

Defence Current Affairs

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Rajnath Singh's 3-day Visit To Malaysia

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh went his three-day official visit to Malaysia on Sunday, to deepen the defence cooperation b/w the two countries.
- Rajnath Singh and Dato' Seri Mohamad Hasan will exchange views on regional and global issues of shared interest. Singh will also call on **Malaysia's Prime Minister YB Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim**.
- Both the countries are committed to work under the vision of Enhanced Strategic Partnership established during the visit of PM Narendra Modi to Malaysia in 2015.



US Drone Strike Kills Islamic State Group Leader In Syria

- A US drone strike killed an Islamic State group leader in Syria hours after the same MQ-9 Reaper drones were harassed by Russian military jets over the western part of the country, according to the Defence Department. Three

Reapers had been flying overhead searching for the militant on Friday, a US defence official said.

- Shortly after that, the drones struck and killed **Usamah al-Muhajir**, who was riding a motorcycle in the Aleppo region, said the official, who was not authorised to publicly discuss the matter and spoke on condition of anonymity to describe details of the military operation.



Navy Zeroes In On Naval Rafale; Jet Deal Likely During PM Modi's France Visit

- The government is likely to sign a deal for the purchase of naval version of Rafale fighter jets from France, for which the final decision is likely in the defence acquisition council meeting before PM Narendra Modi leaves for France next week.
- The PM will be in France on July 13-14 during which he will be the Guest of Honour at the Bastille Day Parade. The multi billion-dollar deal for 24-30 Rafale-Marine jets is likely to be announced during his two-day visit.
- Last year, the naval version of Rafale fighter jets from France and American F/A-18 Super Hornet had both demonstrated their operational capabilities. The Indian Navy recorded its options and submitted a report to the government for a final decision on acquiring the best fighter for its newly-launched aircraft carrier.



Indian Army Adds New Weapons, Equipment In Eastern Ladakh For Operations In Region

- With the military standoff between India and China having entered its fourth year, the Indian Army is continuously adding newer weapons and capabilities in the Eastern Ladakh sector to tackle emergency situations as well as carrying out conventional operations.
- Nyoma military station located at a height of around 14,500 feet where it witnessed the newer weapon systems and equipment inducted by the Indian Army to strengthen its presence to tackle the adversary.
- The Army in the recent past has inducted the made-in-India Dhanush howitzer which has been developed based on the Transfer of Technology for the Bofors howitzers and has been made more advanced.
- M4 Quick Reaction Force Vehicle which can take 10 combat-ready armed troops to the forward locations along the Line of Actual Control and can move at speeds of around 60-80 Km per hour even in the harsh terrain of Ladakh sector.
- The surveillance equipment in the Army inventory has also been strengthened as the new **Tata Rajak system** has been inducted into the force which can observe or detect humans from more than 15 kms, and vehicles from more than 25 Kms.



Eastern Ladakh: Indian Army Tanks, Combat Vehicles Carry Out Drills To Cross Indus River

- Having deployed a large number of tanks and armoured vehicles in the world's highest river valleys, Indian Army formations carried out drills in Eastern Ladakh to cross the Indus River and attacks in enemy positions.
- Indian Army's tank formations including the **T-90 and T-72 tanks and BMP infantry combat vehicles** to cross the mighty Indus river which flows from the Tibetan territory controlled by the Chinese Army through the entire Ladakh sector before entering Pakistan.
- The brigades and other formations with tanks started getting inducted into the force in Eastern Ladakh in 2013-14 onwards but the numbers increased manifold after the Galwan Valley clash incident in 2020.
- The Indian Air Force's C-17 and Ilyushin-76 transport aircraft brought in tanks and BMPs from deserts and plains in large numbers after that incident.
- The armoured strength in the area has been strengthened by the Army to an extent where they can tackle any misadventure by the adversary.



Review Questions

1. Indian Army Tanks, Combat Vehicles Carry Out Drills To Cross__.

- A. Ganga
- B. Jhelum
- C. Indus
- D. None

ANSWER: C

2. Current UGC Chairman Is

- A. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar
- B. Manish Singh
- C. Amitabh Kant
- D. None

ANSWER: A

3. The 1st Edition Of The Naval Cdrs' Conf, 2023 Commenced On

- A. INS Vikramaditya

- B. INS Vikrant
- C. INS Virat
- D. None

ANSWER: B

4. Which Of The following INS Participated In The Exercise/ Cutlass Express?

- A. INS Trikut
- B. INS Trikand
- C. INS Vela
- D. INS Vagir

ANSWER: B

5. Which Trg. Institute Will Get President Colour Award?

- A. INS Goa
- B. INS Drona
- C. INS Kartvya
- D. None

ANSWER: B

6. Which Edition Of Ex Dustlik Conducted At Pithoragargh?

- A. 4th
- B. 5th
- C. 6th
- D. 7th

ANSWER: A

7. India's First Open-Source Satellite 'InQube' Is Developed By

- A. Anish Gupta
- B. Dr. K. Sivan
- C. Onkar Batra
- D. None

ANSWER: C

8. Hindustan Lead-in Fighter Trainer (HLFT-42) Aircraft Will Be Manufactured By

- A. DRDO**
- B. ISRO**
- C. HAL**
- D. BEL**

ANSWER: C

9. "We Protect" Is The Motto Of

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

ANSWER: A

10. CAIR Stands For

- A. Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Robotics
- B. Centre for Artificial Intelligent & Robotics
- C. Centre for Artillery Intelligence & Robotics
- D. Centre form Artificial Intelligence & Robotics

ANSWER: A

11. KHARDUNG LA Is Located At

- A. Leh
- B. Shimla
- C. Dharmshala
- D. J&K

ANSWER: D

12. "No Spin" Book Written By

- A. Shane Warne
- B. William Taubman
- C. Jia Pingwa
- D. N N Vohra

ANSWER: A

13. Third-generation Anti-tank Missile Is _____?

- A. Prithvi
- B. Akash
- C. Trishul
- D. Nag

ANSWER: D

14. EX SKYWAVE 2022 Is A

- A. Bi-lateral Ex

- B. Domestic Ex
- C. Multinational Ex
- D. None

ANSWER: B

15. ARTRAC Stands For

- A. Army Trained Command
- B. Arm Training Command
- C. Army Training Command
- D. Army Training Commando

ANSWER: C

16. Vienna Is The National Capital And Largest City Of __.

- A. Austria
- B. Russia
- C. Spain
- D. Syria

ANSWER: A

17. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees HQ Is In

- A. Geneva
- B. Berlin
- C. New York
- D. Moscow

ANSWER: A

18. Consider the following:

1. Argentina, 2. Mexico, 3. South Africa, 4. Iran, 5. Malaysia

Which of the following are the members of the G-20 Groups:

- A. 1, 2 and 3 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1, 2, 3 and 4 only
- D. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

ANSWER: A

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

- A. Qatar
- B. Uzbekistan

- C. Kyrgyzstan
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

20. IAF Appoints Group Captain ____As First Female Commander Of A Combat Unit.

- A. Amrita Lokhande
- B. Shaliza Dhami
- C. Bhavna Kanth
- D. None

ANSWER: B

