Forces Headquarters Civil Services (AFHQ CS) cadre.

Defence minister Rajnath Singh approved the proposal to set up the committee, that will be headed by Lt Gen Shekatkar (Retd). The other two members include R Chandrashekhar and AN Das. The committee would identify appointments in Service HQs and Inter-Service Organisations (ISO).

9. The Economic Ministers consultation meeting of India with which multilateral association was virtually held recently?

- [A] BRICS
- [B] ASEAN
- [C] SAARC
- [D] BIMSTEC

Answer: ASEAN

The 17th ASEAN-India Economic Ministers Consultations was held virtually and was co-chaired by Piyush Goyal, the Union Minister for Commerce and Industry & Railways.

The virtual meeting was attended by the Trade Ministers of 10 ASEAN countries. The discussion was focused on ASEAN India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA).

10. The first Roll on- Roll Off (RORO) service of which section of Indian Railways was flagged off recently?

- [A] Central Railway
- [B] Western Railway
- [C] North Eastern Railways
- [D] South Western Railways

Answer: South Western Railways

The first Roll on Roll off (RORO) service of the South Western Railways was flagged off from Nelamangla