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# Defence Current Affairs

## 12-13 March 2023

### MARITIME PARTNERSHIP EXERCISE (MPX) 2023

- Indian Navy's indigenously built guided missile frigate, **INS Sahyadri** participated in a MPX with French Navy ships FS Dixmude, a Mistral Class Amphibious Assault Ship and FS La Fayette, a La Fayette Class Frigate, in the **Arabian Sea** on **10 – 11 March 2023**.
- The exercise witnessed a wide spectrum of evolutions at sea which included cross deck landings, boarding exercises and seamanship evolutions. The seamless conduct of the exercise reaffirmed the interoperability and high level of cooperation between the two navies.
- INS Sahyadri is fitted with state-of-the-art weapons and sensors, which makes her capable of detecting and neutralizing air, surface, and sub-surface threats.
- The ship is a part of the Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet based at Visakhapatnam, under operational control of FOCinC (East).



## **BrahMos Aerospace Set To Bag USD 2.5 Billion Cruise Missiles Order From Indian Navy**

- In a major success for the indigenous industry, the Indian Navy is going to place orders for acquiring more than 200 BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles which would be equipped on all the frontline warships of the maritime force.
- The Indo-Russian joint venture company has recently carried out test firings of the missile with a high level of indigenous content and is also going to equip the missile with an indigenous seeker too.
- The missile system has made significant advancements in the last few years after the Indo-Russian joint venture company increased its strike range from 290 km to more than 400 km.
- The indigenous content in the missile system has also been increased and many of its systems have been upgraded and indigenised to increase the participation of Indian industry and manufacturers.



## **Indian Army's Chetak Corps Conducted 'Exercise Chetak Chaukas'**

- "Indian Army's Chetak Corps conducted Exercise Chetak Chaukas focusing on planning, preparation, familiarisation & updation of the database with all stakeholders to strengthen Rear Area Security," Indian Army's South Western Command officials said.

- Earlier in the day, the Indian Army's Desert Corps carried out tactical floatation to validate operational parameters under an all-arms combat simulation. This was carried out besides coordinating & refining numerous **Battle Drills**, said officials.



## Later this year, LCA-Tejas Will Receive " Fox two ASRAAM"

- The LCA-Tejas Mk1A Technology demonstrator will soon be cleared to fire Advanced Short Range Air-to-Air Missile (ASRAAM) and will enter service across the Tejas Mk1 fleet in 2024, providing a significant boost to the jet's Close Combat capabilities.
- ASRAAM Block-VI comes with New algorithms have been developed to improve ASRAAM's ability to acquire and maintain lock-on to target aircraft despite the use of next-generation infrared countermeasures.
- The LCA-Tejas is already equipped with " Fox two" infrared-guided missiles such as the R-73 and Python-5, but the decision to equip it with ASRAAM was made to phase out the R-73 from the fleet due to obsolescence of the missile technology and Russia's lack of upgrades.
- Bharat Dynamics Ltd and MBDA, a European arms manufacturer, have collaborated to establish an Indian facility for final assembly, integration, and testing of advanced short-range air-to-air missiles. The facility is expected to open later this year, and the immediate rate of production of the missile in the country will be adequate for it to be equipped on Tejas Mk1A fleet first, and later on older Mk1 fleet, with plans to equip it on Mk2 and TEDBF fighter jets as well.





## Diamond Jubilee Celebrations At Air Force Station Digaru

- The 51 Air Store Park (ASP) located at Digaru completed 60 years of glorious service to the nation on Saturday. The occasion was graced by Air Marshal SP Dharkar AOC-in-C EAC and other senior officers from HQ EAC.
- The Air Store Park is a strategic combat logistics support hub for the entire Eastern Air Command and which came into existence in 1963.
- Group Captain SD Nigam, Station Commander Air Force Station Digaru highlighted that 51 ASP looks after the distribution and management of aircraft spares/ordnance stores and vehicles for EAC.
- Diamond Jubilee of the Park is indeed a unique milestone and a matter of great pride for all members of the “Digaru” family, he said.



## Review Questions

**1. INS \_\_ Participated In A Maritime Partnership Exercise.**

- A. INS Sahyadri
- B. INS Vela
- C. INS Trikand
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**2. Ex MPX 2023 Conducted At**

- A. Bay of Bengal
- B. Indian Ocean
- C. Arabian Sea
- D. None

**ANSWER: C**

**3. Air Force Station Digaru Comes Under Which Command Of IAF?**

- A. WAC
- B. EAC
- C. SAC
- D. CAC

**ANSWER: B**

**4. ASRAAM Stands For**

- A. Attack Short Range Air-to-Air Missile
- B. Advanced Semi Range Air-to-Air Missile
- C. Advanced Short Range Air-to-Air Missile
- D. Advanced Short Ranger Air-to-Air Missile

**ANSWER: C**

**5. With reference to Virtual Digital Assets and Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) 2002, consider the following statements:**

- 1. VDA service providers must adhere to the same reporting requirements and KYC requirements as other regulated companies, such as banks.**
- 2. The PMLA controls the transfer of virtual digital assets.**

**Which of the following statements given above is/are correct?**

- A. 1 only

- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

**ANSWER: C**

**6. Exercise Chetak Chaukas Conducted By**

- A. Southern Command
- B. South Eastern Command
- C. Central Command
- D. South Western Command

**ANSWER: D**

**7. College of Defence Management Is At**

- A. Chennai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Mumbai
- D. Secunderabad

**ANSWER: D**

**8. Varuna Is A**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**9. Ex 'KONKAN, INDRADHANUSH' Conducted b/w India &**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**10. \_\_\_ Is India's Border Guarding Organisation On Its Border With Pakistan And Bangladesh. :**

- A. SSB
- B. ITBP
- C. BSF
- D. None

**ANSWER: C**

**11. Captain Rank of Indian Navy Equivalent to Which rank of IAF?**

- A. Flying Officer
- B. Flight Lieutenant
- C. Group Captain
- D. None

**ANSWER: C**

**12. AH-64 Apache Is A**

- A. Transport Helicopter
- B. Attack Helicopter
- C. Light Utility Helicopter
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: B**

**13. Dhanush (howitzer) Manufactured By**

- A. L & T
- B. Boeing
- C. ISRO
- D. Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited

**ANSWER: D**

**14. What Type Of Missile Is 'New Generation Akash Missile (Akash-NG)'?**

- A. Surface-to-air missile
- B. Air to Air Missile
- C. Surface to Surface Missile
- D. Intercontinental Ballistic Missile

**ANSWER: A**

**15. "As Good as My Word" Book Written By**

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. KM Chandrasekhar
- C. D Y Chandrachud
- D. R K Mishra

**ANSWER: B**



**16. Ankara Is The Capital Of**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**17. World Maritime Day Is Celebrated On Which Date?**

- A. September 29
- B. July 29
- C. August 29
- D. May 29

**ANSWER: A**

**18. Rustom Is A Medium Altitude Long Endurance UAV Being Developed By The**

- \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. DRDO
  - B. NASA
  - C. ISRO
  - D. HAL

**ANSWER: A**

**19. Which Force Is Deployed At India, Nepal And Bhutan Border?**

- A. Sashastra Seema Bal
- B. Central Industrial Security Force
- C. National Security Guard
- D. Indo-Tibetan Border Police

**ANSWER: A**

**20. Who Among The Following Has Become The First Ever Woman Pilot Of The Indian Navy?**

- A. Chhavi Rajawat
- B. Shubhangi Swaroop
- C. Sita Sahu
- D. Asha Roy

**ANSWER: B**

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