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Defence Current Affairs

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Government Sets Target Of Achieving Defence Manufacturing Worth Rs 1.75 Lakh Crore By 2024-25

- The government on Monday said it has set a target of achieving defence manufacturing worth Rs 1,75,000 crore, including defence exports of Rs 35,000 crore by 2024-25.
- Minister of state for Defence Ajay Bhatt, replying to a question in Rajya Sabha, said the value of production undertaken by private companies and state-run defence manufacturers in 2021-22 was Rs 86,078 crore while the amount was Rs 88,631 crore in 2020-21 and Rs 63,722 crore in 2019-20.
- The value of production was Rs 50,499 crore in 2018-19 and Rs 54,951 crore in 2017-18.
- "The government has set the target of achieving defence manufacturing worth Rs 1,75,000 crore including defence exports of Rs 35,000 crore by the year 2024-25," Bhatt said.
- "Further, the DRDO has undertaken 50 mission mode and technology development projects worth Rs 23,722 crore in the last three years for development of indigenous weapons and technologies," he said.



EXERCISE LA PEROUSE – 2023

- The 3rd edition of the multilateral exercise La Perouse is scheduled to be conducted in the Indian Ocean Region from 13 to 14 March 2023. This edition will witness participation of personnel, ships and integral helicopters of Royal Australian Navy, French Navy, Indian Navy, Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force, Royal Navy and the United States Navy.
- The biennial exercise La Perouse is conducted by the French Navy, and is aimed at enhancing maritime domain awareness and optimising maritime coordination amongst the participating navies in the Indo-Pacific Region.
- Indigenously built guided missile frigate INS Sahyadri and fleet tanker INS Jyoti will be participating in this edition of the exercise. Participation of Indian Navy in the exercise showcases the high levels of synergy, coordination and interoperability between the friendly navies, and their commitment to a rules-based international order in the Indo-Pacific region.



Biden Announces Nuclear-powered Submarines For Australia

- President Joe Biden and the leaders of Australia and the United Kingdom on Monday announced that Australia will purchase nuclear-powered attack submarines from the US to modernize its fleet amid growing concern about China's influence in the Indo-Pacific.
- Biden flew to San Diego to appear with Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak as they hailed an 18-month-old

nuclear partnership given the acronym AUKUS - for Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States.

- The partnership, announced in 2021, enables Australia to access nuclear-powered submarines, which are stealthier and more capable than conventionally powered vessels, as a counterweight to China's military buildup.
- Rishi Sunak called **AUKUS** "the most significant multilateral defense partnership in generations." He said the U.K. also will share its 60 years of experience running its own submarine fleet with Australian engineers "so they can build their own fleet."



India's Defence Exports Cross Rs 13,000 Crore

- Indian defence exports have breached the '13,000 crore mark, with a new record to be achieved this financial year given increased demand in Europe and efforts by the government to engage partners like Armenia that are looking for reliable suppliers.
- According to global arms sales tracker SIPRI, India still remains the world's largest importer of arms but purchases from foreign vendors has declined by 11% between 2013-17 and 2018-22.

2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 (till 06.03.2023)	
Total Export Value	• 4,682	• 10,746	• 9,116	• 8,435	• 12,815	13,399

- To foster innovation and technology development in Defence by engaging Industries including MSMEs, start-ups, Individual Innovators, R&D institutes and Academia, iDEX (innovation for defence excellence) was launched. iDEX provides grants/funding and other support to carry out innovations/R&D. So far, 287 problems have been opened, 345 start-ups have been engaged, 208 contracts have been signed.



23 Out Of 55 Defence Research Body Projects Missed Deadlines: Centre

- Twenty-three of the 55 high-priority projects being implemented by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) could not meet the deadlines, the government informed Parliament on Monday.
- The high-priority projects included developing anti-air field weapons, surface-to-air missiles, anti-ship missiles, long-range radars, combat vehicles, combat suits for submarines and submarine periscopes. Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt provided the details in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha.
- “Currently, there are 55 numbers of ongoing MM (Mission Mode) projects such as anti-air field weapons, solid fuel ducted ramjet technology, surface to air missiles, anti-ship missiles, long range radars, combat vehicles, high endurance autonomous underwater vehicles, combat suits for submarines, submarine periscopes etc.,” he said.



Review Questions

1. EXERCISE LA PEROUSE – 2023 Conducted At

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

ANSWER: B

2. Which Edition Of EXERCISE LA PEROUSE – 2023 Was Conducted?

- A. 3rd
- B. 4th
- C. 5th
- D. 6th

ANSWER: A

3. With reference to the CISF, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is one of the seven Central Armed Police Forces in India.
- 2. It consists of an air wing, a marine wing, an artillery regiment, and commando units.

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: A

4. Which of the following countries borders Persian Gulf?

1. Iraq, 2. Kuwait, 3. Jordan, 4. Bahrain, 5. Qatar

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
- B. 2, 3 and 4 only
- C. 1, 2, 4 and 5 only
- D. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

ANSWER: C

5. AUKUS Stands For

- A. Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States
- B. Austria, the United Kingdom and the United States
- C. Australia, Uganda and the United States
- D. None

ANSWER: A

6. Consider the following statements about the SCO:

- 1. SCO is a permanent intergovernmental international organization.**
- 2. The SCO's member states include both India and Pakistan.**
- 3. The SCO's main objectives include promoting cooperation b/w its member states in the areas of security, economy, and culture.**

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: D

7. Consider the following pairs of joint military exercises with other countries:

Military Exercise

Country

1. Maritime Partnership Exercise

France

2. Vajra Prahar

UK

3. Garuda Shakti

Indonesia

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- A. 1 only

- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: C

8. Which Of The Following Statements Correctly Defines Project Netra?

- A.** An early warning system in space to detect debris and other hazards to Indian satellites.
- B.** An early warning system in border surveillance along LoC and LAC.
- C.** An early warning and weather forecasting system of India build for South Asian Nations.
- D.** None of the Above.

ANSWER: A

9. The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Is Located At

- A. Paradip
- B. Cochin
- C. Kolkata
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: D

10. Ex SHAKTI, Ex VARUNA, GARUDA India Conducted With

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

11. "The Oath of the Vayuputras" Book Written By

- A. Amish Tripathi
- B. Issac Newton
- C. Mahashweta Devi
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

12. __ Is India's 3rd Highest Military Decoration Award.

- A. PVC
- B. MVC

- C. Veer Chakra
- D. Kirti Chakra

ANSWER: C

13. Regimental Centre of GARHWAL RIFLES Is In

- A. Happy Valley, Shillong, Meghalaya
- B. Ranikhet, Uttarakhand
- C. Lansdowne, Uttarakhand
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

14. Windhoek Is The Capital Of

- A. Niger
- B. South Korea
- C. UAE
- D. Namibia

ANSWER: D

15. "India's Struggle for Independence – Gandhian Era" Book Written By

- A. P. Jyothimani
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Pratibha Singh Patil
- D. V. Ramasubramanian

ANSWER: A

16. 'Ex AL NAGAH, NASEEM-AL-BAHR, Ex EASTERN BRIDGE' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: B

17. Army Air Defence College Is In

- A. Gopalpur, Odisha
- B. Pune, M.H.
- C. Chennai, T.N.
- D. None

ANSWER: A

18. Which Of The Following Is Not The Command Location Of The Indian Army?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Lucknow
- C. Pune
- D. Jaipur

ANSWER: A

19. Which Is The 2-Star Rank In The Indian Army?

- A. Brigadier
- B. Major General
- C. Lt Gen
- D. Colonel

ANSWER: B

20. World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) Hq Is At

- A. Paris, France
- B. Vienna, Austria
- C. New York, USA
- D. Geneva, Switzerland

ANSWER: D



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