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4th Edition of CORPAT Exercise

- 4th Ed of India - Bangladesh Coordinated Patrol CORPAT commenced in Northern Bay of Bengal.
- Strengthening mutual understanding & enhanced interoperability b/n both the navies in countering transnational maritime threats at sea.
- Indian Navy's indigenous warships INS Kora & INS Sumedha along with Bangladesh Navy warships BNS Ali Haider & BNS Abu Ubaidah & Maritime Patrol Aircraft of both navies will undertake joint patrol along International Maritime Boundary Line 22 - 23 May 22

India-Bangladesh Relations

- India was one of the first countries to recognize Bangladesh and establish diplomatic relations immediately after its independence in December 1971.

Defence Cooperation:

- Various Joint exercises of Army (Exercise Sampriti) and Navy (Exercise Milan) take place between the two countries.
- Border Management: India and Bangladesh share 4096.7 km. of border, which is the longest land boundary that India shares with any of its neighbours.
- The India-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement (LBA) came into force following the exchange of instruments of ratification in June 2015.

Cooperation over Rivers:

- India and Bangladesh share 54 common rivers. A bilateral Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) has been working since June 1972 to maintain liaison between the two countries to maximize benefits from common river systems.

- **Economic Relations:**

- Bangladesh is India's biggest trade partner in South Asia. India's exports to Bangladesh for financial year 2018-19 (April-March) stood at US 9.21 billion USD and imports from Bangladesh for the same period stood at US 1.22 billion USD.
- Bangladesh has appreciated the Duty-Free and Quota Free access given to Bangladeshi exports to India under South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA) since 2011.



INS Gomati Guided-missile Frigate Is to Be Decommissioned On 28 May 22

- INS Gomati, last of 'Godavari' class guided-missile Frigate is to be decommissioned on 28 May 22 after 34 years of glorious service.
- Indigenously built, the Godavari class Frigates were designed entirely by the Indian Navy's Directorate of Naval Design.
- The ship was built by Mazagon Dock Ltd in Mumbai and has an indigenous content of 72%. After her mid-life upgrade in 2011, the ship has been fitted with new weapons and sensors, which include the Barak surface-to-air missile system, an Oto Melara 76 mm gun, HUMSA sonar.



Quad Summit Will Provide Opportunity To Review Progress Of Grouping's Initiatives: PM Modi

- The second in-person Quad Leaders' Summit in Japan will provide an opportunity for leaders of four countries to review the progress of the grouping's initiatives and exchange views on developments in the Indo-Pacific as well as global issues of mutual interest, PM Narendra Modi.
- China on Sunday launched a broadside against the Indo-Pacific strategy of the United States ahead of the summit of Quad leaders in Japan, saying that it is "bound to fail" as it is vigorously promoted by Washington to "contain" Beijing.

Quad

- Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) is the informal strategic dialogue between India, USA, Japan and Australia with a shared objective to ensure and support a "free, open and prosperous" Indo-Pacific region.
- The idea of Quad was first mooted by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in 2007. However, the idea couldn't move ahead with Australia pulling out of it, apparently due to Chinese pressure.
- In December 2012, Shinzo Abe again floated the concept of Asia's "Democratic Security Diamond" involving Australia, India, Japan and the US to safeguard the maritime commons from the Indian Ocean to the western Pacific.
- In November 2017, India, the US, Australia and Japan gave shape to the long-pending "Quad" Coalition to develop a new strategy to keep the critical sea routes in the Indo-Pacific free of any influence (especially China).



Army Chief Reviews Security Situation In Kashmir

- COAS General Manoj Pande is on a two-day visit to Kashmir. The COAS is on his maiden visit to Kashmir after taking over as the Chief of the Indian Army.
- The COAS was briefed on the security situation and operational preparedness.
- On his arrival at Chinara Corps HQ, the COAS was briefed by Lt Gen ADS Aujla, GOC Chinara Corps, on the overall security situation prevalent along the Line of Control and hinterland. The COAS highlighted that it was the dawn of a new era of development, peace and prosperity in Kashmir and applauded the Chinara Corps for their high level of morale and contribution to peacebuilding in J-K.
- The Army Chief complimented the excellent synergy exhibited by all sections of the Civil administration, Jammu and Kashmir Police, Central Armed Police Forces and other Security agencies in projecting a 'Whole of Government' approach that has resulted in improvement in the security situation conducive for fostering a new era of development in the UT.



Indian Air Force Ranks 3rd On World Air Power Index

- The World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA) has published the Global Air Powers Ranking of 2022, a report that has placed the Indian Air Force (IAF) above the People's Liberation Army Air Force.
- The report has evaluated the total fighting strength of the various air services of different world nations and has ranked them accordingly. Not just China, but IAF has been placed above Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF), Israeli Air Force, and French Air and Space Force.
- The Global Air Powers Ranking (2022) report has given the highest TvR score to the United States Air Force (USAF)- 242.9. The USAF comprises a broad mix of aircraft types and several products are locally sourced from the massive industrial base of the US.

Indian Air Force Inventory 2022

Fighters (632 units)

- Su-30MKI (Multirole)-242
- MiG-21bis (Interceptor)-132, Jaguar M/S (Attack)-130
- MiG-29UPG (Multirole)-66, M2000H/I (Multirole)-45
- Tejas Mk.1 (Multirole)-16, Rafale (Multirole)-1

Helicopters (438 units)

- Mi-17/171 (Medium-Lift)-223
- HAL Dhruv (Multirole)-91
- SA 316/SA319 (Utility)-77, SA 315 (Light Utility)-17
- Mi-25/25/35 (Gunship/Transport)-15, AH-64E (Attack)-8

- CH-47F (Medium Lift)-6, Mi-26 (Heavy Lift)-1

Transports (250 units)

- An-32 (Tactical)-104
- HS 748 (Utility)-57
- Dornier 228 (Utility)-50
- IL-76MD/MKI (Strategic)-17
- C-17 (Strategic/Tactical)-11, C-130J (Tactical)-11
- Top 10 Global Air Powers Ranking 2022

Serial No.	Country	TvR
1	United States Air Force (5,091)	242.9
2	United States Navy (2,626)	142.4
3	Russian Air Force (3,829)	114.2
4	United States Army Aviation (4,328)	112.6
5	United States Marine Corps (1,211)	85.3

6	Indian Air Force (1,645)	69.4
7	People's Liberation Army Air Force (2,040)	63.8
8	Japan Air Self-Defense Force (779)	58.1
9	Israeli Air Force (581)	58.0
10	French Air and Space Force (658)	56.3

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which Nation's Airforce comes first In the World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft Report?

- A. PLA Air Force
- B. IAF
- C. Russia
- D. USA

ANSWER: D

2. Which Country Is Not the Member of Quad? BRICS?

- A. USA
- B. China
- C. Japan
- D. Australia

ANSWER: B

3. INS Gomati Is A

- A. Frigate
- B. Submarine
- C. Naval Helicopter
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

4. The Naval Air Arm of The Indian Navy Currently Operates__ Squadrons.

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

ANSWER: A

5. IBSAMAR Is A Type Of

- A. Army Ex
- B. Air Force Ex
- C. Naval Ex
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

6. INS Tarangini Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Sailing Ship
- C. UAV
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

7. FGM-148 Javelin Is Made By

- A. Boeing
- B. Lockheed Martin
- C. Raytheon

D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

8. Ex PRABAL DOSTYK Conducted B/W India And

A. France

B. China

C. Kazakhstan

D. Kyrgyzstan

ANSWER: C

9. Group Captain Rank of IAF Is Equivalent to Which Rank of Indian Navy?

A. Colonel

B. Captain

C. Commander

D. Major

ANSWER: B

10. IMAC Stands For

A. Information Management and Analysis Centre

B. Information Management and Analog Centre

C. Information Manage and Analysis Centre

D. Informal Management and Analysis Centre

ANSWER: A

11. Infantry School of Indian Army Is At

A. Mhow

B. Bhopal

C. Gwalior

D. Jammu

ANSWER: A

12. Q.M.HAV Stands For

A. Quarter Havildar

B. Quartermaster Havildar

C. Quartermaster Headmaster

D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

13. Army Education Corps (AEC) Is At

- A. Imphal
- B. Pachmarhi
- C. Patiala
- D. Vairengte

ANSWER: B

14. Santiago Is the Capital Of

- A. Oman
- B. Colombia
- C. UAE
- D. Chile

ANSWER: D

15. "Vahana Masterclass" Book Is Written By

- A. Alfredo Covelli
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. R. Kaushik

ANSWER: A

16. Where Is the Hq of The Southern Command of The Indian Navy?

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

ANSWER: A

17. What Is the Ranking of The IAF In the World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA)?

- A. 1st
- B. 2nd
- C. 3rd
- D. 4th

ANSWER: C

18. Exercises B/w The India and Bangladesh Is Called:

- A. Yudha Abhyas
- B. SLINEX

- C. Indra
- D. CORPAT

ANSWER: D

19. "Balidanam Vir Lakshanam" Is the Motto Of

- A. JKLI
- B. THE MAHAR REGIMENT
- C. THE BIHAR REGIMENT
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

20. Which Is a Supersonic Missiles?













- A. Prithvi
- B. Prahar
- C. Pralay
- D. Brahmos

ANSWER: D



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