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Defence Current Affairs

12 July 2023

India To Buy 26 More Rafale Jets, 3 Scorpene Submarines From France

- India is planning to buy **26 more Rafale fighter jets** and **three Scorpene class conventional submarines** from France. The proposals by the defence forces have been placed before the Defence Ministry and are likely to be announced during PM Modi's visit to France this week, the agency said citing sources.
- As per the proposals, the **Indian Navy will get 22 single-seated Rafale Marine aircraft** along with four trainer aircraft, the report said, adding that the Navy had been pressing for acquiring these aircraft and submarines as they have been facing shortages in view of the security challenges around the country.
- The deals are estimated to be worth over **Rs 90,000 crore** but the final cost would be clear only after the contract negotiations are completed which will be held after the deal is announced, the report said.
- India has already got the delivery of 36 Rafales, for which it signed the deal in 2016. In 2016, India and France signed a **Rs 59,000 crore** deal for 36 Rafale fighter jets, equipped with the latest missiles and weapon systems besides multiple India-specific modifications.



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Indonesia Warns Nuclear Weapons Put Southeast Asia A 'Miscalculation Away'

- Indonesia's top diplomat warned of the threat posed by nuclear weapons, saying that Southeast Asia is "one miscalculation away from apocalypse" and pressing for world powers to sign a treaty to keep the region free from such arms.
- Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi raised the alarm ahead of a two-day summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations starting later Tuesday in Jakarta.
- The agenda will spotlight Myanmar's deadly civil strife, continuing tensions in the South China Sea and efforts to fortify regional economies amid the global headwinds set off by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
- In 1995, ASEAN states signed a treaty that declared Southeast Asia's commitment to be a **nuclear weapon-free zone**, one of five in the world.



JIMEX 23 CONCLUDES

- The 7th edition of JIMEX 23 hosted by the Indian Navy concluded in the Bay of Bengal with the two sides bidding farewell to each other with a customary steampast.
- **INS Delhi, Kamorta and Shakti**, under the command of RAdm Gurcharan Singh, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet and JMSDF ship Samidare under the command of RAdm Nishiyama Takahiro, Commander Escort Flotilla One, participated in the six- day long exercise.



Rajnath Singh Inaugurates HAL's Regional Office in Kuala Lumpur

- Recognising defence exports as a key pillar of sustainable growth of the Indian defence industry, Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Regional Office of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on July 11, 2023.
- This Regional Office will facilitate close defence industrial collaboration between India and Malaysia. It will also serve as a hub for the HAL's engagement with the wider South-East Asian region and act as a window for other Indian Defense PSUs.
- Malaysia is home to the second largest members of the Persons of Indian Origin and has a significant presence of the NRI community. The Raksha Mantri interacted with the Indian diaspora on two different occasions.






L&T Signs Ship Repairing Agreement With US Navy

- Larsen and Toubro's Kattupalli Shipyard near Chennai has qualified for the Master Shipyard Repair Agreement (MSRA) and the Indian conglomerate has signed an agreement with US Navy for repairing of vessels.
- The shipyard has been approved by the Indian Navy and the Coast Guard for repairing works.
- The Kattupalli Shipyard near Chennai is a major node in the Southern Defence Corridor which has been undertaking voyage repairs of the US Navy's Military Sealift Command vessels, a release said.



IIT Kanpur develops AI-enabled 'Suicide Drones'

- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur, has developed an indigenous version of the Kamikaze drone (a type of suicide drone). The suicide drone can carry a warhead of up to 6 kg for up to 100 km.
- Speaking about the development of the drone, Subramaniam Sadrala, Assistant Professor in the Aerospace Department of IIT Kanpur, said that the drones are equipped with stalled technology which enables them to escape radar identification.
- The development of the drone has been going on since last year under DRDO's Young Scientist Laboratory (DYSL-CT) project, professor Sadrala added.
- In the next phase of development, the drones will undergo target destruction trials in the next six months.

 IIT Kanpur develops AI-enabled 'suicide drones', can destroy targets up to 100 km, can deliver a payload of up to 6 kg. These drones are also capable of neutralising enemy targets even in the absence of GPS. It is 2 meters long and has a foldable fixed-wing design. 1/2



Review Questions

1. Ex 'JIMEX' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: C

2. JIMEX 2023 Conducted In

- A. Bay of Bengal
- B. IOR
- C. Arabian Sea
- D. Andaman Sea

ANSWER: A

3. Rajnath Singh Inaugurates HAL's Regional Office In

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

ANSWER: C

4. L&T Signs Ship Repairing Agreement With___.

- A. US Navy
- B. ICG
- C. BSF
- D. NSG

ANSWER: A

5. VSHORADS Stands For

- A. Very Shortest- Range Air Defence System
- B. Very Short- Range Air Defence System
- C. Very Short- Range Air Defence Solar

D. None

ANSWER: B

6. VSHORADS Developed By

A. DRDO & ISRO

B. Israel Aerospace Industries

C. DRDO

D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

7. Ex 'BOLD KURUKSHETRA' Conducted b/w India &

A. Qatar

B. Oman

C. Singapore

D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

8. Which Edition Of Ex 'BOLD KURUKSHETRA' 2023 Was Conducted?

A. 10th

B. 11th

C. 12th

D. 13th

ANSWER: D

9. Ex 'BOLD KURUKSHETRA' 2023 Conducted At Where?

A. Jaipur

B. Jabalpur

C. Jodhpur

D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

10. According To SIPRI Report 2023, Which Country Is The Largest Exporter Of The World In Arms?

A. France

B. USA

C. Russia

D. China

ANSWER: B

11. Air Commodore Rank Of IAF Is Equivalent To The Which Rank Of Indian Army?

- A. Brigadier
- B. Captain
- C. Lt. Colonel
- D. Colonel

ANSWER: A

12. The 'Zorawar' Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Light Weighted Tank

ANSWER: D

13. P-8I Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Tank
- C. Attack Helicopter
- D. Long-range Patrol Aircraft

ANSWER: D

14. "A Week With Gandhi" Book Written By

- A. Louis Fisher
- B. Charles Darwin
- C. Mohan Rakesh
- D. Mark Twain

ANSWER: A

15. Ex Samudra Laksamana Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: C

16. "Badri Vishal Lal Ki Jai" Is The War Cry Of

- A. GARHWAL RIFLES
- B. MARATHA LIGHT INFANTRY REGIMENT

- C. THE GRENADIERS
- D. PUNJAB REGIMENT

ANSWER: A

17. ARTRAC Stands For

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

ANSWER: C

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

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

ANSWER: A

19. The Land Ports Authority Of India Works Under

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- C. Ministry of Ports Shipping and Waterways
- D. Ministry of Jal Shakti

ANSWER: A

20. Current Deputy Chief of Army Staff Is

- A. Lt. Gen D P Pandey
- B. Gen. Manoj Pandey
- C. Lt. Gen Tarun Kumar Aich
- D. None

ANSWER: C

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