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Defence Current Affairs

01 June 2023

China To Join Indonesia's Multilateral Naval Drills Despite Rising Tension

- China will send warships to a multilateral naval exercise hosted this month by Indonesia, which has also invited countries such as North Korea, Russia, South Korea and the United States, amid rising tension in the Asia-Pacific region.
- The drills come as China and the United States ramp up military diplomacy in the region, staging more frequent war games with allies and partners around Taiwan, the busy waterway of the South China Sea, and the west Pacific.
- China's navy will send its **destroyer Zhanjiang** and **frigate Xuchang**, both equipped with guided missiles, to the 2023 **Multilateral Naval Exercise Komodo** the defence ministry said.

A newly instituted, **General Bipin Rawat Trophy** in the memory of first Chief of Defence Staff for the **Most Spirited Officer** was awarded to **Capt. Suraj James Rabeira** during the function.



Rafale jets carry out long-range mission in Indian Ocean Region

- Four Rafale fighter aircraft of the IAF carried out a "**strategic**" mission over the **Indian Ocean region** for over **six hours**, in a significant demonstration of their long-range combat capabilities, people familiar with the operation.
- The jets took off from the **Hasimara Air Force station** in the **eastern sector**, carried out the mission involving various manoeuvres and simulated operations and returned to the base after meeting the desired results, they said.
- The **Indian Air Force** carried out the mission at a time **China** has been ramping up its presence in the Indian Ocean region, which is largely considered as the backyard of the Indian Navy.
- The Dassault Rafale is a **French twin-engine**, canard delta wing, multirole fighter aircraft designed and built by **Dassault Aviation**.
- **Manufacturer:** Dassault Aviation
- **Engine types:** Snecma M88, Turbofan
- **Top speed:** 1,912 km/h
- **Range:** 3,700 km
- **Length:** 15 m, **Wingspan:** 11 m
- **Weight:** 9,979 kg



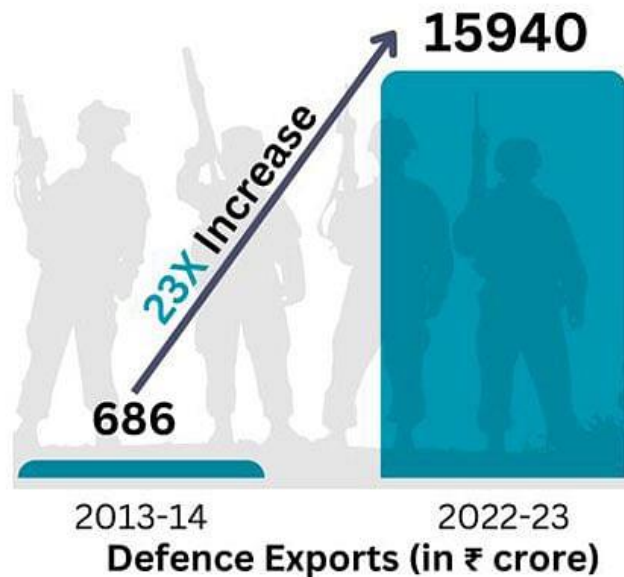
India Stands Enabled Not Just For Deterrence, But Also For Robust Response: COAS

- Army Chief General Manoj Pande said that India stands enabled not just for deterrence but also to undertake robust response if required.
- The Army Chief General and Indian Air Force Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari were speaking at the BrahMos User Meet 2023.
- "Due to our legacy issues of unsettled borders and related security challenges, possession of strategic deterrence instruments in our case is essential. And the three services of the defence forces as users of the Brahmos missile system, now stand enabled to not just stand deterrence but also to respond robustly when required," he added.



India's Defence Exports Increased 23-fold Under Present Government

- India's defence exports have reached an all-time high worth nearly **Rs 16,000 crore in 2022-23**, surging from a mere **Rs 686 crore in 2013-14**.
- This **23-fold increase** reflects India's progress in the global defence manufacturing sector.
- "With exports reaching more than **85 countries**, India's defence industry has shown its capability of design and development to the world, with **100 firms exporting defence products** at present," said a government release.
- The release said that the expenditure on defence procurement from foreign sources has reduced from **46 %** of overall expenditure in 2018-19 to 36.7 % in December 2022.



US Set To Allow General Electric To Make Engines In India

- The Biden administration is poised to sign off on a deal that would allow **General Electric Co** to produce jet engines powering Indian military aircraft in that country, according to three people briefed on the decision.
- A deal finalizing the joint production of the engines is expected to be inked and announced by the time President Joe Biden hosts Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi for an official state visit on June 22, the people said on condition of anonymity because the decision has not been made public.
- **HAL** is using a lighter **GE engine** for the **83 light combat aircraft** it is manufacturing for the Indian air force. However, India intends to produce more than **350 fighter jets** for its air force and navy over the **next two decades**, which could be powered by the **GE 414**.



Review Questions

1. General Electric Co Is From

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

ANSWER: B

2. Director General of DRDO's Missile & Strategic Systems Is

- A. Ummalaneni Raja Babu
- B. Lt Gen SS Mahal
- C. Praveen Kumar
- D. None

ANSWER: A

3. Port Klang Is In

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

ANSWER: C

4. "The Epic Battle of Longewala" Book Is Written By

- A. Arun Kumar
- B. Ashish Ghatak
- C. Ramesh Kandula
- D. Air Marshal Retd Bharat Kumar

ANSWER: D

5. Where Is The Hq Of The South Western Command of The Indian Army?

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

ANSWER: A

6. The Military Engineer Services (MES) Is A Construction Agency of Which Defence Force?

- A. Indian Army
- B. Indian Navy
- C. Indian Air Force
- D. Indian Coast Guard

ANSWER: A

7. What Is Highest Commissioned Rank Awarded In The Navy?

- A. Commodore
- B. Captain
- C. Wing Commander
- D. Admiral

ANSWER: D

8. Air Marshal Rank of IAF Is Equivalent to which rank of Indian Navy?

- A. Commodore
- B. Captain
- C. Commander
- D. Vice Admiral

ANSWER: D

9. Which Is/Are The Combat Arms Of The Indian Army?

- A. Infantry
- B. The Armoured Corp
- C. The Mechanized Infantry
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: D

10. Oslo Is The Capital Of

- A. Norway
- B. Palau
- C. Philippines
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

11. "Mind-Master" Book Is Written By

- A. Roopa Pai
- B. Neha J Hiranandani
- C. M Venkaiah Naidu
- D. Viswanathan Anand and Susan Ninan

ANSWER: D

12. Project 75 Is Related To Manufacturing Of

- A. Tank
- B. Socrpean Submarine
- C. Sniper Rifle
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: B

13. "We Protect" Is The Motto Of

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

ANSWER: A

14. Colonel Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank Of Indian Navy Is

- A. Commander
- B. Captain
- C. Group Captain

D. Lieutenant

ANSWER: B

15. War Cry of NAGA REGIMENT

- A. Bharat Mata ki Jai
- B. Ki ki so so Lhargyalo
- C. Jai Durga Naga
- D. Durga Mata Ki Jai

ANSWER: C

16. "NTR: A Political Biography" Book Written By

- A. Ramachandra Murthy Kondubhatla
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Ruskin Bond

ANSWER: A

17. Ex 'Ekuverin' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: D

18. "Akashe Shatrun Jahi" Is The Motto Of

- A. Bombay Sappers
- B. Armoured Corps Regiments
- C. The Regiment Of Artillery
- D. Army Air Defence Regiments

ANSWER: D

19. International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking Is Observed On

- A. 26 June
- B. 27 June
- C. 28 June
- D. 29 June

ANSWER: A

20. Peacetime Gallantry Award Is/Are

- A. Param Vir Chakra
- B. Maha Vir Chakra
- C. Vir Chakra
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: D





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