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# Daily Defence Current Affairs

## 01 August 2022

### Joint Exercise Al NAJAH-IV

- The 4th Edition of India Oman Joint Military Exercise 'AL NAJAH-IV' between contingents of Indian Army and the Royal Army of Oman is scheduled to take place at the Foreign Training Node of Mahajan Field Firing Ranges (Rajasthan) from 01 to 13 August 2022. The Royal Army of Oman contingent comprising 60 personnel from the Sultan of Oman Parachute Regiment have arrived at the exercise location. The Indian Army is represented by troops from the 18 MECHANISED INFANTRY Battalion. The previous Ex AL NAJAH IV edition was organised at Muscat from 12 to 25 March 2019.
- The scope of the exercise includes professional interaction, mutual understanding of drills & procedures, establishment of joint command & control structures and elimination of terrorist threats. The joint exercise would focus on Counter Terrorism Operations, Regional Security Operations and Peace Keeping Operations under United Nations charter apart from organising joint physical training schedules, tactical drills, techniques and procedures.
- A comprehensive training programme to culminate in a 48 hours long validation exercise involving establishing of joint mobile vehicle check posts, joint cordon and search operations followed by joint room intervention drills in a built up area has been worked out.
- The joint military exercise aims to enhance the level of defence co-operation between Indian Army and Royal Army of Oman and will further manifest in enhancing the bilateral relations between the two nations.



## Joint Exercise “EX VINBAX 2022”

- The 3rd Edition of Vietnam India Bilateral Army Exercise “Ex VINBAX 2022” is scheduled to be conducted at Chandimandir from 01 to 20 Aug 2022. The exercise is a sequel to previously conducted bilateral exercise in Vietnam in 2019 and a major milestone in strengthening the bilateral relations between India and Vietnam. India and Vietnam share a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and defence cooperation is a key pillar of this partnership. Vietnam is an important partner in India’s Act East policy and the Indo-Pacific vision.
- The theme of Ex VINBAX – 2022 is employment and deployment of an Engineer Company and a Medical Team as part of United Nations Contingent for Peace Keeping Operations. India has a rich legacy of deployment of troops in United Nations missions and has some of the best capacities to impart United Nations peace operations training incorporating best practices and hands on training to prospective United Nations peacekeepers at tactical, operational & strategic levels.
- The conduct of Ex VINBAX – 2022 as a field training exercise with enhanced scope from previous editions of bilateral exercise will strengthen mutual confidence, inter-operability and enable sharing of best practices between the Indian Army and Vietnam People's Army. The joint exercise will also provide an opportunity to the troops of both the Contingents to learn about the social and cultural heritage of each other. Indian Army is being represented by troops from the 105 Engineer Regiment.



## Kargil War: Point 5140 Named As 'Gun Hill'

- To commemorate the victory of the Indian Armed Forces and pay tribute to the supreme sacrifice of the Gunners in “Operation Vijay”, Point 5140 at Dras, in the Kargil sector has been christened as “Gun Hill”.
- Regiment of Artillery of the Indian Army, with lethal and accurate firepower, was able to have a telling effect on the enemy troops and their defences including Point 5140, which was the key factor in the early completion of operations.
- On behalf of the Regiment of Artillery, a wreath was laid by Lieutenant General TK Chawla, Director General of Artillery at Kargil War Memorial, Dras, along with Veteran Gunners who had participated in the operation. Lieutenant General Anindya Sengupta, General Officer Commanding, Fire & Fury Corps also laid a wreath on the solemn occasion.
- The ceremony was conducted in the presence of Veterans from all Artillery Regiments, which got the honour title “KARGIL” in Operation Vijay. Serving Officers of the Gunner fraternity were also present on the occasion.



## Russia's New Naval Doctrine Calls US, NATO Main Sources Of Threat To National Sea Security

- The United States' pursuit of global maritime dominance and the growth in NATO activity are the main threat to Russia's national maritime security, according to the new Russian naval doctrine adopted.
- Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a decree approving the new national naval doctrine earlier in the day.
- "The main challenges and threats to the national maritime security and sustainable development for the Russian Federation related to the world oceans are the strategic course of the US toward domination in the world oceans and their global influence on the development of international processes, including those related to the use of transport communications and energy resources of the world ocean".
- According to the updated naval doctrine, the establishment of NATO military facilities close to Russia's borders and the rise in the frequency of alliance drills in nearby maritime regions also pose a serious risk to the country's maritime space. Further, the document also highlighted the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic, the lack of a suitable network of support bases for the Russian Navy outside the country, and the climate issue.



## IAF Retiring One Mig-21 Squadron By September End, Entire Fleet To Be Phased Out By 2025

- On Thursday evening, a MiG-21 Type 69 Trainer aircraft crashed in Barmer, Rajasthan killing both the pilots including a youngster Flight Lieutenant A Bal and Wing Commander Rana.
- "The 51 Squadron based out of Srinagar air base is being number plated on September 30. After this, only three squadrons of the planes would be left in service and would be phased out by the year 2025".
- "The 51 squadron famous for shooting down an F-16 aircraft of the Pakistan Air Force in post-Balakot air strike operations in February 2019 is being number plated on September 30. With this, only three of the MiG 21 bison squadrons would be left in the Air Force, of which one would be retired every year and the fleet would be totally gone by the year 2025".
- The crash of the MiG-21 aircraft has once again highlighted IAF's ageing fleet of Soviet-origin Mig-21 aircraft which were involved in around 200 accidents since their first induction in the early 1960s.



## Army Chief Gen Pande Meets Bhutanese King In Thimphu

- Indian Army Chief General Manoj Pandey, who is on a visit to Bhutan, called on Bhutanese King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck on Sunday and discussed aspects of enhancing the enduring bilateral relationship between the two nations.
- The Army Chief also interacted with Lieutenant General Batoo Tshering, Chief Operations Officer (COO) of the Royal Bhutan Army.
- Diplomatic relations between the two countries were formally established in 1968 with the appointment of a resident representative of India in the Bhutanese capital of Thimphu. The India House (Embassy of India in Bhutan) was inaugurated on May 14, 1968, and Resident Representatives were exchanged in 1971.
- This relationship becomes even more important because four Indian states, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Sikkim, and West Bengal - share a 699-kilometre-long boundary with Bhutan. India is important to Bhutan in multiple ways. It is Bhutan's largest trading partner - both as a source and a market for its goods.



## India's Military Spending For The Year 2021: Ranked Third-Highest In World

- Total global military expenditure increased by 0.7 percent in real terms in 2021, to reach \$2113 billion. The five largest spenders in 2021 were the United States, China, India, the United Kingdom and Russia, together accounting for 62 percent of expenditure, according to new data on global military spending published by the SIPRI.
- India's Military spending for the year 2021 is ranked as third highest in the world as detailed below: (in Current US \$ Million)

S No	Country	Expenditure for 2021
1	United States of America	800,672.20
2	China	293,351.90



3	India	76,598.00
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- During 2017-21, the percentage of foreign procurement (both revenue and capital) made for the purchase of stores/ defence equipment has been in the range of 33.97 per cent to 41.60 per cent.



## Naib Subedar Jeremy Lalrinnunga Wins India's Second Gold At Commonwealth Games

- Indian weightlifter Jeremy Lalrinnunga created history by capturing a gold medal with a record-breaking combined lift of 300 kg in men's 67 kg final at the ongoing Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham on Sunday.
- Earlier in the commonwealth games 2022, Mirabai Chanu wins first gold for India in the women's 49 kg category for a total lift of 201 Kg, setting a game record for the category.
- Jeremy Lalrinnunga, who won gold in the 67kg category at the ongoing Commonwealth Games 2022 is an Indian weightlifter from Aizawl, Mizoram. Lalrinnunga created a game record with a lift of 140kg in snatch and 160kg in clean and jerk.



## Officers Training Academy Chennai Passing Out Parade

- A total of 125 Gentlemen Cadets and 41 Women Cadets were commissioned in various Arms and Services of Indian Army at an impressive Passing Out Parade (POP) held at India's premium defence training establishment OTA.
- The magnificent parade was reviewed by Maj Gen Abdul Shamal, CDF, Maldives National Def Force.
- Four Gentlemen Cadets and 26 Women Cadets from friendly foreign countries also successfully completed their training. An impressive military parade on the revered Parmeshwaran Drill Square at OTA marked the commissioning of the SSC-113, SSC(W)-27 and equivalent courses.
- The immaculate parade was followed by pipping ceremony in which the newly commissioned officers, wearing the shining star on their shoulders, swore allegiance to the country and the Constitution of India as they stepped out of the portals of the OTA, committing to 'Serve with Honour' to safeguard the Honour of their country.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Exercise AI NAJAH-IV Is Conducted in

- A. Rajasthan
- B. U.P.
- C. Kerala
- D. Uttarakhand

**ANSWER: A**

2. COBRA GOLD is a

- A. Bilateral Exercise
- B. Domestic Exercise
- C. Multilateral Exercise
- D. None

**ANSWER: C**

3. 'EX VINBAX 2022' conducted b/w India &

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

**ANSWER: C**

**4. Udham Singh was an Indian revolutionary belonging to\_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Ghadar Party and HSRA
- B. Indian National Congress
- C. Jansangh
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**5. India's Military spending for the year 2021 is ranked**

- A. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- B. 4<sup>th</sup>
- C. 5<sup>th</sup>
- D. 6<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: A**

**6. Naib Subedar Jeremy Lalrinnunga is related with**

- A. Table Tennis
- B. Cricket
- C. Boxing
- D. Weightlifting

**ANSWER: D**

**7. The Jawaharlal Nehru Port is located at**

- A. Paradip
- B. Cochin
- C. Kolkata
- D. Mumbai

**ANSWER: D**

**8. Which of the following National Highway route is the longest?**

- A. Agra - Mumbai
- B. Chennai - Thane
- C. Pune – Machilipatnam
- D. Kolkata - Hazira

**ANSWER: D**

**9. 'Iron Beam' new laser-based air defence system Made By**

- A. USA
- B. UK

- C. Israel
- D. Russia

**ANSWER: C**

**10. Ex KHANJAR Conducted B/W India &**

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. Kazakhstan
- D. Kyrgyzstan

**ANSWER: D**

**11. First Submarine Developed Under P-75 Is**

- A. INS Kalvari
- B. INS Khanderi
- C. INS Karanj
- D. INS Vela

**ANSWER: A**

**12. India Purchased MiG-21 from**

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. Russia

**ANSWER: D**

**13. Rezang La Has Located B/W Borders Of**

- A. India-Pakistan
- B. India-China
- C. India-Nepal
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: B**

**14. Selection Centre South (SCS) Is In**

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

**ANSWER: D**



**15. Who wrote the book New Dimensions of India's Foreign Policy?**

- A. Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- B. Abdul Kalam Azad
- C. Amit Chaudhuri
- D. Raghuram Rajan

**ANSWER: A**

**16. 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel border lines divide which of the two following countries?**

- A. North Korea and South Korea
- B. India and Tibet
- C. Poland and Germany
- D. Pakistan and Afghanistan

**ANSWER: A**

**17. Which one of the following countries has the longest coastal line**

- A. Brazil
- B. Australia
- C. India
- D. Canada

**ANSWER: D**

**18. Mechanical Training Institute (MTI) Of IAF Is In**

- A. Yelahanka, Bengaluru
- B. Jalahalli, Bengaluru
- C. Tambaram Chennai
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**19. "Jai Mahakali Ayo Gorkhali" Is The War Cry Of**

- A. BIHAR REGIMENT
- B. MAHAR REGIMENT
- C. NAGA REGIMENT
- D. GORKHA REGIMENTS

**ANSWER: D**

**20. Central Statistical Organization Hq Is In**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Pune

D. Mumbai

**ANSWER: A**



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