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# Defence Current Affairs

## 26 May 2023

### DRDO – Academia Conclave

- Rajnath Singh has said that technologically advanced military is crucial to protect the interests of the nation. Inaugurating a two-day **DRDO- Academia conclave** in New Delhi on 25 May 2023. He stressed that for a country like India, it becomes vital to have such military as it faces double threat on borders.
- Theme of the conclave “**DRDO-Academia Partnership - Opportunities & Challenges**”, Rajnath Singh said, it is dire need that DRDO and Academia work in partnership with each other to find solutions to the challenges being faced by us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- A report by NITI Aayog in 2022 showed that India had one of the lowest expenditures in R&D in the world. Many media reports have also shown the lack of quality research done by higher education institutes in India is a major reason why India’s education sector is lagging behind foreign universities.
- This partnership may be a silver lining to academicians should they be allowed to take full advantage of the infrastructure and funds.



## Russia Signs Deal To Deploy Tactical Nuclear Weapons In Belarus

- Russia and Belarus signed a deal on Thursday to formalise the deployment of Russian tactical nuclear missiles on Belarusian territory, a step Moscow said was driven by rising tensions with the West.
- "In the context of an extremely sharp escalation of threats on the western borders of Russia and Belarus, a decision was made to take countermeasures in the military-nuclear sphere," **TASS news agency**.
- **Iskander-M missiles**, which can carry conventional or nuclear warheads, had been handed to the Belarusian armed forces, and some Su-25 aircraft had been converted for the possible use of nuclear weapons.



## Iran Unveils Latest Version Of Ballistic Missile Amid Wider Tensions Over Nuclear Program

- Iran unveiled what it dubbed the latest iteration of its **liquid- fuelled Khorramshahr ballistic missile** amid wider tensions with the West over its

nuclear program. Authorities showed off the **Khorramshahr-4** to journalists at an event in Tehran, with the missile on a truck-mounted launcher.

- Iranian officials described the missile as having a **2,000-kilometre** (1,240-mile) range with a **1,500-kilogram** (3,300-pound) warhead. They also released undated video footage purportedly showing a successful launch of the missile.
- The **Khorramshahr-4** is named after an Iranian city that was the scene of heavy fighting during the Iran-Iraq War in the 1980s.
- The missile also is called **Kheibar**, after a Jewish fortress conquered by the Muslims in the 7<sup>th</sup> century - in what is now Saudi Arabia.



## Khorramshahr Ballistic Missile

Iran The Latest Product Ballistic Missiles

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## Indian Army, IAF Conduct Joint Exercise Along Western Borders

- Indian Army's Shatrुjeet Brigade and the Western Command conducted a joint exercise with the Indian Air Force along the western border, officials said on Thursday.
- The joint exercise was carried out to deploy paratroopers with new-generation weapon systems in support of mechanised forces deep inside enemy territory to facilitate and enhance the operational reach of their own forces.
- **C-130J Super Hercules, C-17 Globemaster and AN-32 aircraft** were used to insert troops and specialised equipment into designated areas in the obstacle-ridden terrain with clinical precision, an official statement here said.
- And The **Sapta Shakti Command** of Indian Army conducted exercise '**Sudarshan Shakti 2023**' along the **Western borders in Rajasthan and Punjab** from May 22 to 25.
- Exercise '**Sudarshan Shakti 2023**' was designed to **validate operational plans in a network-centric environment**. The elements of **combat power, combat support and logistic support** were exercised in a synergised application under all domains of enemy threat including **Grey Zone Warfare**.





## Indian Navy After MiG-29K Makes Maiden Night Landing on INS Vikrant

- The MiG-29K fighter aircraft undertook a 'maiden' night landing on indigenously built aircraft carrier INS Vikrant.
- The Navy said that this challenging accomplishment, within three months of the maiden day landing demonstrates the resolve, skill and professionalism of the Indian Navy, Vikrant crew and Naval Pilots.
- The night landing of the Russian-origin MiG-29K took place on May 24 night when the ship was sailing in the Arabian Sea.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also congratulated the Indian Navy for the successful maiden night landing trials of MiG-29K on INS Vikrant.



## Review Questions

**1. Indian Navy's \_\_Makes Maiden Night Landing On INS Vikrant.**

- A. MiG-29K
- B. Tejas
- C. Su-30 MKI
- D. MH-60R

**ANSWER: A**

**2. DRDO Academia Conclave 2023 Held In**

- A. Pune
- B. Delhi
- C. Mumbai
- D. Chennai

**ANSWER: B**

**3. The IMA Was Founded On**

- A. October 1, 1930
- B. October 1, 1931
- C. October 1, 1932
- D. October 1, 1933

**ANSWER: C**

**4. 15<sup>th</sup> President of India Is/Was\_\_\_\_\_**

- A. Droupadi Murmu
- B. Pranab Mukherjee
- C. Pratibha Singh Patil
- D. Rajendra Prasad

**ANSWER: A**

**5. IPCC Stands For**

- A. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Challenge
- B. Intergovernmental Panel on Cloud Change
- C. Intergovernmental Pan on Climate Change
- D. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

**ANSWER: D**

**6. Joint Exercises B/w The India And Vietnam Is Called:**

- A. Yama
- B. VINBAX
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Which Is Not A Tactical Ballistic Missiles?**

- A. Prithvi
- B. Prahar
- C. Pralay
- D. Agni

**ANSWER: D**

**8. INS Gomati Is A**

- A. Frigate
- B. Submarine
- C. Naval Helicopter
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**9. IBSAMAR Is A Type Of**

- A. Army Ex
- B. Air Force Ex
- C. Naval Ex
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**10. FGM-148 Javelin Is Made By**

- A. Boeing
- B. Lockheed Martin
- C. Raytheon
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**11. India Shares Its Land Boundaries With Which Countries In The North East?**

- A. China, Nepal and Bhutan
- B. Bhutan and Afghanistan



- C. Myanmar and Bangladesh
- D. Pakistan and Afghanistan

**ANSWER: C**

**12. "The Unending Game: Insights into Espionage" Book Is Written By**

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Vikram Sood
- C. Abhishek Manu Singhvi
- D. Ahmed Saadawi

**ANSWER: B**

**13. Group Captain Rank Of IAF Is Equivalent to Which Rank of Indian Navy?**

- A. Colonel
- B. Captain
- C. Commander
- D. Major

**ANSWER: B**

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

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

**ANSWER: C**

**15. Where Is The Hq Of The Southern Command of The Indian Navy?**

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

**ANSWER: A**

**16. The NCC First And Only Airstrip In The Country Is\_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Idukki Airstrip
- B. Kochi Airstrip
- C. Trombay Airstrip
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**17. The \_\_\_ Edition of Exercise Agni Warrior 2022 between the Singapore & Indian Army.**

- A. 10<sup>th</sup>
- B. 11<sup>th</sup>
- C. 12<sup>th</sup>
- D. 13<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: C**

**18. ALH MK-III Helicopter Manufactured By**

- A. DRDO
- B. Israel Aerospace Industries
- C. Boeing
- D. HAL

**ANSWER: D**

**19. Heron TP Is A**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**20. Which of the following is DRDO Technology Demonstration Vessel?**

- A. INS Delhi
- B. INS Virat
- C. INS Vagir
- D. INS Anvesh

**ANSWER: D**

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