



Maroon Beret Ceremonial Parade

Why in News?

Recently, to mark the successful completion of training of **Air Force Special Forces 'Garud' Commandos, Maroon Beret Ceremonial Parade** was held at **Garud Regimental Training Centre (GRTC)**, Air Force Station Chandinagar, Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points

- The Garud Commando Force is the **special forces unit of the Indian Air Force. It was formed in February 2004** and has a current strength of over 1500 personnel.
 - Garud forces are **tasked with the protection of critical Air Force bases and installations, search and rescue, and disaster relief during calamities.**
 - **In 2004**, Garuds were **deployed in Congo** as part of the [UN peacekeeping operations](#).

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