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Daily Defence Current Affairs

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11th India - Italy Military Cooperation Group Meeting

- 11th edition of India - Italy Military Cooperation Group meeting was held from 31 May 2022 to 01 June 22 in Rome, Italy.
- MCG is a forum established to boost defence cooperation b/w both countries through regular talks at the strategic and operational levels between Hq, IDS and the Joint Staff HQ of Italian Armed Forces.
- The meeting was Co-Chaired from the Indian side by Deputy Assistant Chief of Integrated Staff IDC(A), HQ IDS Brigadier Vivek Narang and Italian Defence General Staff Brigadier General Alessandro Grassano, from the Italian side.
- **India & Italy Relations**
- India and Italy are ancient civilizations but young states (Italy having been reunified only in 1861).
- The classical languages, Sanskrit and Latin both belong to the Indo-European language family.
- People of these two ancient civilizations have known, interacted and traded with each other for over 2000 years.
- Italy is among India's top 5 trading partners in the EU. The balance of trade has been in India's favor since the early eighties.
- India ranks **19th** as the country of origin of Italian imports, accounting for 1.2% of Italian imports.
- The Indian community in Italy (estimated at 2.4 lakhs and 25000 PIOs) is the third-largest community of Indians in Europe after the UK and the Netherlands.



Indian Navy To Bid Farewell To Two Frontline Ships

- The Indian Navy will decommission two of its frontline warships on Friday, marking an end to their glorious voyages of protecting the nation's maritime interests for around 32 years.
- The two ships -- **Nishank and Akshay**.
- Nishank, the fourth of the Veer-class missile corvette, has been an integral part of the "**Killer Squadron**" renowned for its heroics in the 1971 war.
- Akshay is part of the 23rd patrol vessel squadron whose primary role is **anti-submarine warfare and coastal patrol**.
- These ships deployed on numerous occasions during heightened security situations such as during the **Kargil War** in 1999, **Operation Parakram** in 2001 and after the 2017 **Uri attack**, maintaining a vigil to give a befitting reply against any enemy misadventure.



E-Concurrence Module Launched on Government e-Marketplace for MOD

- As a significant step towards the Digital India vision of the GeM has developed an IT module for MOD, for integration of competent financial authorities and Internal Financial Advisers for online e-concurrence and approval of procurement proposals on the GeM portal.
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Indian Naval Ship Tarangini visits Malta

- Indian Naval Ship Tarangini visits Malta, 29-30 May. She was accorded a warm welcome by the High Commission of India. The Captain and crew welcomed Maltese and Indian people on board for a guided tour.
- The Sail Training Ship (STS), built in Goa and commissioned in November 1997, has steamed over 250,079 nautical miles in her 24 years of commission, and is in her silver jubilee year.
- The primary role of the ship is to foster time-honored virtues of courage, camaraderie and endurance in officer cadets embarking on a naval career.
- The aim of these overseas deployments has been to undertake training of Sea Trainees, strengthening bi-lateral ties and showcasing the reach of Indian navy around the world.



Int. Yoga Day 22 Count Down At INS Shivaji

- INS Shivaji organised Count Down to IDY22 with 2nd Common Yoga Protocol under the supervision of instructors from Kaivalya Dham Yoga Institute at Lonavala on 30 May 22. Actively participated by all including ladies and children.
- **INS Shivaji**
- INS Shivaji is an Indian naval station located in Lonavala, Maharashtra, India. It houses the Naval College of Engineering which trains officers of the Indian Navy and the Indian Coast Guard. It was commissioned on 15 February 1945 as HMIS Shivaji. It is located close to the **Bhushi Dam**.

- The Union Ministry of Ayush has 'Yoga for Humanity' as the theme for International Day of Yoga, 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced in his monthly Mann ki Baat address. The eighth edition of the International Day of Yoga will be organised on June 21, with the main event being held in Mysuru, Karnataka.



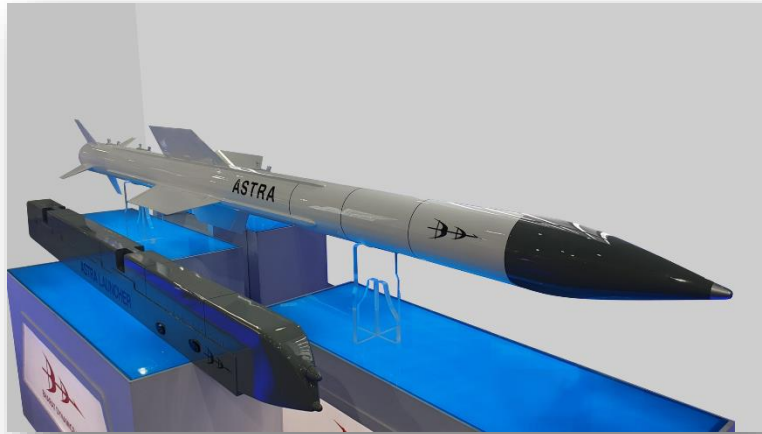
Indonesian Defence Navy Visited SNC

- Indonesian Defence Attaché Cmde Didik Kurniawan, along with delegates from Indonesian Embassy, Delhi, visited Southern Naval Command, Kochi on 30 May 22. They visited **INS Dronacharya** and ND School and interacted with RAdm TVN Prasanna, CSO(Training).
- **India-Indonesia**
- Both of them have agreed to work together for peace, security, and prosperity in order to achieve their shared vision on maritime cooperation in the **Indo-Pacific region**.
- **The Strait of Malacca** - waterway connecting the Andaman Sea (Indian Ocean) and the South China Sea (Pacific Ocean) - runs between the Indonesian island of Sumatra to the West and peninsular (west) Malaysia and extreme southern Thailand to the east.
- **Bilateral Exercises:**
- Exercise **Samudra Shakti** the bilateral maritime exercise.
- **Garuda Shakti** is the joint military exercise between India and Indonesia.



India To Test Next-Gen Astra Mk 2 This Month

- Indian defence and security establishment is set for the maiden test of the indigenous Astra Mk 2 missile with a 160-km range.
- Defence Ministry announced the signing of a deal for the Astra Mk 1 BVR AAM and associated equipment, at a cost of Rs 2,971 crore. The Astra Mk 1 missile, for the use of the IAF & Indian Navy, is being procured from BDL.
- This is the first such indigenous missile to enter the service of the Indian armed forces, which has always depended on Russian (mainly **R 73 and R 77**) and French (**Mica and Meteor**) air-to-air missiles.
- Astra Mk. 2 will use a dual-pulse solid rocket motor for extended reach and better kinematics during the kill phase.
- The plan is to extend the range of Mk. 2 version to 160 kilometres (99 mi) rivaling American **AMRAAM AIM 120-D**. Astra Mk. 2
- A future variant Mk. 3 based on Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) engine is being jointly developed by **India and Russia**. The missile was first tested on 30 May 2018 and a further test was carried out on 8 February 2019.



Indian Navy Commissions INAS 325 aircraft

- In an impressive ceremony held at INS Utkrosh, Port Blair. Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) 325 was commissioned into the Indian Navy. The INAS 325 was commissioned by Lieutenant General Ajai Singh, AVSM, Commander-in-Chief, Andaman and Nicobar.
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- The state-of-the-art multi-role helicopter has been developed and manufactured by **HAL**, Bangalore which embodies the mission of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and helps protect maritime interests in the region to boost India's strategic presence.
- "These helicopters come with the latest-generation avionics and role equipment. They are primarily meant for use in long-range SAR and Maritime recce role. They can also be used for Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief in the Islands.



Major Jyoti Yadav Commands International Contingent During UN International Peacekeepers Day

- Major Jyoti Yadav of the Indian Army commanded the International Contingent during the **United Nations International Peacekeepers Day** ceremony at **Goma, Congo**.
- **WHAT IS UN PEACEKEEPING**
- United Nations Peacekeeping helps countries torn by conflict create conditions for lasting peace.
- Peacekeeping has proven to be one of the most effective tools available to the UN to assist host countries to navigate the difficult path from conflict to peace.

UN Peacekeeping is guided by three basic principles:

- Consent of the parties
- Impartiality
- Non-use of force except in self-defense and defence of the mandate.
- **Women In Peacekeeping**
- In 1993, women made up 1% of deployed uniformed personnel. In 2020, out of approximately 95,000 peacekeepers, women constitute 4.8% of military contingents.
- **International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers**

- Each year on the 29 May we celebrate the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers.



IAF Officer Scales Mt Everest, Sings National Anthem On Reaching Summit

- Wing Commander Vikrant Uniyal of the Indian Air Force, posted at Central Air Command, Prayagraj scaled Mt Everest on May 21 on the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- Wg Cdr Vikrant Uniyal is a qualified mountaineer who trained from Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, Uttarkashi, Army Mountaineering Institute, Siachen, and National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports, Arunachal Pradesh.
- The Everest expedition itself is an unparalleled journey of both legendary and epic proportions, and as an ode to the sacrifices made for the country, the IAF officer as a befitting honour to freedom fighters, recited the national anthem at the summit of Mt Everest, said Gp Capt Samir Gangkhedkar, public relations officer (defence), Prayagraj.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. INS Nishank Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Veer class corvette

ANSWER: D

2. INS Shivaji Is An Indian Naval Station Located In

- A. Nagpur
- B. Nashik
- C. Pune
- D. Lonavala

ANSWER: D

3. Range of Astra Missile Mk 2 Is

- A. 110 km
- B. 160 km
- C. 170 km
- D. 250 km

ANSWER: B

4. Ex Samudra Shakti Is Held B/W India &

- A. Italy

- B. Indonesia
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. None

ANSWER: B

5. ADRDE Stands For

- A. Aerial Delivery Research & Development Energy
- B. Aerial Delivery Research & Developed Establishment
- C. Aerial Delivery Research & Development Establishment
- D. None

ANSWER: C

6. Which Indian Army Officer commanded the International Contingent during the United Nations International Peacekeepers Day?

- A. Brigadier Vikram Parashar
- B. Major Rajeev Chaudhary
- C. Captain Abhilasha
- D. Major Jyoti Yadav

ANSWER: D

7. NIMAS Stands For

- A. National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports
- B. National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Source
- C. National Indus of Mountaineering and Allied Sports
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

8. DIPR Stands For

- A. Defence Institute of Psychological Research
- B. Disaster Institute of Psychological Research
- C. Defence Institute of Psychological Rate
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

9. INS Rana Is A

- A. Destroyer

- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Tank

ANSWER: A

10. Tirana Is The Capital Of

- A. Qatar
- B. UAE
- C. Maldives
- D. Albania

ANSWER: D

11. "India and Asian Geopolitics: The Past, Present" Book Is Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Shakoor Rather
- C. Avtar Singh Bhasin
- D. Shivshankar Menon

ANSWER: D

12. INS Utkrosh Naval Air Station Is Located At

- A. A&N
- B. Lakshadweep
- C. Puducherry
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

13. 11th India-Italy Military Cooperation Group meeting held In__.

- A. New Delhi
- B. Rome
- C. Gurugram
- D. Vatican City

ANSWER: B

14. Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga Is In

- A. Mumbai
- B. Kochi
- C. New Delhi
- D. Noida

ANSWER: C

15. Javelin Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Anti Tank Weapon System

ANSWER: D

16. SNC Is In

- A. Mumbai
- B. Kochi
- C. Chennai
- D. Panaji

ANSWER: B

17. Work Area of Defence Institute of Psychological Research (DIPR) Is

- A. Avionics
- B. Bio-Energy Research
- C. Physiology
- D. Psychological Research

ANSWER: D

18. Kishtwar Cultural Festival Will Be Organised By Indian Army in ___.

- A. J&K
- B. Ladakh
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Haryana

ANSWER: A

19. Where Is The Hq Of The United Nations Security Council?

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

ANSWER: D

20. Range of MICA Missile Is

- A. 60 km
- B. 70 km
- C. 80 km
- D. 90 km

ANSWER: A



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