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Daily Defence Current Affairs

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INS Satpura to conduct 75-lap "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Run" at San Diego

- Dedicated to 75 stalwarts of India's Freedom Struggle as a remembrance of their sacrifices for the nation, Indian Naval Ship Satpura will conduct a 75-lap "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Run" at San Diego US Navy Base on August 15.
- INS Satpura arrived at San Diego Harbour North American Continent on August 13 as part of commemorative visits undertaken by the Indian Navy's ships across six continents, three oceans, and six different time zones.
- Earlier, INS Satpura and P8I LRMASW aircraft took part in one of the largest multilateral naval exercises, the Rim of the Pacific exercise (RIMPAC) at Pearl Harbour in Hawaii.
- The Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is an occasion to reinvigorate and reemphasise India's maritime moorings. Towards this, a large number of activities have been undertaken by the Indian Navy over the last year both within the country and abroad.
- Commemorative ship visits to 75 Indian ports in the year 2021-22, President's Fleet Review, Lokayan 2022 (sail ship expedition), display of the monumental flag at Mumbai and community outreach programs across all coastal districts of India are a few major initiatives in this regard by Indian Navy.



INDO OMAN Joint Military Exercise AL NAJAF IV Concludes

- The Indo Oman Joint Military Exercise Al Najaf IV concluded at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges. A solemn Closing Ceremony marked the culmination of the exercise. This platoon level 13 days exercise had commenced on 01 August 2022.
- The aim of the exercise was to achieve inter-operability and to acquaint each other with operational procedures and combat drills in a Counter Terrorism environment under United Nations mandate. Both armies were able to achieve the stated objectives.
- **Relationship:** While people-to-people contact between India and Oman can be traced back 5000 years, diplomatic relations were established in **1955** and the relationship was upgraded to Strategic partnership in **2008**. Oman has been a key pillar of India's West Asia Policy.
- The **JMCC** is the highest forum of engagement between India and Oman in the field of defence.

Military Exercises:

- Army exercise: Al Najah
- Air Force exercise: Eastern Bridge
- Naval Exercise: Naseem Al Bahr



Armed Forces To Be Awarded Special Medals On Independence Day

- Newly minted special medals will be awarded to members of the Indian Armed Forces and the Central Armed Police Force (CAFP) on the 75th anniversary of Independence.
- The new medal will have the Ashoka Lion on the front and the Ashoka Chakra on the back. According to a government notification, the medals are made of **cupro-nickel alloy**. The cost, Rs 96 per medal, will be borne by the respective state governments.
- India has a tradition of giving out such medals to the armed forces and central armed police forces every 25 years.
- These were last awarded on August 15, 1997, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of India's independence.
- The medal awarded to the armed forces in 1997 had an image of the Red Fort embossed with '**50th Anniversary of Independence 1947-1997**' written along the rim in English.



Pakistan to attend SCO counter-terror drills in India for 1st time

- Pakistan will attend the counter-terrorism drills hosted by India under the ambit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in October, despite a chill in bilateral ties.
- There will be exercises under the ambit of SCO RATS (Regional Anti-Terrorism Structure). “These exercises are scheduled to be held in India in Mahesar in October.
- The exercise scheduled to be held in Manesar in Haryana will see participation from Russia, China, Pakistan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, besides India.

About:

- SCO is a permanent intergovernmental international organization.
- It's a Eurasian political, economic and military organization aiming to maintain peace, security, and stability in the region.
- It was created in 2001.
- The SCO Charter was signed in 2002 and entered into force in 2003.

Genesis:

- Prior to the creation of SCO in 2001, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Tajikistan were members of the Shanghai Five.

- Shanghai Five (1996) emerged from a series of border demarcation and demilitarization talks that the four former Soviet republics held with China to ensure stability along the borders.
- Following the accession of Uzbekistan to the organization in 2001, the Shanghai Five was renamed the SCO.
- India and Pakistan became members in 2017.
- On 17th September 2021, it was announced that Iran would become a full member of the SCO.

Membership:

- Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India, Pakistan and Iran.



Philippines Cancels Russian Helicopter Deal, Considering ALH-Dhruv Purchase From India

- The Philippines has officially canceled the contract to purchase 16 Russian military transport helicopters for the Philippine air force due to fears of U.S. sanctions amid the Russia-Ukraine war. Without the Mi-17s, the Philippines would be left with an outstanding requirement for heavy transport helicopters.
- The indigenously designed and developed Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH-DHRUV) is a twin engine, multi-role, multi-mission new generation helicopter in the 5.5 ton weight class.

- The major variants of ALH-DHRUV are Dhruv MK-1, MK-2, MK-3 and MK-4. The MK-1 and MK-2 are normal utility helicopters with a conventional glass cockpit. The Advanced Light Helicopter of version MK-3 is made for defence services in high altitude operations, and MK-4 versions are made for an armed attack, close air support and high altitude operations. The Philippines is interested in buying the armed version of Dhruv MK-4.
- In February 2022, the Philippines signed a USD 374 million deal with India for the supply of a shore-based anti-ship variant of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile. The deal is important considering the involvement of Russia in making BrahMos. On one hand, the Philippines will secure its defence with the procurement of state-of-the-art missile systems against China while on the other; it will provide strategic leverage considering the ideologue alignment of Russia with China.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Ex 'Al Najaf' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: B

2. Exercise Al Najaf IV Concluded At

- A. Noida
- B. Rajasthan

- C. Mumbai
- D. Ranikhet

ANSWER: B

3. Ex 'Nomadic Elephant' conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: B

4. INS Ranjit Is A

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

ANSWER: A

5. 14,18 SSB Board Is At

- A. Kapurthala
- B. Gandhinagar
- C. Bhopal
- D. Allahabad

ANSWER: D

6. 'Operation Khatma' Book Is Written By

- A. Robert De Cook
- B. Amit Kumar
- C. RC Ganjoo and Ashwini Bhatnagar
- D. Roger Faligot

ANSWER: C

7. Barrett M82 Is A

- A. Sniper Rifle
- B. Machine Gun
- C. Missile
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: A

8. "The Direction of War" Book Is Written By

- A. Jhon Neil
- B. Napoleon
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Nathaniel Fick

ANSWER: C

9. Armaments Research & Development Establishment (ARDE) Is Located In

- A. Pune, Maharashtra
- B. Bengaluru, Karnataka
- C. Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

10. The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Is A Project Of

- A. Brazil
- B. Russia
- C. China
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

11. The IAI Harpy Is A

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

ANSWER: C

12. Motto Of Integrated Defence Staff

- A. Victory Through Jointness
- B. Victory Everywhere
- C. Always Ahead
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

13. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Hq Is In

- A. Queenstown, Singapore

- B. Berlin, Germany
- C. Abu Dhabi (UAE)
- D. Kathmandu, Nepal

ANSWER: A

14. C-130J Super Hercules Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Transport Aircraft

ANSWER: D

15. ADDIS ABABA Is The Capital Of

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

ANSWER: A

16. College of Air Warfare Is At

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

ANSWER: D

17. "Love, Truth and A Little Malice" Book Is Written By

- A. Khushwant Singh
- B. Mahashweta Devi
- C. Kiran Bedi
- D. Amrita Pritam

ANSWER: A

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

- A. Flying Officer
- B. Flight Lieutenant
- C. Group Captain
- D. None

ANSWER: C

19. 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

20. Ex Sampriti X Held In

- A. Jashore, Bangladesh
- B. Ranikhet, UK
- C. Dhaka, Bangladesh
- D. None

ANSWER: A



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