

## Courses

ACC (1) AFCAT (1) AIRMEN (2) CAPF (1) CDS EXAM (2) INET OFFICER (1) MNS (1) MOCK TEST (3) NDA EXAM (1) PC(SL) (1) SCO (1) SSB INTERVIEW (2) TERRITORIAL ARMY (1)

<p><b>HIGHEST RATED</b></p> <p><b>INTERVIEW</b> ONLINE COURSE</p> <p>243 PEOPLE ONLINE NOW</p> <p>SSB Interview Online Course 2022</p> <p>★★★★★ 5 (139)</p> <p>₹ 6,999.00</p>	<p><b>HIGHEST RATED</b></p> <p>CDS Exam Online Course 2023</p> <p>448 PEOPLE ONLINE NOW</p> <p>★★★★★ 5 (87)</p> <p>₹ 5,999.00</p>	<p><b>BEST SELLER</b></p> <p>CDS OTA Exam Online Course 2023</p> <p>256 PEOPLE ONLINE NOW</p> <p>★★★★★ 5 (84)</p> <p>₹ 5,499.00</p>	<p><b>BEST SELLER</b></p> <p>AFCAT Exam Online Course 2023</p> <p>187 PEOPLE ONLINE NOW</p> <p>★★★★★ 5 (71)</p> <p>₹ 5,999.00</p>	<p><b>HIGHEST RATED</b></p> <p>NDA Exam Online Course 2023</p> <p>143 PEOPLE ONLINE NOW</p> <p>★★★★★ 5 (85)</p> <p>₹ 5,999.00</p>	<p><b>HOT &amp; NEW</b></p> <p>Territorial Army Exam Online Course 2023</p> <p>101 PEOPLE ONLINE NOW</p> <p>★★★★★ 5 (80)</p> <p>₹ 5,999.00</p>
<p><b>HOT &amp; NEW</b></p> <p>ACC Exam Online Course Army Cadet College 2023</p> <p>451 PEOPLE ONLINE NOW</p> <p>★★★★★ 5 (61)</p> <p>₹ 6,999.00</p>	<p><b>BEST SELLER</b></p> <p>MNS Military Nursing Service Exam Online Course 2023</p> <p>98 PEOPLE ONLINE NOW</p> <p>★★★★★ 5 (52)</p> <p>₹ 5,999.00</p>	<p><b>HOT &amp; NEW</b></p> <p>OIR TEST &amp; PPDT Online Course – Officers Intelligence Rating Test</p> <p>83 PEOPLE ONLINE NOW</p> <p>★★★★★ 5 (61)</p> <p>₹ 3,999.00</p>	<p><b>HOT &amp; NEW</b></p> <p>AFCAT Exam Online Mock Test Series 2022</p> <p>35 PEOPLE ONLINE NOW</p> <p>★★★★★ 5 (72)</p> <p>₹ 499.00</p>	<p><b>BEST SELLER</b></p> <p>CDS Exam Online Mock Test Series 2022</p> <p>24 PEOPLE ONLINE NOW</p> <p>★★★★★ 5 (86)</p> <p>₹ 499.00</p>	<p><b>BEST SELLER</b></p> <p>NDA Exam Online Mock Test Series 2022</p> <p>16 PEOPLE ONLINE NOW</p> <p>★★★★★ 5 (86)</p> <p>₹ 499.00</p>



# Defence Current Affairs

## 23 March 2023

### ‘SAM NO VARUNAH’ Coastal Car Rally

- The Maritime trade has played an important role in Nation’s Economy and the same was emphasised by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during his speech, on occasion of 59th Maritime Day on 05 Apr 22. While ensuring the safety and security of the Nation, Indian Navy plays a crucial role in protecting our Maritime trade too.
- Surrounded by seas from the three sides, India has a vast coastline of approximately 7500 Kms, which is more than the length of land borders we share with China and Pakistan combined. To awaken the maritime nation and encourage Sea Consciousness, the Indian Navy in association with Navy Welfare and Wellness Association (NWWA) is undertaking a maritime awareness coastal motor car expedition, “SAM NO VARUNAH” covering the entire Indian coastline in March 2023. **The objectives of the expedition include:-**
- Conduct awareness drives along the route about various career opportunities that the Navy offers including the Agnipath Scheme.
- Showcase 'Naari Shakti' by participation of serving women officers and naval wives.
- Instill a sense of adventure and motivate young generation to join the Indian Navy.
- Interact with Naval Veterans/ Veer Naaris enroute.
- Spread awareness about the rich maritime heritage and revival of maritime history by covering various Ports, Forts, Light Houses, Heritage Villages, Beaches etc.

#### **Towards this expedition it is planned to: -**

- Flag off the rally from INS Netaji Subhas on 26 Mar 23 from Kolkata and terminate the rally at Lakhpat Gujarat on 19 Apr 23.

- Arrive INS Chilka on the historic occasion of Passing Out of first batch of Agniveers of Indian Navy (28 Mar 23).
- Conduct awareness campaigns at cities/ villages enroute with the aim to provide information about employment opportunities in the Navy including the Agnipath Scheme.
- Conduct NWWA outreach activities at various old age homes, orphanages, school for special children in keeping with the ethos of community development and empowerment.
- Undertake coastal cleaning at beaches enroute and spreading environmental awareness.
- Visit forts/ light houses/ places of maritime importance along the rally route and spread awareness of our rich maritime heritage.
- The expedition planned over 25 days covering approx 7500 Kms passing through all coastal states is partnered with by M/s Mahindra who are providing a fleet of 12 vehicles along with Mastercard India and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (as fuel partner).



## Army Rebooting Rations With Millets

- With a view to promote consumption of millets in light of UN declaring 2023 as the International Year of Millets, the Indian Army has steered introduction of Millets Flour in the rations of soldiers. This landmark decision will ensure troops are supplied with native and traditional grains after over half a century, when these were discontinued in favour of Wheat Atta.
- Traditional millet foods with proven health benefits and suited to our geographical and climatic conditions would be a vital step in mitigating life style diseases and enhancing satisfaction and morale of the troops. Millets would now form an integral part of the daily meal for all ranks.
- Government sanction has been sought to procure millets flour not exceeding 25 percent of the authorised entitlement of Cereals (Rice and Wheat Atta), in rations for troops commencing from the year 2023-24 onwards. Procurement and issue will be based on option exercised and quantity demanded.
- Three popular varieties of millets flour i.e. Bajra, Jowar & Ragi will be issued to troops duly considering preference. Millets have the benefit of being a good source of proteins, micro-nutrients and phyto-chemicals thus boosting the nutritional profile of Soldier's diet.



## Gen Manoj Pande Highlights Lessons Learnt By Indian Army From Russia-Ukraine War

- Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande on Wednesday highlighted the lessons learnt by Indian forces from the Russia-Ukraine conflict including the incidents like the sinking of Russian warships by Ukrainian anti-ship missiles.
- "The sinking of Moskva, with likely use of anti-ship cruise missiles, highlights that even in the maritime domain, weapon platforms are more vulnerable than ever to low-cost defensive systems," said the Army Chief.
- He said that the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict provides valuable pointers and stressed hard power, duration of the war, precision fires, information operations and grey-zone aggression.
- Disruptive and dual-use technologies are reducing the asymmetry of conventional ratios. The advancements range from weaponization of commercial instruments, digital resilience, communications redundancy, expansion of conflict domains effectively into the Cyber, Space and Electromagnetic spectrum, making battlefield dangerously transparent and introducing niche systems & advanced kinetic weapons, have emerged as the new strategic arena of geo-political competition, with power plays focusing on technology denials.



## Cabinet Committee On Security Likely To Seal Rafale-M Deal

- The **Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS)** headed by **Prime Minister** Narendra Modi is likely to clear the multi-billion dollar acquisition of 26 Rafale Marine fighters at its meeting on Wednesday.
- Sources said that the Indian Navy has expressed its preference for the French fighter aircraft Rafale Marine over US' F-18 Super Hornet. A proposal for the purchase of Rafale Marine has been sent to the CCS.
- These aircraft will be deployed on India's indigenously developed aircraft carrier **INS Vikrant**. The Indian Navy has been exploring options to replace its ageing MiG-29K as a short-term solution.
- **Range:** 3,700 km
- **Top speed:** 2,130 km/h
- **Weight:** 10,200 kg
- **Unit cost:** 90,500,000–90,500,000 USD (2008)
- **Engine type:** Snecma M88
- **Manufacturer:** Dassault Aviation
- **Number of seats:** 1



## India To Procure Mirage-2000 Trainers From France

- According to the report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence (SCOD), the IAF intends to purchase at least two more Mirage-2000 Trainer aircraft from France in order to maintain its fleet strength at 51 aircraft.

- In 2021, India purchased two Mirage-2000 Trainers from the French Air Force, which were later upgraded by HAL in India to the latest Dash 5 configuration. To maintain the ratio of pilot intakes, the IAF requires a fleet of 10 Mirage-2000 Trainers for conversion of new fighter pilots.
- The IAF intends to keep the Mirage-2000 fleet operational until 2035, after which it will begin retiring them in two stages with Tejas Mk2 fighter jets that are currently in development. The IAF recently acquired 16 retired Mirage-2000 aircraft from France to be used as spares for the next 15 years.
- **Top speed:** 2,336 km/h
- **Range:** 1,550 km
- **Introduced:** June 1984
- **Manufacturer:** Dassault Aviation
- **Engine types:** Turbofan, Snecma M53



## Bangladesh Commissioned Its First Submarine Base

- PM Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the first submarine base of Bangladesh '**BNS Sheikh Hasina**' at Pekua in Cox's Bazar. Hailing the newly inaugurated naval base as an 'ultra modern submarine base', PM called the event a proud chapter in the history of Bangladesh navy.
- This is the first ever full-fledged submarine base of Bangladesh Navy.
- Built at a cost of \$1.21 billion.
- The base can accommodate a total of six submarines and eight warships at a time.

- The Government of Bangladesh signed an agreement with **China** in September 2019 for the construction of the submarine base.
- The government of Bangladesh is working on '**Forces Goal 2030**' to transform its military force into a modern organization appropriate for the times.



## Review Questions

- 1. Asia's Largest 4-metre Liquid Mirror Telescope Inaugurated In**  
A. U.K.  
B. M.H.  
C. M.P.  
D. U.P.

**ANSWER: A**

- 2. The First Submarine Base Of Bangladesh Is Named As**  
A. BNS Gazi  
B. BNS Abdul  
C. BNS Sheikh Hasina  
D. None

**ANSWER: C**

- 3. India To Procure Mirage-2000 Trainers From**  
A. Qatar



- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. France

**ANSWER: D**

**4. The first Round Of The India-gulf Cooperation Council Senior Officers Meeting Was Held In**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Riyadh
- C. Noida
- D. Dubai

**ANSWER: B**

**5. Nikhat Zareen Is Associated With**

- A. Golf
- B. Boxing
- C. Hockey
- D. Cricket

**ANSWER: B**

**6. Martyrs' Day or Shaheed Diwas Is Observed On**

- A. 23<sup>rd</sup> March
- B. 24<sup>th</sup> March
- C. 25<sup>th</sup> March
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**7. Which Exercise Conducted B/W India & Singapore?**

- A. SLINEX
- B. SITMEX
- C. SIMBEX
- D. Both B&C

**ANSWER: D**

**8. NGARM Stands For**

- A.** Next-generator Anti-radiation Missiles
- B.** New-generation Anti-radiation Missiles
- C.** Next-generation Anti-radiation Memo

**D. None of the above**

**ANSWER: B**

**9. Which Group Or Organization Established The New Development Bank?**

- A. UNO
- B. IMF
- C. BRICS
- D. WTO

**ANSWER: C**

**10. Which Country Isn't The Signatory Of CTBT?**

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Australia
- D. India

**ANSWER: D**

**11. "Balidanam Vir Lakshanam" Is The Motto Of**

- A. JKLI
- B. THE MAHAR REGIMENT
- C. THE BIHAR REGIMENT
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**12. KONKAN Ex Conducted B/W India And**

- A. Oman
- B. Qatar
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. UK

**ANSWER: D**

**13. SCALP Missile Is Developed By**

- A. UK
- B. France
- C. Israel
- D. USA

**ANSWER: B**

**14. 'Pristina' Is The Capital Of**

- A. Kosovo
- B. Qatar
- C. UAE
- D. Kuwait

**ANSWER: A**

**15. "For Whom the Bell Tolls" Book Written By**

- A. Ernest Hemingway
- B. Goethe
- C. Cervantes
- D. Jawaharlal Nehru

**ANSWER: A**

**16. At Which Of The Following Places Is The Headquarters Of A Naval Command NOT Located?**

- A. Mumbai
- B. Goa
- C. Kochi
- D. Visakhapatnam

**ANSWER: B**

**17. Rashtriya Raksha University Is In**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**18. The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Is A Project Of**

- A. Brazil
- B. Russia
- C. China
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**19. Which Is Not A Member Of SAARC?**

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Bhutan
- D. Madagascar

**ANSWER: D**

**20. THAAD System Designed and Manufactured By**

- A. Lockheed Martin
- B. Almaz – Antey
- C. Raytheon
- D. MBDA/ Eurosam

**ANSWER: A**

## Courses

ACC (1) AFCAT (1) AIRMEN (2) CAPF (1) CDS EXAM (2) INET OFFICER (1) MNS (1) MOCK TEST (3) NDA EXAM (1) PC(SL) (1) SCO (1) SSB INTERVIEW (2) TERRITORIAL ARMY (1)



**HIGHEST RATED**  
**INTERVIEW**  
ONLINE COURSE

243 PEOPLE ONLINE NOW

SSB Interview Online Course 2022

★★★★★ 5 (139)

₹ 6,999.00



**HIGHEST RATED**

448 PEOPLE ONLINE NOW

CDS Exam Online Course 2023

★★★★★ 5 (87)

₹ 5,999.00



**BEST SELLER**

256 PEOPLE ONLINE NOW

CDS OTA Exam Online Course 2023

★★★★★ 5 (84)

₹ 5,499.00



**BEST SELLER**

187 PEOPLE ONLINE NOW

AFCAT Exam Online Course 2023

★★★★★ 5 (71)

₹ 5,999.00



**HIGHEST RATED**

143 PEOPLE ONLINE NOW

NDA Exam Online Course 2023

★★★★★ 5 (85)

₹ 5,999.00



**HOT & NEW**

101 PEOPLE ONLINE NOW

Territorial Army Exam Online Course 2023

★★★★★ 5 (80)

₹ 5,999.00



**HOT & NEW**

451 PEOPLE ONLINE NOW

ACC Exam Online Course Army Cadet College 2023

★★★★★ 5 (61)

₹ 6,999.00



**BEST SELLER**

98 PEOPLE ONLINE NOW

MNS Military Nursing Service Exam Online Course 2023

★★★★★ 5 (52)

₹ 5,999.00



**HOT & NEW**

**OIR TEST & PPDT**

83 PEOPLE ONLINE NOW

OIR Test and PPDT Online Course - Officers Intelligence Rating Test

★★★★★ 5 (61)

₹ 3,999.00



**HOT & NEW**

**AFCAT EXAM**  
MOCK TEST SERIES

35 PEOPLE ONLINE NOW

AFCAT Exam Online Mock Test Series 2022

★★★★★ 5 (72)

₹ 499.00



**BEST SELLER**

**CDS EXAM**  
MOCK TEST SERIES

24 PEOPLE ONLINE NOW

CDS Exam Online Mock Test Series 2022

★★★★★ 5 (86)

₹ 499.00



**BEST SELLER**

**NDA EXAM**  
MOCK TEST SERIES

16 PEOPLE ONLINE NOW

NDA Exam Online Mock Test Series 2022

★★★★★ 5 (86)

₹ 499.00

