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EXERCISE “EX SAMPRITI-X” CONCLUDES AT JASHORE

- Indo-Bangladesh bilateral Joint Military Exercise “Ex SAMPRITI-X” concluded at Jashore Military Station, Bangladesh today.
- The aim of the exercise was to strengthen the military relations between the two countries.
- The exercise also provided an opportunity to the contingents from both the Armies to understand each other’s tactical drills and operational techniques as well as to share their experience on Counter Insurgency/ Counter Terrorism, Peace Keeping and Disaster Relief Operation under the United Nations mandate. Senior officers of both the Armies conveyed their appreciation to the participating contingents for achieving the objectives of the Exercise.
- Besides training, both contingents also participated in a number of activities including friendly football and cricket matches. The joint exercise, besides promoting understanding and interoperability between the two armies, further helped in strengthening ties between India and Bangladesh.
- **India-Bangladesh Relations**
- India was one of the first countries to recognize Bangladesh and establish diplomatic relations immediately after its independence in December 1971.
- Various Joint exercises of Army (**Exercise Sampriti**) and Navy (**Exercise Milan**) take place between the two countries.
- India and Bangladesh share 4096.7 km. of border, which is the longest land boundary that India shares with any of its neighbours.
- 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.



Raksha Mantri Reviews Security Situation Along LOC

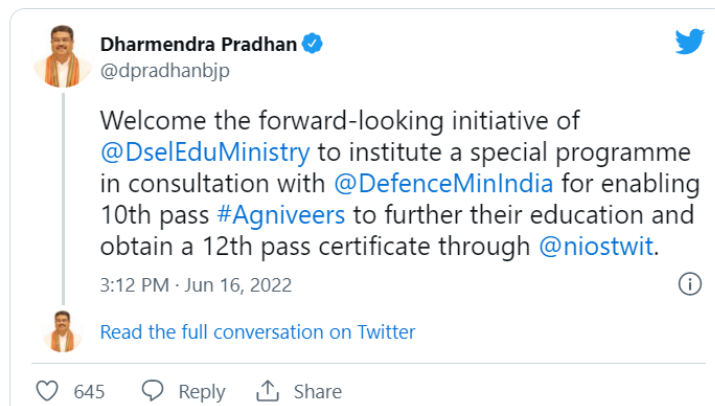
- Rajnath Singh visited the forward areas of Jammu & Kashmir on June 16, 2022 and took stock of the security situation along the border. Shri Rajnath Singh, who is on a two-day visit to the Union Territory, undertook a first-hand assessment of the situation in the formations looking after LoC and forward areas in North Kashmir.
- Rajnath Singh interacted with the personnel of the Armed Forces, Border Security Force (BSF), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and J&K Police.
- The Raksha Mantri highlighted that it was the dawn of a new era of development, peace and prosperity in Kashmir and applauded **15 Corps** for their high level of morale and contribution to peace building in J&K.
- The Raksha Mantri was briefed on the existing ceasefire agreement on the LoC, development works on field fortifications, counter infiltration grid, operational preparedness and Army-citizen connect in border areas. Upon his arrival at 15 Corps HQs, Shri Rajnath Singh was briefed by the GOC 15 Corps on the overall security situation prevalent on Line of Control and the hinterland. He was also briefed on the measures instituted for the safety and security of Amarnath Yatra.



Support To Agnipath Scheme By Department Of School Education & Literacy Through NIOS

- The Ministry of Defence, GoI has unveiled the “Agnipath” scheme which is a pan India merit-based recruitment scheme for enrolling soldiers, airmen and sailors. It is a transformative initiative that will provide a youthful profile to the armed forces. Under this scheme, young persons will be provided an opportunity to serve in the armed forces as “Agniveer”. It provides an opportunity for youth to serve in the regular cadre of the armed forces for a period of 4 years including training period. Agniveers shall be recruited between the ages of 17.5 to 21 years. Candidates who are 10th /12th pass can apply for the recruitment process.
- The Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education welcomes this initiative of the Government of India to induct young men and women into the armed forces to develop a vibrant defence force and disciplined skilled youth with military ethos in civil society.
- To support this initiative, the Department of School Education & Literacy through its autonomous institution, the National Institute of Open Schooling, is instituting a special programme in consultation with the Defence Authorities to enable those Agniveers who are 10th class pass to further their education and obtain a 12th class pass Certificate by developing customized courses that are not only current but very relevant to their area of service. This certificate is recognised for both employment and higher education purposes in the whole country. This will benefit the Agniveers to gain adequate educational qualification and skills to take up productive role in society later in life. This

special programme of NIOS will facilitate enrolment, development of courses, student support, provision of self-learning material, accreditation of study centres, personal contact programme, evaluation and certification. Open schooling system of NIOS which is extremely user friendly and accessible to all from anywhere, anytime opens its doors to all the Agniveers under the Agnipath Scheme.



India, ASEAN Agree To Work Towards Comprehensive Strategic Partnership

- India and the ASEAN on Thursday agreed to work towards a comprehensive strategic partnership that is meaningful, substantive and mutually-beneficial by further enhancing their strategic ties.
- Foreign ministerial meeting being hosted by New Delhi to mark the 30th anniversary of its relations with the 10-nation grouping.
- It is understood that the meeting discussed the situation in the South China Sea, a resource-rich region that has been witnessing increasing Chinese muscle-flexing.
- The foreign ministers agreed to work towards maintaining an open and inclusive regional cooperation framework, support ASEAN centrality in the evolving rules-based regional architecture and uphold multilateralism in jointly responding to regional and global challenges.
- The ASEAN-India dialogue relations started with the establishment of sectoral partnership in 1992 which graduated to full dialogue partnership in December 1995 and summit level partnership in 2002.
- The ties were elevated to strategic partnership in 2012. The ASEAN is central to India's Act East Policy and its vision for the wider Indo-Pacific.

- The ASEAN comprises Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Brunei, the Philippines, Singapore, Cambodia, Malaysia and Myanmar.



Jaishankar, Spanish Counterpart Discuss Growing Defence, Economic Ties

- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar held talks with his Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Albares and discussed growing engagements in political and defence domains.
- The two leaders also exchanged views on the Indo-Pacific and the Ukraine conflict.
- "Exchanged views on the Indo-Pacific, the Ukraine conflict, Afghanistan, North Africa and South Asia. Agreed to work closely in multilateral forums".
- **India Spain Relations**
- Relations between India and Spain have been cordial since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1956. The first resident Ambassador of India was appointed in 1965.
- The then President paid the first state visit to Spain by an Indian head of state in April 2009.
- **Economic and Commercial Relations:**
- Spain is India's 7th largest trading partner in the European Union.
- Bilateral trade in 2018 (Jan - Dec) stood at USD 6.31 billion, growing by 8.68% over a similar period a year ago.



Indian Naval Ships On Three-day Visit To Indonesia

- Indian Naval Ships, **Sahyadri** and **Kamorta**, are on a three-day visit to the Indonesian capital Jakarta to enhance maritime ties between the two navies.
- The visit was started on Wednesday under the Command of Rear Admiral Sanjay Bhalla, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet.
- Frigates and Corvettes are escort ships and Frigates are larger than Corvettes and have a fair mix of offensive and defence capabilities.
- According to the statement, the visit aims to boost India's strong bonds of friendship with Indonesia, further contributing to security and stability in the region.
- INS Sahyadri is an indigenously built multi-role stealth frigate and INS Kamorta is an indigenously built Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Corvette.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. INS Sahyadri Is

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Frigate

ANSWER: D

2. Which of the following Country Is Not The Member Of ASEAN

- A. Brunei
- B. Laos
- C. Vietnam
- D. China

ANSWER: D

3. Hq of ASEAN Is In

- A. Indonesia
- B. Malaysia
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

4. Hq of 15/Chinar Corps of Indian Army Is In

- A. Srinagar
- B. Jaipur
- C. Kochi
- D. Baramulla

ANSWER: A

5. India-ASEAN Foreign Ministerial Meeting Being Hosted By

- A. Jakarta
- B. New Delhi
- C. Minsk
- D. Dhaka

ANSWER: B

6. With Which Nation does India Holds 2+2 Dialogue?

- A. Pakistan
- B. Japan
- C. USA
- D. Both B& C

ANSWER: D

7. DRDO Lakshya Is A

- A. Fighter Jet
- B. Ship
- C. Tank
- D. UAV

ANSWER: D

8. Exercise Samudra Shakti Conducted B/w Indonesia &

- A. India
- B. Nepal
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Bhutan

ANSWER: A

9. College of Air Warfare Is At

- A. Pune
- B. Gurugram
- C. Wellington
- D. Secunderabad

ANSWER: D

10. LEMOA Stands For

- A. Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement
- B. Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Appeal
- C. Logistics Extra Memorandum of Agreement
- D. All are correct

ANSWER: A

11. Captain Rank of Indian Navy Equivalent to Which rank of IAF?

- A. Flying Officer
- B. Flight Lieutenant

- C. Group Captain
- D. None

ANSWER: C

12. ADGPI Stands For

- A. Additional Directorate General of Public Info
- B. Additional Directorate Generate of Public Information
- C. Additional Directorate General of Public Information
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

13. War Cry Of SIKH LIGHT INFANTRY Is

- A. Garud ka hun bol pyare
- B. Everywhere
- C. Raja Ramachandra ki jai
- D. Jo bole So Nihal, sat sri akal

ANSWER: D

14. Bridgetown Is The Capital Of

- A. Belgium
- B. Bulgaria
- C. Brunei
- D. Barbados

ANSWER: D

15. "Portraits of Power: Half a Century of Being at Ringside" Book Is Written By

- A. Salman Khurshid
- B. Shantanu Gupta
- C. Chetan Bhagat
- D. N K Singh

ANSWER: D

16. Air Marshal Rank of IAF Equivalent to Which rank of Indian Navy

- A. Flying Officer
- B. Vice Admiral
- C. Admiral
- D. None

ANSWER: B

17. Army Service Corps Centre Is In

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Chennai
- C. Gaya
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

18. Predator B (MQ-9 Reaper) Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: C

19. Heron TP Drone Is Made By

- A. Brazil
- B. India
- C. Israel
- D. USA

ANSWER: C













20. World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought Observed Every Year On

- A. 17th June
- B. 18th June
- C. 19th June
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

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