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# Daily Defence Current Affairs

## 20 July 2022

### Indian Army, Navy & Air Force have shortage of 1.36 lakh personnel: Government

- Amid row over Agnipath scheme for recruitment in armed forces, government today informed that three armed forces have a shortage of 1,35,784 personnel, including officers and soldiers. According to the details provided by the government, the maximum vacancies of 1,16,464 are in Indian Army followed by 13,597 in Indian Navy and 5,723 in the IAF.
- "The average annual recruitment in Army, Navy and Air Force is 60,000, 5,332 and 5,723 respectively," Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt said in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha.
- The shortage in the Army was 64,482 personnel on January 1, 2020.
- He said the shortage in the Navy as against the authorized strength was 13,597 as of May 31, while that in the Indian Air Force was 5,723 as of July 1.



## Indian Navy Expected To Spend 70 Pc Of Capital Budget In Domestic Procurement

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday said that the Indian Navy spent over 64 percent of its capital budget on domestic procurement in the last financial year and it is expected to increase to 70 percent in the current financial year.
- Addressing the Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO) seminar 'Swavlamban' here, Singh laid thrust on innovation, indigenisation and partnerships between the Armed Forces, Industry, research establishments and academia.
- **Indian Navy:** It is headed by the President of India as its Supreme Commander.
- Indian Navy's Motto is - शं नो वरुणः that means that the God of water, Varuna, should be auspicious unto us.
- Some of the earliest operations of the Indian Navy include its contribution to liberating Goa from Portugal in 1961.
- The Navy has developed as an admirable force with the making of the nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine INS Arihant and several other ships.
- Indian Navy currently has one aircraft carrier, the INS Vikramaditya which was a former Russian ship that was commissioned into service in 2013.
- It operates three classes of submarines: Chakra (it has the nuclear-powered INS Chakra), Sindhughosh, and Shishumar.
- Marine Commandos or MARCOS is the special force unit of the Indian Navy.



## Indian Army Chief calls on Bangladesh PM Hasina in Dhaka

- Indian Army Chief General Manoj Pande called Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Tuesday as part of his four-day visit to the country.
- He visited Defence Service Command & Staff College, Mirpur & delivered a lecture on India's Security Perspective to student officers & faculty of Armed Forces War Course“.
- India and Bangladesh enjoy robust and multifaceted bilateral cooperation in diverse areas, including trade and connectivity, energy and power, water resources, border management, defence and security, culture and people-to-people links.
- The India-Bangladesh relationship is an important element of India’s “Neighbourhood First” policy. 2021 was of special significance as both countries celebrated 50 years of diplomatic relations, five decades of Bangladesh’s independence and the birth centenary of its Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.



## Korea and Spain Defence Majors Ready To Participate In 75 (I) Submarine Project

- India has identified MDL and Larsen & Toubro (L&T) to tie up with foreign defence majors in South Korea, Spain, Germany, France, and Russia to build six



air independent propulsion (AIP) diesel attack submarines for the Indian Navy at the cost of over 40,000 crore.

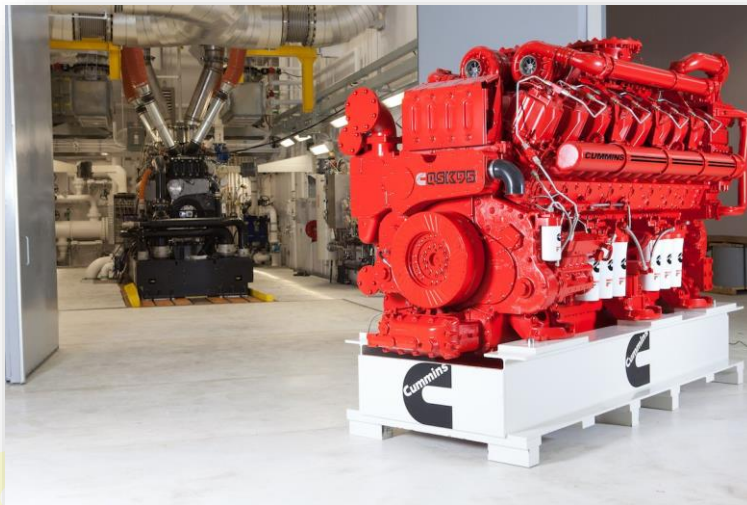
- South Korean Daewoo and Spanish Navantia has shown interest in building the long endurance diesel submarine under the strategic partnership model with India. The RFP was first issued in July 2021 and extended to November 30, 2022, from June 30, 2022, deadline.
- DRDO has also developed the AIP technology and will be retrofitted on Project 75 submarines when they come for mid-life upgrade. The first of the six indigenous Scorpene class submarine, INS Kalveri, was commissioned in the Indian Navy in 2017. Three more have been commissioned in the Indian Navy since then.



## India To Make Diesel Engines For Ships

- In an important announcement on military technology, the Ministry of Defence will manufacture diesel-powered marine engines used in ships and also design and develop a heavy-lift helicopter for the three services. Both projects will have participation of the private sector.
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- The announcements were made at a seminar organised by the Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO) and the Society for Indian Defence Manufacturers here. Later,, PM Narendra Modi spoke at the same seminar, titled “Swavlamban” (self-reliance), and described the goal of self-reliance in the Indian defence forces.
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- “In the past four-five years, the defence imports have come down by 21 per cent. Today, we are moving fast to be a big exporter. Last year, Rs 13,000 crore worth of defence export was made,” Modi said. This figure of 21 per cent reduction, what Modi cited, is part of the report by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute in March. Comparing two five-year blocks — between 2012-16 and 2017-21 — it said Indian arms imports decreased by 21 per cent.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. ‘Naseem-Al-Bahr’ conducted b/w India &

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

**ANSWER: B**

2. ‘Sahyog-Kaijin’ is an annual joint exercise between the Coast Guards of India and which country?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. China
- C. Japan
- D. Sri Lanka

**ANSWER: C**

**3. Consider the following statements with respect to Digi Yatra:**

**1. It is a project of the Ministry of Civil Aviation for digital processing of passengers at airports.**

**2. It is built on 4 key pillars - Connected Passengers, Connected Airports, Connected Flying and Connected Systems.**

**Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?**

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

**ANSWER: D**

**4. Which of the following statements regarding Shanghai Cooperation Organisation is/are correct?**

**1. Varanasi has been selected as the SCO region's first Tourism and Cultural Capital for 2022-23.**

**2. Turkmenistan is a member state of SCO.**

**3. It aims to promote and strengthen mutual trust and neighborliness among the member states.**

**Select the correct answer using the code given below:**

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 only
- D. 1 and 3 only

**ANSWER: D**

**5. Where is the BARC's Research Centre?**

- A. Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre, Kolkata
- B. Nuclear Research Lab, Kashmir
- C. High Altitude Research Lab, Gulmarg
- D. All of the above

**ANSWER: D**

**6. Which of the following is India's first indigenously developed nuclear powered submarine?**

- A. INS Arihant
- B. INS Sindhurakshak

- C. INS Trikhand
- D. INS Vikrant

**ANSWER: A**

**7. Dhanush, a missile inducted into the Indian Navy**

- A. cannot carry nuclear warheads
- B. is a customized and naval variant of Prithvi missile
- C. has a range of 700 km
- D. can be launched from an aircraft

**ANSWER: B**

**8. The commando unit of the Indian Air Force is named**

- A. Ghatak
- B. MARCOS
- C. Garud
- D. Baaz

**ANSWER: C**

**9. Which of the following corps deals with the supply of weaponry and ammunition to the Indian Army?**

- A. Armoured Corps
- B. Army Ordnance Corps
- C. Corps of EME
- D. Army Supply Corps

**ANSWER: B**

**10. What was the name given to the operation conducted by National Security Guard in 2008 against terrorist attack in Taj hotel, Mumbai?**

- A. Operation Vijay
- B. Operation Black Thunder
- C. Operation Black Tornado
- D. Operation Safed Sagar

**ANSWER: C**

**11. At which of the following places is the headquarters of a Naval Command NOT located?**

- A. Goa
- B. Visakhapatnam
- C. Mumbai



D. Kochi

**ANSWER: A**

**12. On which of the following dates is the Navy Day celebrated in India?**

A. December 4

B. February 1

C. October 8

D. January 15

**ANSWER: A**

**13. The country that shares the longest border with India is**

A. China

B. Bangladesh

C. Nepal

D. Pakistan

**ANSWER: B**

**14. How many Indian states share border with Bhutan?**

A. 5

B. 3

C. 2

D. 4

**ANSWER: D**

**15. "Indian Home Rule" Book Is Written By**

A. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan

B. H. G. Wells

C. Sitaram Yechuri

D. M. K. Gandhi

**ANSWER: D**

**16. The first nuclear reactor in India is**

A. Dhurva

B. Harsha

C. Apsara

D. Vipula

**ANSWER: C**

**17. At which of the following places is the Indian National Defence University being set up?**

- A. Gurgaon, Haryana
- B. Amethi, Uttar Pradesh
- C. Kasargod, Kerala
- D. Medak, Andhra Pradesh

**ANSWER: A**

**18. Which of the following aircraft is the air-to-air refueller of the Indian Air Force?**

- A. Ilyushin – 78
- B. C – 130J Hercules
- C. Ilyushin – 76
- D. C – 17 Globemaster

**ANSWER: A**

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

- A. Indradhanush
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

**ANSWER: A**













**20. At which of the following places is the Heavy Vehicles Factory located?**

- A. Avadi
- B. 24 Paraganas
- C. Kanpur
- D. Khadki

**ANSWER: A**

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