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Defence Current Affairs

01 April 2023

Defence Ministry Signs Multiple Deals Worth Over Rs 36,400 Crore

- In a major boost to 'Aatmanirbharta' in Defence, the government signed multiple deals worth over **Rs 36, 400 crores**, giving more firepower to **the Army, the Navy and the Indian Air Force**.
- **Bharat Dynamics Limited** signed a deal for supplying **two regiments** of upgraded version of the **Akash air defence missile systems** to the Indian Army.
- The deal for the **third and fourth regiments** of the missile system has been signed with BDL and would cost over **Rs 6000 crore**.
- Meanwhile, the Defence Ministry also signed a deal with **Indian shipyards** for acquisition of **11 Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels** and **six Next Generation Missile Vessels** at a **Rs 19,600 crore**.
- The contract for acquisition of **11 OPVs** under **Buy (Indian-IDDMM)** category was signed with **Goa Shipyard Ltd** and **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata** at a total cost of **Rs 9,781 crore**.
- Of the **11 ships**, seven will be indigenously designed, developed and manufactured by **GSL** and **four by GRSE**. The delivery of the ships is scheduled to commence from **September 2026**.
- The contract for acquisition of **six next-generation missile vessels (NGMVs)** was signed with **Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL)** at a cost of **Rs 9,805 crore**. The delivery of ships is scheduled to commence from **March 2027**.
- Besides, the Defence Ministry also signed a contract with **Bharat Electronics Limited** for procurement of **13 Lynx-U2 Fire Control Systems** for Indian Navy at a total cost of over **Rs 1,700 crore** under **Buy {Indian – IDMM (Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured)}** category.

- The Lynx-U2 System is a **Naval Gun Fire Control System** designed and developed indigenously. It is capable of accurately **tracking and engaging targets** amidst sea clutter as well as air/surface targets.
- The **4th generation**, completely indigenous systems, will be installed on **New Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels** to be built indigenously at **GRSE and GSL**.
- Another over **Rs 9,100 crore** deal for procurement of improved **Akash Weapon System** and **12 Weapon Locating Radars, WLR Swathi (Plains)** for the **Indian Army** was also signed by the ministry.
- "The contract for procurement of **improved Akash Weapon System (AWS)** for **3rd & 4th Regiments** of Army Air Defence, comprising live **Missiles & Launchers** with upgrades, Ground Support Equipment, Vehicles and Infrastructure was signed with **Bharat Dynamics Limited**, worth over **Rs 8,160 crore**.
- The contract for **WLR Swathi (Plains)** was signed with **BEL** at a cost of over **Rs 990 crore**. It is an **indigenously designed** WLR that is capable of locating guns, mortars and rockets firing own troops, thereby facilitating their destruction through Counter Bombardment by own firepower resources.
- This will enable troops to carry out their **operational tasks** without any interference from the enemy and also provide them safety against enemy fire.
- Induction is planned to be completed in **24 months**.



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Saudi Arabia To Become SCO Dialogue Partner

- The cabinet of **Saudi Arabia's government** has approved a memorandum granting the country the status of a **dialogue partner** in the **Shanghai Cooperation Organization**.
- SCO is a **permanent intergovernmental international organization**.
- It's a Eurasian political, economic and military organization aiming to maintain peace, security and stability in the region.
- It was created in **2001**.
- The SCO Charter was signed in 2002 and entered into force in 2003.
- **Members:**
 - Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India, Pakistan and Iran.
- **Official language:**
 - The official working language of the SCO Secretariat is **Russian and Chinese**.





PM Modi To Attend Combined Commanders' Conference On April 1

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the **Combined Commanders' Conference-2023** and later flag off the Vande Bharat express train between Bhopal and New Delhi during his visit to Madhya Pradesh on April 1.
- The PMO said the three-day conference of military commanders will be held from **March 30 to April 1** on the theme "**ready, resurgent, relevant**". Defence Minister Rajnath Singh attended the Combined Commanders' Conference-2023 in Bhopal on April 1.
- The armed forces' preparation and progress in defence ecosystem towards attaining "**aatmanirbharta**" will also be reviewed.



ITBP Wins 13th All India Police Commando Competition

- The ITBP has won the **13th edition** of the All-India Police Commando Competition (AIPCC) 2023 organized by the **National Security Guard (NSG)**.
- A total of **24 top commando teams** from the Central Armed Police Forces and State Police Forces participated in the competition that started on March 21.
- Besides guarding the India-China borders in the toughest climatic and terrain conditions since 1962, the ITBP has a distinguished history of producing some of the best commandos in the country.
- The Force had provided commandos for the security of the **1982 Asian Games**, followed by the **Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM)** in 1983 and the **Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) 1983 Meeting** in New Delhi.



Saudi Arabia Okays Cooperation Agreement With R&AW

- Saudi Arabia's cabinet has approved a cooperation agreement between Riyadh's security agency and India's **Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW)** for combating terrorist crimes and its financing. According to the Saudi Gazette, the Saudi Cabinet, chaired by **King Salman at Al-Salam Palace**.
- The cabinet decision came a day after India's new Ambassador to Riyadh Suhel Ajaz Khan presented his credentials to Prince Abdulaziz bin Saud bin Nayef bin Abdulaziz, the Minister of Interior, in Riyadh.
- The Research and Analysis Wing is the foreign intelligence agency of India. The agency's primary function is gathering **foreign intelligence, counter-terrorism,**

counter-proliferation, advising Indian policymakers, and advancing India's foreign strategic interests.

- **Headquarters:** New Delhi
- **Founded:** 21 September 1968
- **Office holder:** Samant Goel (Director of Intelligence Agency)



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Review Questions

EXAMS

1. R&AW Hq Is In

- A. New Delhi
- B. Riyadh
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: A

2. On Which Year RBI Was Founded On

- A. 01 April 1934
- B. 01 April 1935
- C. 01 April 1936
- D. 01 April 1937

ANSWER: B

3. Army War College Is Located At

- A. Bhopal
- B. Mhow
- C. Indore
- D. Sagar

ANSWER: B

4. __ Signed A Deal For Supplying an Upgraded Version Of The Akash Air Defence Missile Systems.

- A. BEL
- B. BDL
- C. HAL
- D. GSL

ANSWER: B

5. 11 Next Generation OPVs & 6 Next Generation Missile Vessels Will Be Manufactured By

- A. GSL
- B. GRSE
- C. CSL
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: D

6. Black Hawk helicopter Manufactured By

- A. DRDO
- B. Israel Aerospace Industries
- C. HAL
- D. Sikorsky Aircraft

ANSWER: D

7. The Amogha-III Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Anti-Tank Guided Missile

ANSWER: D

8. Kiran Mk2 Is A

- A. Helicopter**

- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Trainer Aircraft

ANSWER: D

9. The Indian Coast Guard Held A Regional Search And Rescue Exercise In

- A. Chennai
- B. Puri
- C. Kakinada
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: C

10. Naib Subedar Jeremy Lalrinnunga Is Related With

- A. Table Tennis
- B. Cricket
- C. Boxing
- D. Weightlifting

ANSWER: D

11. Shaurya Missile Is A Type Of

- A. Surface to Surface
- B. Air to Air
- C. Sea to Air
- D. Air to Surface

ANSWER: A

12. "Tum Bharat Ke Veer Ho, Tum Apne Desh Ke Rakshak Ho." Is The March Past Of

- A. JKLI
- B. Jat Regiment
- C. Parachute Regiment
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

13. Armed Forces Tribunal Hq Is Located At

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai

- C. Kapurthala
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: A

14. 'Georgetown' Is The Capital Of

- A. Guatemala
- B. Qatar
- C. Ghana
- D. Guyana

ANSWER: D

15. "War & Women" Book Written By

- A. Vani Tripathi Tikoo
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Ashwini Vaishnav
- D. Dr MA Hasan

ANSWER: D

16. Heron TP Is A

- A. Air to Air missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Anti-tank Guided missile
- D. Drone

ANSWER: D

17. Durand Cup Is Related With

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

ANSWER: C

18. Ex 'Al Najaf' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: B

19. Ex “Pitch Black” 2022 Hosted By

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. Australia

ANSWER: D

20. Current Scientific Advisor To The Defence Minister Is

- A. Rakesh Sinha
- B. S. Somnath
- C. G. Sateesh Reddy
- D. Samir Kamat

ANSWER: C

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