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### **QUESTION OF THE DAY**

### **Identify The Forces**



#### Para SF And Kyrg Special Forces



#### **POP First Batch Of Agniveers**

CNS Adm R Hari Kumar reviewed 1st ever POP of 2585 Agniveers (incl 272 women) of the Indian Navy, who passed out from the portals of INS Chilka, Odisha, post sunset on 28 Mar 23, in presence of FOC-in-C, SNC VAdm MA Hampiholi.



#### **POP First Batch Of Agniveers**

• The POP marks, not only the successful culmination of **16 weeks** of their abinitio rigorous naval training, but also the start of a new voyage in the Indian Navy, where men and women will work together to make the Indian Navy a **Combat Ready, Credible, Cohesive and Future Proof force**.



#### **BEST WOMAN AGNIVEER**

• Khushi Pathania awarded Gen Bipin Rawat trophy for best woman Agniveer at the first passing out parade of Agniveers at INS Chilka. The 19-year-old from Pathankot is the granddaughter of a Subedar Major, and daughter of a farmer. Has opted for aviation branch.



# Contracts Signed For 70 HTT-40 Basic Trainer Aircraft & 3 Cadet Training Ships

• Ministry of Defence, on March 07, 2023, signed contracts with HAL & L&T for procurement of 70 HTT-40 Basic Trainer Aircraft & three Cadet Training Ships respectively in the presence of Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh in New Delhi.



# Contracts Signed For 70 HTT-40 Basic Trainer Aircraft & 3 Cadet Training Ships

• On March 01, 2023, approved the procurement of 70 HTT-40 trainer aircraft from HAL at a cost of over **Rs 6,800 crore**.



### Contracts Signed For 70 HTT-40 Basic Trainer Aircraft & 3 Cadet Training Ships

 The Cabinet had also cleared signing of contract with L&T for acquisition of three Cadet Training
 Ships from L&T, worth more than Rs 3,100 crore under Buy {(Indigenously Designed, Developed and Manufactured)} category. Cabinet nod to sign contract with L&T for acquisition of three cadet training ships

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CABINET NOD TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH L&T FOR ACQUISITION OF THREE CADET TRAINING SHIPS

Union Cabinet has accorded approval to sign a contract with engineering and construction conglomerate Larsen & Toubro Limited (L&T) for the acquisition of three cadet training ships at an overall cost of Rs 3,108.09 crore. The Defence Ministry, in a statement on Wednesday, said the delivery of ships is scheduled to commence from 2026. These ships will cater to the training of officer cadets, including women, at sea after their basic training to meet the future requirements of the Indian Navy.

# Union Cabinet Approves Contract Signing With L&T for 3 Cadet Training Ships

 These ships will cater to the training of officer cadets, including women, at sea after their basic training to meet the future requirements of the Indian Navy. The ships would also provide training to cadets from friendly countries with the aim to strengthen diplomatic relations.



# Union Cabinet Approves Contract Signing With L&T for 3 Cadet Training Ships

• The ships will be indigenously designed, developed and constructed at L&T shipyard in Kattupalli, Chennai. The project will generate an employment of 22.5 lakh man-days over a period of four-and-half years.



#### **EXERCISE SHINYUU MAITRI 2023**

• IAF is participated in Exercise Shinyuu Maitri with the Japan Air Self Defence Force. The exercise organised on the side-lines of the Indo-Japan Joint Army Exercise, Dharma Guardian, which is being conducted from 13 February 2023 to 02 March 2023 at Komatsu, Japan.



#### **EXERCISE SHINYUU MAITRI 2023**

 The IAF contingent participated in Exercise Shinyuu Maitri 23 with one C-17 Globemaster III aircraft. The Exercise was conducted on 01 & 02 March 2023. The first phase of the exercise consists of discussions on transport operations and tactical manoeuvring, followed by the second phase of flying drills by IAF's C-17 and JASDF C-2 transport aircraft.

#### Lt. Gen MV Suchindra Kumar Takes Over As VCOAS

• Lieutenant General MV Suchindra Kumar has assumed the appointment of the Vice Chief of the Army Staff on 01 March 2023. The General officer has taken over the appointment from Lieutenant General BS Raju who has taken over the reins of Jaipur based **Sapta Shakti Command**.



### Indian Army To Buy 307 ATAGS Howitzers For Deployment Along China, Pak Border

• In a major stride towards the 'Make-in-India' in the defence sector, the Ministry of Defence has received a proposal from Indian Army to buy 307 Advanced Towed Artillery Gun Systems for deployment along the borders with China and Pakistan.



# Indian Army To Buy 307 ATAGS Howitzers For Deployment Along China, Pak Border

• The proposal worth over **USD 1 billion** has been received from the Indian Army and is under discussion. It is expected to be cleared soon and sent for clearance by the Cabinet Committee on Security.



# Indian Army To Buy 307 ATAGS Howitzers For Deployment Along China, Pak Border

- This would be the first order for the indigenous howitzer which can strike targets at around **50 kms** and is believed to be the best gun in its class.
- The trials of the **155mm/52 caliber ATAGS** were completed at the Pokhran Field Firing Range (PFFR) between April 26 and May 2.



#### **60 Anniversary Of 'FIRST SUPERSONICS'**

- With the induction of MiG-21 in March 1963, the Sqn heralded the arrival of the first supersonic aircraft in the IAF inventory.
- The CAS commanded the First Supersonics Squadron from 2001 to 2003.



#### **60 Anniversary Of 'FIRST SUPERSONICS'**

On the occasion of the IAF No 28 Sqn 'FIRST SUPERSONICS' completing 60 years, the CAS Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari and AOC-in-C hq WAC Air Marshal PM Sinha flew in a large force engagement exercise comprising a formation of 14 MiG-29 aircraft.





#### **60 Anniversary Of 'FIRST SUPERSONICS'**

- Acquired in March 1963, the MiG-21, a legendary fighter & the first supersonic aircraft in the IAF inventory has completed 60 years today.
- Hero of the 1971 War & upgraded over the years to undertake multiple combat roles, the aircraft continues to serve the nation even today.







#### **Testing Out The Jet Back Suit**

 An Indian Para SF operator testing out the jet back that's being showcased by Gravity Industries in Agra. It's to be noted that the Indian army has plans to procure 40-50 jet packs for its special forces operators.

• Each jet pack costs 4-5 crores.



#### **Testing Out The Jet Back Suit**

• The Indian Army had issued a request for proposal (RFP) to procure **48 jet**pack suits under emergency procurement through the fast track procedure

(FTP) under the buy Indian category in January.



#### **Testing Out The Jet Back Suit**

• Considered to be a gamechanger, the equipment can go for 10 kilometres. "The individual will have the weight of engines and battery, which is roughly around 50 kgs," the company had said.



#### Maiden Joint Indo-French Military Exercise

• A maiden joint military exercise b/w the Indian and French armies conducted at the Pangode Military Station here. Titled **FRINJEX-23**, the joint military exercise is aimed at enhancing interoperability, coordination and cooperation b/w both forces at the tactical level.



#### Maiden Joint Indo-French Military Exercise

• "The exercise is unique in its concept and participation with the largest ever contingent being fielded by the Thiruvananthapuram-based Indian Army troops and the French 6th Light Armoured Brigade," it said.



#### Maiden Joint Indo-French Military Exercise

• The theme for the exercise is based on "Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Operations in a Contested Environment", the statement said.



#### **EXERCISE/ CUTLASS EXPRESS 23**

• INS Trikand participated in the International Maritime Exercise/ Cutlass Express 2023 (IMX/CE-23) held in the Gulf region from 26 Feb to 16 Mar 23.



#### **EXERCISE/ CUTLASS EXPRESS 23**

• She exercised with participants from over 50 nations and international maritime agencies with the common aim of enhancing maritime security and keeping sea lanes in the region safe for maritime commerce.



#### **EXERCISE/ CUTLASS EXPRESS 23**

• IMX/CE-23 is one of the largest multinational maritime exercises in the world. While this is Indian Navy's maiden IMX participation, it also marks the second occasion where an Indian Naval ship participated in an exercise conducted by the CMF. Earlier, on Nov 22, INS Trikand had participated in the CMF led Operation Sea Sword 2.



#### **Exercise Khanjar 2023**

• The **10**<sup>th</sup> Edition of India - Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Military Training Exercise Khanjar commenced on 07.03.2023 at Tokmok, Kyrgyzstan.



#### **Exercise Khanjar 2023**

• The collaborative training reinforced the existing link between India and Kyrgyzstan, which has grown over years of mutual respect for strategic autonomy, democratic ideals, and zero tolerance for terrorism.





#### **Exercise Khanjar 2023**

- India and Kyrgyzstan recently held a joint **Special Force** Military Exercise called the "Khanjar".
- The Khanjar exercise is held annually between India and Kyrgyzstan since
   2011.





### IAF Appoints Group Captain Shaliza Dhami As First Female Commander Of A Combat Unit

• The Indian Air Force has selected **Group Captain Shaliza Dhami** to take over command of a frontline combat unit in the **Western sector**.



### IAF Appoints Group Captain Shaliza Dhami As First Female Commander Of A Combat Unit

 Group Captain Dhami was commissioned in the year 2003 as a Helicopter pilot and has over 2800 hours of flying experience. A Qualified Flying Instructor, she has served as Flight Commander of a Helicopter Unit in the Western sector.



## IAF Appoints Group Captain Shaliza Dhami As First Female Commander Of A Combat Unit

• Having been commended by the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief on two occasions, the officer is presently posted in the Operations branch of a frontline Command Headquarters.



# MoD signs Rs 667 Cr. Contract For Six Dornier-228 Aircraft

• Ministry of Defence, on March 10, 2023, signed a contract for procurement of six Dornier-228 aircraft for the Indian Air Force (IAF) from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) at a cost of Rs 667 crore.



# MoD signs Rs 667 Cr. Contract For Six Dornier-228 Aircraft

• The aircraft was used by IAF for **Route Transport Role and communication** duties. Subsequently, it has also been used for training of transport pilots of the IAF. The present lot of six aircraft will be procured with an upgraded fuelefficient engine coupled with a five bladed composite propeller.



# MoD signs Rs 667 Cr. Contract For Six Dornier-228 Aircraft

• The aircraft is ideally suited for short haul operations from semiprepared/short runways of the North East and island chains of India. The addition of the six aircraft will further bolster the operational capability of the IAF in the remote areas.



### EX TROPEX-23 INDIAN NAVY'S LARGEST WAR GAME

Indian Navy's major Operational level exercise TROPEX for the year 2023, conducted across the expanse of IOR over a duration of four months from Nov 22 - Mar 23, culminated this week in the **Arabian Sea**. The overall exercise construct included Coastal Defence exercise Sea Vigil and the Amphibious Exercise AMPHEX.



### EX TROPEX-23 INDIAN NAVY'S LARGEST WAR GAME

• Together, these exercises also witnessed significant participation from the Indian Army, the Indian Air Force and the Coast Guard.



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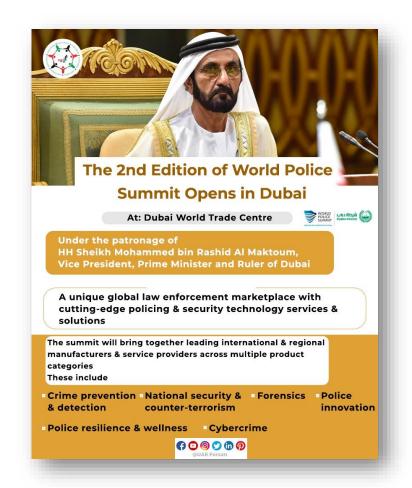
• Set in the Indian Ocean including the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal, the theatre of operations for the exercise extended approximately 4300 nm from North to South upto 35 deg South Latitude and 5000 nm from Persian Gulf in the West to North Australia coast in the East, spanning an area of over 21 million square nautical miles.



 Hosted by **Dubai Police**, the World Police Summit and Exhibition drives forward-looking policing strategies, instil the significance of technological innovation for crime prevention and bolster partnerships amongst global law enforcement agencies.



 The first WPS took place in March 2022 at the Dubai Exhibition Centre, Expo 2020. The Summit provides a platform for the international police community to obtain crime information, market statistics, technical solutions, and services to enhance the security and safety requirements of cities and countries around the world.



• A United Arab Emirates (UAE)-based technology firm has launched an undercover police vehicle, which is customised to assist and enhance surveillance, road security, law enforcement, and crime prevention.



• "This device or module can be moulded to fit any size and shape on the bumper of the make and model of the car," added Zghoul.



## Col Geeta Rana Becomes First Woman Officer To Command EME Unit Near China border

 Colonel Geeta Rana has taken charge of an independent field workshop in a forward and remote location in eastern Ladakh, the officials said, adding that the officer is the latest in a series of women officers who have been selected for command roles.



# Col Geeta Rana Becomes First Woman Officer To Command EME Unit Near China border

She is from the Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (EME).
 Rana's appointment comes after the army, in February-end, began assigning women officers to command roles for the first time, outside the medical stream.



## Col Geeta Rana Becomes First Woman Officer To Command EME Unit Near China border

- Rana comes from army background. She is the daughter of a junior commissioned officer from Mahar Regiment. She trained at the Chennaibased Officers' Training Academy and was commissioned into the army in 2000.
- In her 23-year military career, she has served at different places including Sikkim and Jammu and Kashmir. Rana has also served as an instructor at an EME training establishment.

# Tata-Lockheed Martin JV To Make Fighter Plane Wings In India

• Global defence aerospace player **Lockheed Martin and Indias Tata Group** have inked an agreement for the production of fighter plane wings at their joint venture Tata Lockheed Martin Aerostructures Ltd (TLMAL) in Hyderabad.





# Tata-Lockheed Martin JV To Make Fighter Plane Wings In India

 According to Lockheed Martin, the MOU envisions production of 29 fighter wing shipsets, with an option of additional shipsets, with deliveries commencing in 2025.





### **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.





### MARITIME PARTNERSHIP EXERCISE (MPX) 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.



### MARITIME PARTNERSHIP EXERCISE (MPX) 2023

- 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).



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.



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

• 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.



### **EXERCISE LA PEROUSE – 2023**

• The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the multilateral exercise La Perouse conducted in the Indian Ocean Region from 13 to 14 March 2023. This edition 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.



### **EXERCISE LA PEROUSE – 2023**

• The biennial exercise La Perouse conducted by the French Navy and is aimed at enhancing maritime domain awareness and optimizing maritime coordination amongst the participating navies in the Indo-Pacific Region.



### **EXERCISE LA PEROUSE – 2023**

 Indigenously built guided missile frigate INS Sahyadri and fleet tanker INS Jyoti participated in this edition of the exercise. Participation of Indian Navy in the exercise showcased the high levels of synergy, coordination and inter-operability between the friendly navies, and their commitment to a rules-based international order in the IOR.



• The **Singapore Army and Indian Army** participated in the **13**<sup>th</sup> **edition** of Exercise Bold Kurukshetra, a bilateral armour exercise from 06-13 March 2023 at Jodhpur Military Station, India.



• For the first time in the exercise series, both armies participated in a command post Exercise, which involved Battalion and Brigade level planning elements and computer wargaming.



Hosted by the Indian Army, the exercise involved soldiers from the 42<sup>nd</sup>
 Battalion, Singapore Armoured Regiment and an Armoured Brigade of Indian Army.



• First conducted in 2005, this exercise underscores the strong and long-standing bilateral defence relationship b/w both countries.



## India Remains World's Top Arms Importer: SIPRI Report

India remained the world's top arms importer, but its imports declined by 11
 % b/w 2013-17 and 2018-22, according to a report. The decline was linked to a complex procurement process, efforts to diversify arms suppliers and attempts to replace imports with local designs, the report said.



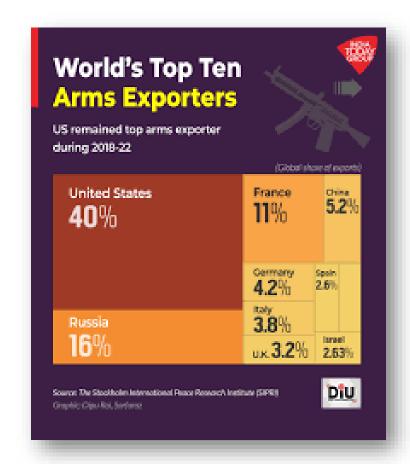
### **India Remains World's Top Arms Importer**

 The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) said the five largest arms importers in the world during 2018-22 were India, Saudi Arabia,
 Qatar, Australia and China.



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 States, Russia, France, China and Germany.



### India Remains World's Top Arms Importer: SIPRI Report

- The report said that imports by **Pakistan**, the world's eighth-largest arms importer during 2018-22, increased by **14** %, with China as its main supplier.
- It said **France's arms exports** increased by 44 % between 2013-17 and 2018-22 and most of these were to countries in Asia, Oceania, and the Middle East.

## India Remains World's Top Arms Importer: SIPRI Report

 The report said India received 30 percent of France's arms exports during 2018-22 and France displaced the US as the second-largest supplier of arms to India after Russia.

#### India remains world's largest importer of arms: SIPRI report

It, however, registers a 11% drop in imports between 2013-17 and 2018-22; Russia remains the largest supplier to India, followed by France

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ndia remained the world's largest arms mporter for the fiveyear period between 2018 and 2022 even though its arms imports dropped by 11% between 2013-2017 and 2018-2022, according to the Swedish think tank Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). Russia was the largest supplier of arms to In- and China accounting for Russia's position as India's dia from 2013 to 2022, but 14% of its imports. its share of total imports fell from 64% to 45% while Pakistan and China largely France is the second lar- drive its demand for arms

gest supplier. which was ranked 21 in the SIPRI data. list of arms exporters.

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Stockholm International India's arms imports from France, which included 62 combat aircraft and four submarines, increased by 489%.

imports. With an 11% share among the top 10 arms exports, India was the porters for the period 2018 world's biggest importer of to 2022, India was the big-major arms in 2018 to gest arms export market to 2022, a position it has held three countries - Russia, for the period 1993 to 2022. France and Israel - and the It retained this position second largest export mar- even though its arms imket to South Korea. India ports dropped by 11% betwas also the third largest ween 2013 to 2017 and market for South Africa, 2018 to 2022," according to

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main arms supplier is un-"India's tensions with der pressure due to strong competition from other supplier states, increased As per latest SIPRI data, of total global arms im- and, since 2022, also the impact of war in Ukraine

"India's arms imports from France, which included 62 combat aircraft and creased by 489% between 2013 to 2017 and 2018 to 2022. France therefore displaced the U.S. to become the second largest supplier to India in 2018 to 2022," the report said.

Just under two thirds of Russian exports went to three states from 2018 to 2022 - India (31%), China (23%) and Egypt (9.3%). India was also the largest recipient of Russian arms from 2013 to 2017, but exports decreased by 37%

## India Remains World's Top Arms Importer: SIPRI Report

• It said the United States' share of global arms exports increased from 33 to 40 percent, while Russia's fell from 22 to 16 percent.



### **SIPRI Report**

- The report said three of the top 10 importers during 2018-22 were in the Middle East -- Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Egypt.
- Saudi Arabia was the world's second-largest arms importer during 2018-22 and received 9.6 percent of all arms imports in the period, it said.



## Successful flight-Test of DRDO's Indigenous Power Take Off Shaft Conducted On LCA Tejas

• A successful flight-test of power take off (PTO) shaft was conducted on the LCA Tejas in Bengaluru on Tuesday, the defence ministry said. The PTO is a critical equipment that transmits power from aircraft engine to gearbox.





## Successful flight-Test of DRDO's Indigenous Power Take Off Shaft Conducted On LCA Tejas

 The ministry said the maiden successful flighttest of PTO shaft was conducted on LCA Tejas Limited Series Production-3 aircraft. "With this successful test, the DRDO has achieved a greater technological feat by realisation of complex high-speed rotor technology which only few countries have achieved," it said.



## Successful flight-Test of DRDO's Indigenous Power Take Off Shaft Conducted On LCA Tejas

• The PTO shaft is indigenously designed and developed by Chennai-based Combat Vehicles Research and Development Establishment of DRDO.





• Indian Coast Guard Region (North-East) conducted the fourth edition of the Tabletop exercise under the aegis of Colombo Security Conclave in Kolkata from March 14 to 16, 2023.



 Apart from the Indian Coast Guard, representatives of member nations of Colombo Security Conclave - Sri Lanka, the Maldives and Mauritius – along with observer countries - Bangladesh and Seychelles - are participated in the exercise.



• Discussions are being held on topics pertaining to challenges in maritime domain such as tackling threats from anti-national elements, marine pollution response, search & rescue and damage control at sea.



• The **Colombo Security Conclave** was formed in **2011** as a trilateral maritime security grouping of **India**, **Sri Lanka and the Maldives**. The roadmap of activities was later expanded, with Mauritius joining as the fourth member and Bangladesh & Seychelles participating as observer countries.



#### **EXERCISE SEA DRAGON 23**

 A P8I aircraft of the Indian Navy arrived at Guam, USA on 14 Mar 23 to participate in 'Exercise Sea Dragon 23', the third edition of the coordinated multi-lateral ASW exercise for Long Range MR ASW aircraft, conducted by the US Navy.



#### **EXERCISE SEA DRAGON 23**

 The exercise scheduled from 15-30 Mar 23, would stress coordinated antisubmarine warfare amongst the participating countries. The complexity and scope of these exercises have increased steadily over the past years to include advanced ASW drills.



### Exercise 'Al-Mohed-Al Hindi-23'

• Indian Navy Forces, Royal Saudi Naval Forces on Thursday met in Mumbai and gave final touches to preparations for India-Saudi Arabia Naval Exercise 'Al-Mohed-Al Hindi-23' planned for May 2023 in Saudi Arabia's Jubail.



### Exercise 'Al-Mohed-Al Hindi-23'

• The exercise will be the second such Naval Exercise. The first was in August 2021.



### Exercise 'Al-Mohed-Al Hindi-23'

- Al-Mohed-Al Hindi is a joint Naval Exercise between India and Saudi Arabia.
- The decision on the Bilateral exercise was taken during the Riyadh Summit held in 2019.



• India approved the capital acquisition of **indigenously-developed** military hardware worth **Rs 70,584 crore** as part of a mega procurement plan that is expected to significantly boost domestic defence manufacturing.



• The approval of the procurement proposals was accorded by the Defence Acquisition Council chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.



• Out of the total proposals, **Indian Navy** proposals constitute more than **Rs 56,000 crore**, which largely includes indigenous BrahMos missiles, Shakti

Electronic Warfare systems and Utility Helicopters-Maritime.



• For the Indian Army, the apex procurement body approved procurement of 155mm/52 caliber advanced towed artillery gun system along with high mobility vehicles and gun towing vehicles.



# Droupadi Murmu Presents President's Colour To INS Dronacharya

- President Droupadi Murmu presented the President's Colour to INS
   Dronacharya in Kerala's Kochi.
- The President said that maritime strength remains critical to India's strategic, military, economic and commercial interests.



# Droupadi Murmu Presents President's Colour To INS Dronacharya

• She appreciated the entire team of the Indian Navy, Cochin Shipyard Limited and everyone associated with the journey of INS Vikrant and said that India is proud of the brave men and women of the Indian Navy for serving the nation with distinction and dedication.



Armies of 25 African countries attended the India-Africa Chiefs Conclave in
 Pune on March 28. In the two sessions from the Indian side, the participants, including senior officials from the MOD and MEA & the Services, as well as ex-Servicemen, will also attend the conclave.



"The first session will explore the key pillars of India Africa Defence
Partnership. The second session will focus on Indian Defence Industry's
Outreach to Africa. Eminent speakers from Africa will form part of the panel
discussion".



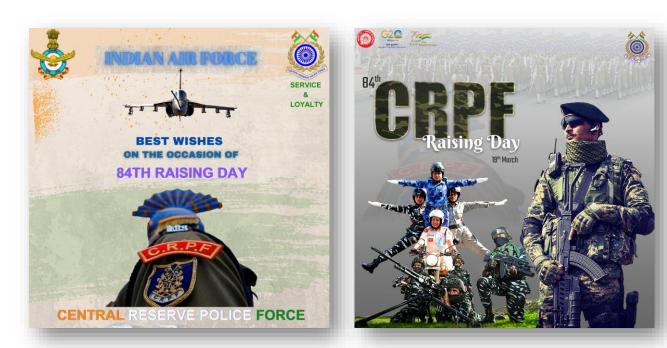
• Along with the India-Africa chiefs' conclave, the second iteration of Africa-India Field Training Exercise (AFINDEX) will also be held from March 21.



- For AFINDEX, 9 contingents, with 78 personnel each, participated in the
  exercise. These contingents will arrive from Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho,
   Niger, Seychelles, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.
- Another 11 countries -- Botswana, Cameroon, Congo, Egypt, Eswatini / Swaziland, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Zimbabwe and Morocco -- send 21 Observers for AFINDEX.

### CRPF 84<sup>th</sup> Raising Day 2023

 Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, CAS and all personnel of the IAF convey their greetings & best wishes to all personnel of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) on the occasion of their 84<sup>th</sup> Raising Day.



### CRPF 84<sup>th</sup> Raising Day 2023

- A very happy 84th raising day to CRPF personnel's and family members!
- The date had been changed (from 27 July to 19<sup>th</sup> March)



### CRPF 84<sup>th</sup> Raising Day 2023

• This day in 1950, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the then Hon'ble Union Home Minister, presented the President's Colour to CRPF.



#### PASSEX Ex 2023

Indian Naval Ship SUMEDHA made a port call at Port Said, Egypt on 16<sup>th</sup>
 March 2023. The indigenous New Gen Offshore Patrol Vessel have several exchanges and also undertake joint exercises (PASSEX) with Egyptian Navy.





## Launch Of 'ANDROTH', Second Ship Of ASW

• 'Androth', the second of 08 x ASW Shallow Water Craft (SWC) Project, being built by M/s **GRSE** for Indian Navy was launched on 21 Mar 23 at M/s GRSE, Kolkata. The ship made her first contact with water of Hooghly River at the Launch Ceremony presided over by VAdm Dinesh K Tripathi, FOC-IN-C (West).



## Launch Of 'ANDROTH', Second Ship Of ASW

• The ship has been named Androth to signify the strategic maritime importance accorded to the **island of Androth**, located about 170 Nm northwest of Kochi, in the Union Territory of **Lakshadweep**.



## Launch Of 'ANDROTH', Second Ship Of ASW

• The ASW SWC ships will have over **80% indigenous content**, thereby ensuring that large scale defence production is executed by Indian manufacturing units, generating employment and capability enhancement within the country.



### **Maritime Exercise Konkan 2023**

• Konkan 2023, the annual bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy, was held from 20 to 22 Mar 23 off the **Konkan coast** in the **Arabian Sea**.





### **Maritime Exercise Konkan 2023**

• **INS Trishul**, a guided missile frigate, and HMS Lancaster, a Type 23 guided missile frigate, participated in this edition and undertook multiple maritime drills to enhance interoperability and imbibe best practices.



### **Maritime Exercise Konkan 2023**

The exercise yielded excellent training value to personnel of both navies. A
high level of professionalism and enthusiasm was also evident during its
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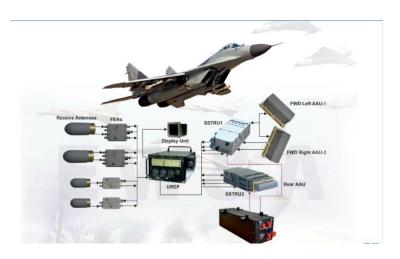
• The defence ministry signed **two contracts** worth over **Rs 3,700 crore** with **BEL** for **radars and receivers**, which will enhance the operational capabilities of the **Indian Air Force**.



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• The first contract worth over **Rs 2,800 crore** pertains to the supply of **Medium Power Radars (MPR) 'Arudhra'** for the IAF, and the second, at an overall cost of around **Rs 950 crore**, relates to 129 DR-118 **Radar Warning Receivers**(RWR).





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Both projects are under 'Buy Indian-IDMM (Indigenously Designed
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Arudhra, medium power active aperture phased array radars, worth  $\stackrel{?}{\scriptstyle{\sim}}$  800 crore, are under production

#### Indian Army, Air Force Conduct Joint Drills Vayu Prahar

Indian Army and the Air force jointly conducted a Multi Domain Air-Land
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• The exercise validated and refined procedures quintessential for synergized joint operations. Army Formations, **Special Forces** along with Indian Air Force participated in the **96-hour exercise** in the **Eastern Theatre**.



# Army Chief Presents President's Standards To Armoured Regiment

General Manoj Pande, presented the prestigious 'President's Standards' or 'Nishan' to four Armoured Regiments of the Indian Army, namely 49, 51, 53 and 54 Armoured Regiment during an impressive Standards Presentation
 Parade held at Suratgarh Military Station in Rajasthan on 25 March 2023.



# Army Chief Presents President's Standards To Armoured Regiment

• The **Chief of the Army Staff** reviewed the Standard presentation parade and appreciated the rich legacy of valour, sacrifice and traditions displayed by the Armoured Corps in war and in peace.





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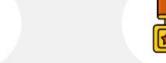
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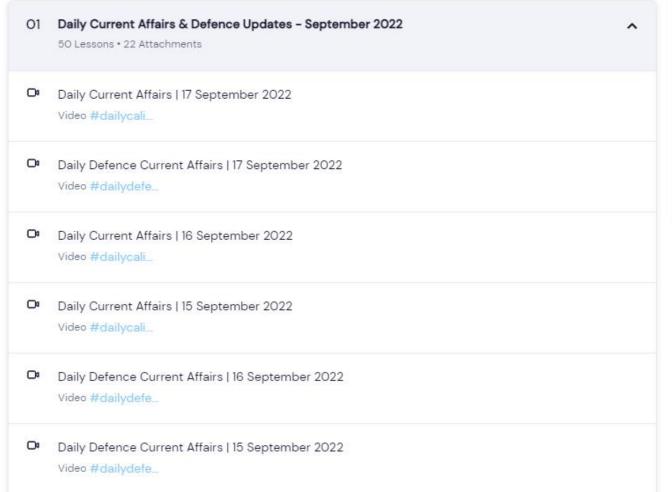
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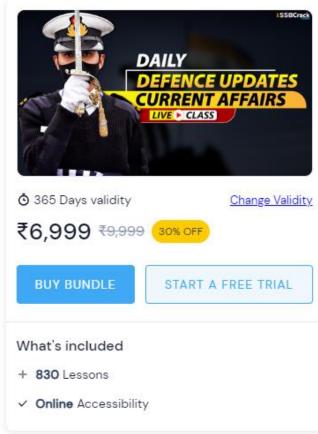
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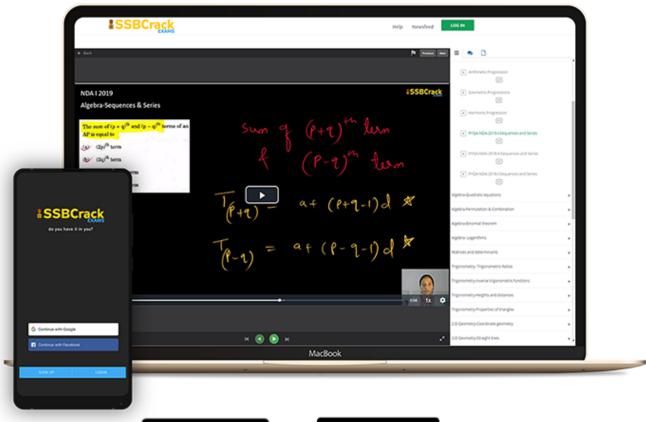








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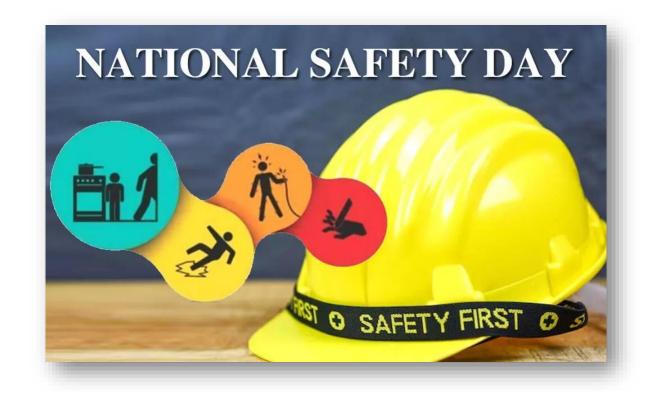


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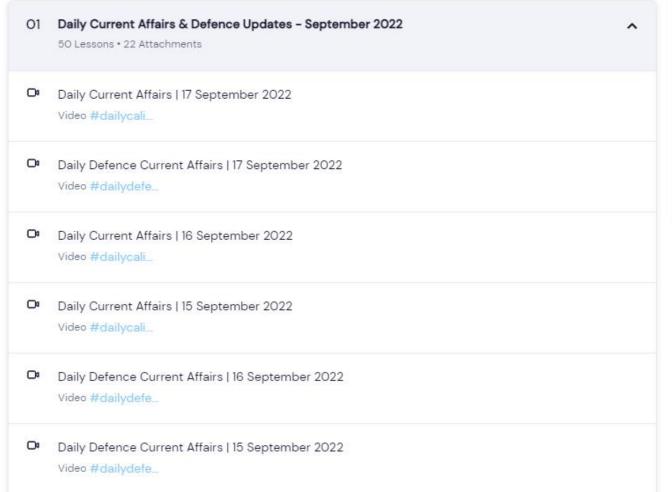
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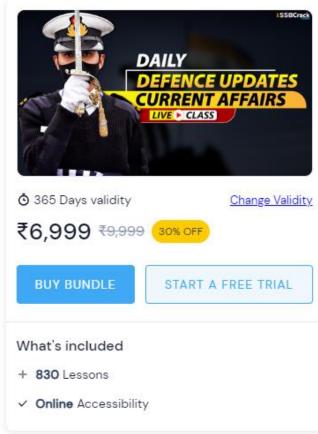
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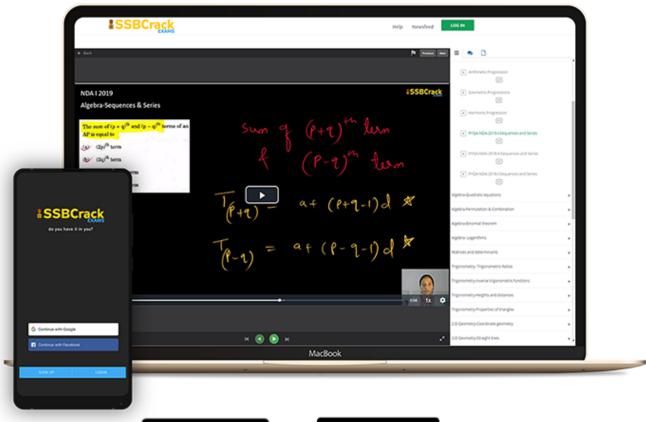








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