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# Daily Defence Current Affairs

## 15-16 May 2022

### From Ladakh to Northeast, 6 Indian Army Divisions shifted from the Pak front

- In his recent visit to the Ladakh sector, Army chief Gen Manoj Pande reviewed the security situation along the LAC in view of the Chinese threat for which the Indian Army has shifted six Divisions that were earlier deployed in counter-terrorism roles and after taking care of Pakistan front.
- The military standoff with China has been going on for over two years now when the Chinese side attempted to change the status quo unilaterally by moving troops in large numbers against Indian positions.
- One division from Rashtriya Rifles was taken out from counter-terrorism roles from Jammu and Kashmir and has now been deployed in the Eastern Ladakh sector and would be there along with the 3 Division already based there
- Likewise, an Assam-based Division under the Tezpur-based Gajaraj Corps has been pulled out of its counter-insurgency role from the state and now its mandate is to look after the China border in the northeast.
- Two Army Divisions located in Uttar Pradesh have also now been assigned to the Northern Command for Ladakh theatre. Uttarakhand-based Division of a Strike Corps has been reassigned to the Central Command to look after the entire Central sector where the Chinese have been attempting transgressions on multiple occasions.



## **DEPLOYMENT OF INS GHARIAL TO SEYCHELLES – MISSION SAGAR IX**

- As part of ongoing deployment of Indian Naval Ship Gharial in the southwest Indian Ocean, under Mission SAGAR IX, the Ship called at Port Victoria, Seychelles from 11 to 14 May 22.
- Following up on the proposal received from the Govt of Seychelles earlier, three ceremonial Saluting Guns, with ammunition, were delivered by the Ship to the Seychelles Defence Forces. These were formally presented by Gen Dalbir Singh Suhag (Retd), High Commissioner of India to Seychelles to Brigadier Michael Rosette, the Chief of Defence, SDF in a solemn ceremony held onboard INS Gharial on 13 May 22.
- INS Gharial also transshipped one 15 m Wave Rider Patrol Boat, sourced by Seychelles from Colombo and was handed over to Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF).
- During the stay of the Ship at Seychelles, the Indian Navy facilitated training of SDF personnel in domain specific maritime disciplines. Coming close to the recent official visit of Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff, Indian Navy to Seychelles from 21-23 Apr 22, the activities undertaken during the port call of INS Gharial, amply demonstrate the commitment of Indian Navy in making positive contribution to capacity building and capability enhancement efforts of the Seychelles Defence Forces.

- Before calling at Port Victoria, the ship had also visited Colombo, Sri Lanka and Male, Maldives to deliver essential medical supplies. Successive deployments of the Indian Navy under Mission SAGAR are aligned with the vision of Security And Growth for All in the Region and strengthen the concept of 'Collective Responsibility' for maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region.



## To Train Troops On Tibet Against China, Army Signs Mou With Sikkim Varsity

- The Indian Army has signed a MoU with the Sikkim University to conduct Tibetology Cadre for its officers and men to acquire knowledge about the strategic mountainous region before they deal with the threat of PLA of China along the Line of Actual Control.
- General Officer Commanding of the Trishakti Corps under the Eastern Command Lieutenant General Tarun Kumar Aich and Sikkim University vice-chancellor Avinash Khare signed the MoU at Gangtok.
- Each batch will comprise around 30-40 Army officers and men from all arms of the service who will undergo the course guided by their superiors, scholars, monks (Lamas) and strategic experts specialised in Tibet and Indo-China military relations.



## G7 Countries Condemn North Korea's Continued Ballistic Missile Tests

- The G7 Foreign Ministers on Saturday condemned North Korea's testing of ballistic missiles and further development of missile and nuclear capabilities.
- The three-day meeting of foreign ministers of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States is being held in Germany from Saturday to Monday to discuss Russia's military operation in Ukraine and other global issues.
- **Group of Seven (G7)**
- It is an intergovernmental organisation that was formed in 1975.
- The bloc meets annually to discuss issues of common interest like global economic governance, international security, and energy policy.
- The G7 countries are the UK, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the US.
- All the G7 countries and India are a part of G20.
- The G7 does not have a formal constitution or a fixed headquarters. The decisions taken by leaders during annual summits are non-binding.





## IAF signs MoU with SBI for Use of Corporate Card in IAF Canteens

- Indian Air Force (IAF) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) for the use of a Corporate Card in its Unit run Canteen.
- The collaboration will improve the functioning of URC wherein they would avail an interest-free credit for up to 50 days in addition to saving the cost of interest on an overdraft facility.

### About IAF:

- India Air Force is the fourth largest in the world after the USA, China and Russia.
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Motto of the IAF is 'Touch the Sky with Glory' and it was taken from the eleventh chapter of the Bhagavad Gita.
- The President of India holds the rank of Supreme Commander of the air force.
- The Chief of Air Staff, an air chief marshal is responsible for the operational command of the air force.

### Operations:

- After independence, IAF took part in wars with Pakistan and the People's Republic of China.
- Operation Meghdoot: It was on 13th April in 1984 when the Indian Army along with the Indian Air Force and paramilitary forces launched the 'Operation Meghdoot' to secure the control of the heights predominating the Siachen glacier.
- IAF took part in relief operations during natural calamities such as Gujarat cyclone in 1998, the tsunami in 2004, etc.
- IAF works with the United Nations' peacekeeping missions.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Ex 'Konkan Shakti' conducted b/w India &**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**2. Exercise Jawala Tarani Conducted By**

- A. ENC
- B. SNC
- C. WNC
- D. Southern Army Command

**ANSWER: D**

**3. Helina Is A**

- A. Helicopter
- B. Anti-Tank Guided Missile
- C. Gun
- D. Ship

**ANSWER: B**

**4. "Bolo Hindustan Ki Jay" Is the War Cry Of**

- A. JKRF
- B. RR
- C. MAHAR REGIMENT

D. JKLIR

**ANSWER: C**

**5. Which is the 6<sup>th</sup> largest Submarine Under P75?**

- A. INS Karanj
- B. INS Vagsheer
- C. INS Kirpan
- D. INS Vela

**ANSWER: B**

**6. Solomon Islands Is Located On**

- A. Indian Ocean
- B. Pacific Ocean
- C. Arctic Ocean
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Wing Commander Rank of IAF Is Equivalent to \_\_\_\_ Rank of Indian Navy.**

- A. Commander
- B. Lieutenant
- C. Admiral
- D. Captain

**ANSWER: A**

**8. Joint Exercises B/w The India and Japan Is Called:**

- A. Shinyuu Maitri
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

**ANSWER: A**

**9. Joint Exercises B/w The India And Brazil and South Africa Is Called:**

- A. IBSAMAR
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

**ANSWER: A**

**10. Where Is The Hq Of The Northern Command of The Indian Army?**



- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Pune
- D. Udhampur

**ANSWER: D**

**11. "Home in the World" Book Is Written By**

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Amartya Sen
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

**ANSWER: C**

**12. Barak 8 Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Missile
- D. Tank

**ANSWER: C**

**13. Nathu La Pass Is Situated in Which Of The Following Range?**

- A. Vindhyas
- B. Karakoram
- C. Western Ghat
- D. Himalayas

**ANSWER: D**

**14. Motto Of Territorial Army Is**

- A. Rhino Charge
- B. Duty Unto Death
- C. Valour
- D. Savdhani Va Shoorta

**ANSWER: D**

**15. Prahaar Is A**

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles

D. Tactical Ballistic Missiles

**ANSWER: D**

**16. Army Dental Corps Centre Located At**

A. Lucknow

B. Pune

C. Mumbai

D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**17. Pinaka Is Designed By**

A. ISRO

B. Israel Aerospace Industries

C. Armament Research and Development Establishment

D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**18. Veera Madrassi, Adi Kollu, Adi Kollu Is The War Cry Of**

A. MECHANISED INFANTRY REGIMENT

B. THE BRIGADE OF THE GUARDS

C. MADRAS REGIMENT

D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**19. Prithvi Defence Vehicle Mark 2 Is A**

A. MRBM

B. IRBM

C. ICBM

D. Anti-satellite Missile Test

**ANSWER: D**

**20. Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre Is Located At**

A. Mumbai

B. Chennai

C. Kochi

D. Thiruvananthapuram

**ANSWER: D**



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