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# Defence Current Affairs

## 22 July 2023

### Air Force Day Parade And Flypast To Be Held At Prayagraj

- The Indian Air Force will be celebrating its 91st anniversary on 08 October 2023. Keeping with the new tradition of hosting the Air Force Day celebrations in different parts of the country, this year's Air Force Day parade and Air Display will be held in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.
- The ceremonial parade would be conducted at **Air Force Station Bamrauli** and the Air Display would be conducted over the **Sangam area**, in the vicinity of the Ordnance Depot Fort in Prayagraj. The scenic surroundings would add to the appeal of the stream of aircraft flying-by in close formation.
- The Air Force Day Celebrations will actually commence more than a week before this with an Air Display near Bhojtal Lake at Bhopal Madhya Pradesh on 30 September 2023.
- The previous edition of the Air Force Day Parade was held at Chandigarh, with the flypast being conducted over the **Sukhna Lake** there.



Representation image : Courtesy IAF

## Admiral Lisa Franchetti As First Woman To Be Top Navy Officer In US history

- US President Joe Biden has selected Admiral Lisa Franchetti for the job of Navy's top officer, which confirmed would make her the first woman in the history of the US Navy to hold the position and also the first woman in the joint chiefs of staff.
- Franchetti, who is currently serving as the vice chief of naval operations, was commissioned in 1985 and has served as the commander of US Naval Forces Korea, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfighting Development, and director for Strategy, Plans, and Policy of the Joint Staff, according to her official biography.
- Notably, Franchetti marks another first for the Biden administration's Defence Department, which has now had the first Black secretary of defence, the first female Army secretary, Christine Wormuth, and upon Brown's confirmation would mark the first time the Pentagon's two most senior leaders are Black men, CNN reported.



## Russia, China Conduct Joint Sea And Air Exercises In Sea Of Japan

- Russian and Chinese service members have simulated repelling an aerial attack and other operations as part of the military exercise "North/Interaction-2023," the Russian Defence Ministry informed.

- The primary purpose of the drill is to strengthen naval cooperation between Russia and China, with the overall goal of maintaining peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region. More than 30 naval aviation aircraft, including anti-submarine aircraft, helicopters and fighter interceptors will be involved in drills.
- According to the ministry, the Russian Navy will be represented during the drills by several vessels from the Pacific Fleet, including the ASW destroyers Admiral Tributs and Admiral Panteleyev, and the corvettes Aldar Tsydenzhapov and Gremychy, as well as auxiliary ships. The Russian detachment will be led by Rear Admiral Valery Kazakov, commander of the Pacific Fleet's Primorsky Flotilla, TASS reported.



## **India-Sri Lanka Security Interests, Development Are Intertwined: PM Modi**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that Sri Lanka has a special place in India's neighbourhood first policy and the security interests and development of the two countries are intertwined.
- Sri Lanka President Ranil Wickremesinghe, the Prime Minister said they have agreed on the enhancement of air connectivity between the two countries.
- “Sri Lanka also has an important place in both India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy and 'SAGAR' vision. Today we shared our views on bilateral, regional and international issues. We believe that the security interests and development of India and Sri Lanka are intertwined,” PM Modi said.





## Indian Navy Has Undergone Transformational Change: Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta

- Vice Admiral Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief Biswajit Dasgupta highlighted the transformational changes that he has seen in the Indian Navy over the last four decades of his naval career .
- The Vice Admiral also expressed his deep appreciation for the unwavering support extended by the Andhra Pradesh State and Visakhapatnam District Administration in successfully organizing various events in 2022 including the Navy Day Op Demo, International Exercise MILAN 2022 and the President Fleet Review, as well as facilitating several Naval projects of importance.

- As part of the future roadmap, the Admiral announced that **MILAN 24**, scheduled for **February 2024**, would be a landmark event, in its magnitude and stature, for the Navy as well as the **City of Visakhapatnam**.



## Review Questions

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1. **IAF Will Be Celebrating Its 91<sup>st</sup> Anniversary In**  
A. Chennai  
B. Mumbai  
C. New Delhi  
D. Prayagraj

**ANSWER: D**

2. **Biden Chooses Admiral \_\_\_As First Woman To Be Top Navy Officer In US History.**  
A. Lisa Franchetti  
B. Ruena Jhon  
C. Lomisa Bendwick  
D. None

**ANSWER: A**

3. **Big Bang Boom Solutions Sets Up Naval Research and Development Center In**  
A. New Delhi

- B. Chennai
- C. Pune
- D. Noida

**ANSWER: B**

**4. Wartime Distinguished Service Medal Is**

- A. PVC
- B. MVC
- C. VSM
- D. YSM

**ANSWER: D**

**5. Colonel Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank Of Indian Navy Is**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**6. Tangail Airdrop Was Done At Which Year?**

- A. 1948
- B. 1962
- C. 1965
- D. 1971

**ANSWER: D**

**7. 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**

**8. Kamov Ka-31 Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle
- C. Helicopter
- D. Submachine gun

**ANSWER: C**

**9. High Altitude Warfare School Is At**

- A. Wellington
- B. Gulmarg
- C. Shimla
- D. Dehradun

**ANSWER: B**

**10. Southwestern Air Command Of IAF Is In**

- A. Prayagraj
- B. Gandhinagar
- C. Shillong
- D. New Delhi

**ANSWER: B**

**11. Sankalp-class OPV Designed And Built By**

- A. Goa Shipyard Limited
- B. GRSE
- C. MDL
- D. CSL

**ANSWER: A**

**12. Pratap Chandra Lal Was A Former Chief Of**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**13. Selection Centre South (SCS) Is In**

- A. Mumbai
- B. Kochi
- C. Chennai
- D. Bangalore

**ANSWER: D**

**14. "Jai Mahakali Ayo Gorkhali" Is The War Cry Of**

- A. BIHAR REGIMENT



- B. MAHAR REGIMENT
- C. NAGA REGIMENT
- D. GORKHA REGIMENTS

**ANSWER: D**

**15. HAL's 'TEDBF' Stands For**

- A. The Engine Deck Based Fighter
- B. Twin Engine Dock Based Fighter
- C. Twin Engine Deck Busy Fighter
- D. Twin Engine Deck Based Fighter

**ANSWER: D**

**16. Which Among The Following Has The World's Largest Reserves Of Uranium?**

- A. Australia
- B. Canada
- C. Russian Federation
- D. USA

**ANSWER: B**

**17. The UNGA At Its 75<sup>th</sup> Session in March \_\_\_ Declared 2023 The International Year of Millets.**

- A. 2020
- B. 2021
- C. 2022
- D. 2023

**ANSWER: B**

**18. Patriot Air Defence Systems Manufactured By**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**19. National Security Council, Secretariat Is In**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Pune
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**20. Ex 'DESERT EAGLE' Conducted b/w India &**

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

**ANSWER: C**



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