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Hindustan-228

Question: Consider the following statements:

1. Ground run and Low-Speed Taxi Trial (LSTT) of the aircraft was done at HAL facility in Kanpur.
2. It is a 19-seat multi-role utility aircraft. It is built on the basis of the existing frame of the military aircraft Dornier 228.
3. It has now entered the commercial aircraft manufacturing sector of Hindustan-228.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are true?

- (A) 1 and 2 (B) 2 and 3
(C) 1 and 3 (D) all of the above

Answer – (D) All of the above

Role - Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), a Public Sector Undertaking of the Ministry of Defence has successfully conducted ground tests to build a civilian aircraft named 'Hindustan-228'.

Exam Useful Points -

- According to HAL, the Hindustan-228 (VT-KNR) aircraft complies with the latest FAR23 certification requirements.
- The Transport Aircraft Division based in Kanpur is responsible for the training and transportation of aircraft for its Defence customers.
- It has now forayed into the commercial aircraft segment of Hindustan-228.
- State and civil authorities can use this aircraft for their interstate and international flights.
- It is a commercial and indigenous aircraft, which will help in the Regional Connectivity Scheme (UDAN) of the government.
- It is a 19 seater multi-role utility aircraft. It is built on the basis of the existing frame of the military aircraft Dornier 228.
- The ground run and Low-Speed Taxi Trial (LSTT) of the aircraft were conducted at the HAL facility in Kanpur.
- Sqb. For "Type Certification", HAL successfully carried out Ground Run and Low-Speed Taxi Trial (LSTT) as part of the country's 75th Independence Day anniversary celebrations.
- This certification will help HAL achieve international certification for the aircraft undergoing critical trials.

Supreme Court allows Women to take part in NDA exam

Question: Consider the following statements:

- The Supreme Court allowed women to appear for the NDA exam following a writ petition filed by Kush Kalra.
- NDA is the Joint Defence Services Training Institute of the Indian Armed Forces. In this academy, the cadres of the three services, the Indian Army, the Indian Air Force and the Indian Navy are trained together before moving on to the respective service academies for pre-commissioning training.
- NDA applicants are selected through a written examination conducted by UPSC.

Which of the above statement(s) is/are true?

- (A) 1 and 2 (B) 2 and 3
(C) 1 and 3 (D) all of the above

Answer – (D) All of the above

Role - Recently the Supreme Court has allowed women to appear in the National Defence Academy exam which is scheduled to be held on September 5, 2021.

Exam Useful Points -

- The court termed the policy decision of the army as gender discrimination.
- As per the Supreme Court, the admission will be subject to the final orders of the court.
- The Supreme Court allowed women to appear for the NDA exam following a writ petition filed by Kush Kalra.
- The petition highlighted the issue of violation of Articles 14, 15, 16 and 19 of the Constitution as it was denying eligible women candidates an opportunity to join the NDA.
- NDA is the Joint Defence Services Training Institute of the Indian Armed Forces. Cadres of all the three armies are trained in this academy.
- The National Defence Academy was commissioned on 7 December 1954 with an opening ceremony. It is located at Kharagwasla in Pune, Maharashtra. This academy is the first tri-service academy in the world.
- NDA applicants are selected through a written examination conducted by UPSC.
- In this the Indian Army, Indian Air Force and Navy are trained together before going to the respective service academy for pre-commission training.
- NDA alumni include 3 Paramivar Chakra recipients and 12 Ashok Chakra recipients.

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