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Defence Current Affairs

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US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin To Travel To India Ahead Of Modi's US Visit

- **US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin** will travel to New Delhi next week to meet his Indian counterpart **Rajnath Singh**, the Pentagon has announced. The visit precedes **PM Narendra Modi's** official state visit to White House next month.
- The United States and India continue to modernise the US-India Major Defense Partnership, the Pentagon said on Thursday, announcing the defense secretary's trip to Japan, Singapore, India and France next week.
- On the margins of the Dialogue, the secretary will meet with key leaders to advance US defense partnerships across the region in support of the shared vision for a free and open Indo-Pacific, anchored in **ASEAN centrality**.



19th Edition Of India-France Army to Army Staff Talks

- The 19th edition of India-France Army to Army Staff Talks AAST concluded in Paris. Constructive discussion on the Annual Defence Cooperation Plan, including training exercises, domain experts exchange & engagements in areas of mutual interest, was carried out.
- Defence:
- France has emerged as a key defence partner for India, becoming the second largest defence supplier in 2017- 2021.
- France has emerged as a major strategic partner for India with crucial defence deals and increased military to military engagement.

Example:

- Induction of the French Scorpene conventional submarines, being built in India under technology transfer agreement of 2005, and the Indian Air Force having received 36 Rafale fighter jets.
- The Tata group has also tied up with Airbus to manufacture C-295 tactical transport aircraft in Vadodara, Gujarat.
- Military Dialogues and Regularly held Joint Exercises:
- Varuna (navy), Garuda (air force), and Shakti (army)



Vietnam Major Player In Philippines' Strategy To Constrain China's

- Vietnam has emerged as a major player in the Philippines' emerging regional strategy to constrain and roll back China's ambitions in the South China Sea.
- **Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr** has not only revitalized defence ties with traditional Western allies but has also doubled down on strategic cooperation with like-minded regional states pushing back against China's South China Sea assertiveness.
- The two countries, the following week, held a **Joint Permanent Working Group on Maritime and Ocean Concerns (JWG-MOC)**, where they underscored their commitment to jointly advocate for a "substantive" bilateral Code of Conduct (COC) on the South China Sea.



UAE, Japan Sign Defence Cooperation Agreement

- The UAE and Japan signed a defence cooperation agreement in the presence of a number of the Ministry of Defence top-brass.
- Aims to carry out cooperative research, development, and production projects as well as strengthen bilateral ties and cooperate more broadly, particularly in the military and defence industries.

- The agreement was signed by Major General Mubarak Saeed Ghafan Al Jabri, Assistant Undersecretary for Support and Defence Industries at the Ministry of Defense, and Akio Isomata, Ambassador of Japan to the UAE.



India, US Hold Advanced Domains Defense

- US Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defence for Space Policy Vipin Narang and Director Michael Horowitz of the Emerging Capabilities Policy Office met with their Indian counterparts for the inaugural US-India Advanced Domains Defense Dialogue (AD3) in New Delhi on May 22.
- "The Dialogue followed a commitment by US and Indian officials at the 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue in 2022 to deepen collaboration on evolving new defense domains, with an emphasis on space and artificial intelligence."
- Miller said US consular teams recognize the visa issue. "We obviously recognize that it's an area of concern and our consular teams have been making a huge push to process as many visa applications as possible in India, including those in visa categories that are key to the bilateral relationship. It is a top priority for our government, and I know it's a top priority for our embassy in the country."



Review Questions

1. Department of Military Affairs Is Headed By

- A. COAS
- B. CDS
- C. NSA
- D. Cabinet Secretary

ANSWER: B

2. Operation SANKALP Was Launched By The

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

ANSWER: C

3. INS Mysore Is A

- A. OPV
- B. Frigate
- C. Destroyer
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: C

4. Motto Of CBI Is

- A. Victory Everywhere
- B. Always Alert
- C. Industry, Impartiality, Integrity
- D. None

ANSWER: C

5. First Made In India Passenger Aircraft Is ____

- A. Dornier 228
- B. Chetak
- C. Cheetah
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

6. "Billions & Billions" Book Is Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Carl Sagan
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: B

7. QRFV Stands For

- A. Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle Medium
- B. Quick Reaction Fighting Vast Medium
- C. Quick Reaction Fight Vehicle Medium
- D. None

ANSWER: A

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

- A.** Yama
- B.** SLINEX
- C.** Indra
- D.** Zayed Talwar

ANSWER: D

9. Indian Army Artillery School Devlali Comes Under

- A. Northern Command
- B. Eastern Command
- C. Western Command

D. Southern Command

ANSWER: D

10. Strength's Origin is in Science Is The Motto Of

- A. ISRO
- B. DRDO
- C. NASA
- D. Indian Army

ANSWER: B

11. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Hq Is In

- A. Queenstown, Singapore
- B. Berlin, Germany
- C. Abu Dhabi (UAE)
- D. Kathmandu, Nepal

ANSWER: A

12. Joint Ex B/w The India And Singapore Is Called:

- A. Bold Kurukshetra
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: A

13. Riga Is The Capital Of

- A. Oman
- B. Kuwait
- C. Latvia
- D. Lebanon

ANSWER: C

14. "One Indian Girl" Book Is Written By

- A. Chetan Bhagat
- B. Vikram Seth
- C. Ruskin Bond
- D. Neha Desai

ANSWER: A

15. Ex 'Konkan Shakti' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: D

16. Transport Aircraft of IAF Is

- A. C-17 Globemaster
- B. Tejas
- C. Apache
- D. Illyushin 78

ANSWER: A

17. Defence Services Staff College Is At

- A. Pune
- B. Gurugram
- C. Wellington
- D. Lucknow

ANSWER: C

18. Joint Exercises B/w The India And USA Is Called:

- A. Surya Kiran
- B. Vajra Prahar
- C. Yudha Abhyas
- D. Both B & C

ANSWER: D

19. Rustom 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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