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# Daily Defence Current Affairs

## 22 April 2022

### Raksha Mantri Addresses the Army Commanders' Conference

- The Army Commanders' Conference, an apex level biannual event, is being held in New Delhi from 18 to 22 April 2022. During the event, the Indian Army's apex leadership is comprehensively deliberating upon all aspects of existing security scenarios, situations along the borders, in the hinterland and challenges for the present security apparatus. In addition, the conference is also focusing on issues pertaining to organisational restructuring, logistics, administration, human resource management, modernisation through indigenisation, induction of Niche technologies and assessment of the impact of the Russia - Ukraine war. The main highlight of the fourth day of the conference was the address by the Raksha Mantri, Shri Rajnath Singh, to the senior leadership of the Indian Army, which was preceded by a brief on the "Modernisation through Indigenisation" plans of the Indian Army.
- The Raksha Mantri also remarked "The Army is present in every domain from Security, HADR, Medical Assistance to maintaining the stable internal situation in the country. The role of Indian Army is very important in Nation-building as also in the overall national development". He reiterated his happiness to be present at the Army Commander's conference and complimented the Army leadership for successfully taking ahead of the 'Defence and Security' vision of the Nation and the Hon'ble Prime Minister. He also complimented the COAS, General MM Naravane of having successfully led the Army in the last two and half years of his tenure as COAS, Indian Army.
- He applauded the Indian Army for working towards this goal and remarked that in 2021-2022, in keeping with the Atamnirbhar Bharat, Rs 40,000 crores worth of contracts by the Army are being awarded to Indian Vendors, which is commendable.



## **Rajnath Singh to inaugurate DefConnect 2.0 organised by iDEX-DIO in New Delhi**

- Continuing with the strategy of connecting regularly with the start-ups and the multifarious stakeholders, Innovations for Defence Excellence, Defence Innovation Organisation under the aegis of Department of Defence Production, MOD has organised DefConnect 2.0 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on April 22, 2022.
- The event will attract a large number of innovators and investors from India's leading industries in the defence sector. It will include sessions with stalwarts of the industry, various announcements and static exhibitions of an array of start-ups supported by iDEX-DIO.
- The DefConnect will provide a unique opportunity for innovators associated with iDEX-DIO to showcase their capabilities, products and state-of-the-art-technologies to the target audience of the industry leaders. The start-ups get to leverage this opportunity to generate investments and leads for future operations. This will be a unique opportunity to meet iDEX start-ups and understand their innovative technologies being developed with requisite support from iDEX and the associated partners.
- Platforms like the iDEX enable the military to find disruptive solutions to complex challenges through its flagship programmes like Defence India Startup

Challenges (DISC) and Open Challenges (OC) which shall be the key components for the future of military technology. Till date, iDEX has launched five rounds of DISC and three rounds of OC, receiving more than 2,000 applications from individual innovators and start-ups. Furthermore, iDEX has been able to fund projects in numerous technological areas through its Grant-in-Aid framework, Support for Prototype and Research Kickstart (SPARK), which entail provisioning of grant up to Rs 1.50 crore to budding entrepreneurs.

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## Raksha Mantri invites US companies to carry out joint R&D

- Rajnath Singh has exhorted US companies to take advantage of the policy initiatives taken by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi-led Government in India and carry out joint R&D, manufacturing and maintenance of defence equipment to achieve the vision of 'Make in India, Make for the World'.
- The Raksha Mantri was addressing the members of the American Chamber of Commerce in India (AMCHAM India) through video conferencing during its 30th Annual General Meeting on April 21, 2022.
- Shri Rajnath Singh pointed out that US companies have not only been a source of FDI & employment in India, but are also contributing to India's defence exports, totalling around \$2.5 billion to US in last five years, which is 35 per cent of total exports achieved during the period.
- AMCHAM-India is an association of American business organisations operating in India. Established in 1992, AMCHAM has over 400 US companies as members.

The principal objectives include promotion of activities that would encourage and stimulate investment by US companies in India and increase bilateral trade.



## Russia tests nuclear-capable missile that Putin calls world's best

- In a show of strength two months into its assault on Ukraine, Russia test-launched a new nuclear-capable intercontinental ballistic missile which President Vladimir Putin said **would make Moscow's enemies stop and think.**
- After the test, Russian President Vladimir Putin said the new missile complex has "the highest tactical and technical characteristics and is able to overcome all modern means of anti-missile defence."
- **Sarmat Missile:**
- **Type:** Superheavy Intercontinental ballistic missile
- **Place of origin:** Russia
- **Mass:** 208.1 metric tons
- **Length:** 35.5 m, **Speed:** 20.7 Mach
- **Operational range:** 18,000 kilometres



## **For its USD 20 billion 114 fighter jet deal, IAF in favour of the 'Buy Global Make in India' route**

- For over USD 20 billion tenders for manufacturing 114 multi-role fighter aircraft the IAF would prefer to take the 'Buy Global Make in India' route over the strategic partnership policy model to produce the planes within the country.
- Along with the indigenous LCA Tejas and the 5th Generation Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft project, the 114 MRFA project would also be required by the IAF to maintain an edge over both the Northern and Western adversaries.
- Three American aircraft including the F-18, F-15 and F-21 (modified version of the F-16), Russian Mig-35 and Su-35 along with the French Rafale, Swedish Saab Gripen and the Eurofighter Typhoon aircraft are expected to participate in the programme.
- The Indian Air Force had also sought the views of these companies on the acquisition procedure that they would like to opt for in the programme and most of them have shown a preference for the Buy Global Make in India route only.



## India, UK Must Develop Strong Bilateral Defence Ties

- UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson said that both the countries (India and UK) should deepen the security and defence partnership.
- The British PM made the remarks while visiting the new JCB factory at Halol GIDC Panchmahal where he was accompanied by Gujarat CM Bhupendrabhai Patel.
- Referring to the security and defence partnership between the two countries, Johnson said, “There's the opportunity for us to deepen our security and defence partnership. As you know, the UK is making an Indo-Pacific tilt in our integrated review of our national defence and security strategy.”
- Johnson will announce a slew of commercial agreements and hold bilateral discussions with a focus on the UK and India's trade, investment and technology partnership.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Current PM Of UK Is**

- A. Jo Biden
- B. Boris Johnson
- C. Vladimir Putin
- D. Angela Merkel

**ANSWER: B**

**2. Sarmat Missile Is A**

- A. Nuclear-Capable Missile
- B. Cruise Missile
- C. Submarine Launched Ballistic Missiles
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**3. Ex 'Ajeya Warrior' conducted b/w India &**

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

**ANSWER: D**



**4. Operation Ganga Was Conducted by IAF In**

- A. UK
- B. USA
- C. Ukraine
- D. Afghanistan

**ANSWER: C**

**5. Department of Defence Production Comes Under**

- A. Ministry of Culture
- B. MHA
- C. MOD
- D. MEA

**ANSWER: C**

**6. What will be the name of India's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier which will be commissioned in 2022?**

- A. Vikram
- B. Vikrant
- C. Vikramaditya
- D. Sanjay

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Defence Institute of High-Altitude Research Is In**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Jammu
- C. Ladakh
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**8. Which company supplied the 10th anti-submarine warfare aircraft P-8I, to the Indian Navy?**

- A. Boeing
- B. Air Bus
- C. Dassault Aviation
- D. Tesla

**ANSWER: A**

**9. Dhanush (howitzer) Manufactured By**

- A. L & T

- B. Boeing
- C. ISRO
- D. Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited

**ANSWER: D**

**10. INS Arihant Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Ballistic missile submarine
- D. Tank

**ANSWER: C**

**11. The Earth Day Is Observed**

- A. 21 April
- B. 22 April
- C. 23 April
- D. 24 April

**ANSWER: B**

**12. BRICS Stands For**

- A. Brazil Russia India China and South Africa
- B. Brazil Russia India China and South Asia
- C. Brazil Russia Indonesia China and South Africa
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**13. F-2000 Is A**

- A. Grenade
- B. Submarine
- C. Tank
- D. Assault Rifle

**ANSWER: D**

**14. Brussels Is the Capital Of**

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

D. Belgium

**ANSWER: D**

**15. "Kashmiri Century: Portrait of a Society in Flux" Book Is Written By**

A. Krishna Saksena

B. Kavitha Rao

C. Hew Strachan

D. Khemlata Wakhlu

**ANSWER: D**

**16. What type of missile is 'New Generation Akash Missile (Akash-NG)'?**

A. Surface-to-air missile

B. Air to Air Missile

C. Surface to Surface Missile

D. Intercontinental Ballistic Missile

**ANSWER: A**

**17. Where Is the Hq of The Eastern Command of The IAF**

A. Kochi

B. Vishakhapatnam

C. Shillong

D. Mumbai

**ANSWER: C**

**18. AMCHAM- India Stands For**

A. Asia Chamber of Commerce in India

B. American Chamber of Common in India

C. American Change of Commerce in India

D. American Chamber of Commerce in India

**ANSWER: D**

**19. Joint Exercises B/w The India and UK Is Called**

A. Yama

B. SLINEX

C. Indra

D. Konkan Shakti

**ANSWER: D**

**20. India Purchased Tavor X 95 rifles from**

A. USA

- B. Sweden
- C. Israel
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

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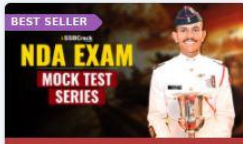
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