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Defence Current Affairs

24-26 June 2023

Acquisition of MQ-9B drones

- The Defence Acquisition Council accorded the Acceptance of Necessity for acquisition of 31 MQ-9B (16 Sky Guardian and 15 Sea Guardian) High Altitude Long Endurance Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems for Tri-Services from the USA through Foreign Military Sale route.
- The AoN noted the estimated cost of 3,072 million US dollars provided by the US Government. However, price will be negotiated once policy approval of the US Government is received. The MoD will compare the acquisition cost with the best price offered by General Atomics to other countries.



IAF Carries Out Exercise Ranvijay

- With a focus on integration, the IAF carried out Exercise Ranvijay where day and night operations by combat aircraft including the Su-30s were conducted.
- The exercise was carried out from different air bases of the command headquartered in Prayagraj.

- Different IAF commands have been carrying out wargames and aerial drills to enhance jointness with the other two services as part of the government's move to strengthen integration among the forces.
- The IAF's fighter jets touch the airstrip of **Purvanchal Expressway** on Saturday, under the Emergency Exercise between civil and military functionaries.



India-Maldives joint defence Exercise Ekuverin Ends

- The **twelfth edition** of India-Maldives Joint Exercise Ekuverin concluded after intense validation training.
- "The exercise has strengthened mutual confidence and enabled sharing of best practices."
- The **12th edition** of the joint military exercise "Ex Ekuverin" between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Force has taken place at **Chaubatia, Uttarakhand** from 11 to 24 June 2023, reported the Ministry of Defence.
- A platoon strength contingent from Indian Army and Maldives National Defence Force has participated in a 14-day long exercise.
- The exercise aimed at enhancing interoperability in Counter Insurgency/ Counter Terrorism Operations under the UN mandate and carrying out joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief operations. The focus was to share best practices and enhance coordination and cooperation between both the forces at tactical level, according to the Ministry of Defence.



Army Organises 'Taami Komji' Girl's Football Tournament In Arunachal's Siang

- Indian Army organised the 'Taami Komji' Girl's football tournament at Along in the Siang region of Arunachal Pradesh from June 20 to 23 to foster opportunities for girls to engage in sports and showcase their talents on a larger platform.
- In the local dialect of Along, '**Taami Komji**' means **young and strong girl**. The event received an overwhelming response, drawing in a diverse range of participants from local schools and eight football clubs, said the official statement further.



ASEAN Planning First Joint Military Drill

- The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is planning its first joint military drill amid regional strain with China, Voice of America reported.
- According to the Indonesian military, the drill will be conducted in Indonesia's South Natuna Sea. During the 20th ASEAN Chief of Defence Forces Meeting in Bali, organized on June 7, ten ASEAN military chiefs agreed to conduct routine joint training and coordinated patrols in waters of the South China Sea.
- There will be the army, naval and special forces involved from September 18 to September 25, despite scepticism from member state Cambodia.



Indian Army Releases 12 Militants After Being Surrounded By Mob

- Following a standoff between a female-led mob and security forces who had cordoned off Itham village in Imphal East, where a dozen members of the militant group KYKL were hiding, the Army made “a mature decision” to not risk civilian lives and left with seized weapons and ammunition.
- Meitei militant group Kanglei Yawol Kanna Lup was involved in a series of incidents, including the ambush of a 6 Dogra unit in 2015. The standoff in Itham lasted all day and was terminated by a “mature decision by the operational commander keeping in mind the sensitivity of using kinetic force against a large irate mob led by women and the likely casualties as a result of such action.”
- The Army decided to evacuate to “avoid any collateral damage during the ongoing unrest in Manipur.” So far, more than 100 people have been killed in an ethnic conflict in the northeastern state between the Meitei and Kuki clans.



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Review Questions

1. Exercise Ranvijay Carried Out By
 - A. IAF
 - B. ICG
 - C. BSF

D. NSG

ANSWER: A

2. MQ-9B Drone Manufactured By

- A. IAI
- B. General Atomics
- C. Boeing
- D. DRDO

ANSWER: B

3. With reference to Sagar Parikrama, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a navigation journey to be conducted only in four coastal states.**
- 2. The aim is to achieve a sustainable equilibrium in utilising resources from marine fisheries.**

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: B

4. The Member Countries That Enjoy Veto Power In The Security Council Of UNO Are

- A. Original members
- B. Permanent members
- C. Non-permanent members
- D. General members

ANSWER: B

5. Ex 'EKATHA' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: D

6. India's First Indigenous Aircraft Is

- A. INS Virat

- B. INS Vikrant
- C. INS Vikramaditya
- D. INS Samudragupta

ANSWER: B

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

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Tiger Triumph

ANSWER: D

8. Bharat Purchased S-400 Triumf ADM Systems From

- A. USA
- B. UAE
- C. Israel
- D. Russia

ANSWER: D

9. The First Nuclear Power Plant In North Bharat Would Be Built In

- A. U.P.
- B. New Delhi
- C. Haryana
- D. J&K

ANSWER: C

10. Ennore Port Is At

- A. Kerala
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. West Bengal
- D. Gujarat

ANSWER: B

11. C-130J Super Hercules Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Transport Aircraft

ANSWER: D

12. Which Is Not Correctly Matched:

- A. IAF Day: 8 Oct
- B. Indian Navy Day: 4 Dec
- C. Indian Army Day: 15 Jan
- D. Partition Horrors Remembrance Day : 15th August

ANSWER: D

13. In Which Country Is The Headquarter Of Asian Development Bank Located?

- A. Malaysia
- B. Indonesia
- C. Thailand
- D. Philippines

ANSWER: D

14. DESERT EAGLE Exercise Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: C

15. "India's Finance Ministers" Book Written By

- A. A.K. Bhattacharya
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Satish Chandra

ANSWER: A

16. JCPOA Stands For

- A. Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action
- B. Joint Comprehensive Plan of Act
- C. Joint Comprehensive Plane of Action
- D. None

ANSWER: A

17. Which Country Is Not The Part Of The Indo-pacific Region?

- A. India
- B. Malaysia

- C. Sudan
- D. Indonesia

ANSWER: C

18. BEL HQ Is In

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Noida
- C. New Delhi
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: A

19. 'Ex Zapad' Conducted B/W India &

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

ANSWER: B

20. Motto Of Integrated Defence Staff

- A. Victory Through Jointness
- B. Victory Everywhere
- C. Always Ahead
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

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