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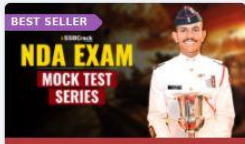
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# Daily Defence Current Affairs

## 08 June 2022

### INS Satpura Visits Manila

- Towards enhancing military cooperation with the navies of friendly foreign countries, Indian Naval Ship Satpura on a deployment to the South China Sea and West Pacific, visited Manila from 03 to 06 June 2022. The visit was aimed at strengthening mutual working relationships and interoperability between the Indian Navy and the Philippines Navy.
- The IN ship was visited by officers and sailors of the Philippines Navy, who were briefed about the indigenous design and construction of the modern stealth frigate. Personnel from both navies also participated in friendly football and basketball matches.
- INS Satpura is an indigenously designed and built 6000 tonnes **guided missile stealth frigate** equipped to seek and destroy adversaries in air, surface and undersea. The ship is a part of the **Eastern Fleet based at Visakhapatnam**.
- During the visit, the Commanding Officer, Captain Saket Khanna called on Commodore Roy Vincent Trinidad, Deputy Commander of the Philippines Fleet.

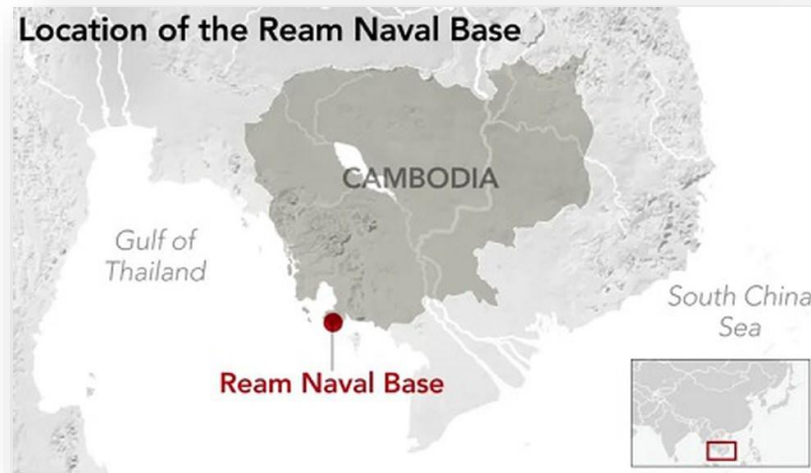




## China Secretly Building Foreign Base In Cambodia

- China is building a naval base for its military in Cambodia, with both Beijing and Phnom Penh going to great lengths to conceal the operation.
- The facility, occupying a portion of Cambodia's **Ream Naval Base** on the Gulf of Thailand, is set to become only China's **second foreign outpost** after the opening of a base in the East African nation of **Djibouti** in 2017
- The base is reportedly located to the west of the South China Sea, where Beijing has overlapping territorial claims with several countries. It will be capable of hosting large naval vessels, according to sources.
- The leadership in Beijing sees “the Indo-Pacific as China’s rightful and historic sphere of influence”, one official was quoted as saying.
- “They view China’s rise there as part of a global trend toward a multipolar world where major powers more forcefully assert their interests in their perceived sphere of influence.
- **China's Expansionism – A Strategic Perspective**
- China’s grand strategy includes the following:
  - **South China Sea:** China has built runways and fortified seven artificial islands in the Spratly islands in the South China Sea.
  - **North of India:** Garrisons, airfields and missile sites linked by modern road-rail networks underpin China’s dominant posture on the Tibetan plateau.

- The Xining-Lhasa rail link is progressing towards Nepal.
- **East of India:** China's Yunan province will gain access to the Bay of Bengal via rail, highway and pipeline, linking it to the deep-water port being built by China at Kyaukpyu in Myanmar.
- China decided to develop Sonadia Islands as a deep sea port for Bangladesh and development of Chittagong port.
- **West of India:** China constructed the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) which will create access to the Arabian Sea from Xinjiang to the Pakistani port of Gwadar via Gilgit-Baltistan.
- China has set up its first overseas military base at Djibouti on the Bab el-Mandeb.
- **South of India:** China has built a new harbour in Hambantota and modernised Colombo port for Sri Lanka.
- All three ports (Gwadar, Hambantota and Kyaukpyu) could provide bases or sanctuaries to PLAN ships and submarines deployed in the Indian Ocean.
- What is India's perception about China's encirclement?
- The Chinese string of pearls strategy around Indian Ocean has encircled India strategically and endangering its strategic interest in the region.
- The recent Chinese sale of eight diesel submarines to Pakistan and two to Bangladesh provides conclusive evidence of India's "strategic encirclement".



## Any Retired Or Serving Lt Gen/General Level Officer Can Be Appointed As The

- In a major development, the government has amended the rules for appointment of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS).
- According to the new rules, a retired officer in the rank of **Lt Gen** equivalent or **General** equivalent positions could be considered for the appointment of **Chief of Defence Staff** provided he hasn't attained age of **62 years** at the time of appointment.
- The amendments are an indicator that the government is moving ahead to appoint the next CDS after an inexplicable delay of six months. Gen Rawat's death has slowed down the entire process to build an integrated war-fighting machinery within budgetary constraints through the creation of theatre commands.
- The three current chiefs — Gen Manoj Pande, Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari and Admiral R Hari Kumar — will of course be among the top contenders for the CDS post. "But three-star officers who have commanded or are commanding the 17 single-service commands (Army - 7, IAF - 7 and Navy - 3), two unified commands (Andaman & Nicobar and Strategic Forces Command) and the three vice chiefs are also now in the zone of consideration,"

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Provided that the Central Government may, if considered necessary, in public interest, so to do, extend the service of the Chief of Defence Staff for such period as it may deem necessary subject to a maximum age of sixty-five years.”

[F. No. 9/1/2017-PO(Def)-Part I]

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## Role of the Chief of Defence Staff

- CDS acts as the permanent Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee which will also have three service chiefs as members.
- His core function will be to foster greater operational synergy between the three service branches of the Indian military and keep inter-service frictions to a minimum.
- He also head the newly created Department of Military Affairs (DMA) in the Ministry of Defence.
- The CDS will be the single-point military adviser to the Defence Minister on matters involving all three services and the service chiefs will be obliged to confine their counsel to issues pertaining to their respective services.
- As the head of DMA, CDS is vested with the authority in prioritising inter-service procurement decisions as Permanent Chairman-Chiefs of Staff Committee.
- The CDS is also vested with the authority to provide directives to the three chiefs.
- However, he does not enjoy any command authority over any of the forces.
- CDS is first among equals, he enjoys the rank of Secretary within the DoD (Department of Defence) and his powers will be confined to only the revenue budget.
- He will also perform an advisory role in the Nuclear Command Authority (NCA).

## What is the Significance of CDS?

- Synergy between Armed forces and Government: CDS' role is not simply about tri-service cooperation, it is equally about fostering better cooperation between the Ministry of Defense bureaucracy and the Armed services.
- Since 1947, there are three Service Headquarters (SHQ) designated as "Attached Offices" of the Department of Defense (DoD).
- Due to this, communication between SHQ and DoD takes place largely through the medium of files.
- With the creation of CDS as Principal Military Adviser (PMA) to Defense Minister, the process of decision-making will be accelerated.
- Jointness in operations: The Chiefs of Staff Committee-COSC (predecessor of CDS), has been dysfunctional because its chairmanship is held by one of the three chiefs on a part-time rotational basis.
- Historically, the chairman COSC lacked the authority as well as capacity and inclination to tackle tri-service issues of substance.
- With the CDS now being designated as "permanent chairman of COSC", he will be able to devote undivided attention to the administration of tri-service organisations.
- Operationalisation of Theatre Command: Creation of DMA will facilitate the operationalisation of joint/theatre command.
- Although a successful template for joint operations was created in the Andaman & Nicobar Command, the lack of political direction and indifference of the COSC has led to inactivity of this joint command.
- Theatre commands would need staff with the knowledge and experience to deploy land, maritime and air forces. Given the disruptive impact of each of these measures, they would best be implemented by the CDS.
- CDS as a key functionary in the nuclear command chain will also administer the Strategic Forces Command.
- This measure will go a long way in enhancing the credibility of India's nuclear deterrent.
- The CDS would also initiate an early review of India's Nuclear Doctrine.
- In the approaching era of dwindling defence budgets, a crucial function of CDS will be "prioritising" the capital acquisition proposals of individual services.
- CDS will have to ensure that the "defence rupee" is spent judiciously; on warfare-capabilities considered vital for national military power, and not on pandering to service demands.



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## India Interested In C-390

- In a potential boost to the Indian Air Force's (IAF) transport capabilities, **Brazilian aircraft manufacturer Embraer** has revealed it is "in talks" with Indian authorities with its **C-390 Millennium** offering.
- The aircraft is a medium-size, twin-engine, jet-powered military transport aircraft which, if inducted will give the IAF significant heavy lift capabilities.
- The aerospace giant of Brazil has together with DRDO collaborated to produce three '**Netra**' AEW&C on the Embraer ERJ145 platform which is operated by the Indian Air Force (IAF).
- Embraer's Legacy **600 jets** are being operated by the IAF and Border Security Force (BSF) for the transportation of government officials and VIPs.
- Meanwhile, state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and Israel Aerospace Industries have inked a MoU to work under Make in India initiative to convert a civil aircraft to a Multi Mission Tanker Transport (MMTT) aircraft.



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EXAMS

## General Charles A. Flynn, Commanding General United States Army Pacific called on COAS

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- General Charles A. Flynn, Commanding General United States Army Pacific USARPAC called on Lieutenant General BS Raju VCOAS & discussed aspects of mutual interests.

- USARPAC is an Army Service Component Command designated by the Secretary of the Army it may also serve as a Joint Task Force HQ. It is the army component unit of the United States Indo-Pacific Command, and its mission is to support the Commander, United States Indo-Pacific Command.
- **India - US Relations**
- **Economic Relations:** Under the Biden administration, India’s trade with the US could recover from the dip since 2017-18.
- In 2019-20, India exported goods worth USD 53 billion to the US – that’s roughly 17% of all Indian exports that year and imported goods worth USD 35.7 billion in return – that’s roughly 7.5% of all Indian imports.
- **Defence**
- Defence relationship has emerged as a major pillar of India-U.S. strategic partnership with intensification in defence trade, joint exercises, personnel exchanges, and cooperation in maritime security and counter-piracy
- India conducts more bilateral exercises with the U.S. than with any other country.

Name of the Exercise	Participating Units
Tiger Triumph	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indian Army and Navy</li> <li>• US Navy</li> </ul>
Vajra Prahar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• United States Army Special Forces</li> <li>• Para SF</li> </ul>
Yudh Abhyas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is the largest running joint military training and defence cooperation endeavour between India and the US.</li> </ul>
Cope India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Between Air Force units</li> </ul>
Malabar Exercise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quadrilateral naval exercise of India, USA, Japan and Australia</li> </ul>



## Naval Air Operations School Conducted Jungle Survival Training For Officers At INS Garuda

- Naval Air Operations School at HQSNC conducted Jungle survival training for Officers of 95th Regular & 26th SSC Naval Air Operations course off Vagamon, providing realistic exposure to the trainees & familiarising them with survival techniques in Jungle Adventure at **INS Garuda**.
- A Jungle survival training camp for officers undergoing 'Naval Air Operations Course' at Naval Air Operations School at Kochi was conducted off Vagamon from 03 to 05 Jun 2022.
- The aim of the exercise was to provide a realistic exposure to the trainees and familiarise them with survival techniques in the jungle.
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- Recently INS Garuda the Naval Air Station at Kochi celebrated its **69th Anniversary** on 11 May 2022. The unit plays a vital role in operations & training activities under HQSNC.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. C-390 Millennium Is A Civilian Aircraft of**

- A. Qatar
- B. China
- C. Australia
- D. Brazil

**ANSWER: D**

**2. Ream Naval Base Is In**

- A. Cambodia
- B. China
- C. Australia
- D. Brazil

**ANSWER: A**

**3. 'Ex AUSTRALIA HIND' conducted b/w India &**

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. Australia
- D. Austria

**ANSWER: C**

**4. Indian Army Has How Many Operational Commands?**

- A. 7
- B. 6
- C. 5
- D. 4

**ANSWER: B**

**5. Lieutenant colonel Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Navy?**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**6. Which Country Is Not The Member Of The G-7?**

- A. Canada
- B. USA
- C. UK
- D. India

**ANSWER: D**

**7. Which Company Is The Manufacturer of The HAL Rudra?**

- A. DRDO & ISRO
- B. DRDO & Israel Aerospace Industries
- C. HAL
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**8. MTCR Stands For**

- A. Missile Technology Control Resist

- B. Missile Technology Control Regime
- C. Missile Telecommunication Control Regime
- D. None

**ANSWER: B**

**9. The Brahmos Is A**

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Supersonic Missile

**ANSWER: D**

**10. INS Satpura Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Guided Missile Stealth Frigate

**ANSWER: D**

**11. Which Arm Of The Indian Army Handles Its Military Communications?**

- A. Corps of Signals
- B. Corps of Engineers
- C. Army Aviation Corps
- D. Corps of Army Air Defence

**ANSWER: A**

**12. Regimental Centre of Jat Regiment Is In**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Pachmarhi
- C. Meerut
- D. Bareilly

**ANSWER: D**

**13. Hq of Territorial Army Is In**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Pachmarhi
- C. Meerut
- D. Secunderabad

**ANSWER: A**

**14. Accra Is The Capital Of**

- A. Ghana
- B. Greece
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

**ANSWER: A**

**15. "Listen to Your Heart: The London Adventure" Book Is Written By**

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Ruskin Bond

**ANSWER: D**

**16. \_\_ is the largest commercial oil company in India.**

- A. IOCL
- B. CIL
- C. GAIL
- D. BPCL

**ANSWER: A**

**17. \_\_ is the largest crude oil and natural gas company in the country.**

- A. IOCL
- B. CIL
- C. GAIL
- D. ONGC

**ANSWER: D**

**18. Which Nation Is A Global strategic partnership of India?**

- A. UK
- B. USA
- C. Thailand
- D. Nepal

**ANSWER: B**

**19. Joint Exercises B/w The India And Sri Lanka Is Called:**

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Tiger Triumph

**ANSWER: B**

**20. "Tum Bharat Ke Veer Ho, Tum Apne Desh Ke Rakshak Ho." Is The March Past Of**

- A. JKLI
- B. Jat Regiment
- C. Parachute Regiment
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**





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