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# Daily Defence Current Affairs

## 26 August 2022

### Indian Navy Set To Commission INS Vikrant

- 02 Sep 2022 will mark the historical milestone of realisation of the Nation's commitment towards 'Aatma Nirbharta', a landmark date for the Indian Navy and the entire Nation; with Commissioning of first IAC 'Vikrant'. Hon'ble Prime Minister would be the Chief Guest on this momentous occasion.
- Designed by the Warship Design Bureau (WDB), Indian Navy's in-house organisation and built by M/s Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), a Public Sector Shipyard under Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, the Indigenous Aircraft Carrier is christened after her illustrious predecessor, India's first Aircraft Carrier which played a vital role in the 1971 war.
-  SSB Crack
- Vikrant meaning victorious and gallant, the foundation for prestigious IAC was firmly established in Apr 2005 by ceremonial Steel Cutting. In order to push the indigenisation drive, the Warship grade steel required for construction of IAC was successfully indigenised through Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) in collaboration with Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL) and Indian Navy. The hull fabrication was progressed thereafter and the ship's keel was laid in Feb 2009. The first phase of ship construction was completed with successful launch of the ship in Aug 2013.
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- The 262 m long and 62 m wide Vikrant displaces approx 43000 T when fully loaded, having a maximum designed speed of 28 Knots with endurance of 7500 NM. The ship has around 2200 compartments, designed for a crew of around 1600 that include specialised cabins to accommodate women officers and sailors. The carrier is designed with a very high degree of automation for machinery operations, ship navigation and survivability. The carrier is equipped with the latest state of the art equipment and systems. (The ship boasts of a

fully-fledged state of the art Medical Complex with latest medical equipment facilities that includes major modular OT, emergency modular OT, physiotherapy clinic, ICU, laboratories, CT scanner, X-Ray machines, Dental complex, Isolation ward and telemedicine facilities etc.)

- 'Vikrant' has large number of indigenous equipment and machinery, involving major industrial houses in the country viz. BEL, BHEL, GRSE, Keltron, Kirloskar, L&T, Wartsila India etc. as well as over 100 MSMEs. The indigenisation efforts has also led to development of ancillary industries, besides generation of employment opportunities for 2000 CSL personnel and about 13000 employees in ancillary industries thus bolstering plough back effect on Nation's economy.



## Japan Ready To Host Next India-Japan 2+2 Ministerial Meeting: MEA

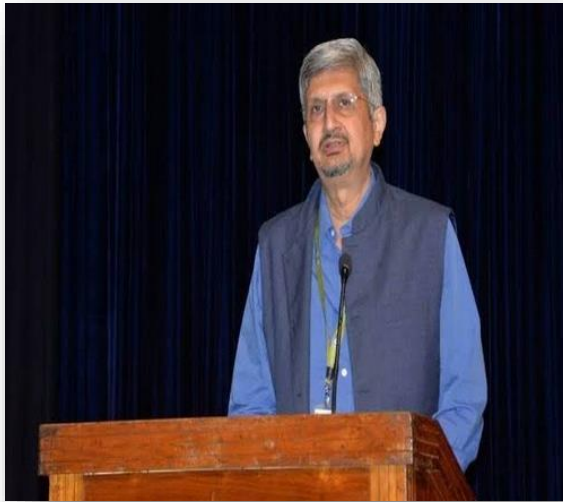
- Terming the India-Japan 2+2 Ministerial meeting an opportunity to review security cooperation between the two nations, India said that Japan has offered to host the next meeting.
- India-Japan 2+2 Ministerial meeting is an important meeting that started in November 2019 and was held in India.

- India-Japan 2+2 will be the second such meeting between the two countries as the inaugural meeting of the India-Japan Foreign and Defence Ministerial Dialogue (2+2) was held on November 30, 2019, in New Delhi.
- The Ministers had affirmed that this dialogue will further enhance the strategic depth of bilateral security and defense cooperation. Acknowledging emerging security challenges, the Ministers reiterated their commitment to advancing bilateral security cooperation based on the 2008 Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation and the 2009 Action Plan to advance Security Cooperation.



## Samir Kamat Appointed As New DRDO Chief

- Government on Thursday appointed **Samir Kamat** as the new chief of the DRDO. Kamat who was heading the Naval Systems & Materials, Vishakhapatnam will serve till the age of 60.
- Kamat is a Distinguished Scientist, an engineering graduate in Metallurgical Engineering from IIT Kharagpur in 1985 and PhD in Materials Science and Engineering from The Ohio State University, the USA in 1988, specialising in the area of mechanical behaviour of materials.
- He had joined DRDO at DMRL, Hyderabad, as Scientist 'C' in 1989 and rose to the position of OS/Sc 'H' in October 2013.
- The incumbent G Satheesh Reddy, 59, whose four-year tenure was ending today, has been made the **Scientific Advisor** to the Defence Minister.



## Taiwan Raises Defence Budget 14.9 Pc Amid Escalating China Tensions

- Taiwan proposed a budget of USD 17.3 billion in defence for 2023 on Thursday, a 14.9 percent increase from this year's total allocation, weeks after China started its military drill around the self-ruled island country post the visit of US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.
- In the proposed budget, the figure includes NTD 108.3 for new advanced combat jets and programs for elevating sea and air combat capability. And the total budget reached NTD 586.3 billion if another special fund is included.
- As Taiwan battles to counter rising Chinese aggression, the concerns over Taipei's capability to defend itself have grown after Beijing conducted its biggest-ever military drills in the Asia-Pacific region. The military drills were conducted in retaliation to US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to the self-ruled democratic island on August 2. Notably, China asserts absolute sovereignty over Taiwan, despite the island's self-government for more than seven decades. However, Taipei has countered Chinese aggression by strengthening strategic ties with democracies, particularly the United States, which China frequently opposes.





## **Afghanistan Must Not Be Used As Launch Pad For Terror Activities: Rajnath Singh**

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said Afghanistan should not be used as a launch pad for terror activities in the region, calling for national reconciliation and stability in the war-torn country. The minister was speaking at the SCO Defence Ministers' meeting at Tashkent.
- Voicing India's support for a secure and stable Afghanistan, the minister said a national reconciliation must be reached "through dialogue and negotiation" and "a broad-based, inclusive and representative political structure " be established.

- He also expressed India's concern on the Ukraine crisis, saying that talks need to be held between Russia and Ukraine to resolve the situation. "India is concerned about the humanitarian crisis in and around Ukraine. We have extended our support for the efforts of the UN Secretary-General, UN agencies and the International Committee of Red Cross to provide humanitarian assistance," he said.
- 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 which 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.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. INS 'Vikrant' Is A**

- A. India's First Aircraft Carrier
- B. India's Second Aircraft Carrier
- C. India's Third Submarine
- D. India's First Indigenous Aircraft Carrier

**ANSWER: D**

**2. INS 'Vikrant' Is Designed & Built By**

- A. Indian Navy & DRDO
- B. Boeing & Indian Navy
- C. DRDO & MDL
- D. Warship Design Bureau & CSL

**ANSWER: D**

**3. Defence Research & Development Laboratory Hq Is In**

- A. Hyderabad
- B. New Delhi
- C. Kochi
- D. Mumbai

**ANSWER: A**

**4. Yudh Abhyas Ex Is Conducting In**

- A. U.P
- B. U.K
- C. M.P



D. M.H

**ANSWER: B**

**5. Ex 'Nomadic Elephant' conducted b/w India &**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**6. Lieutenant Commander Of the Indian Navy Is Equivalent to Which Rank Of IAF?**

- A. Squadron Leader
- B. Major
- C. Group Captain
- D. Flying Officer

**ANSWER: A**

**7. Which Is The Capital Of Uzbekistan?**

- A. Moscow
- B. Dodoma
- C. Tashkent
- D. Dushanbe

**ANSWER: C**

**8. Ex 'DESERT EAGLE' conducted b/w India &**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**9. Naib Subedar Jeremy Lalrinnunga Is Related With**

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

**ANSWER: D**

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

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

**ANSWER: D**

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

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Israel
- D. Russia

**ANSWER: C**

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

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

**ANSWER: D**

**13. 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**

**14. ZAGREB Is The Capital Of**

- A. CROATIA
- B. CUBA
- C. UAE
- D. CYPRUS

**ANSWER: A**

**15. "The Blue Book: A Writer's Journal" Book Is Written By**

- A. Abhinav Chandrachud
- B. Richa Mishra

- C. J Sai Deepak
- D. Amitava Kumar

**ANSWER: D**

**16. Where Is The Hq Of The Southwestern Command of The Indian Army?**

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Pune
- D. Jaipur

**ANSWER: D**

**17. What Is The Highest Commissioned Rank Awarded In The IAF?**

- A. Air Marshal
- B. Air Chief Marshal
- C. Wing Commander
- D. Admiral

**ANSWER: B**

**18. Rashtriya Raksha University Is In**

- A. Gandhinagar
- B. Mumbai
- C. New Delhi
- D. Chennai

**ANSWER: A**

**19. Pinaka Is A**

- A. IRBM
- B. SRBM
- C. MBRL
- D. SLBM

**ANSWER: C**

**20. The Training Command of The IAF Is In**













- A. Bengaluru
- B. New Delhi
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

**ANSWER: A**



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