

Defence Current Affairs

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Poland Plans to Deploy 10,000 Troops To Its Border With Belarus

- Poland's defense minister said that the country intends to put 10,000 soldiers along its border with Belarus. The statement comes as Warsaw worries about the presence of Russian-linked mercenaries in Belarus and migrants trying to cross the border.
- The Polish military announced that it was carrying out a search in the area near the border with Belarus for fuse lost from a missile, but said it poses no threat because “the detonator has built-in protections.” It said the fuse was lost during “intensive activities using specialized equipment to ensure security.”
- Poland is also worried about the presence of **Wagner group** fighters who deployed to Belarus after a short-lived mutiny in Russia in June. Anxieties were further heightened last week when two Belarusian military helicopters briefly entered Polish air space, something Warsaw viewed as a deliberate provocation.



G20 Summit: Security Strengthened As Delhi Police Acquires Russian Dragunov Sniper Rifles

- In preparation for the upcoming G20 Summit, the Delhi Police is acquiring **Russian Dragunov sniper rifles**, a move aimed at boosting security measures. Skilled marksmen armed with these rifles will be strategically positioned atop high-end hotels in central Delhi, Aerocity, and other crucial spots across the city.
- A basic Dragunov SVD rifle comes at a price of Rs 2-3 lakh, with costs potentially reaching Rs 5 lakh depending on preferred accessories. For the limited duration of the G20 Summit, Delhi Police anticipates the need for 70-100 rifles.
- Police Headquarters reveal that approximately **250 trained marksmen** are ready for G20 duty. These professionals will work in shifts of eight hours each, and a pool of over two dozen marksmen will be on standby.

ON THE MARK

Delhi Police is procuring Dragunov SVD sniper rifles for upcoming G20 summit

SPECIFICATIONS

Caliber	Ammunition	➤ Magazine rounds
7.62mm	7.62x54mm	

Empty weight (with optics)
4.3 kg

Is a reliable gas-operated rifle with a short-stroke gas-piston system with a two position gas regulator

SVD Dragunov can fire at a range of around 800m, effective on field range about 500 metres

The barrel has a relatively thin profile chrome lined barrel to save weight

EASE OF USE

- The rifle is easy to use, maintain and repair, despite the long barrel and fire
- Marksmen can adjust and equip the sniper rifle with various sighting systems (both day/night) depending on the tasks and combat environment.

- Claimed accuracy is three shots within a 1'-1 1/2' circle at 100 yards. In practice, accuracy was more on the order of 2'-3' 3 shot groups at 100 yards.
- Being a semi-automatic sniper rifles, it allows for quick follow-up shots

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- The election of fired cases can give away the sniper position
- Is not considered the best for striking targets beyond 500-700 metres



BHEL JV Among 3 Bidders For Army's Guns Contract

- According to officials aware of the development, Larsen & Toubro and Advanced Weapons & Equipment India Ltd (AWEIL) of Kanpur are the other participants in bidding for developing and supplying this weapon.
- A partnership of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) with Italy's Leonardo S.p.A (formerly Finmeccanica) is among three bidders for the supply of air defence guns to the Indian Army.
- According to officials aware of the development, Larsen & Toubro and Advanced Weapons & Equipment India Ltd (AWEIL) of Kanpur are the other participants in bidding for developing and supplying this weapon. AWEIL is among the seven new defence public sector undertakings formed by converting the Ordnance Factories. "The bidders need to prepare a prototype of the weapon and then get it approved before the award of contract".



On Target
Tender is for supply of 220 air defence guns, 1.42 lakh rounds of ammunition

<p>Total tender value estimated at ₹6,500 cr</p>	<p>Bidders to prepare prototype of weapon & get it approved, before the award of contract</p>
<p>Air defence guns to be deployed across terrain</p>	<p>Bidder to offer service and spares availability for 25 years</p>

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Indian Navy Chief, German Air Force Chief Discuss Avenues Of Collaboration To Bolster Defence Cop.

- Indian Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar, on Thursday, met German Air Force Chief Lieutenant General Ingo Gerhartz and discussed new avenues of collaboration towards bolstering defence cooperation.
- On the social media account X, formerly known as Twitter, Indian Navy said that both of them reaffirmed their commitment to Indo Pacific region.

- German Air Force chief Lieutenant General Ingo Gerhartz called on the Indian Air Force chief Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari in Delhi and the two discussed the ways to further strengthen cooperation between the two Air Forces.
- Germany is India's biggest trading partner in Europe, its 5th biggest trading partner in the world, the eighth largest source of FDI and the second most important partner in terms of technological collaborations, according to the Ministry of External Affairs.



Indian Ships To Participate In Malabar Naval Exercise In Australia

- India's navy warships INS Sahyadri and INS Kolkata will participate in Exercise MALABAR 2023, which is being hosted by the Royal Australian Navy from August 11 to 21.
- Other than India, US Navy (USN), Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF) and the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) are also participating in the exercise, according to the statement released by the Ministry of Defence.

- The 2020 edition witnessed the maiden participation of the Royal Australian Navy (RAN). This year marks the 27th edition of MALABAR which is being hosted by the Royal Australian Navy (RAN).



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EXAMS

Review Questions

1. The Theme of India's G20 Presidency Is

- A. 21st Century
- B. Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam
- C. Make In India
- D. Save Earth

ANSWER: B

2. ___ Bags Order From Europe To Build Commissioning Service Operation Vessels for Offshore Wind Farms.

- A. HSL
- B. CSL
- C. MDL
- D. GRSE

ANSWER: B

3. Gurupurab Marks The Birth Anniversary Of The First Of The Ten Sikh Gurus_____.

- A. Guru Angad Singh
- B. Guru Tegbahadur Singh
- C. Guru Nanak Dev
- D. None

ANSWER: C

4. __Presented The National Florence Nightingale Awards For The Year 2021 To Nursing Professionals.

- A. PM
- B. President
- C. NSA
- D. Delhi LG

ANSWER: B

5. World Radiography Day Observed On

- A. 8 Nov
- B. 9 Nov
- C. 10 Nov
- D. 11 Nov

ANSWER: A

6. Indian Military Academy Situated At

- A. Ezhimala, Kerala
- B. Dundigal, Telangana
- C. Khadakwasla, Maharashtra
- D. Dehradun, UK

ANSWER: D

7. Garuda Shakti Ex Held B/w India &

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. USA
- C. Indonesia
- D. Nepal

ANSWER: C

8. Warsaw Is The Capital Of

- A. Poland**

- B. Ukraine**
- C. Germany**
- D. Oman**

ANSWER: A

9. War Cry of MECHANISED INFANTRY REGIMENT Is

- A. Bol Bajrang Bali Ki jai
- B. Raja Ramachandra ki jai
- C. Bolo Bharat Mata ki jai
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

10. __Has Been Awarded An Export Order For A 155mm Artillery Gun Platform.

- A. BEL
- B. Kalyani Strategic Systems Limited
- C. TATA
- D. DRDO

ANSWER: B

11. National Legal Service Day Is Observed Every Year On

- A. 09 Nov
- B. 10 Nov
- C. 11 Nov
- D. 12 Nov

ANSWER: A

12. INS Valsura Located At

- A. Jamnagar, Gujrat
- B. Mumbai, M.H
- C. Kochi, Kerala
- D. A & NC

ANSWER: A

13. Exercise Maitree Conducted B/w India &

- A. Thailand
- B. Nepal
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Bhutan

ANSWER: A

14. Infantry School Of Indian Army Is At

- A. Mhow
- B. Bhopal
- C. Gwalior
- D. Jammu

ANSWER: A

15. Officers Training Academy Is At

- A. Chennai
- B. Bhopal
- C. Gaya
- D. Both A & C

ANSWER: D

16. Northern Army Command Headquarters Is in

- A. Jaipur
- B. Udhampur
- C. Pune
- D. Lucknow

ANSWER: B

17. DF-41 ICBM Is A Missile Of

- A. India
- B. Russia
- C. China
- D. North Korea

ANSWER: C

18. The IAI Heron UAV Developed By

- A. USA
- B. South Korea
- C. Israel
- D. China

ANSWER: C

19. Which Is Not The Commissioned Ranks In The Army Service?

- A. Brigadier

- B. Colonel
- C. General
- D. Commander

ANSWER: D

20. The Motto of The Indian National Army (INA) Was

- A. Unity and Discipline
- B. Unity, Faith, Sacrifice
- C. Do or Die
- D. Service before self

ANSWER: B

