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# Defence Current Affairs

## 16 December 2022

### EX “SURYA KIRAN -XVI” 22

- The 16th Edition of Indo-Nepal joint training Exercise “SURYA KIRAN-XVI” between India and Nepal will be conducted at Nepal Army Battle School, Saljhandi (Nepal), from 16 - 29 December 2022. Exercise “SURYA KIRAN” is conducted annually between India and Nepal with the aim to enhance interoperability in jungle warfare & counter terrorism operations in mountainous terrain and HADR under UN mandate.
- Nepal Army soldiers of Shree Bhawani Baksh Battalion and Indian Army soldiers from the 5 GR will be participating in the exercise. The two armies, through these contingents, shall be sharing the experiences gained during the conduct of various counter-insurgency operations over the years in their respective countries. The joint exercise would focus on evolution of combined drills for planning and conduct of tactical operations at unit level in counter terrorism operations and disaster response mechanism in general and role of armed forces in management of disaster.
- During the exercise, participants will be training together to develop interoperability and share their experience including Counter Insurgency and Counter Terrorist operations and also on Humanitarian Relief operations.
- The joint military exercise will enhance the level of defence cooperation which will further foster the bilateral relations between the two nations.



## Proud To See All 36 Rafales On India's Soil: French Envoy To India

- French Ambassador to India Emmanuel Lenain, on Thursday, said that he is proud to see 36 Rafales with full equipment after all the 'Rafales' landed on Indian soil.
- Taking to Twitter, Lenain said, "Proud to see all 36 Rafales on India's soil and fully equipped with India-specific enhancements."
- This statement came after the IAF tweeted, "**FEET DRY! 'The Pack is Complete' The last of the 36 IAF Rafales landed in India after a quick enroute sip from a UAE Air Force tanker.**"
- The Rafale is a **4.5-generation** aircraft and has helped India regain its supremacy over Indian sub-constituent skies with long-range air-to-air and air-to-ground missiles along with advanced radar and electronic warfare capabilities.
- **Top speed:** 1,912 km/h
- **Range:** 3,700 km
- **Weight:** 9,979 kg
- **Length:** 15 m
- **Manufacturer:** Dassault Aviation
- **Engine types:** Turbofan, Snecma M88



## Night Trials Of Agni-5 Nuclear-capable Ballistic Missile

- India successfully carried out the night trials of the nuclear-capable Agni-5 ballistic missile, which can hit targets beyond 5,000 km on Thursday.
- "The test was carried out to validate new technologies and equipment on the missile which is now lighter than before. The trial has proved the capability to enhance the range of the Agni-5 missile, if required," sources said.
- Sources said the missile has been made lighter by adding lighter composite material which will enable the missile to go longer ranges. India had launched the last Agni-5 test in October 2021.
- The launch was carried out at approximately 5: 30 pm from APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha.
- **Mass:** 50000-56000 kg
- **Length:** 17.5 m
- **Diameter:** 2 meters (6 ft 7 in)
- **Warhead:** Strategic nuclear weapon
- **Warhead weight:** 1,500 kilograms
- **Maximum speed:** Terminal phase: Mach 24 (29,400 km/h)



## Indian Air Force Set For Exercise In Northeast

- With an aim to check the combat readiness of its aircraft, the Indian Air Force began Thursday carry out a two-day consolidated training exercise in the Northeast, officials said.
- The exercise is taking place at a time when a face-off between Indian and Chinese troops at the Tawang sector in Arunachal Pradesh took place on December 9 along the LAC preceded by attempts to violate air space on many occasions.
- “In the last few weeks, there have been two to three occasions where our fighter jets had to be scrambled to tackle the Chinese drones moving towards our positions on the LAC. The Su-30MKI jets had to be scrambled to tackle the air violation threat,” sources said.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in Parliament said that attempts by Chinese troops to transgress the LAC in the Yangtse area of Tawang Sector and unilaterally change the status quo were contested by Indian troops in a firm and resolute manner. “The Indian Army bravely prevented the PLA from



transgressing into our territory and compelled them to return to their posts,” the minister said.

- Defence sources told ANI that before the clash in the Yangtse area Chinese drones had moved very aggressively towards the Indian positions on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Arunachal Pradesh forcing the Indian Air Force to scramble its Su-30MKI fighter jets aircraft in the region.
- On December 13, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh informed the Rajya Sabha that China’s People’s Liberation Army (PLA) troops tried to transgress the Line of Actual Control in the Yangtse area of Arunachal Pradesh Tawang Sector and unilaterally change the status quo but they went back to their locations due to timely intervention of Indian military commanders.
- Giving a statement in the Rajya Sabha, the Defence Minister assured the Upper House that “our forces are committed to protecting our territorial integrity and will continue to thwart any attempt made on it”.



## President Murmu, PM Modi Attend 'At Home' Reception At Army House On Eve Of Vijay Diwas'

- President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday attended the 'At Home' reception at Army House in the national capital on the eve of 'Vijay Diwas', commemorating India's victory over Pakistan in the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War.
- Fifty years ago, the largest military surrender after the Second World War happened when 93,000 soldiers from the Pakistan Army laid down their arms before the Indian forces -- resulting in the liberation of Bangladesh, formerly East Pakistan. The day is marked every year as '**Vijay Diwas**'.
- On December 16, 1971, **Lt Gen Amir Abdullah Khan Niazi**, the chief martial law administrator of East Pakistan and the commander of Pakistan Army located in East Pakistan, signed the Instrument of Surrender.
- The HQ Southern Command is organising a 'Southern Star Vijay Run-22' on December 16. This will be organised simultaneously in Pune and 15 other cities across the Southern Command area of responsibility. The theme for the event is 'Run for Soldier — Run with Soldier,' and the event aims to strengthen the bond between the Indian Army and the masses, especially the youth.
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- Also, the Bangladesh Assistant High Commission (BAHC) in Agartala, Tripura, will celebrate Mahan Vijay Diwas along with the Indian Army and paramilitary forces. The day will be observed through a variety of events, discussions, and cultural programmes.



## Indian Navy Chief Apprises Sri Lankan President Of Bilateral Maritime Engagements Between Two Navies

- CNS Admiral R Hari Kumar held a meeting with Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe. During the meeting, Admiral R Hari Kumar apprised Ranil Wickremesinghe of the progress of ongoing bilateral maritime engagements between India and Sri Lanka navies.
- Notably, Admiral R Hari Kumar has been invited as the Chief Guest and Reviewing Officer for the Commissioning Parade at the Naval and Maritime Academy (NMA) scheduled to take place in Trincomalee on December 15.
- On December 14, Admiral R Hari Kumar #CNS held a meeting with Sri Lankan Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena. During the meeting, the two sides discussed the importance of strong defence ties between India and Sri Lanka and the means to further bolster existing linkages between armed forces of the two nations.
- Sri Lanka and New Delhi have long history of security cooperation. In recent years, the two sides have steadily increased their military-to-military relationship.



- India and Sri Lanka conducts joint Military ( '**Mitra Shakti**' ) and Naval exercise ( **SLINEX** ).
- India also provides defence training to Sri Lankan forces.



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**REVIEW QUESTIONS**

**EXAMS**

**1. Ex 'SURYA KIRAN' Conducted b/w India &**

- A. Bhutan
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Nepal
- D. Maldives

**ANSWER: C**

**2. Which Edition Of Ex Surya Kiran Is Commenced?**

- A. 15<sup>th</sup>
- B. 16<sup>th</sup>
- C. 17<sup>th</sup>
- D. 18<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: B**

**3. Vijay Diwas Is Observed On**

- A. 14 Dec
- B. 15 Dec
- C. 16 Dec
- D. 17 Dec

**ANSWER: C**

**4. Exercise 'Mitra Shakti & SLINEX' Is Conducted B/W India &**

- A. Bhutan
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Nepal
- D. Maldives

**ANSWER: B**

**5. Agni-5 Is A**

- A. MRBM
- B. SRBM
- C. IRBM
- D. ICBM

**ANSWER: D**

**6. Agni-5 Test Successfully Carried Out At**

- A. Odisha
- B. T.N.
- C. Kerala
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**7. Rafael Aircraft Is Manufactured By**

- A. DRDO
- B. Israel Aerospace Industries
- C. Dassault Aviation
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**8. OPEC Hq Is In**

- A.** Budapest, Hungary
- B.** New York, USA
- C.** Luanda, Angola

**D. Vienna, Austria**

**ANSWER: D**

**9. JF-17 Thunder Is A**

- A. UAV
- B. Fighter Aircraft
- C. Helicopter
- D. Tank

**ANSWER: B**

**10. India's First Indigenous Aircraft Is**

- A. INS Virat
- B. INS Vikrant
- C. INS Vikramaditya
- D. INS Samudragupta

**ANSWER: B**

**11. Neptune Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. Tank
- C. Anti Ship Missile
- D. Machine Gun

**ANSWER: C**

**12. INS Sahyadri Is A**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**13. The Cartosat Is A**

- A. Air to Air missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Anti-tank Guided missile
- D. Earth Observation Satellite

**ANSWER: D**

**14. Lilongwe Is The Capital Of**

- A. Lithuania
- B. Liechtenstein
- C. Liberia
- D. Malawi

**ANSWER: D**

**15. "Arms and the Man" Book Is Written By**

- A. Lewis Carrol
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. G. B. Shaw
- D. H.G. Wells

**ANSWER: C**

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

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Tiger Triumph

**ANSWER: D**

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

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

**ANSWER: C**

**18. SLBM Stands For**

- A. Submarine-launched Ballistic Misery
- B. Submarine-launched Ballistic Missile
- C. Submarine-launched Ballet Missile
- D. Solar-launched Ballistic Missile

**ANSWER: B**

**19. Home Port of The INS Satpura Is In**

- A. ENC
- B. WNC
- C. SNC

D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**20. BEL HQ Is In**

A. Bengaluru

B. Noida

C. New Delhi

D. Chennai

**ANSWER: A**





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