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# Defence Current Affairs 13 October 2022

## **NATO To Hold Nuclear Exercise Despite Russian Warnings**

- NATO will push ahead with long-planned nuclear exercises next week despite
  rising tensions over the war in Ukraine and President Vladimir Putin's insistence
  that he is not bluffing about using all available means to defend Russian
  territory, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said Tuesday.
- The exercise, dubbed "Steadfast Noon," is held annually and usually runs for about one week.
- It involves fighter jets capable of carrying nuclear warheads but does not involve any live bombs. Conventional jets, and surveillance and refuelling aircraft also routinely take part.
- Fourteen of the 30 NATO member countries will be involved in the exercise, which was planned before Russia invaded Ukraine in February. The main part of the maneuvers would be held more than 1,000 kilometers from Russia.



# **Indian Army To Procure Electric Vehicles For Select Units**

- The Indian Army decided to procure EV for select units and formations in sync with the government's overall policy of reducing carbon emissions, officials said. Around 25 % light vehicles, 38 % buses and 48 % motorcycles in select units will be replaced with EVs in a time-bound manner.
- Various factors unique to the Indian Army's employability, remote locations of employment and operational commitments were considered before finalising the roadmap for induction of EVs, the officials said.
- The Army is also planning setting up of solar panel-driven charging stations, which are also planned in a phased manner. An initial tender for procurement of 60 buses along with 24 fast chargers will soon be floated, he said.
- In April, the Indian Army had organised a demonstration of available EVs to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh where EV manufacturers such as Tata Motors, Perfect Metal Industries and Revolt Motors showcased their EVs and briefed about the enhancement in technology.



# Indian Army Bets On Hire-to-retire Platform ZingHR To Automate HR Processes

• To streamline and automate all the HR processes in the army, ARTRAC has signed an MoU with HR Tech firm ZingHR. As part of the engagement, the start-up will do a proof-of-concept to consolidate different processes into a uniform interface to provide a seamless experience across the Indian Army.

- POC will assist the army in achieving higher levels of efficiency, data-driven decision-making, and enhanced transparency and security. The POC —
   'Automation & Centralisation of Digital Processes of HRM of The Indian Army' is expected to be completed within three to four weeks.
- ZingHR, which is backed by **Tata Capital Growth Fund** and was part of the June 2014 batch of **Microsoft Accelerator**, claims to leverage blockchain technology to aid in data storage and ensure military-grade data protection.



# Website on "Maa Bharati Ke Sapoot"

 'Maa Bharati Ke Sapoot' (MBKS) website for the Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund (AFBCWF) will be launched by the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri, Shri Rajnath Singh during a function being organised at National War Memorial Complex at New Delhi on 14 October 2022.

- AFBCWF is a Tri service fund, utilised for grant of immediate financial assistance
  of ex-gratia, to the Next of Kin and dependents of Battle Casualties. While the
  Government of India has initiated a large number of Welfare Schemes for the
  soldiers killed or disabled during active military operations in the line of duty,
  there has been a strong public sentiment and requests from patriotic citizens,
  corporate heads/ industry captains, to contribute to the cause of welfare of the
  soldiers and their families. This website is being launched to facilitate patriotic
  Indians to partner in this noble cause.
- Shri Amitabh Bachchan has accepted to be the 'Goodwill Ambassador'. The
  Chief of Defence Staff, all three Service Chiefs, Param Vir Chakra (PVC) awardees
  and other prominent officials of MoD, Corporate Heads, Chairman & Managing
  Directors of Banks, eminent serving personnel from field of Sports and
  celebrities will attend the function. On that day, ten Next of Kins of fallen heroes
  and soldiers disabled in active military operations will also be felicitated. Parents
  and relatives of many War decorated soldiers have also been invited.



#### INS TARKASH Reaches South Africa For IBSAMAR VII

- INS Tarkash reached Port Gqeberha (also known as Port Elizabeth), South Africa to participate in the seventh edition of IBSAMAR, a joint multinational maritime exercise among Indian, Brazilian and South African Navies from 10 12 Oct 22.
- The previous edition of IBSAMAR (IBSAMAR VI) was conducted off Simons Town, South Africa from 01 to 13 Oct 18. The Indian Navy is represented by the Teg class guided missile frigate, INS Tarkash, a Chetak helicopter and the personnel from the Marine Commando Force (MARCOS).

- The harbour phase of IBSAMAR VII includes professional exchanges such as damage control and fire-fighting drills, VBSS/cross boarding lectures and interaction among special forces.
- The Joint Maritime Exercise will strengthen maritime security, joint operational training, sharing of best practices and building interoperability to address common maritime threats.





# **REVIEW QUESTIONS**

- 1. Which Indian Naval Ship Reached Port Gqeberha (also known as Port Elizabeth)?
- A. INS Tarkash
- B. INS Sujata
- C. INS Tir
- D. None

**ANSWER: A** 

- 2. Port Gqeberha Is Located At
- A. South Africa
- B. Australia
- C. USA
- D. Sri Lanka

**ANSWER: A** 

#### 3. Ex 'IBSAMAR' Conducted b/w India &

- A. South Africa, Oman
- B. South Africa, Brazil
- C. Sri Lanka, Oman
- D. None

**ANSWER: B** 

- 4. 'Maa Bharati Ke Sapoot' Website Will be Launched By
- A. MHA
- B. MOD
- C. MEA
- D. PMO

**ANSWER: b** 

- 5. "Steadfast Noon" Exercise Conducted By
- A. SCO
- B. NATO
- C. SAARC
- D. OPEC

ANSWER: B

- 6. The Nordic Countries Are A Geographical And Cultural Region In
- A. Northern Europe and the North Atlantic
- B. Northern Asia and South America
- C. IOR
- D. None

**ANSWER: A** 

- 7. CUTLASS Express Exercise Conducted By
- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. USA

**ANSWER: D** 

- 8. Pratap Chandra Lal Was A Former Chief Of
- A. IAF
- **B.** Indian Army
- **C.** Indian Navy

#### **D.** BSF

**ANSWER: A** 

- 9. 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** 

#### 10. Selection Centre South (SCS) Is In

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

**ANSWER: D** 

#### 11. "Jai Mahakali Ayo Gorkhali" Is The War Cry Of

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

**ANSWER: D** 

#### 12. 'श्रमेण सर्वम साध्यम' Is The Motto Of

- A. ICG
- B. BRO
- C. NSG
- D. CRPF

**ANSWER: B** 

#### 13. MANPADS Stands For

- A. Man Portable Daily System
- B. Man Portable Defence System
- C. Man Protective Defence System
- D. Man Port Defence System

**ANSWER: B** 

#### 14. IRBM Stands For

- A. Intermediate Resource Ballistic Missile
- B. Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile
- C. Intermediate Range of Ballistic Missile
- D. Intermediated Range Ballistic Missile

**ANSWER: B** 

#### 15. Southern Army Command Headquarters Is in

- A. Jaipur
- B. Kolkata
- C. Pune
- D. Lucknow

**ANSWER: C** 

#### 16. HAL's 'TEDBF' Stands For

- A. The Engine Deck Based Fighter
- B. Twin Engine Dock Based Fighter
- C. Twin Engine Deck Busy Fighter
- D. Twin Engine Deck Based Fighter

**ANSWER: D** 

#### 17. Saint Javelin Is A

- A. Nuclear Bomb
- B. UAV
- C. Anti-Tank Missiles
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C** 

#### 18. Exercises B/w India And Japan Is Called:

- A. DHARMA GUARDIAN
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

**ANSWER: A** 

#### 19. SITMEX Ex Is Done Among

- A. India, Singapore, and Thailand
- B. India, Sri Lanka and Thailand

- C. Indonesia, Singapore, and Thailand
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A** 

## 20. 'The Communist Manifesto' Book Written By\_\_\_.

- A. Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels
- B. Alexis
- C. Thomas Paine
- D. Niccolo Machiavelli

**ANSWER: A** 





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