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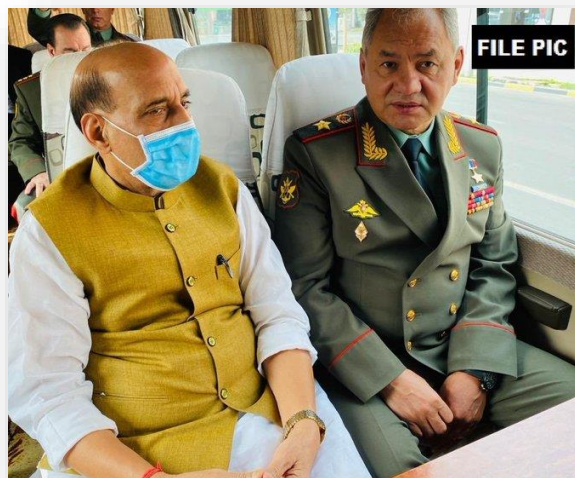


Defence Current Affairs

27 October 2022

Telephonic Conversation B/W Rajnath Singh & Defence Minister Of Russia

- Rajnath Singh held a telephonic conversation with the Defence Minister of Russian Federation Mr Sergei Shoigu on October 26, 2022, at the latter's request. During the telecon, both Ministers discussed bilateral defence cooperation as well as the deteriorating situation in Ukraine.
- Defence Minister Shoigu briefed the Raksha Mantri on the evolving situation in Ukraine, including his concerns about possible provocations through use of 'dirty bomb'.
- Rajnath Singh reiterated India's position on the need to pursue the path of dialogue and diplomacy for an early resolution of the conflict. He pointed out that the nuclear option should not be resorted to by any side as the prospect of the usage of nuclear or radiological weapons goes against the basic tenets of humanity.



MHA Is Conducting Special Campaign 2.0 From 2nd October 2022 To 31st October 2022

- MHA is conducting Special Campaign 2.0 from 2nd October 2022 to 31st October 2022 on the lines of Special Campaign conducted in 2021. Under the Preparatory Phase a total of 5,629 campaign sites have been identified for cleanliness campaign by the Ministry with special focus on field/outstation offices having public interface.
- Pendency in various categories such as MP's References, Parliamentary Assurances, IMC References, State Government References, PMO References, Public Grievances and PG Appeals were identified for their effective disposal along with files to be weeded out and sent to the NAI.
- Special Campaign 2.0 is being carried out by the CAPFs across Leh to Itanagar. Other attached/subordinate offices are also participating actively. A large no. of tweets are also being issued by CAPFs and Delhi Police tagging @PIBHomeAffairs, and the same are being re-tweeted by the PIB twitter handle, as part of publicizing the Special Campaign.
- MHA is making all out efforts to achieve the goal of Special Campaign 2.0. Some photographs of the Special Campaign 2.0 are shown below.



Before and After Images of Backside Area of Admin Block, CH Manesar(NSG)

MoS Muraleedharan Attends Dakar International Forum On Peace And Security In Africa

- Minister of State for External Affairs, V. Muraleedharan attended the 8th Dakar International Forum on Peace and Security in Africa. The Dakar Forum has become a key event for policy discussions on Africa.
- This is the first time that India participated at the Ministerial level in the event. His participation in the Dakar Forum underscored the importance that India attaches to the peace, security and development of Africa.
- It is also in line with India's policy to intensify and deepen its engagement with Africa. Mr. Murleedharan addressed the Forum on the topic of 'Global Crises and Sovereignty in Africa'.
- He called for a development paradigm that is Africa-led and Africa-owned and centered on the progress and development of the people of Africa.
- Mr. Murleedharan highlighted India's peacekeeping contributions and assistance during Covid-19 in the form of vaccines, Climate Action, and development partnerships along with stressing the need for UNSC reforms.
- During the visit on 24th and 25th of this month, Mr. Muraleedharan interacted with the Indian community in Dakar and greeted them on the occasion of Diwali celebrations.
- On the eve of National Unity Week, Mr. Murleedharan was joined by the Indian community in forming a Unity Chain to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- Being held annually since 2014, the Dakar Forum has become a key event for decision-makers involved in Africa. This is the first time that India is participating in the Forum at a Ministerial level, according to the statement released by the Ministry of External Affairs.



Indian Navy, Drone Federation Join Hands To Promote Indigenous Drone Technology

- The Technology Development and Acceleration Cell of the Naval Innovation Indigenisation Organisation under the Indian Navy and Drone Federation of India have joined hands to collaboratively work towards promoting indigenous development, manufacturing and testing of a drone, counter-drone, and associated technologies for the Navy.
- As a part of this collaboration, the Navy and the drone industry body will increase the Navy-industry-academia synergy, and source technology development challenges towards component indigenisation.
- The Drone Federation of India is a non-government, not-for-profit, industry-led body that promotes the drone industry by creating business opportunities, developing a robust skilling infrastructure, developing standards, and promoting R&D efforts.



Xi's 3rd Term Could Be Full Of Challenges For Taiwan And World: Report

- Chinese President Xi Jinping was elected as general secretary of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and secured an unprecedented third term, however, it may prove disastrous for world peace, as well as, Taiwan.
- The zero-Covid policy has exposed China's cruelty towards its own people, when in the name of public safety, city after city was put under severe lockdown for months without the proper arrangement for food, water, and medicines for residents.
- In this regard, several experts predict, the third term of Xi Jinping as China's President could be full of challenges for the East Asian country and the world as well. There is a possibility, the Indo-Pacific region could be a theatre of war in the immediate future.
- Moreover, Xi's statement at the weeklong 20th National Congress has blown away any hope of seeing the globe rinsed off the threat and geopolitical tension very soon.
- He emphasized safeguarding China's core interests (read it as the country's territorial claims), strengthening military capabilities and non-abandoning the use of force for the reunification of Taiwan, reported The HK Post.
- This leaves little room for speculation about China's move in the next five-year, given that it continues to project its military might in the Indo-Pacific region

where Taiwan's unification by force will pit it against the US, triggering a possible war between the two countries.



After Crash, 300 ALH Helicopters Will Be Inspected

- ALH used by the 3 armed forces will be subjected to a one-time inspection, following the death of five Army personnel in a crash near Tuting in Arunachal Pradesh on Friday.
- There are approximately 300 ALHs in the IAF, Navy, and Army Aviation, as well as a few with the Coast Guard. “A one-time preventive check on the entire fleet has been ordered.
- The ALHs are stationed across the country, from Ladakh to Arunachal Pradesh, as well as key locations in peninsular India. The checks will be carried out by helicopter maintenance and repair units stationed with the respective forces’ squadrons. Some of the helicopters are said to have been cleared after 24 hours of checks. Over the next two days, the entire fleet of 300 will be inspected.



ICG Rescues 20 Bangladeshi Fishermen & Hands Over To Their Bangladesh Counterpart

- Indian Coast Guard (ICG) rescued 20 Bangladeshi fishermen from the sea off Sagar Island near Indo-Bangladesh International Maritime Border Line (IMBL) on 25 Oct 22. In a swift coordinated Search and Rescue (SAR) operation, ICG saved their lives after the Coast Guard Dornier aircraft on surveillance sortie of the post landfall of cyclone “SITRANG” sighted their capsized boats and alerted the SAR team. They were rescued quickly and handed over to Bangladesh Coast Guard.
- ICG had launched its Dornier aircraft post landfall of cyclone “SITRANG to sanitize the area close to the coast off Odisha and West Bengal and to render assistance to the mariners affected by the cyclone. During the surveillance sortie, ICG Dornier aircraft sighted approx 20 persons in water about 90 NM form IMBL as their boats had capsized in the cyclone. The survivors were clinging onto the floats and debris from sunken fishing boat. ICG dropped life raft in the vicinity and remained in area till survivors embarked the life raft.
- Then the ICG aircraft diverted merchant vessel “Nanta Bhum”, which was in vicinity during its passage from Port Klang in Malaysia to Kolkata, directing it to pick up the 20 persons from the life raft dropped by it.

- Coast Guard ships Vijaya, Varad and C-426 were diverted to augment SAR efforts and sanitize the area. The 20 Bangladeshi fishermen were subsequently taken over by ICG Ship Vijaya. The fishermen were checked by medical officer onboard ICG ship for their fitness before being handed over to Bangladesh Coast Guard, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Indian Coast Guard and Bangladesh Coast Guard.
- It is pertinent to mention that the Indian Coast Guard in coordination with State Governments of Odisha and West Bengal, had initiated pre-emptive and preventive actions as per its laid down standard operating procedure to mitigate the risk posed by impending weather/ cyclone and ensured the timely and safe return of all fishing boats in aftermath of the receipt of first indication of formation of “low pressure area” forecasted by IMD regarding cyclone “SITRANG”. The advisory was also shared with Bangladesh Coast Guard. Throughout the passage of cyclone weather, advisory was aired by ICG through Radar Station and Remote Operating Stations.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Sitrang Is A

- A. Volcano
- B. Earthquake
- C. Cyclone
- D. None

ANSWER: C

2. 'Chintan Shivir of Home Ministers of the States' Organised At

- A. Haryana
- B. U.P.
- C. M.H.
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: A

3. Ex 'Khanjar' conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: D

4. Operation All Out Was Conducted In

- A. 1978
- B. 2015
- C. 1998
- D. 1995

ANSWER: B

5. Solomon Islands Is Located On

- A. Indian Ocean
- B. Pacific Ocean
- C. Arctic Ocean
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

6. Saab AB Is An Aerospace Company of

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. China

ANSWER: B

7. C-130J Super Hercules Is A

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

D. Transport Aircraft

ANSWER: D

8. "Secure Application for Internet (SAI)" Has Been Developed By

A. IAF

B. Indian Army

C. ICG

D. NSG

ANSWER: B

9. Joint Exercises B/w The India And Nepal Is Called:

A. Surya Kiran

B. SLINEX

C. Indra

D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: A

10. Hq Of Mazagaon Dockyard Limited Is In

A. New Delhi

B. Mumbai

C. Chennai

D. Kolkata

ANSWER: B

11. "Battle Ready for 21st Century" Book Is Written By

A. Shashi Tharoor

B. Geetanjali Shree's

C. Richa Mishra

D. Lt Gen AK Singh and Brig. Narendra Kumar

ANSWER: D

12. Where Is The Hq Of The Eastern Command of The Indian Navy?

A. Kochi

B. Vishakhapatnam

C. Pune

D. Mumbai

ANSWER: B

13. Joint Exercises B/w The India And USA Is Called:

- A. Surya Kiran
- B. Vajra Prahar
- C. Yudha Abhyas
- D. Both B & C

ANSWER: D

14. In IAF Flights are sub-divisions of squadrons, commanded by a__.

- A. Squadron Leader
- B. Flying Officer
- C. Air Marshal
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

15. DRDO Lakshya Is A

- A. Fighter Jet
- B. Ship
- C. Tank
- D. UAV

ANSWER: D

16. Exercise Samudra Shakti Conducted B/w Indonesia &

- A. India
- B. Nepal
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Bhutan

ANSWER: A

17. SIMBEX Conducted b/w

- A. India-France
- B. India-Indonesia
- C. India-Bhutan
- D. India-Singapore

ANSWER: D

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. "A Suitable Boy" Book Is Written By

A. Shashi Tharoor

B. Geetanjali Shree's

C. Richa Mishra

D. Vikram Seth

ANSWER: D

20. Which Edition Of Exercise LAMITIYE-2022 b/w the Indian Army and Seychelles Defence Forces Was conducted?

A. 7th

B. 8th

C. 9th

D. 10th

ANSWER: C



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