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# Defence Current Affairs

## 15 July 2023

### India, France Seek To Build Balanced And Stable Order In Indo-Pacific

- India and France on Friday said that they believe in free, open, inclusive, secure and peaceful Indo-Pacific regions. The two nations noted that they seek to secure economic and security interests and build a balanced and stable order in the region.
- The two nations have released India-France Indo-Pacific Roadmap. The roadmap said that India and France are strategically located resident powers and key partners with vital stakes in the Indo-Pacific.
- The two nations announced that they will strengthen plurilateral arrangements with Australia and UAE and build new ones in the region.
- India and France announced that they will strengthen maritime security coordination through IFC-IOR in India, EMASoH in UAE and Atalanta, RCOC in Seychelles, RMIFC in Madagascar and ReCAAP in Singapore. France also supports India's willingness to join Combined Maritime Forces (CMF).



## US Sending F-16 Fighter Jets To Protect Ships From Iranian Seizures In Gulf Region

- The US is beefing up its use of fighter jets around the strategic Strait of Hormuz to protect ships from Iranian seizures, a senior defence official said Friday, adding that the U.S. is increasingly concerned about the growing ties between Iran, Russia and Syria across the Middle East.
- Speaking to Pentagon reporters, the official said the US will send F-16 fighter jets to the Gulf region this weekend to augment the A-10 attack aircraft that have been patrolling there for more than a week. The move comes after Iran tried to seize two oil tankers near the strait last week, opening fire on one of them.



## Safran & DRDO To Jointly Make Combat Aircraft Engine

- In a significant decision, India and France on Friday decided to extend their ground-breaking defence cooperation in advanced aeronautical technologies by supporting the joint development of a combat aircraft engine.
- They also decided to support industrial cooperation for motorization of heavy-lift helicopters under the Indian Multi Role Helicopter [IMRH] programme with Safran Helicopter Engine.
- The two leaders adopted '**Horizon 2047: 25th Anniversary of the India-France Strategic Partnership, Towards A Century of India-France Relations**'.
- India had been in an advanced stage of discussions with French firms for co-developing engines for fifth-generation fighter and IMRH being developed by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.



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## Indian Army signs contract for procurement of Tactical Access Switch with Tata Advanced Systems Limited

- Continuing with the commitment towards the 'Make in India' initiative the Indian Army on Friday signed the contract for procurement of Tactical Access Switch with Tata Advanced Systems Limited.
- The officials also mentioned that the compact, modular and ruggedized networking device would provide faster switching capability and thus strengthen the tactical communication capability of the Indian Army.
- 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.





## National Security Strategy Must Evolve In Line With Changes In Geo-political Order: CDS

- International geopolitics is in flux and the national strategy should aim to absorb the changes so that it meets the challenges and exploits the opportunities, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan said.
- Addressing the inauguration of the DRDO Directors' Conclave here in New Delhi, General Chauhan said that the need to perform, reform, transform, inform and conform to meet the emerging challenges.
- Referring to the "Technology Requirements emerging from Theaterisation", he said superiority in technology and tactics is the need of the hour and Indian Armed Forces are investing in new technologies to win engagements.



## Review Questions

**1. Current UN General Assembly President Is**

- A. Csaba Kőrösi
- B. Vuk Jeremić
- C. Sam Kutesa
- D. Abdulla Shahid

**ANSWER: A**

**2. Armoured Corps Centre & School (ACC&S) Is In**

- A. Chennai
- B. Pune
- C. Ahmednagar
- D. Nashik

**ANSWER: C**

**3. PADMA Stands For**

- A. Pay Roll Automation for Disbursement of Monthly Allowances
- B. Pay Roll Automation for Digital Monthly Allowances
- C. Pay Roll Automated for Disbursement of Monthly Allowances
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**4. India's One and Only Tri-Services Command Is**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Northern Army Command
- C. Andaman & Nicobar Command
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**5. INS Satpura Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Guided Missile Stealth Frigate

**ANSWER: D**

**6. Regimental Centre of GARHWAL RIFLES Is In**

- A. Happy Valley, Shillong, Meghalaya
- B. Ranikhet, Uttarakhand
- C. Lansdowne, Uttarakhand
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**7. “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**

**8. Lt Commander of Indian Navy Is Equivalent To The Which Rank Of Indian Army?**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**9. Peacetime Gallantry Award Is/Are**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**10. With reference to the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, which of the following statements is/are correct?**

1. India and Russia are the members of Shanghai Five.
2. The SCO's official languages are Chinese and English.
3. Recently, Iran became a member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

**Select the correct answer using the code given below:**

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 only
- C. 2 and 3 only



D. 3 only

**ANSWER: D**

**11. Multinational Ex Sea Dragon Hosted By**

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**12. Ex 'Nomadic Elephant' Conducted b/w India &**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**13. Chengdu J-20 Fighter Jet Is Belong To**

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: D**

**14. 'Bamako' Is The Capital Of**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**15. Ex 'KAZIND' & 'KHANJAR' Conducted b/w India &**

- A. Kazakhstan
- B. Kyrgyzstan
- C. Both a & b
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**16. War Cry Of Mechanised Infantry Regiment Is**

- A. Durga Mata K Jai
- B. Raja Ram Chandra K Jai
- C. Bolo Bharat Mata Ki Jai
- D. Bajrang Bali K Jai

**ANSWER: C**

**17. Operation Devi Shakti Was Conducted In**

- A. 2016
- B. 2017
- C. 2018
- D. 2021

**ANSWER: D**

**18. Always Alert Is The Motto Of**

- A. RAW
- B. IB
- C. DRDO
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: B**

**19. Only Five-star Rank Officer Of The IAF Is**

- A. K.M Karippa
- B. V R Chaudhary
- C. R K S Bhadauria
- D. Arjan Singh

**ANSWER: D**

**20. "Sarvatra Izzat-o-Iqbal" Is The Motto Of**

- A. Dogra Scouts
- B. Sikkim Scouts
- C. Regiment Of Artillery
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

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