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Defence Current Affairs

16 November 2022

Yudha Abhyas 2022

- The previous edition of the exercise was conducted at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, Alaska (USA) in October 2021.
- Ex Yudh Abhyas is conducted annually b/w India and USA with the aim of exchanging best practices, Tactics, Techniques and Procedures b/w the Armies of the two nations.
- The schedule will include all operations related to peace keeping & peace enforcement. The troops from both nations will work together to achieve common objectives. The joint exercise will also focus on HADR operations. Troops from both nations will practice launching swift & coordinated relief efforts in the wake of any natural calamity.
- US Army soldiers of 2nd Brigade of the 11th Airborne Division and Indian Army soldiers from the ASSAM Regiment will be participating in the exercise. The training schedule focuses on employment of an integrated battle group under Chapter VII of the UN Mandate.
- **Other Exercises With USA**
- **Ex YUDHABHAYAS,**
- **Ex VAJRA PRAHAR,**
- **SPITTING COBRA,**
- **SANGAM (IN-USN EOD Ex),**
- **RED FLAG,**
- **Ex COPE INDIA**



Green Mobility Initiative By IAF

- In order to achieve reduction in carbon foot print and in keeping with the Gol's initiative on introduction of green mobility, IAF has inducted a fleet of Tata Nexon Electric Vehicles. A flag-off ceremony was held at Air Force Headquarters, Vayu Bhawan on 15 November 2022.
- Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, Chief of the Air Staff flagged off the first batch of 12 electric vehicles in the presence of other senior officers and staff.
- IAF is planning to enhance the usage of electric vehicles in a progressive manner by procuring e-vehicles against downgraded conventional vehicles. Augmentation of the e-vehicles ecosystem, including installation of charging infrastructure at various Air Force bases, is also planned.
- The first batch of electric cars introduced today will be deployed in Delhi NCR units for performance monitoring and analysis. To create a standardised inventory of vehicles, IAF has already joined hands with Indian Army in the ongoing procurement of Electric Buses and Electric Cars.



UK PM Rishi Sunak Announces Five New Navy Ships, Citing Russian Threat

- Britain will spend £4.2 billion (\$4.9 billion) on five new Navy ships to bolster security "in the face of increased Russian threats", Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said Tuesday in a Downing Street statement.
- "Russia's actions put all of us at risk. As we give the Ukrainian people the support they need, we are also harnessing the breadth and depth of UK expertise to protect ourselves and our allies. This includes building the next generation of British warships," added Sunak.
- The spending is the next phase in a programme under which three vessels are already under construction, and all eight frigates are expected to be completed by the mid-2030s, the statement said.

- The announcement came with Sunak in Bali, Indonesia for a meeting of the Group of 20 that is expected to heap pressure on Russia over its invasion of Ukraine.



Warship Production Superintendent (WPS) Conclave

- Warship Production Superintendent (WPS) Conclave Chaired by Vice Admiral Kiran Deshmukh, Controller Warship Production and Acquisition (CWP&A) was organised by Warship Overseeing Team, Kolkata on 15 Nov 22.
- The Conclave was attended by RAdm Sandeep S Sandhu, Senior Officers from Warship Design Bureau and Directorate of Ship Production from IHQ MoD(N), all 07 Warships/ Submarine Production Superintendents and Officers of Warship Overseeing Team and Submarine Overseeing Team.
- WPS conclave provided a common forum for exchange of ideas and latest production and project management techniques being followed by DPSUs and Private Shipyards towards improving the defence shipbuilding process in India.
- Various challenges faced by WOT's, lessons learnt and innovative methods utilized to resolve these issues were also deliberated. The Conclave 2022 also coincided with the 60th anniversary of WOT (Kolkata).



Indian Army Built Infra For 450 Tanks, 22,000 Additional Troops In Eastern Ladakh

- Indian Army's Engineer in Chief Lt Gen Harpal Singh said: "3D-printed permanent defences have been constructed for the first time by Indian Army's Corps of Engineers in the desert sector. These defences were trial tested against a range of weapons from small arms to the main gun of T90 tank."
- The sources said that to counter the Chinese aggressive movements in the Pangong Tso lake which is both in India and China, Indian Army's Corps of Engineer has inducted new Landing Crafts in both Eastern Ladakh which has given a huge impetus to the patrolling capabilities and induction in men and material. The assault craft can carry 35 troops or one keeps with 12 men.
- "Habitat and technical storage to include assets for 22,000 troops and approximately 450 A vehicles/guns have been constructed in the last two years. Focus has now shifted to undertake the construction of Permanent defences and infrastructure to improve defence preparedness in extant working season apart from completion of ongoing projects," defence sources said here.
- Speaking about the permanent defences being built along the borders, Indian Army's Engineer in Chief Lt Gen Harpal Singh said: "3D-printed permanent defences have been constructed for the first time by Indian Army's Corps of

Engineers in the desert sector. These defences were trial tested against a range of weapons from small arms to the main gun of T90 tank."

- He added that such defences are able to withstand blasts, can be erected within 36-48 hours, and can be relocated from one place to another.
- "With this, trial for similar permanent defences have also been carried out at eastern Ladakh and found to be useful," he said.
- Highlighting the infrastructure development being done by the Border Roads Organisation along the China border, defence sources said that presently nine tunnels which include a "2.535 Km long Sela tunnel, which will be the highest bi-lane tunnel in the world once completed. 11 more tunnels are also under planning."
- "The BRO has been entrusted with the task of constructing one of India's highest airfields at Nyoma which is very close to the China border and will boost Indian capabilities there," they said.



India-Bangladesh Border Forces Agree For Cooperation In Conflict Resolving Mechanism

- India and Bangladesh border guarding forces on Tuesday agreed on various issues among conflict resolving mechanisms and effective implementation of border management in the 18th Inspectors General Border Coordination Conference.

- The decision was taken during the 52nd DG Level Border Conference between Border Security Force (BSF) and Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB) which concluded in Dhaka on Thursday. A Joint Record of Discussion (JRD) was signed between BSF and BGB on the concluding day of the 5-day long conference.
- Both the countries agreed to strengthen the joint border patrolling especially during the night as a precautionary and effective way to bring down death and injury to unarmed citizens of both countries to zero. The BSF and BGB agreed to undertake more public awareness programmes about the laws governing the international border for the people living in border areas to reduce border incidents to zero. They also agreed to take effective measures to deter the public from indulging in activities like illegal infiltration, smuggling, human trafficking and other border crimes.
- Both sides have agreed to take appropriate measures to resume the conservation works of the common rivers of the border as approved by the Joint Rivers Commission on the basis of mutual consensus.
- The two countries also agreed to take initiatives for the speedy construction of barbed wire fences within 150 yards of the border at approved locations with approved design in consultation with higher authorities. They also agreed to have a communication channel at the level of nodal officers of BSF and BGB to take quick decisions to implement the stalled development work within 150 yards of the border.
- Both sides agreed to take a proper and firm stand against the infiltration of forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals across the Bangladesh-India border.
- Besides strengthening the cordial relations between the two countries, both the BGB and BSF Director Generals reiterated their commitment to work together to ensure a peaceful and crime-free border.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. 18th Inspectors General Border Coordination Conference Held At

- A. New Delhi
- B. Kolkata
- C. Chennai
- D. Dhaka

ANSWER: B

2. Warship Production Superintendent (WPS) Conclave By Indian Navy Organised At

- A. New Delhi
- B. Kolkata
- C. Chennai
- D. Dhaka

ANSWER: B

3. EX "YUDH ABHYAS 2022" Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. UK
- C. UAE
- D. USA

ANSWER: D

4. Which Edition of Ex Yudh Abhyas 2022 Is Conducting?

- A. 15th
- B. 16th
- C. 17th
- D. 18th

ANSWER: D

5. The 18th Edition of Indo - US Ex "YUDH ABHYAS 22" Is Scheduled To Be Conducted In

- A. U.P.
- B. U.K.
- C. M.H.
- D. J&K

ANSWER: B

6. ___ Has Inducted A Fleet Of Tata Nexon Electric Vehicles.

- A. Indian Army
- B. DRDO
- C. IAF
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

7. Ex HARIMAU SHAKTI Conducted b/w India &

- A. Malaysia
- B. Maldives
- C. Mongolia
- D. Myanmar

ANSWER: A

8. Pangong Tso lake Is Located In

- A.** Kashmir
- B.** Ladakh
- C.** Odisha
- D.** Kochi

ANSWER: B

9. INS Khukri Is A Type Of

- A. Frigate
- B. Submarine
- C. Destroyer
- D. Missile Corvette

ANSWER: D

10. INS Cheetah Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Landing ship tank

ANSWER: D

11. Which Port Is Located In Western Coast of India?

- A. Kandla
- B. Kolkata
- C. Mangalore
- D. Visakhapatnam

ANSWER: A

12. India Purchased Boeing 737 from

- A. UK
- B. USA
- C. Germany
- D. France

ANSWER: B

13. Indian Army Flag Consist Colors of ____ Colors.

- A. Gold, Red And Black
- B. Gold, Red And Blue
- C. Gold, Rose Black And Black
- D. Green, Red And Black

ANSWER: A

14. Bishkek Is The Capital Of

- A. Iran
- B. Qatar

- C. UAE
- D. Kyrgyzstan

ANSWER: D

15. "How the Earth Got Its Beauty" Book Is Written By

- A. Anuradha Roy
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Sudha Murty

ANSWER: D

16. Duty, Honour, Courage Is The Motto Of

- A. Maratha Light Infantry
- B. The Grenadiers
- C. Rajput Regiment
- D. Jat Regiment

ANSWER: A

17. College of Defence Management Is In

- A. Secunderabad
- B. Chennai
- C. Noida
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: A

18. GAGAN Stands For

- A. GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigate
- B. GPS Aided Geography Augmented Navigation
- C. GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigation
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

19. What Is The Theme Of The Exercise Kakadu-22?

- A. Free Indo-Pacific Region
- B. Partnership, Leadership, Friendship
- C. Always Ahead
- D. None

ANSWER: B

20. Which Indian Navy Ship Participated In JIMEX 22?













- A. Gomati and Mumbai
- B. Kochi and Vagsheer
- C. Delhi and Kalvari
- D. Kadmatt and Kavaratti

ANSWER: D



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