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# Defence Current Affairs

## 29 March 2023

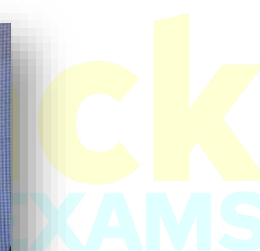
### Port Visit Of INS Sumedha At Algiers

- **INS Sumedha**, presently deployed in the **Mediterranean Sea**, entered **Algiers, Algeria** on 26 Mar 23 for an operational turn around. The ship was received at Port Algiers by officers of the Algerian Navy and officials from Embassy of India, Algiers.
- The visit is aimed at strengthening bilateral ties and enhancing maritime cooperation and interoperability between the two navies. It also demonstrates the Indian Navy's outreach to friendly maritime nations.
- Indigenously built, **INS Sumedha** is a stealth OPV constructed at **Goa Shipyard Ltd** and is fitted with a state-of-the-art weapon and sensor package.
- She is routinely deployed for fleet support operations such as anti-piracy patrol, SAR, HADR, surveillance and escort missions. She can carry an ALH Helicopter onboard.



## 1<sup>st</sup> India-Africa Army Chiefs' Conclave In Pune

- India will continue to work with African nations to promote regional security, foster stability and enhance the defence capabilities together. This was stated by **Rajnath Singh** during the **first edition of India-Africa Army Chiefs' Conclave** organised on the sidelines of **2<sup>nd</sup> Africa-India Joint Exercise 'AFINDEX'** in Pune, Maharashtra on March 28, 2023.
- The Conclave was attended by **General Manoj Pande** and Chiefs & representatives of **31 African nations**, along with other civil and defence dignitaries.
- India is currently **Africa's 3rd-largest trading partner**, and Africa's third-largest export destination.
- Approximately **6,000 Indian soldiers** are deployed in **UN peace-keeping missions** in **five conflict zones** in Africa.



## UNSC Votes Against Russian Resolution On Nord Stream Sabotage

- The UN Security Council did not support the **Russian-Chinese resolution** on the international investigation of the **Nord Stream sabotage**.
- The resolution was **supported by 3 countries**, with **zero votes against** and 12 nations abstained. Thus, the resolution failed to receive the nine votes required for approval.

- The **resolution was supported by Russia, China and Brazil**, with Albania, the UK, Gabon, Ghana, Malta, Mozambique, the UAE, the US, France, Switzerland, Ecuador and Japan **abstaining**.
- The text of the draft proposed **UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres** establish an **international independent commission** to conduct a comprehensive, transparent, and impartial investigation of all aspects of the act of sabotage on the **Nord Stream 1 and Nord Stream 2 gas pipelines**.



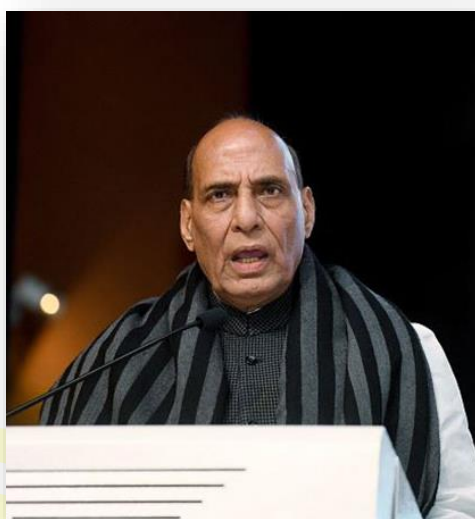
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## India's Defence Exports Will Touch Rs 40,000 Crores By 2026: Rajnath Singh

- Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said that India's defence export will touch **Rs 35,000-40,000 crore** by the year **2026**.

- Rajnath Singh was delivering the **Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw memorial** lecture on the topic '**The role of youth in nation building**' organised by **Symbiosis International University in Pune**.
- Defence Minister said, "First there should be a sense of self-confidence that we will make India Atmanirbhar. In **2014**, we used to do the defence export of only **Rs 900 crore** but since India has adopted Indianisation, today we are doing the defence export of **Rs 15,000 crore to Rs 16,000 crore**".



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## **UN Calls For Return To Democracy In Myanmar After Army Dissolves Aung San Suu Kyi's Party**

- **Stephane Dujarric**, Spokesperson for the **United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres**, called for the release of Aung San Suu Kyi.
- After the dissolution of Myanmar's ousted leader **Aung San Suu Kyi's party**, the **United Nations** has called for a return to democracy in the country.
- **The National League for Democracy (NLD)** party was among 40 political parties that were unable to meet the ruling military's registration deadline for an election).
- In November 2020, the NLD secured victory in Myanmar's elections. However, the **Myanmar military carried out a coup** and imprisoned Aung San Suu Kyi.



## Review Questions

**1. India Became A Full Member of SCO On**

- A. 2019
- B. 2020
- C. 2021
- D. 2017

**ANSWER: D**

**2. INS Kurusura Submarine Museum Is Located On A Beach In**

- A. Chennai
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Kochi
- D. Goa

**ANSWER: B**

**3. INS Sumedha Is The Third Saryu Class Patrol Vessel Manufactured By**

- A. GSL
- B. MDL
- C. GRSE
- D. HSL

**ANSWER: A**

**4. C-17 Globemaster Manufactured By**

- A. Airbus
- B. Lockheed Martin
- C. Dassault

D. Boeing

**ANSWER: D**

**5. Gwadar Port Is Located In**

A. Israel

B. Iran

C. Pakistan

D. Iraq

E. Destroyer

**ANSWER: C**

**6. The Delhi-class Destroyers Built By**

A. CSL

B. MDL

C. DRDO

D. ISRO

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Air Commodore Rank Of IAF Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Army?**

A. Brigadier

B. Lt. Gen

C. Captain

D. Major General

**ANSWER: A**

**8. Chairman Of The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet(ACC) Is**

**A.** PM

**B.** NSA

**C.** CDS

**D.** Home Minister

**ANSWER: A**

**9. Current Secretary-General Of NATO Is\_\_.**

A. Jens Stoltenberg

B. Admiral Rob Bauer

C. General Tod D. Wolters

D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**10. Madagascar Is In**

- A. Pacific Ocean
- B. Indian Ocean
- C. Black Sea
- D. Arctic Ocean

**ANSWER: B**

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

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Myanmar
- C. India
- D. Pakistan

**ANSWER: B**

**12. The President Of India Has The Power Of Pardoning Under \_\_\_\_.**

- A. Article 72
- B. Article 73
- C. Article 74
- D. Article 76

**ANSWER: A**

**13. Mitra Shakti Ex Conducted B/W**

- A. India & Indonesia
- B. India & UK
- C. India & Sri Lanka
- D. India & Thailand

**ANSWER: C**

**14. Vilnius Is The Capital Of**

- A. Lithuania
- B. Liberia
- C. UAE
- D. Laos

**ANSWER: A**

**15. "Satyarth Darpan" Book Written By**

- A. Tarak Nath Das
- B. Dada Bhai Naurauji



- C. Shachindra Sanyal
- D. Dayanand Saraswati

**ANSWER: D**

**16. 'Service And Loyalty' Is The Motto Of**

- A. CRPF
- B. BSF
- C. NSG
- D. ITBP

**ANSWER: A**

**17. The Hambantota Port Is In**

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Qatar
- C. Iran
- D. Austria

**ANSWER: A**

**18. SIPRI Stands For**

- A. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute
- B. Stock International Peace Research India
- C. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute
- D. Sugar International Peace Research Institute

**ANSWER: C**

**19. "Nischay Kar Apni Jeet Karon" is The Motto Of \_\_\_\_**

- A. RAJPUT REGIMENT
- B. RAJPUTANA RIFLES
- C. THE BRIGADE OF THE GUARDS
- D. SIKH REGIMENT

**ANSWER: D**

**20. Maiden AL-Mohed AL-Hindi Exercise Held B/W India &**

- A. Iran
- B. Iraq
- C. Indonesia
- D. Saudi Arabia

**ANSWER: D**

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