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# Defence Current Affairs

## 11 April 2023

### EXERCISE COPE INDIA 2023

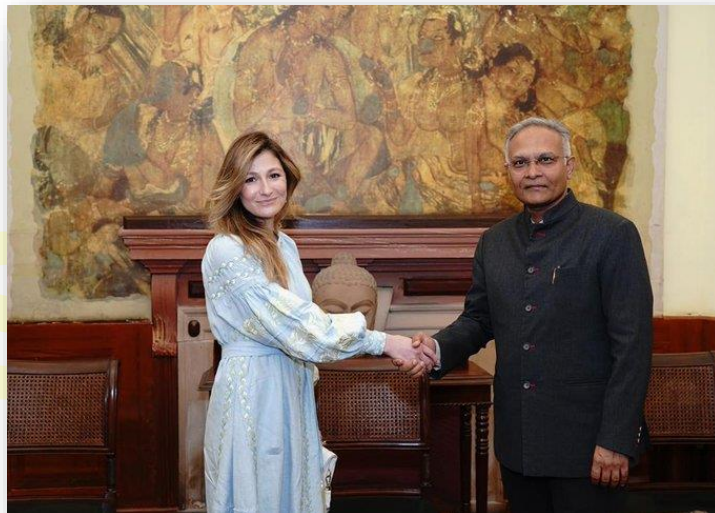
- Exercise Cope India 23, a bilateral Air Exercise between the IAF and the United States Air Force is being held at Air Force Stations Arjan Singh (Panagarh), Kalaikunda and Agra. The exercise aims to enhance mutual understanding between the two Air Forces and share their best practices.
- The first phase of exercise has commenced today. This phase of the exercise will focus on air mobility and will involve transport aircraft and Special Forces assets from both the Air Forces. Both sides will field the **C-130J** and **C-17** aircraft, with the USAF operating an **MC-130J**, as well.
- The exercise also includes the presence of **Japanese Air Self Defence Force aircrew**, who will participate in the capacity of observers.



### Ukraine Minister Says India Should Be Pragmatic In Securing Energy, Defence Resources

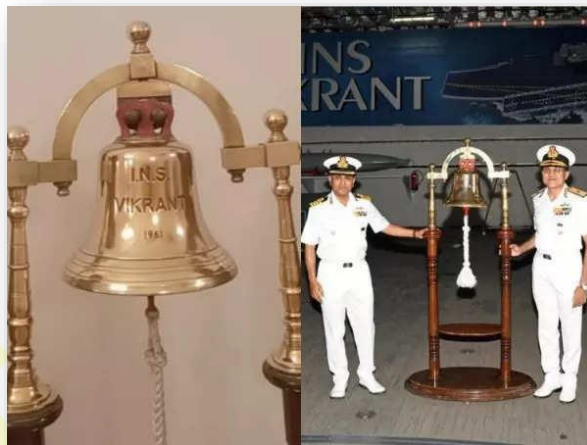
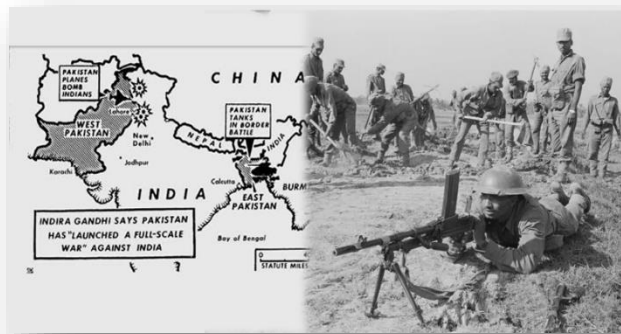
- Ukraine's deputy foreign minister said India should be pragmatic in securing its resources, including energy and defence equipment.

- "We are not in the position of instructing India in their economic ties with other countries. We only think it is crucial to diversify all of the resources, not only energy but also military resources," **Emine Dzhaparova**.
- The Ukrainian First Deputy Foreign Minister, referring to Russia, said, "Unfortunately, we have a country which questions the existence of other countries." "On the question of India's involvement — as a leader of the global south as a country holding the G20 presidency, we hope that India will be involved and engaged in global issues and challenges, economic challenges, energy challenges and nuclear challenges to a great extent," Ms. Dzhaparova said.



## INS Vikrant Gets Back Its 'Original' 1961 Bell

- The bell installed on the **first INS Vikrant** which was part of the Indian Navy from **1961 for 36 years**, has now been returned to the country's latest and first '**Made-in-India**' aircraft carrier of the same name commissioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi last year.
- The bell was on the **first INS Vikrant in 1961** after India bought a British-origin aircraft carrier **HMS Hercules** and gave it an Indian name.
- The bell was returned to the INS Vikrant by retired Vice Chief of Navy Vice Admiral SN Ghormade on March 22 last month.
- The traditional bell has been part of a glorious history as it was there on the warship when it played a crucial role in **bombarding Pakistan in 1971** and blockading the **Karachi harbour**.



## China Kicks Off Live Drills Near Taiwan In Response To Tsai's Visit To US

- China has started the third day of live-fire drills near Taiwan in response to **Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen's** recent visit to the **United States**.
- Chinese fighter jets and warships conducted simulated strikes on Taiwan during the weekend. Beijing's actions sparked protests by Taiwan. Beijing's drills included live-fire exercises off of China's Fujian province, located only about 80 km south of **Taiwan's Matsu islands**.
- China began three-day military drills around Taiwan called "Joint Sword" after Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen met with US House of Representatives Speaker Kevin McCarthy, as per the Al Jazeera report.



## India, Vietnam Discuss China's Aggression In Respective Regions

- **General Ph. To Lam**, Politburo Member of the Communist Party of Vietnam and Minister of Public Security of Vietnam met **NSA Ajit Doval** here and two discussed **situation arising out of China's aggression in respective regions.**
- The two sides at the meeting reaffirmed the importance of maintaining and promoting peace, stability, maritime safety and security and freedom of navigation and overflight in the **Indo-Pacific Region.**
- India and Vietnam are marking 50 years of the establishment of bilateral diplomatic relations.
- Earlier, India and Vietnam signed a **Letter of Intent (LOI)** to collaborate in the field of digital media, paving the way for further strengthening the partnership between the two countries.
- The two ministers agreed on the finalisation of the **USD 500 million Defence Line of Credit extended to Vietnam** with implementation of the projects under it adding substantially to Vietnam's defence capabilities and furthering the government's vision of **'Make in India, Make for the World.'**



## No One Can Encroach Even An Inch Of Our Land: Amit Shah

- The era when anyone could encroach India's borderlands has passed and no one can dare cast an evil eye on its territorial integrity, Union home minister Amit Shah said.
- Launching the **'Vibrant Village' programme in the border village of Kibithoo in Arunachal Pradesh**, one of India's easternmost places, Shah said the valour of the Army and ITBP personnel ensures that no one can encroach even an inch of India's land.
- Speaking about the **Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA)**, Shah said the **law was removed from about 70 percent** of the Northeastern states and the day **"is not far"** when it will be **"entirely"** lifted from these areas.



## Review Questions

**1. Matsu Islands Is In**

- A. China
- B. Taiwan
- C. Britain
- D. Japan

**ANSWER: A**

**2. The 1<sup>st</sup> Phase Of India-USA Bilateral Air Ex- Cope India 23 Held At**

- A. Kalaikunda and Agra
- B. Chennai and Agra
- C. Pune and Mumbai
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**3. 'Vibrant Village' Programme Launched By Amit Shah In**

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Kerala
- C. Arunachala Pradesh
- D. M.H.

**ANSWER: C**

**4. ASEAN Is A Regional Grouping Established On**

- A. 8 August 1967
- B. 8 August 1968
- C. 8 August 1969
- D. 9 August 1968

**ANSWER: A**

**5. Joint Exercises B/w The India And Brazil and South Africa Is Called:**

- A. IBSAMAR
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

**ANSWER: A**

**6. Raytheon Technologies Is A Company Of Which Nation?**

- A. Taiwan
- B. China
- C. USA
- D. None of the Above

**ANSWER: C**

**7. World Economic Forum Hq Is In**

- A. Geneva, Switzerland
- B. Lausanne, Switzerland
- C. The Hague, The Netherlands
- D. Gland, Switzerland

**ANSWER: A**

**8. Joint Exercises B/w The India And Indonesia Is Called:**

- A. Garuda Shakti
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

**ANSWER: A**

**9. Project 15B & P17A class Ships Made By**

- A. GRSE
- B. DRDO
- C. MDL
- D. CSL

**ANSWER: C**

**10. Which Of The Following Is The Subsonic Cruise Missile?**

- A. Astra missile
- B. Maitri missile
- C. Nag
- D. Nirbhay

**ANSWER: D**

**11. Maintenance Command of The IAF Is In**

- A. Bengaluru
- B. New Delhi



- C. Pune
- D. None

**ANSWER: D**

**12. India Purchased Kamov Ka-27 From**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**13. CAIR Stands For**

- A. Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Robotics
- B. Centre for Artificial Intelligent & Robotics
- C. Centre for Artillery Intelligence & Robotics
- D. Centre form Artificial Intelligence & Robotics

**ANSWER: A**

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

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

**ANSWER: C**

**15. HOP EX Conducted b/w India &**

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. Kyrgyzstan
- D. Malaysia

**ANSWER: D**

**16. Puneet Sagar Abhiyan Is Conducted By**

- A. NSS
- B. NCC
- C. BSF
- D. IAF

**ANSWER: B**

**17. Aerobatic Team Of IAF Is**

- A. Surya
- B. Surya Kiran
- C. Kiran
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: B**

**18. What Is The Name Of India's First Indigenously Developed Flying Trainer?**

- A. Horn-NG
- B. HANS-NG
- C. HANSA-NG
- D. Hawk-NG

**ANSWER: C**

**19. World's Highest Motorable Road Is In**

- A. Sikkim
- B. Ladakh
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Assam

**ANSWER: B**

**20. Exercises B/w The India And UK Is Called:**

- A. AJEYA WARRIOR
- B. KONKAN
- C. Indra
- D. Both A&B

**ANSWER: D**

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