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Daily Defence Current Affairs

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IAF Chief Meets Japanese Defence Minister

- On the first day of his Japan visit, Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari met with Japanese Defence Minister Nobuo Kishi and also laid a wreath at the memorial of the Japanese Self-Defence Forces (JSDF).
- The Chief of Air Staff also met a number of other high-level officials. His discussions with the Japanese Defence Minister revolved around important bilateral issues.
- CAS also held meetings with Vice Chief of Staff, Joint Staff, Chief of Staff, JGSDF, Chief of Staff, JMSDF, and Chief of Staff, JASDF. During the meetings, issues of mutual interest including avenues to strengthen defence cooperation were discussed”.

On Indo-Pacific:

- The two leaders expressed their commitment to promoting peace, security and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region.

QUAD:

- The two PMs affirmed the importance of bilateral and plurilateral partnerships among like-minded countries in the region including the QUAD grouping between India-Australia-Japan and the United States.
- The Japanese Prime Minister invited PM Modi for the QUAD Summit Meeting in Tokyo.



Amit Shah Reviews Overall J-K Security Situation In 3rd Meeting

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday reviewed the overall security situation in Jammu and Kashmir in the third set of such meetings in the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Amid the heightened security threat to the Amarnath Yatra this year, the government has decided to insure every pilgrim for Rs 5 lakh and give all of them unique Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags—earlier given to vehicles only. The information was shared by Arvind Mehta, Chief Secretary of the Jammu and Kashmir administration, during a meeting chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah Tuesday on security preparedness for the Amarnath Yatra, scheduled to begin on June 30.
- Shah held three high-level meetings and two of them focused on security and logistics for the Amarnath Yatra, while the third was on the overall security situation in Jammu and Kashmir against the backdrop of terrorists increasingly targeting migrants and non-Muslim Kashmiris in the Valley.
- “The Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir said that for the first time every Amarnath Yatri would be given a RIFD card and would be insured for Rs. 5 lakh. A tent city, Wi-Fi hotspots and proper lighting will be arranged on the yatra’s travel route. Along with this, online live Darshan of Baba Barfani, live telecast of the morning and evening aarti at the holy Amarnath Cave and religious and cultural programs will be organized at the Base Camp”.



Indian Army's New Arsenal Additions Focus On Indigenous Acquisitions

- One of the major requirements in air defence and the Rs 6000 crore Successor AD (air defence) Gun project has been altered and will be placed for clearance. The project is for 220 AD guns to replace Bofors' L-70s of the '60s and the anti-aircraft autocannon Zus of the '70s.
- Initially, it was about buying 25 guns from abroad and making 195 in India, but now, it will be an entirely 'Make in India' project, with trials of the gun also being conducted here.
- Similarly, the General-Purpose Machine Gun (GPMG) was to be bought from the United States, but instead of buying 700, about 100 are likely to be purchased from the US and the rest will be made in India. This is not a high-value system, with each machine gun costing about Rs 1 crore.
- A longer range than the existing Pinaka rocket launchers with the Indian Army. The project cost is about Rs 3100 crore.
- The purchase of more weapon locating radars is also on the anvil.



Time to Make-for-World, Says Rajnath as Indian Navy Launches Indigenous Warships

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday expressed India's grit towards indigenous shipbuilding as he presided over the launch of the Indian Navy destroyer warship INS Surat and frigate INS Udaygiri in Mumbai. "We will aim for not just Make-In-India but also for Make-for-World," Singh said.
- The ship 'Surat' is the fourth and last of the stealth destroyers under the 'Project 15B' programme.
- The second ship, 'Udaygiri' is part of the 'Project 17A' frigate programme.
- The Project 15B class of ships are the next generation stealth guided-missile destroyers of the Indian Navy being built at the Mazgaon Docks Ltd in Mumbai. 'Surat' is the fourth ship of Project 15B destroyers which heralds a significant makeover of the P15A (Kolkata Class) destroyers, the official said.
- The ship Surat has been built using the block construction methodology which involved hull construction at two different geographical locations and has been joined together at MDL, the official said.
- The first ship of this class was commissioned in 2021. The second and third ships have been launched and are at different stages of trials. The ship 'Udaygiri' is named after a mountain range in the state of Andhra Pradesh.
- It is the third ship of Project 17A frigates. These follow the P17 Frigates (Shivalik Class) with improved stealth features, advanced weapons and sensors and platform management systems.
- Both 15B and P17A ships have been designed in-house by the Directorate of Naval Design.



India Halts Ka-31 Helicopter Deal With Russia

- India has halted negotiations with Russia for the former to acquire 10 Kamov Ka-31 airborne early warning helicopters for \$520 million, following uncertainties in arms supplies amid Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
- The Indian government indefinitely suspended the negotiations with Rosoboronexport and original equipment manufacturer Russian Helicopters.
- Government-to-government deal added that the suspension is due to concerns over Moscow's ability to execute orders as well as issues related to payment transfers.
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RAW Chief Goel Could Be Longest-serving In Decades, But Modi Govt Undecided On Another Extension

- Samant Goel, the chief of the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), could become India's longest-serving spymaster in four decades if the government decides to give him a second one-year extension of service next month.
- Goel and Intelligence Bureau chief Arvind Kumar were both given an extension of service that runs until 30 June this year, but the two could be asked to stay in office another year.
- Rameshwarnath Kao, RAW's legendary founder, served as the organisation's chief from 1968 to 1977, presiding over the reconstruction of India's external intelligence. Naushervan Framji Suntook, appointed to the position at just 53 in 1977, served for five years and ten months.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Project 15B & P17A class Ships Made By

- A. GRSE
- B. DRDO
- C. MDL
- D. CSL

ANSWER: C

2. Which of the following is the Subsonic cruise missile?

- A. Astra missile
- B. Maitri missile
- C. Nag
- D. Nirbhay

ANSWER: D

3. Air Force Academy Is At

- A. Dundigal, Telangana
- B. Ezhimala, Kerala
- C. Khadakwasla, Maharashtra
- D. Pune, M.H

ANSWER: A

4. Which of the following is the correct sequence of the location of seaports of India from South to North?

- A. Cochin, Thiruvananthapuram, Calicut, Mangalore
- B. Thiruvananthapuram, Calicut, Mangalore, Cochin
- C. Thiruvananthapuram, Cochin, Calicut, Mangalore
- D. Calicut, Thiruvananthapuram, Cochin, Mangalore

ANSWER: C

5. Which of the following is a land-locked harbour?

- A. Haldia
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Ennore
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: B

6. Arjun MK-IA Is A

- A. Attack Helicopter
- B. Fighter Jet
- C. MBT
- D. UAV

ANSWER: C

7. ___ Is The Landlocked Country.

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Pakistan
- C. Mongolia
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

8. Maintenance Command of The IAF Is In

- A. Bengaluru
- B. New Delhi
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

9. Bareilly, U.P Is the Regimental Centre Of

- A. JKRIF
- B. RR
- C. CORPS OF ENGINEERS
- D. JAT REGIMENT

ANSWER: D

10. Vice Admiral Rank of Indian Navy Is Equivalent to which rank of Indian Army?

- A. Commodore
- B. Captain
- C. Commander
- D. Lieutenant General

ANSWER: D

11. What is the highest commissioned rank awarded in the Indian Army?

- A. Major General
- B. Lt Gen
- C. General

D. Flying Officer

ANSWER: C

12. Current Union Home Minister Is

A. Manoj Sinha

B. Amit Shah

C. Ajit Doval

D. None

ANSWER: B

13. SCO Was Founded On

A. 15 June 2001

B. 16 June 2002

C. 17 June 2003

D. 18 June 2004

ANSWER: A

14. Marine Engineering Training Establishment of the Indian Navy located at

A. Noida

B. Kochi

C. Pune

D. Wayanad

ANSWER: C

15. NASA Stands For

A. National Aeronautics and Space Administration

B. National Aeronautical and Space Administration

C. National Aeronautics and Super Administration

D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

16. INS Sindhuraj Is A Ship Of

A. Oman

B. Qatar

C. Sri Lanka

D. Bharat

ANSWER: D

17. Which Is Not An Asian Country?

- A. Oman
- B. Brunei
- C. UAE
- D. Brazil

ANSWER: D

18. "Karmayoddha Granth" Book Is Written By

- A. Amit Shah
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

19. Hq Of FATF Is In

- A. Paris
- B. New York
- C. Berlin
- D. Panaji

ANSWER: A













20. Humvee vehicle Is A Military Truck Of

- A. UK
- B. USA
- C. Uganda
- D. None

ANSWER: B

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