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Defence Current Affairs

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Exercise Sangam 2022

- The 7th edition of Exercise Sangam, a joint Naval Special Forces exercise between Indian Navy MARCOs and US Navy SEALs commenced in Goa on December 1, the Ministry of Defence said.
- Exercise Sangam was first conducted in 1994 and is an important military and diplomatic initiative between the two nations, reflective of the trust and friendship between them.
- According to the Defence Ministry statement, the present edition which will see personnel from SEAL Team Five based at San Diego, US and Indian Navy MARCOs from INS Abhimanyu together aims at exchange of ideas and experiences on various aspects of maritime special operations.
- Whilst a joint exercise among US SEALs, MARCOs and other participating nations' Naval Special Forces is held annually as part of Exercise Malabar, the Sangam series is a bi-lateral exercise purely between the US and Indian Special Forces.
- The exercise is planned for a duration of three weeks wherein personnel will exercise and hone their skills in maritime interdiction operations, direct action missions, combat free fall jumps, special heliborne operations and various other evolutions.
- Notably, the 18th edition of the Indo-US joint training exercise "YUDH ABHYAS 22" started in Uttarakhand last month.



India's First Open-Source Satellite 'InQube' To Be Launched This Month

- Onkar Batra, a 12th-standard student at BSF Senior Secondary School Jammu who has added another feather as India's first open-source satellite 'InQube' developed by him is going to be launched this month with the help of Indian Space Agency- ISRO.
- InQube was prepared under the banner of Paradox Sonic Space Research Agency. This satellite was prepared under the banner of Paradox Sonic Space Research Agency and is going to be launched this month with the help of ISRO.
- In India, the cost for its launch is Rs 20-80 lakhs, while in foreign countries this price goes into crores. He said that every satellite launched into space has a special mission.
- It also has two missions. One is whether such a lightweight satellite can work in space, the other will look at the temperature there to help researchers know what the weather conditions are like and how hard it is if they want to launch a satellite in space. Ware should be used.
- Onkar Batra, who is also the Chief Executive Officer of Batra Technology, received the National Ball Shakti Award from the President of India, Ram Nath Kovind, for creating an interactive website for Covid-19. Two years ago, the Government Medical College Jammu developed the Quaidcare website with the help of doctors, with the help of which around fifty people could contact a doctor at a time.

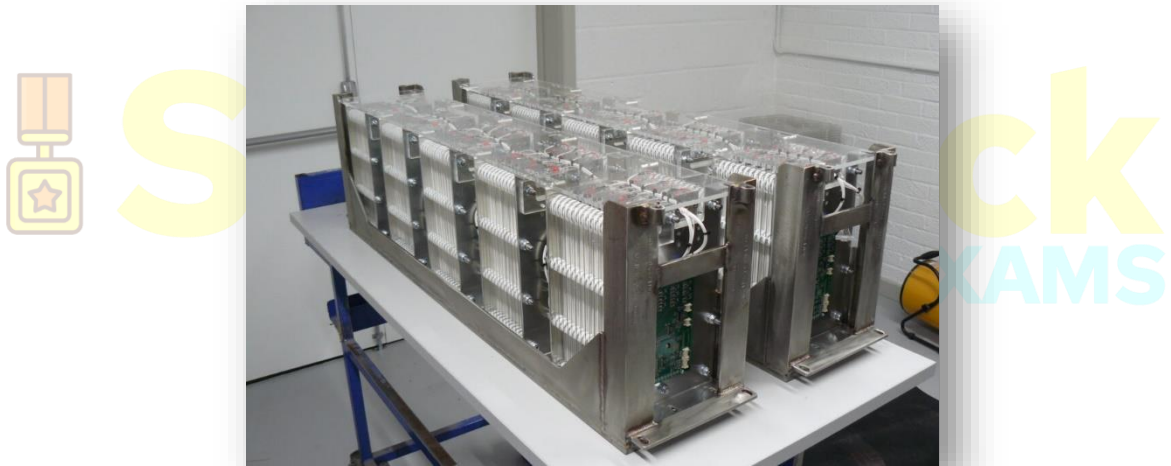
- Onkar Batra created the first website when he was seven years old and made a place in the Guinness Book of World Records by becoming World's Youngest Webmaster (male).
- And at the age of 12, he became the world's youngest theoretical author by writing his book 'When The Time Stops'. He has created two companies, one was Batra Technologies in 2018 and the other was United India Publishing in 2019.



Bharat Forge To Develop Lithium-Ion Battery System For Indian Navy

- Indian defence firm Bharat Forge Ltd on Wednesday said it has inked an agreement with American technology major General Atomics for collaboration in developing Lithium-Ion battery system for use by the Indian Navy.
- The pact was signed on the sidelines of the DefExpo in Gandhinagar in Gujarat. Under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), Bharat Forge and General Atomics' Electromagnetic Systems Group (GA-EMS) will collaborate for Lithium-Ion battery system for naval platforms for the Indian Navy.
- Bharat Forge said the two sides have also agreed to partner in the area of permanent magnet motors.
- Lithium-Ion battery systems are used in various naval platforms including submarines.

- "We have been relentlessly working towards bringing niche technologies in the country with the aim of making Indian self-reliant in defence verticals," said Baba Kalyani, Chairman Kalyani Group.
- "General Atomics is a market leader for in-service Li-Ion battery solutions for naval platforms/submarines and our partnership with General Atomics is a firm step in the direction to develop Make-in-India solutions for the Indian Navy and setting up a strong defence technology and manufacturing vertical within India," he said.
- President of GA-EMS Scott Forney said his company is looking forward to working with Bharat Forge to meet the requirements of the Indian Navy.
- "We are committed to working with companies like Bharat Forge, whose reputation for excellence and dedication to quality is synergistic with ours, as we continue to deliver technology innovations and cutting-edge systems for undersea and surface platforms," Forney said.



JWG On Security And Border Management Between India And Bangladesh

- The 18th Meeting of the Joint Working Group (JWG) on Security and Border Management between India and Bangladesh was held on December 5 and 6, 2022. The Indian delegation was led by Shri Piyush Goyal, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India and the Bangladesh Government delegation was led by Mr. A.K. Mukhlesur Rahman, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of Bangladesh.

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- The Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah had met the Home Minister of Bangladesh, Mr. Asaduzzaman Khan on November 18 on the sidelines of the 'No Money For Terror' Conference in New Delhi. Both sides had productive exchanges on border management and common security related issues during that meeting.
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- Following on from the meeting between the two ministers last month, at today's meeting both sides highlighted the excellent bilateral relations between the two countries and reiterated their commitment to further deepen and strengthen mutual cooperation in the security and border related issues. The Bangladesh side recalled the Indian contribution during the Liberation War of Bangladesh in 1971.
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- Bilateral issues such as border fencing and developmental works within 150 yards of the International Border, illegal crossing, bilateral cooperation in checking insurgency, combating terrorism, organized crimes and smuggling etc. were discussed in the meeting.



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.



NSAs, Security Councils Of Central Asian Countries Call Chabahar Port ‘Important’

- National Security Advisors and Security Councils of the Central Asian countries emphasised the ‘importance’ of the Chabahar Port and discussed further development of this transport corridor as it played a crucial role during the

humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan and in the delivery of humanitarian goods to the Afghan people by international organizations, according to the Joint Communique of 1st India-Central Asia meeting of National Security Advisers/Secretaries of Security Councils.

- During the meeting, the Central Asian nations were urged to take into account joining the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) and Ashgabat Agreement on International Transport and Transit Corridor, as well as India.
- “India and Central Asian member countries of the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC), as well as the Ashgabat Agreement on International Transport and Transit Corridor, called upon other Central Asian countries to consider joining these initiatives,” according to the Joint Communique of 1st India-Central Asia meeting of National Security Advisers.
- The National Security Advisors also discussed the ongoing situation in Afghanistan and its impact on the security and stability of the region, reiterating strong support for a peaceful, stable, and secure Afghanistan.
- According to the official statement, the leaders also reiterated the significance of UNSC Resolution 2593 (2021), which states that no terrorist organisations, including those included in UNSC Resolution 1267, should be given asylum or permitted to exploit Afghanistan’s territory.
- “The territory of Afghanistan should not be used for sheltering, training, planning or financing any terrorist acts and reaffirmed the importance of UNSC Resolution 2593 (2021), that no terrorist organizations including those designated by the UNSC Resolution 1267 should be provided sanctuary or allowed to use the territory of Afghanistan,” the statement read.
- Moreover, counterterrorism, regional security and the situation in Afghanistan were the dominating issues during the meeting of “National Security Advisers/Secretaries of Security Councils” of Central Asian countries, who gathered in the national capital on Tuesday.
- Addressing the Central Asian representatives here, Uzbekistan Secretary Security Council Viktor Makhmudov said Tuesday’s agenda was important in coordinating efforts to ensure regional security and expansion of practical cooperation on Afghanistan.

- Tajikistan's Security Council Secretary Nasrullo Mahmudzoda said new challenges and threats, including cybercrime, cyber terrorism, and environmental, and biological threats, are emerging against the background of instability and uncertainty in different parts of the world.
- He underlined that the highly destructive ideology of religious radicalism is advancing rapidly. "In this context, security issues remain a key focus of our work."
- In establishing strategies to combat terrorism, extremism, and drug trafficking, central Asian nations and India share a common interest, according to Marat Imankulov, the Secretary to the Security Council of Kyrgyzstan.
- On the other hand, National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval emphasised making countering terror financing a priority for India and other countries in the region.
- Addressing the inaugural meeting of "National Security Advisers/Secretaries of Security Councils" with his counterparts from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, Doval said, "Afghanistan is an important issue concerning us all."
- "India's concerns and objectives ...and immediate priority and the way forward, are similar to many of those around the table," Doval said.



India Issues A Request For Proposals For Carbines

- The Indian Ministry of Defence has invited responses from indigenous vendors to its RfP to supply the military with 425,213 close-quarter battle carbines. The 95-page RfP, which was sent to 20 Indian manufacturers, requires the 5.56x45mm carbines to have 60% indigenous design and content under the 'Buy Indian' category of Defence Procurement Procedure 2020.
- The RfP issued on November 29 requires carbines to have an effective range of at least 200m, a weight of 3kg, and a cyclic rate of fire of at least 600 rounds per minute using domestically manufactured ammunition. Responses must be submitted by February 21, 2023.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Armed Forces Flag Day Is Observed On

- A. 06 Dec
- B. 07 Dec
- C. 08 Dec
- D. 09 Dec

ANSWER: B

2. Ex 'Sangam' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar

- B. USA
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: B

3. Hq Of Bharat Forge Is In

- A. Mumbai
- B. Pune
- C. Noida
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: B

4. India's First Open-Source Satellite 'InQube' Is Developed By

- A. Anish Gupta
- B. Dr. K. Sivan
- C. Onkar Batra
- D. None

ANSWER: C

5. Hindustan Lead-in Fighter Trainer (HLFT-42) Aircraft Will Be Manufactured By

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

ANSWER: C

6. Lima Is The Capital Of

- A. Poland
- B. Qatar
- C. UAE
- D. Peru

ANSWER: D

7. What Is 'Vigraha', With Respect To Indian Coast Guard?

- A. Offshore Patrol Vessel
- B. Submarine
- C. Destroyer
- D. Interceptor Boat

ANSWER: A

8. Air Marshal Rank of IAF Is Equivalent to which rank of Indian Navy?

- A.** Commodore
- B.** Captain
- C.** Commander
- D.** Vice Admiral

ANSWER: D

9. Volkswagen IS A Company Belongs To

- A.** USA
- B.** UK
- C.** Germany
- D.** Japan

ANSWER: C

10. "We Protect" Is The Motto Of

- A.** ICG
- B.** IAF
- C.** Indian Army
- D.** BSF

ANSWER: A

11. Ex 'Ekuverin' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: D

12. CAIR Stands For

- A.** Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Robotics
- B.** Centre for Artificial Intelligent & Robotics
- C.** Centre for Artillery Intelligence & Robotics
- D.** Centre form Artificial Intelligence & Robotics

ANSWER: A

13. KHARDUNG LA Is Located At

- A.** Leh

- B. Shimla
- C. Dharmshala
- D. J&K

ANSWER: A

14. Op Sankalp Was Initiated And Implemented By The

- A. IAF
- B. BSF
- C. Indian Navy
- D. ICG

ANSWER: C

15. "No Spin" Book Is Written By

- A. Shane Warne
- B. William Taubman
- C. Jia Pingwa
- D. N N Vohra

ANSWER: A

16. Which Of The Following Is The Oldest CAPF?

- A. CRPF
- B. BSF
- C. Assam Rifles
- D. BSF

ANSWER: C

17. Third-generation Anti-tank Missile Is _____?

- A. Prithvi
- B. Akash
- C. Trishul
- D. Nag

ANSWER: D

18. Regimental Centre Of THE BRIGADE OF THE GUARDS

- A. Kamptee, Maharashtra
- B. Ahmednagar, Maharashtra
- C. Delhi Cantonment
- D. Fatehgarh, Uttar Pradesh

ANSWER: A

19. BR18 Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. Helicopter
- C. Assault rifle
- D. Submachine gun

ANSWER: C

20. Safran Manufactures Aircraft Engines, Rocket Engines MNC Comes From

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

ANSWER: B



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