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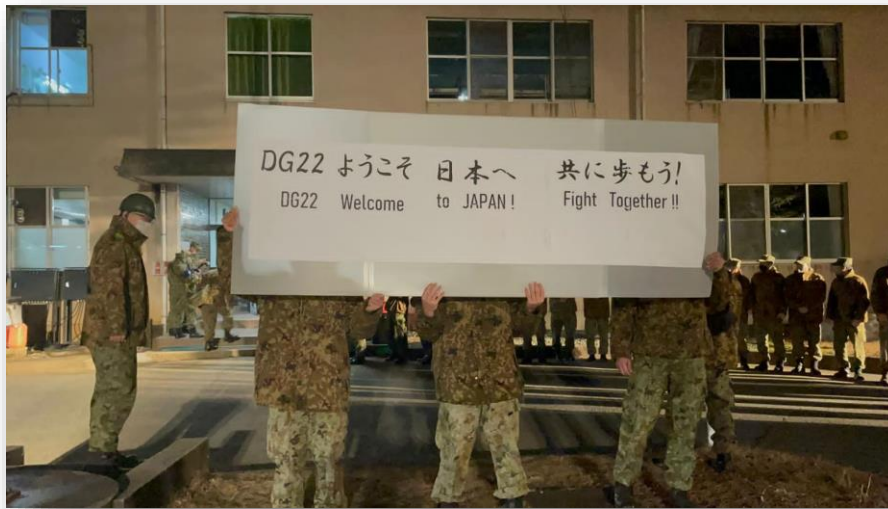
Aero India 2023: Curtains Fall On Asia's Biggest Air Show

- Curtains came down on the five-day Aero India-2023, which also marked the big push to PM Modi's ambitious call for 'Self Reliant India' and 'Make in India' in the aviation sector. The biennial event which completed its **14th** edition in Bengaluru witnessed the largest participation of the contingent from the United States of America for the first time ever in Aero India.
- Aerobatics performed by the metal birds enthralled the onlookers who had gathered in huge numbers on the last day at the Yelahanka Air Force Station in the city. India's indigenously developed LCA Tejas, LCH and light utility helicopters developed by HAL were part of the show.
- The five-day event saw a number of seminars such as Manthan and Bandhan where deliberations were held on a range of subjects including India's self-reliance programme, indigenous development of futuristic aerospace technology, India's space initiatives, advancement in maritime surveillance system, investment opportunities in Karnataka.
- There was a huge turnout at the exhibitions and displays by various companies during the show. The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Indian Space Research Organisation, Bharat Electronics Limited, Defence Research and Development Organisation were among those who put up their stalls.



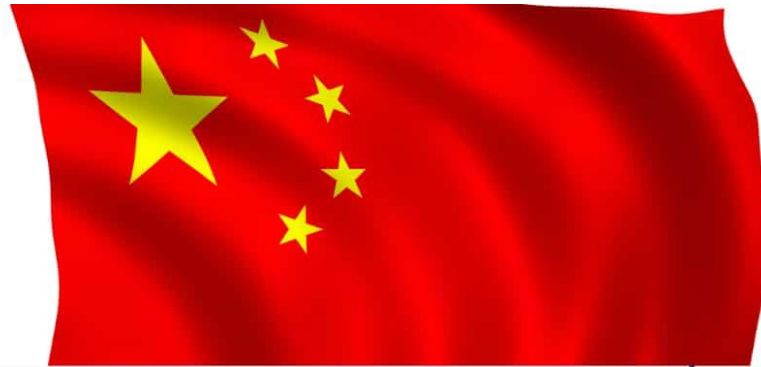
EXERCISE “DHARMA GUARDIAN” 2023

- The 4th edition of joint military exercise, “EX DHARMA GUARDIAN”, between India and Japan is being conducted at Camp Imazu in Shiga province, Japan from 17 February to 02 March 2023. Notably, in the series of military training exercises undertaken by India with various countries, Exercise DHARMA GUARDIAN which is an annual training event with Japan, is crucial and significant in terms of security challenges faced by both nations in the backdrop of current global situation. The scope of this exercise covers platoon level joint training on operations in jungle and semi urban/urban terrain.
- Troops of the Garhwal Rifles Regiment of the Indian Army and an Infantry Regiment from the Middle Army of the Japan Ground Self Defence Force (JGSDF) are participating in the exercise this year to share experiences gained during operations in order to enhance inter-operability in planning & execution. The Indian Army contingent arrived at the exercise location on 12 February 2023 where they were accorded a warm reception.
- The joint exercise will enable the two armies to share best practices in tactics, techniques and procedures of conducting tactical operations under a UN Mandate, in addition to developing inter-operability, bonhomie, camaraderie and friendship between the two armies. The training will focus primarily on high degree of physical fitness and sharing of drills at the tactical level. During the exercise, participants will engage in a variety of missions ranging from joint planning, joint tactical drills, basics of establishing integrated surveillance grids, including employment of aerial assets. The joint exercise will facilitate both armies to know each other better, share their wide experiences and enhance their situational awareness.
- “Exercise Dharma Guardian” will further enhance the level of defence co-operation between Indian Army and Japanese Ground Self Defence Forces, furthering the bilateral relations between the two nations.



China Sanctions Lockheed Martin, Raytheon For Taiwan Sales

- China imposed trade and investment sanctions on Lockheed Martin and a unit of Raytheon for supplying weapons to Taiwan, stepping up efforts to isolate the island democracy claimed by the ruling Communist Party as part of its territory.
- Lockheed Martin Corp. and Raytheon Technologies Corp.'s Raytheon Missiles and Defense are barred from importing goods into China or making new investments in the country, the Ministry of Commerce announced.
- It said they were added to the "**unreliable entity**" list of companies whose activities are restricted because they might endanger national sovereignty, security or development interests.
- Raytheon Missiles and Defense, part of Raytheon Technologies Corp., was awarded a **\$412 million** contract in September to upgrade Taiwanese military radar as part of a **\$1.1 billion** package of U.S. arms sales to the island. Boeing Defense received a **\$355 million** contract to supply Harpoon missiles.
- Beijing announced plans for the "**unreliable entity**" list in 2019 in response to U.S. restrictions imposed on **Huawei Technologies Ltd.**, a Chinese maker of telecom equipment.



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Amit Shah Presented The 'President's Colour' To The Haryana Police

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah presented the '**President's Colour**' to the Haryana Police in Karnal, Haryana. The police force has showcased valour, patience and courage in every field by maintaining law and order, ensuring public safety, and making life easier for the citizens.
- Shri Amit Shah said that Presentation with the President's Colour, showcases a sign of great credibility for the organization and the institution. He said that Haryana Police has become one of the 10 state police forces in the country to receive this highest honour from the President. After Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Assam, now the name of Haryana Police has also been added to the police forces to receive this highest honour. Home Minister said that it is not only an honour for the police force, but also of the historical saga of bravery, courage and dedication showcased by the state police in serving the people of Haryana. He added that Indian Navy was the first one to receive this honor in 1951 and since then 10 State Police Forces and several Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) have also been presented with the President's Colour.
- The President's Colour Award is the highest honour that can be bestowed upon any military unit of India. It is also known as '**Nishaan**' which is an emblem that is worn by all unit officers on the left-hand sleeve of their uniform.



Government Bans Jammu and Kashmir Ghaznavi Force For Terror Acts

- The Centre on Friday banned the Jammu and Kashmir Ghaznavi Force (JKGF), which has been formed with cadres from terrorist organisations such as the **Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed**.
- According to a notification issued by the Union Home Ministry, the JKGF has been involved in infiltration bids, narcotics and weapon smuggling, carrying out terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir, and regularly issuing threats to security forces.
- The Central Government today also declared following two organization as terrorist organizations under the provisions of the UAPA:
 - **Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF)**
 - **Jammu and Kashmir Ghaznavi Force (JKGF)**



Changes In Army Top Brass, New Vice Chief Appointed

- In a reshuffle, Indian Army has appointed a new **Vice Chief Lt Gen MV Suchendra Kumar** as the incumbent **Lt Gen BS Raju** has been shifted to **South Western Army Command as Army Commander**.
- Present Vice Chief Lt Gen BS Raju would be succeeding Lt Gen AS Bhinder who is superannuating on February 28 at the South Western Army Command.
- Raju had only a **10-month** stint as Vice Chief and will have another eight months in the new office. He took over as the Vice chief on May 1 after present Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande moved to his new office on promotion.
- Lt Gen Raju would be replaced by **Lt Gen MV Suchendra Kumar** who is presently the Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy). He has held various important assignments including the White Knight Corps in J&K.
- **Lt Gen NSR Subramani** has been promoted to the rank of Army commander and appointed as the next Central Army Commander in Lucknow. He is presently the Chief of Staff in the Northern Command.



Indian Army Team Delivers Relief Material To Aleppo, Syria

- An Indian Army team deployed as part of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) on Wednesday delivered relief material to Aleppo, Syria.
- The material included rations and medicine from the government of India as well as contributions from the international community.
- Under '**Operation Dost**', Union Health Ministry provided life-saving humanitarian medical Assistance to quake-hit Turkey and Syria.
- The consignment consisted of 5,945-ton emergency relief material, including 27 life-saving medicines, two kinds of protective items, and three categories of critical care pieces of equipment, valued at approximately Rs 2 crore.



IAF Develops 'Vayulink' Platform

- The Indian Air Force has developed an innovative solution 'Vayulink' that would aid pilots in dealing with bad weather and also provide jammer-proof uninterrupted communication with the base station.
- The data link communication uses the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) that is also known as NAVIC, to send radio communication to the base station when the signals are low.
- When the planes are flying close to any friendly forces on grounds during a combat situation, the aircraft display gives the position of such forces on the ground including tanks and troops beneath.



Review Questions

1. The 4th Edition of Exercise Dharma Guardian Commenced At

- A. Imazu
- B. Yokosuka
- C. Chennai
- D. Jaisalmer

ANSWER: A

2. Which Of The Following Is The New VCOAS?

- A. Lt Gen BS Raju
- B. Lt Gen MV Suchendra Kumar
- C. Lt Gen DP Pandey
- D. None
- E. DRDO

ANSWER: B

3. Operation Dost Is A Search & Rescue Op. Carried Out In__&__ By GOI.

- A. Turkey
- B. Syria
- C. UAE
- D. Both A&B

ANSWER: D

4. Japan Maritime Self Defence Force Ships __&__ Made Port Call At Kochi.

- A. Uruga
- B. Awaji
- C. Sumo
- D. Both A&B

ANSWER: D

5. Which State/UT Police Force Recently Got the 'President Colour Award'?

- A. UP
- B. MP
- C. Haryana
- D. Ladakh

ANSWER: C

6. 'Vayulink' Platform For Steady Jammer-proof Communication Developed By

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

ANSWER: B

7. RS-28 Sarmat "Satan 2"Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. Missile
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: C

8. "Unstoppable: How Youth Icons Achieve Extraordinary Things" Book Is Written By

- A.** Shashi Tharoor
- B.** Manthan Shah
- C.** Hew Strachan
- D.** Kumar Shyam

ANSWER: B

9. P-8I Poseidon Aircraft Manufactured By ___

- A.** DRDO
- B.** HAL
- C.** MDL
- D.** Boeing

ANSWER: D

10. HEAT Also Known As Abhyas Stands For

- A.** High-speed Expendable Aerial Temperature
- B.** High-speed Expendable Air Target
- C.** High-speed Extra Aerial Target
- D.** High-speed Expendable Aerial Target

ANSWER: D

11. Training Command Of IAF Is Located At

- A.** New Delhi
- B.** Bangalore
- C.** Gurugram
- D.** Lucknow

ANSWER: B

12. ZA'IR-AL-BAHR Exercise Held B/W India And ___?

- A.** China
- B.** USA
- C.** Qatar
- D.** Singapore

ANSWER: C

13. The Indian Struggle Book Written By

- A.** Subhas Chandra Bose
- B.** Adolf Hitler

- C. Ravindra Nath Tagore
- D. Jawaharlal Nehru

ANSWER: A

14. Colonel Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank Of Indian Navy Is

- A. Commander
- B. Captain
- C. Group Captain
- D. Lieutenant

ANSWER: B

15. Maitree Exercise Held B/W India And___?

- A. Thailand
- B. USA
- C. Qatar
- D. Singapore

ANSWER: A

16. Kamov Ka-31 Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle
- C. Helicopter
- D. Submachine gun

ANSWER: C

17. High Altitude Warfare School Is At

- A. Wellington
- B. Gulmarg
- C. Shimla
- D. Dehradun

ANSWER: B

18. War Cry of THE MAHAR REGIMENT

- A. Bharat Mata ki Jai
- B. Bolo Hindustan Ki Jay
- C. Jai Hind
- D. Durga Mata Ki Jai

ANSWER: B

19. Bagram Air Base Located In

- A. Pakistan
- B. Iraq
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Qatar

ANSWER: D

20. Sankalp-class OPV Designed And Built By

- A. Goa Shipyard Limited
- B. GRSE
- C. MDL
- D. CSL

ANSWER: A



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