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13th Edition of India-US joint Special Forces Exercise Vajra Prahar

- 13th Edition of India-US joint Special Forces Exercise Vajra Prahar commenced today at Special Forces Training School, Bakloh, H.P. The Exercise aims to share experiences & best practices in mission planning and operational tactics of Special Forces Operations.
- The joint exercise by the Special Forces of both the countries is conducted alternatively between India and the United States.
- Special Forces are the units of a country's armed forces that undertake covert, counterterrorist, and other specialized operations.
- The US contingent is represented by personnel from the 1st Special Forces Group (SFG) and Special Tactics Squadron (STS) of the US Special Forces while the Indian Army contingent is formed by drawing Special Forces personnel under the aegis of SFTS.
- **Other Exercises of India with the USA:**
 - Exercise Yudh Abhyas (Army).
 - Cope India (Air Force).
 - Red Flag (USA's multilateral air exercise).
 - Malabar Exercise (trilateral naval exercise of India, USA and Japan).



12th DefExpo To Be Held In Gandhinagar

- The 12th edition of DefExpo - India's flagship exhibition on Land, Naval and Homeland Security systems - will be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat between October 18-22, 2022. The five-day event will witness three business days followed by two public days. Live demonstrations showcasing the equipment and skill set of the Armed Forces, DPSUs and Industry will be held on all five days at Sabarmati River Front through active participation and synchronized efforts at all levels.
- DefExpo 2022 is in line with the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to achieve self-reliance in defence and achieve export of \$5 billion by 2025. India has successfully established itself as an emerging defence manufacturing hub with numerous international orders being bagged by Indian companies in recent years. The Indian Defence industry has been keenly anticipating DefExpo-2022 which is Asia's largest event in the defence sector. It was postponed in March 2022 due to logistical problems being faced by the participants.
- The Ministry of Defence has introduced numerous policy reforms in recent years such as simplifying industrial licensing process; allowing 74% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) through automatic route; release of positive list of items to be procured only from Indian manufacturers; launch of seven new defence companies; Innovation for Defence Excellence (iDEX); Defence Innovation Start-up Challenge (DISC); Defconnect; Artificial Intelligence in Defence (AiDef) etc.



Indian Army Launches “HIM- DRONE-A-THON”

- The Indian Army in collaboration with the Drone Federation of India launched the ‘Him Drone-a-thon’ programme on 08 August 22. This aimed to catalyse and provide focused opportunities to the Indian drone ecosystem to develop path-breaking drone capabilities for meeting the requirements of frontline troops.
- The ‘Him Drone-a-thon’ programme is panning India sustained connect between all stakeholders including industry, academia, software developers and drone product manufacturers. It will be conducted in stages with quantifiable parameters (like altitude, weight, range, endurance etc) being progressively enhanced based on demonstrated capabilities.
- As a start point, development in the following categories are included:-
 - Logistics/ Load carrying Drone in High Altitude Areas.
 - Autonomous Surveillance/ Search & Rescue Drone.
 - Micro/ Nano Drones for Fighting in Built Up Areas.



Indian Army Signs A MOU With Drone Federation Of India

- The Army Design Bureau signed an MoU with the Drone Federation of India to collaboratively work towards promoting research, development, testing and manufacturing of drones, counter-drone and associated technologies that can assist the Indian Army in its operations.
- The Army Design Bureau is the nodal agency of the Indian Army to be the facilitator for the R&D efforts with the Industry, Academia, DRDO and DPSUs to enable them to understand and appreciate user requirements in depth.
- This MoU between the Indian Army and the Drone Federation of India will promote efforts to handhold the industry and academia in order to assist them to develop niche technology and products for procurement by the Indian Army.
- As per the new MoU, both parties have agreed to collaboratively work on the following:-
- To create a road map for drone, counter-drone and allied technologies in the Indian Army.
- To promote research, development, testing and indigenous manufacturing of drones and associated technologies by the provision of testing sites to enable the designing, prototyping, testing and manufacturing of drones and associated components.
- Develop goal-based technology research programs in groups with members from industry, academia and the armed forces.
- Enabling outreach for Field Trials in collaboration with industry and user groups of the Armed Forces.



Conference On Classification Regulations And Advanced Naval Technologies

- A two-day Conference on Classification Regulation and Advanced Technologies for Naval Ships and Auxiliaries was organized by Directorate of Naval Architecture, Integrated Headquarters- MoD (Navy) on 04-05 Aug 22 at Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis, New Delhi with the aim of promoting indigenous warship building.
- The theme of the conference was **Future Naval Ships- Technologically Transformative, Economically Viable and Environmentally Sustainable.**
- The conference was aimed to provide a platform by Indian Navy to achieve synergy between Classification Societies, various branches of Indian Navy and Coast Guard, Indian Shipyards, DRDO Labs, academia etc, in the field of research and development as well as quality assurance and survey/ certification of Naval Ships and Auxiliaries.
- The conference was inaugurated by Vice Admiral Sandeep Naithani, Chief of Material, Indian Navy on 04 Aug 22; and its various sessions were keenly participated by more than 120 delegates, including Senior Officers of Naval Headquarters, Naval Command, Field Units, Coast Guards Headquarters. Delegates from six DPSU Shipyards, DRDO Scientists and academia were also present in the Conference. The closing session was presided over by VAdm Kiran Deshmukh, Controller of Warship Production and Acquisition, Indian Navy on 05 Aug 22.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. 12th DefExpo To Be Held In

- A. Noida
- B. Pune
- C. Gandhinagar
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: C

2. Defence Innovation Start-up Challenge Is An Initiative Of

- A. MHA
- B. MEA
- C. MOD
- D. PMO

ANSWER: C

3. Ex Vajra Prahar 2022 Conducted b/w India &

- A. Russia
- B. USA
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: B

4. The 13th Edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces Exercise Held At

- A. U.P
- B. M.H
- C. H.P
- D. T.N

ANSWER: C

5. The Army Design Bureau Signed A MoU With

- A. Drone Federation of India
- B. IDEX
- C. HAL
- D. IAI

ANSWER: A

6. Ex 'Harimau Shakti' conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: A

7. Navigation Training School of IAF Is In

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

ANSWER: A

8. Hq of White Knight Corps Is In

- A. Nagrota
- B. Udhampur
- C. Jaipur
- D. Noida

ANSWER: A

9. 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

10. Lieutenant colonel Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Army?

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

ANSWER: A

11. Secretariat of ASEAN Is In

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

ANSWER: A

12. "An Introduction to Dreamland" Book Is Written By

- A. Bhagat Singh
- B. Raja Ram
- C. Leo Tolstoy
- D. George Bernard Shaw

ANSWER: A

13. Wassenaar Arrangement Works On Transfer Of

- A. Conventional weapons and dual-use goods and technologies
- B. Wheat and Rice
- C. Space Technology
- D. High yielding seeds

ANSWER: A

14. Which One Of The Following Pairs Is Not Correctly Matched?

- A. Christ Church - New Zealand
- B. Nairobi - Kenya
- C. Budapest - Hungary
- D. Kinshasa - Zaire

ANSWER: A

15. "Sita: Warrior of Mithila" Book Is Written By

- A. Amish Tripathi
- B. Rabindranath Tagore
- C. Amrita Pritam
- D. Chetan Bhagat

ANSWER: A

16. Which Of The Following Is Not Correctly Matched?

- A. Chennai - Deepest port of India
- B. Cochin - Natural port
- C. Kandla - Tidal port
- D. Jawaharlal Nehru port - Sole mechanized port

ANSWER: A

17. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Hq Is In

- A. Nairobi, Kenya
- B. New York City, USA
- C. Rome, Italy
- D. Washington, DC, USA

ANSWER: A

18. CISF Comes Under Which Ministry?

- A. MHA
- B. MOD
- C. MEA
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

19. ___ Holds The Rank Of Supreme Commander Of The IAF.

- A. President of India
- B. PM
- C. NSA
- D. Chief of the Air Staff (CAS)

ANSWER: A

20. Iran Boundary Doesn't Touches With

- A. Iraq
- B. Turkmenistan
- C. Pakistan

D. Russia

ANSWER: D



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