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# Defence Current Affairs

## 04-06 December 2022

### New Design Of The PRESIDENT'S STANDARD AND COLOUR, And The INDIAN NAVY CREST Unveiled

- The Hon'ble President of India has approved introduction of a new design for the President's Standard and Colour and Indian Navy Crest for the Indian Navy, which were unveiled at Visakhapatnam on Navy Day on 04 Dec 2022.
- Resonant to the ongoing National endeavour to move away from the colonial past, the Naval Ensign was amended to a new Design that draws inspiration from our history where in the Red Horizontal and Vertical Lines on the White Ensign were replaced with an Blue Octagon with Twin Golden Borders encompassing the National Emblem atop a clear anchor and 'National Emblem 'Satyamev Jayate' inscribed on the stock of the Anchor. Further, the National Flag was retained on the upper left canton.
- The erstwhile design of the President's Standard and Colour for the Indian Navy was instituted on 06 Sep 2017. The design comprised one each horizontal and vertical red bands intersecting at the centre and the National Emblem inserted at their intersection. The National Flag was at the upper left canton adjacent to the staff and a Golden Elephant was at the lower right canton on the fly side. This design was inspired from the erstwhile Naval Ensign.
- The Indian Navy adopted a new Naval Ensign on 02 Sep 2022, and the new design of the President's Standard and President's Colour awarded to the Indian Navy incorporates this change. The new design of the President's Standard and Colour comprises three main constituents - the National Flag in the upper left canton adjacent to the staff, the State Emblem underscribed with 'Satyamev Jayate' in Golden Colour on the upper right canton on the fly side, and a Navy Blue - Gold Octagon below the Golden State Emblem. The Octagon has twin golden octagonal borders, encompassing the golden National Emblem (Lion Capital of Ashoka – underscribed with 'Satyamev Jayate' in blue Devnagri script) resting atop an anchor; and superimposed on a shield. Below the shield, within

the octagon, in a golden bordered ribbon, on a Navy Blue background, is inscribed the motto of the Indian Navy 'Sam No Varunah' in golden Devnagri script. The Golden State Emblem signifies 'Power, Courage, Confidence and Pride' whilst the Navy Blue – Golden Octagon shape draws inspiration from Shivaji Maharaj Rajmudra or the Seal of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, and represents the eight directions (four cardinal and four inter cardinal), symbolising the Indian Navy's maritime outreach. The new design of President's Standard and Colour highlights India's glorious maritime heritage and also symbolises a powerful, courageous, confident and proud Indian Navy.

- The Indian Navy Crest has been amended to replace the foul anchor with a Clear Anchor. The clear anchor depicts steadfastness of the Indian Navy to deter any challenge in maritime domain, and represents clarity in vision, mission and aspirations of its sailors. The Clear Anchor also depicts Indian Navy's commitment towards securing the Coast and Maritime Interest of India. The change would imply removal of the symbolic nautical rope in the Crest Designs. The Modified Indian Navy Crest has been introduced with effect from 04 Dec 22 on the occasion of Navy Day 2022.
- The New Naval Crest has a traditional naval clear anchor below the Ashoka Lion Head with 'शं नो वरुणाः' inscribed below it, which is an invocation from the Vedas meaning 'May the Ocean God be Auspicious unto us'. The phrase was adopted as the motto of the Indian Navy on the suggestion of Shri Chakravarti Rajagopalachari, the first Indian Governor General of Independent India. The National Motto 'सत्यमेव जयते' meaning 'Truth Always Triumphs' is inscribed on the Stock of the Clear Anchor.
- In line with the change in the Indian Navy Crest, minor amendment to the Crest of the Indian Naval Command Headquarters (which has the Indian Navy Crest in the inset) has also been approved by the Hon'ble President of India.
- The President's Standard and President's Colour are awarded to static and mobile formations of the Indian Navy respectively, to acknowledge their distinguished and meritorious service to the Nation. The Indian Navy was the first among the three Services to be awarded the President's Colour on 27 May 1951 by the then President Dr. Rajendra Prasad. In the Indian Navy, the President's Colour has been awarded to the Western, Southern, and Eastern Naval Commands, both Western and Eastern Fleets, the Submarine Arm, the

Naval Air Arm, INS Shivaji, INS Valsura and the Indian Naval Academy. The 22nd Missile Vessel Squadron was the first Naval Combatant Squadron to be honoured with the President's Standard.



## Indian Navy To Open All Branches For Women From Next Year

- The Indian Navy is looking at opening all its branches for women from next year, Admiral R Hari Kumar said on Saturday. Addressing a press conference a day ahead of the Navy Day, Admiral Kumar also said that the first batch of around 3,000 'Agniveers' has been inducted and it included 341 women.
- In December last year, Navy officials said 28 women officers were deployed on board around 15 frontline warships, including aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya, and the number is set to go up.
- "The first batch of Agniveers have already reported. About 3,000 Agniveers have joined out of which 341 are women. This is a landmark event for us because for the first time, the Navy is inducting women sailors.
- The Navy celebrates December 4 as Navy Day to commemorate its daring attack on the Karachi harbour and its decisive victory in the 1971 Indo-Pak war.
- "It has been our effort to constantly query and challenge the 'status-quo' to ensure that the Navy remains on an aspirational and dynamic trajectory into the future," the Chief of Naval Staff said.

- He said that while the past year has been "operationally busy and satisfying" for the Navy, it has also been transformational in many ways.
- "The most notable aspect was commissioning of India's first indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant on September 2. Without a doubt, it was a seminal event in the history of the nation and the Navy," he said.



## India-US Military Exercise 'Yudh Abhyas' Concludes

- India and the US have successfully concluded the 18th edition of joint military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas'. The exercise led to greater synergy and interoperability between both armies in peace keeping and disaster relief operations.
- US Army soldiers of 2nd Brigade of the 11th Airborne Division and Indian Army soldiers from the Assam Regiment participated in the exercise.
- The training schedule focused on employment of an integrated battle group under Chapter VII of the UN Mandate.
- The schedule included all operations related to peace keeping and peace enforcement. The troops from both nations worked together to achieve common objectives. The joint exercise also focused on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations. Troops from both nations practiced launching of swift and coordinated relief efforts in the wake of any natural calamity.
- The exercise involved exchanges and practices on a wide spectrum of combat skills including combat engineering, employment of Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) and Counter-UAS techniques and information operations.





## DRDO Hands Over Particulars of Akash Weapon System To The Indian Army

- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) handed over Authority Holding Sealed Particulars (AHSP) of Akash Weapon System (Indian Army Version) to Missile Systems Quality Assurance Agency (MSQAA) in Hyderabad on December 03, 2022. The handing over was held at Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL) which, as a nodal agency, has designed and developed the Akash weapon system. The Technical Specification & Quality Document and the drawing of complete weapon system elements were sealed and handed over by Project Akash to MSQAA as part of AHSP transfer.
- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has congratulated DRDO, Indian Army and the industry, terming the AHSP transfer as a landmark event. He exuded confidence that this would go a long way in fulfilling the requirement of services.
- Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Dr Samir V Kamat congratulated the Project Akash team for first AHSP transfer from Missile cluster to MSQAA for such a complex system involving missile and multiple ground systems. He said, the transfer process will enable the roadmap for future missile systems, which are under production.
- Akash is the first state-of-the-art indigenous surface-to-air missile system which has been with Armed Forces for nearly a decade defending the Indian skies and

providing national security. It is inducted by Indian Army and Indian Air Force with order value worth Rs 30,000 crore, which is one of the largest single system orders for indigenous missile system.

- Apart from DRDL, a number of other DRDO labs are involved in the development of the system. These include Research Centre Imarat; Electronics & Radar Development Establishment; Research & Development Establishment (Engineers); Integrated Test Range; Armament Research & Development Establishment; High Energy Materials Research Laboratory and Vehicles Research Development Establishment. The systems are produced by Bharat Dynamics Limited, Bharat Electronics Limited, Larsen & Toubro, Tata Advanced Systems Limited, Electronics Corporation of India Limited, BEML Limited along with Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and other industries partners.
- **Defence Research and Development Laboratory-** is an Indian missile development laboratory, part of the Defence Research and Development Organization. Their charter is centered on the design, development, and flight evaluation of various types of missile systems for the Indian armed forces.
- **Headquarters :** Hyderabad
- **Founded:** June 1961, Delhi



## CDS To Visit Defence Staff College For Delivering Gen Rawat's 'Undelivered Talk'

- In the memory of country's first Chief of Defence Staff, his successor General Anil Chauhan is today visiting the Defence Services Staff College in Wellington

where he would deliver the lecture that his predecessor was supposed to give but could not due to a chopper crash.

- Gen Rawat along with his wife Madhulika Rawat and 12 other military personnel lost their lives in the chopper crash on December 8, 2021, while he was on his way to Wellington to deliver a speech.
- The Indian Navy has also announced that it is going to name the trophies for the best Agniveer trainee after the late CDS.
- The Indian Army is also organising a memorial lecture for the late CDS on December 10.
- National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Gen Chauhan are also scheduled to launch a book on Gen Bipin Rawat on December 8 itself.



## Jaishankar Discusses Ukraine Conflict, Indo-Pacific Region With Visiting German Counterpart

- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met visiting German foreign minister Annalena Baerbock on Monday and discussed wide-ranging issues including the Ukraine conflict, the Indo-Pacific region, and developments in Afghanistan.
- Addressing a joint press conference with Baerbock in Delhi, Jaishankar said both ministers also touched upon the issue of multilateral issues, including the reforms of the UN Security Council and India's G20 Presidency.
- "Today, we exchanged views on major international issues of the day, apart from our bilateral relationship. This included the conflict in Ukraine, the Indo-Pacific strategic situation, and developments pertaining to Afghanistan and Pakistan to some degree," the external affairs minister said during the presser.



- "We also discussed multilateral issues. India and Germany interact in the framework of the G4 when it comes to the reform of the UN Security Council. We had a discussion on India's G20 presidency, which comes just as Germany itself is concluding a successful G7 presidency," he added.
- Among the issues we discussed was cooperation in the third country, Jaishankar said.
- Noting the long history of close and warm relations between the two countries, he said India-Germany are marking the 70th year of the establishment of our diplomatic relationship last year.
- "Our strategic partnership which is more than two decades old has really been bolstered by greater political exchanges, ever-expanding trade, more investment, and a stronger people-to-people relationship," he said.
- The two ministers also signed an agreement on the comprehensive migration and mobility partnership.
- On the trade front, Jaishankar said Germany is India's largest partner in the European Union. "We are today supporting the India-EU negotiations on trade, investment and geographical indicators. We hope that they will progress well. The third round of negotiations on the FTA has just concluded," he said.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. \_\_ Handed Over Particulars Of Akash Weapon System (Indian Army Version) To Missile Systems Quality Assurance Agency.

- A. ISRO
- B. DRDO
- C. HAL
- D. BDL

**ANSWER: B**

2. Defence Services Staff College Is In

- A. Chennai
- B. Pune
- C. New Delhi
- D. Wellington

**ANSWER: D**

3. Department of Military Affairs Headed By

- A. CDS
- B. NSA
- C. COAS
- D. Defence Minister

**ANSWER: A**

4. The Motto Of AMC, “सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः” Which Is Derived From The

- A. Brihadaranyaka Upanishad
- B. Mundak Upanishad
- C. Taittiriya Upanishad
- D. Katha Upanishad

**ANSWER: A**

5. DESERT EAGLE Exercise Conducted b/w India &

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

**ANSWER: C**

6. Major General Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank Of IAF

- A. Commander

- B. Squadron Leader
- C. Group Captain
- D. Air Vice Marshal

**ANSWER: D**

**7. Which of the following two countries are separated by the 49<sup>th</sup> parallel?**

- A. Mexico and USA
- B. North Korea and South Korea
- C. France and Germany
- D. USA and Canada

**ANSWER: D**

**8. JCPOA Stands For**

- A. Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action
- B. Joint Comprehensive Plan of Act
- C. Joint Comprehensive Plane of Action
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**9. Ex "Udarashakti" Conducted b/w India &**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**10. India Ranks Globally \_\_\_\_ In Start-up Ecosystem And Also In Terms Of Number Of Unicorns.**

- A. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- B. 4<sup>th</sup>
- C. 5<sup>th</sup>
- D. 6<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: A**

**11. \_\_\_\_ Committee Had Recommended The Appointment Of The Chief of Defence Staff.**

- A. Kargil War Committee
- B. Lodha Committee

- C. Abhijeet Sen Committee
- D. KV Kamath Committee

**ANSWER: A**

**12. 'Service And Loyalty' Is The Motto Of**

- A. CRPF
- B. BSF
- C. NSG
- D. ITBP

**ANSWER: A**

**13. Maiden AL-Mohed AL-Hindi exercise held b/w India &**

- A. Iran
- B. Iraq
- C. Indonesia
- D. Saudi Arabia

**ANSWER: D**

**14. Thimphu Is The Capital Of Which South Asian Country?**

- A. India
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Bhutan
- D. Afghanistan

**ANSWER: C**

**15. "Durand's Curse: A Line Across the Pathan Heart" Book Is Written By**

- A. Rajiv Dogra
- B. Dan Brown
- C. Derek O'Brien
- D. R K Singh

**ANSWER: A**

**16. Attack Helicopter Of the Indian Army Are**

- A. HAL Rudra
- B. HAL Prachand
- C. Chinook
- D. Both A&B

**ANSWER: D**



**17. Where Is The Hq Of The Southern Command of The IAF?**

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Thiruvantpuram
- D. Mumbai

**ANSWER: C**

**18. Ennore Port Is At**

- A. Kerala
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. West Bengal
- D. Gujarat

**ANSWER: B**

**19. Gwadar Port Is Located In**

- A. Israel
- B. Iran
- C. Pakistan
- D. Iraq

**ANSWER: C**

**20. INS Kochi Is A**

- A. Guided-missile destroyers
- B. Landing ship tank
- C. Submarine
- D. Frigates

**ANSWER: A**



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