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# Defence Current Affairs

## 14 October 2022

### Indian Army To Conduct Military Exercise On Western Front

- Offensive formations of the Indian Army are preparing to take part in a military exercise on the Western Front this month, according to a defence release here on Thursday. It is expected to be one of the biggest exercises in recent times and will be witnessed by the GOC-in-Chief, Western Command.
- "The exercise is planned to validate newly converted mechanised formations, also known as Reorganised Plains Infantry Division, test efficacy of latest induction and upgrades in weapons and equipment, and also test the enhanced force ratios accrued post rebalancing of forces on entire Western Front".
- "Validation of tactical concepts of these formations especially on canal-based operations and fighting manoeuvre through built-up areas apart from many other latest operational concepts designed to launch a swift punitive blow to the adversary as part of the proactive strategy will be the key features of the exercise.
- "It will put into practice the synergy between all arms and services including attack helicopters in semi-desert terrain," the statement added.
- It is expected to be one of the biggest exercises in recent times and will be witnessed by the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Command and other key officials from Army headquarters.



## Services Top Medals Tally At National Games 2022 For The 4<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Time

- The Services team's haul of 61 Gold, 35 Silver and 32 Bronze medals has ensured that they finished at the top of the medals tally in the recently concluded 36th National Games 2022 hosted by Gujarat. In the finest traditions of the Armed Forces, the Services team, under the aegis of Services Sports Control Board (SSCB), displayed exceptional fortitude, skill and sportsman spirit during the Games to become the proud winners of the Raja Bhalindra Singh Trophy, which is presented to the overall champions. This is the fourth consecutive overall championship trophy win for the Services at the National Games.
- Vice President Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar presented the trophy to President SSCB Air Marshal K Anatharaman and Secretary of SSCB Group Captain Dinesh Suri at the closing ceremony at the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Indoor Stadium in Surat on October 12, 2022. The Air Marshal, on behalf of the Services, dedicated the trophy to all the service personnel who have made the supreme sacrifice for the nation. The Secretary credited the rich medal haul to the discipline and dedication of all the athletes.
- The SSCB was established in 1919 and is one of the founder members of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA). It is because of this legacy that SSCB has the privilege of participating in the National Games along with other States and Union Territories. The best athletes of the three services, the Indian Army, the Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force, undergo a gruelling selection process at

the Inter-services level to be chosen and fielded as part of the Services Team for the National Games and World Military Games.

- The SSCB is one of the finest examples of inter services camaraderie and ethos. Several tri-services athletes from SSCB have gone on to win medals and honours when participating in international games, including the Olympics and Asian Games. The continued success of SSCB in the recent past is a testament to the efforts undertaken by the Services to promote sports in the country.



## Hybrid Seminars To Be Held During DefExpo 2022 In Gandhinagar, Gujarat Indian

- Ministry of Defence is organising the 12th edition of the prestigious biennial defence exhibition - DefExpo 2022 – in Gandhinagar, Gujarat between October 18-22, 2022. This mega-defence exhibition is focusing on Land, Air, Naval and Homeland Security systems. The Government of India, with policy initiatives of 'Make in India' and 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', believes that the country has tremendous potential to become a leading supplier of complete defence solutions to many of its friendly nations.
- The seminars during the event will be held at Mahatma Mandir Convention and Exhibition Centre, Gandhinagar in a hybrid format, enabling the speakers as well as the audience to participate virtually. These will be streamed worldwide. The seminars will be conducted by the leading Industry Associations, Think Tanks, Indian Defence Public Sector Entities, Service Headquarters (SHQs), Defence

Research & Development Organisation (DRDO), Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA), Ministry of Civil Aviation and State Government etc.

- The theme of these seminars will broadly cover Exports, Financing and Investments in Defence Start-ups & MSMEs, Emerging role of MSME in Aerospace manufacturing & MRO, Aatmanirbharta in Defence R&D, Futuristic Autonomous Technologies for Air Dominance etc. Leading international and national experts from Defence and Aerospace sector are the speakers for various seminars. The details of the seminars are available on DefExpo 22 website and mobile app.



## **‘Invest For Defence’ To Be Inaugurated By Rajnath Singh During DefExpo 2022**

- ‘Invest for Defence’, the first ever marquee event of Ministry of Defence, targeted to promote investment in the defence sector in the country both by the Indian industry as well Foreign Original Equipment Manufacturers, will be inaugurated by Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh on October 20, 2022 during the 12th edition of DefExpo. The event will highlight the requirements of the Armed Forces and policy reforms undertaken by the Government for ease of doing business in the defence sector. It provides the industry with the opportunities and the advantages of investing in the sector and thus contributing to maximising the indigenous production.
- The event is expected to witness participation from the big industry names, both Indian as well as foreign OEMs, such as L&T, Adani Defence, Bharat Forge, Saab,



Airbus, Lockheed Martin etc., besides participation from Domestic and Foreign Institutional Investors and Venture Capitalists.

- The event will feature a panel discussion between the industry stalwarts and the MoD and Armed Forces leadership. The discussion will be followed by a Q&A session, wherein participants can ask questions from the eminent panelists. The target audience for the event is industry representatives including those from MSMEs and Start-ups, policy makers and enthusiasts in defence sector.
- Another highlight of the event will be a B2B interaction among the OEMs, including both DPSUs and foreign OEMs, on the 'Opportunities from large platforms'. Concurrently, with this B2B interaction an iDEX pitching event for the budding start-ups in Defence is also planned. The 12th DefExpo will be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat between October 18-22, 2022.



## Coast Guard Dornier Aircraft Helped In Rescuing Mig-29k Navy Pilot After Crash Over Sea

- Two Dornier surveillance aircraft of the Indian Coast Guard was lined up at the Dabolim air base in Goa for take-off to participate in a formation sortie over Karnataka when the news about the crash of a MiG-29K aircraft of the Indian Navy over the sea broke out on Wednesday.
- As soon as the information came in about the **May Day call** over the sea by MiG-29K aircraft, the two aircraft were immediately diverted towards the suspected area of crash on Wednesday.
- As soon as the chopper picked up the pilot, the two Dorniers were called back after they completed their mission within 40 minutes of being launched.



## Army Dog 'Zoom' Passes Away

- The brave Army dog Zoom is no more. Zoom succumbed to his injuries around 12 noon on 10 Oct 2022. He was posted in Kashmir's Anantnag region where he was a part of a combat team that eliminated two terrorists. However, the valiant dog sustained grave injuries during the operation and was admitted to the hospital.
- According to news agency ANI, Zoom was responding well till 11.45 am today but his condition started deteriorating shortly after. "Army dog Zoom, under treatment at 54 AFVH (Advance Field Veterinary Hospital), passed away around 12 noon today. He was responding well till around 11:45 am when he suddenly started gasping & collapsed".



## EXERCISE PRASTHAN 2022

- An offshore security exercise, 'Prasthan' was conducted in the Krishna Godavari Basin Offshore Development Area on 11-12 Oct 2022, under the aegis of HQ, ENC. Conducted every six months, this exercise is an important element of ensuring offshore security and aims to integrate the efforts of all maritime stakeholders involved in offshore defence.
- Led by the Navy, the exercise saw participation from the various oil operators, like ONGC, RIL, Vedanta, and other stakeholders in the domain of maritime security including AP Marine Police, AP fisheries department and the ICG.
- The two-day exercise resulted in refining standard operating procedures (SOPs) and response actions to several contingencies in the Offshore Defence Area off Kakinada
- The exercise was conducted onboard Drill rigs Platinum Explorer and DDKG- of ONGC and RIL located about 40 nm south of Kakinada.



## Exercise "PowerEX-2022"

- Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) in collaboration with Power-CSIRTs (Computer Security Incident Response Teams in Power sector), successfully designed & conducted the Cyber Security Exercise "PowerEX" for 193 invited Power Sector Utilities, here yesterday.



- The Exercise Planner Team of Power-CSIRTs' officials worked along with CERT-In team on the exercise day as Exercise Coordinators. The Objective of the exercise was to "Recognize, Analyse & Respond to Cyber Incident in IT & OT Systems".
- The theme of the exercise was "**Defending Cyber induced disruption in IT & OT infrastructure**". Exercise "PowerEX" was hosted by CERT-In on its exercise simulation platform



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **EXERCISE PRASTHAN CONDUCTED BY**  
A. WNC  
B. ENC  
C. SNC  
D. None

**ANSWER: B**

2. **\_Jointly Conducted Cyber Security Exercise "Powerex-2022".**  
A. CERT-In and Power-CSIRTs  
B. CDAC & CERT  
C. DRDO & ISRO  
D. None

**ANSWER: A**

3. **'Zoom' Was A**  
A. Indian Navy Dog  
B. Indian Army Dog

- C. IAF Dog
- D. ICG Dog

**ANSWER: B**

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

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

**ANSWER: C**

**5. IORA Stands For**

- A. Indian Ocean Rim Associate
- B. Indian Ocean Rome Association
- C. Indian Ocean Recall Association
- D. Indian Ocean Rim Association

**ANSWER: D**

**6. IORA Established In**

- A. 6 March 1997
- B. 6 March 1998
- C. 6 March 1999
- D. 6 March 2000

**ANSWER: A**

**7. Project 75 Is Related To the Manufacturing Of**

- A. Tank
- B. Socrpean Submarine
- C. Sniper Rifle
- D. Fighter Jet

**ANSWER: B**

**8. HELINA Missile Has A Maximum Range Of**

- A.** 7 kilometres
- B.** 8 kilometres
- C.** 9 kilometres
- D.** 10 kilometres

**ANSWER: A**

**9. Amman Is The Capital Of**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**10. Which Department Doesn't Come Under MOD?**

- A. Department of Defence
- B. Department of Military Affairs
- C. Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare
- D. Department Of Border Management

**ANSWER: D**

**11. Training Command of IAF is located at**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Bangalore
- C. Gurugram
- D. Lucknow

**ANSWER: B**

**12. ISRO Was Established On**

- A. 15 August 1969
- B. 1 September 1965
- C. 1 October 1975
- D. 18 December 1985

**ANSWER: A**

**13. INS Visakhapatnam (D66) Manufactured By**

- A. GRSE
- B. MDL
- C. CSL
- D. Boeing

**ANSWER: B**

**14. Rashtriya Rifles Motto Is**

- A. Courage and Valor
- B. Always Brave
- C. Service Before Self

D. Lethal

**ANSWER: A**

**15. "India's Heroes – A Tribute" Book Is Written By**

A. Aditya Kashyap

B. Gen Manoj Pande

C. Hew Strachan

D. Lt Gen Ata Hasnain

**ANSWER: A**

**16. Parakram Diwas Celebrated On**

A. December 1

B. October 8

C. January 23

D. March 10

**ANSWER: C**

**17. Amogha Is A**

A. Anti-tank guided missile

B. Surface-to-surface tactical ballistic missile

C. Quick reaction surface-to-air missile

D. Multiple rocket launcher

**ANSWER: A**

**18. Operation Steeplechase Launched In**

A. July 1971

B. July 1972

C. July 1973

D. July 1974

**ANSWER: A**

**19. War Cry of THE BIHAR REGIMENT**

A. Parakramo Vijayate

B. Rhino Charge

C. Jai Bajrangbali

D. Duty, Honour, courage

**ANSWER: C**

**20. Mein Kampf Book Written By**



- A. Mahatma Gandhi
- B. Adolf Hitler
- C. A.P.J Abdul Kalam
- D. Jawaharlal Nehru

**ANSWER: B**



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