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Defence Current Affairs

19-20 May 2023

Quad Summit On G7 Side-lines; Agenda Intact

- PM Modi will be part of three outreach sessions — Working Together to Address Multiple Crises (including food, health, development, gender); Common Endeavour for a Sustainable Planet (including climate, energy, environment) and Towards a Peaceful, Stable and Prosperous World — key concerns for the Global South.
- “There’s a change only in venue but not in the main agenda. Leaders will go ahead with the agenda decided for the meeting at Canberra,” said Kwatra.
- The G7 countries (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK and USA) held their first summit as the **G6 in France in 1975** after the first oil crisis; Canada joined the following year. From 2010-2014, Russia was a member of the group, and it was called the G8.



Russia, China Sending Deadly Aid To Myanmar's Military

- Myanmar's military has imported at least \$1 billion in arms and other material since it staged a coup in February 2021, a UN expert said on in a new report that calls out Russia and China for aiding the junta's deadly campaign to crush its opposition
- Russian-made Mi-35 helicopter, MiG-29 fighter jets and Yak-130 light aircraft, and Chinese K-8 jets, have been most frequently used to conduct air strikes that have hit schools, medical facilities, homes and other civilian sites, said the report by Tom Andrews, the UN Special Rapporteur.
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- Russia launched cruise missiles at Ukraine's capital and the Odesa region early Thursday, officials said, in an escalation ahead of a much-anticipated counteroffensive. Most of the missiles were shot down, and one death was reported from the attacks.
- It was the **ninth Russian air** raid that targeted the capital this month, a clear escalation after weeks of lull and ahead of a much-anticipated Ukrainian counteroffensive using newly supplied advanced Western weapons.



CBI Arrests Journalist, Ex-navy Commander For Spying

- The CBI has arrested freelance defence journalist Vivek Raghuvanshi and former Navy Commander Ashish Pathak in a case of espionage. CBI alleged the two leaked classified information to intelligence agencies of foreign countries.
- CBI said it seized 48 electronic devices, including laptops, tablets, mobile phones, hard disks and pen drive belonging to Raghuvanshi and others associated with him. A number of incriminating documents relating to defence establishments have also been seized, CBI said.

- "The data stored in cloud-based accounts/emails/social media accounts belonging to the accused/others have been recovered by digital forensic experts of CBI," the agency said.



Sea Trial Of Indian Navy's First Indigenous Fast Interceptor Boat

- The Indian Navy will conduct the maiden sea trial of its first indigenous Autonomous Fast Interceptor Boat (A-FIB) from Goa to Mumbai between May 18 and 22, a Naval spokesperson said. The boat flagged off from Vasco.
- The A-FIB has been jointly developed by Indian Navy's Weapons and Electronics Systems Engineering Establishment (WESEE) and M/s BEL(Bg) under Technology Incubation Forum (TIF).
- "Continuing with the impetus for indigenisation, 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' and with the aim to harness cutting edge technologies for maritime capabilities, an Autonomous Fast Interceptor Boat (A-FIB) is capable of autonomous operation in dense maritime traffic," the spokesperson said.



Defence Production Crosses Rs 1 Lakh Crore Mark For The First Time Ever

- As a result of the consistent efforts of **Ministry of Defence**, the value of defence production in **Financial Year (FY) 2022-23** has crossed the figure of **Rs one lakh crore** for the first time ever.
- The value currently stands at **Rs 1,06,800 crore** and it will go further up once the data is received from the remaining private defence industries. The current value of defence production in **FY 2022-23** is a rise of more than **12 %** over FY 2021-22, when the figure was **Rs 95,000 crore**.
- The Government is continuously working with defence industries and their associations to remove the challenges faced by them and promote defence production in the country.



VISIT OF ACM VR CHAUDHARI CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF

- Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, Chief of the Air Staff visited Air Force Station Tughlakabad, a premier Base Repair Depot (BRD) and its lodger units, on 19 May 2023. He was received by Air Cmde Rishi Seth VSM, Air Officer Commanding (AOC), Air Force Station Tughlakabad.
- The Air Chief Marshal met key personnel of the Depot and its lodger units. He visited various production wings, sites and the newly created Station Historical Cell depicting the evolution of 7 BRD and its contributions.
- During the visit, he appreciated the role played by the Depot in providing repair and overhaul facilities to a plethora of **Guided Weapon systems** and allied radar systems pan Indian Air Force.
- He inspected various indigenisation efforts of the unit in the field of Guided Weapons namely Surface to Air Missile with Assured Retaliation (SAMAR) and Missile Supply Vehicle, Poly Urethane Foam Panel based Combat Cabins, Pilot Rescue Cradle and Foreign Object Damage Barrier.



DRDO Light Tank 'Zorawar' To Be Ready For Trials By Year-end Along China Border

- The light tank Zorawar being jointly developed jointly by the DRDO and private sector firm L&T is expected to be ready for trials in the high-altitude mountainous border with China by the end of this year.
- "The tank is expected to be ready for trials by the end of this year and would be immediately sent to the Ladakh sector for our own trials. Once we are ready, we will hand it over to the Army for user trials," senior DRDO.
- "The present order is for 59 of these tanks but the order can go up to 600 tanks. There is also a need being felt for using these tanks for operations in the Rann of Kutch area and the desert terrain where they can travel at high speeds," the officials added.



Review Questions

1. Ex Tiger Triumph 2022 Conducted At

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

ANSWER: B

2. Agni, Prithvi, Trishul, Nag & Akash Missile Was Developed Under Which Programme?

- A. Nishan
- B. IGMDP
- C. RAKSHAK
- D. Tej

ANSWER: B

3. Mission DefSpace Launched By PM Modi In ____

- A. T.N.
- B. M.H.

- C. Gujrat
- D. None

ANSWER: C

4. Deesa Airbase Of IAF Is Located In Which District Of Gujrat?

- A. Surat
- B. Banaskantha
- C. Vapi
- D. None

ANSWER: B

5. ___ Is The Largest Air Command Of The IAF?

- A. Eastern
- B. Western
- C. Southern
- D. Northern

ANSWER: B

6. Indian Navy Sailing Championship 2022 Was Organsied By

- A. IMA
- B. SNC
- C. INA
- D. NDA

ANSWER: C

7. Kamikaze Drones Developed By

- A. India
- B. Russia
- C. Ukraine
- D. Iran

ANSWER: B

8. Tapas-BH Stands For

- A.** Tactical Airborne Platform for Advanced Surveillance- Beyond Horizon
- B.** Tactical Airborne Platform for Aerial Surveillance- Beyond Horizon
- C.** Tactical Airborne Prime for Aerial Surveillance- Beyond Horizon
- D.** None

ANSWER: B

9. Which Indian Navy Ship Participated In IBSAMAR Exercise?

- A. INS Utkrosh
- B. INS Kochi
- C. INS Tarkash
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

10. Newly Created 'Weapon System Branch' Is Made Up For

- A. IAF
- B. BSF
- C. Indian Army
- D. ICG

ANSWER: A

11. M777 Ultra-Light Howitzer Have A Range Of Up To

- A. 20 km
- B. 30 km
- C. 40 km
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

12. "Lal Salam" Book Written By

- A. Smriti Irani
- B. JK Rowling
- C. Jhumpa Lahiri
- D. Amitav Ghosh

ANSWER: A

13. Which Troops of Indian Army Participated In VOSTOK 22 Exercise?

- A. Rajput Regiment
- B. Bihar Regiment
- C. Gorkha Regiment
- D. Kumaon Regiment

ANSWER: C

14. Which Edition Of Vajra Prahar Exercise 2022 Conducted At H.P.?

- A. 10th
- B. 11th
- C. 12th

D. 13th

ANSWER: D

15. VL-SRSAM Developed By

- A. ISRO
- B. DRDO
- C. NASA
- D. JAXA

ANSWER: B

16. Ex 'Khanjar' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: D

17. Operation All Out Was Conducted In

- A. 1978
- B. 2015
- C. 1998
- D. 1995

ANSWER: B

18. Solomon Islands Is Located On

- A. Indian Ocean
- B. Pacific Ocean
- C. Arctic Ocean
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

19. Saab AB Is An Aerospace Company of

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

ANSWER: B

20. INS Arihant Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Ballistic missile submarine
- D. Tank

ANSWER: C



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