

# Defence Current Affairs

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### India's First Long-range Revolver "Prabal"

- India's debut long-range revolver, "**Prabal**," is poised for launch on August 18. The revolver is manufactured by the state-owned enterprise Advanced Weapons and Equipment India based in Kanpur. Distinguished by **its .32 bore**, the Prabal revolver boasts an impressive firing range of up to 50 meters, more than twice the reach of other revolvers in India.
- A noteworthy feature of Prabal is its side swing cylinder, marking a significant advancement in revolver design. AWEIL Director AK Maurya emphasized its key attributes, stating, "The Prabal revolver is light in weight and equipped with a side swing cylinder."
- The prevailing market revolvers have a limited range of only up to 20 meters. In contrast, Prabal excels with a range of 50 meters.
- Weighing merely 700 grams (excluding cartridges), it boasts a barrel length of 76 mm and an overall length of 177.6 mm. Its user-friendly trigger pull enhances its appeal.



## India-China Agree To Resolve Remaining Issues

- In a rare two-day military talks, India and China agreed to resolve the remaining issues along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh in an "expeditious manner" besides maintaining peace and tranquillity in the border areas, a joint statement, a day after conclusion of the dialogue.
- The readout on the 19<sup>th</sup> round of India-China Corps Commander-level meeting did not indicate any immediate breakthrough in disengagement of troops in remaining friction points in eastern Ladakh.
- It was for the first time, the high-level military talks on the lingering border row spanned two days, people familiar with the matter said, adding the duration of the discussions totalled around 17 hours over the two days.
- In the **18<sup>th</sup> round of the military dialogue** that was held on April 23, the Indian side had pitched for resolving the lingering issues at Depsang and Demchok at the earliest.



## Russia: Sergei Shoigu, Denis Manturov Interact With Brahmos Aerospace Officials

- **Russian Deputy PM Denis Manturov and Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu** interacted with BrahMos Aerospace officials about the developments in BrahMos missile during the Army 2023 defence exhibition.

- India's Ambassador to Russia Pavan Kapoor inaugurated the India Pavilion at the International Military Technical Forum.
- The Army 2023 international military-technical forum is being held at the Patriot Congress and Exhibition Center, the Alabino training ground and the Kubinka airfield outside Moscow from August 14-20, TASS reported.



## US Announces USD 200 Million Security Aid For Ukraine

- The United States government on Monday announced security assistance of USD 200 million for Ukraine which continues to defend its territory and protect its people.
- US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in a US State Department statement that the package, which is valued at **USD 200 million**, includes air defence munitions, artillery rounds, anti- armour capabilities, and additional mine-clearing equipment.
- The package will give Kyiv a total of **12 NASAMS**. The US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin said last November that the NASAMS had a 100 percent success rate in intercepting Russian attacks, CNN reported.



## India Has Gained New Strategic Strength; Borders More Secure Than Ever: Prime Minister

- “India has gained a new strategic strength in recent years and today our borders are more secure than ever,” said PM Narendra Modi during his address to the nation from the ramparts of historic Red Fort, Delhi on the **77<sup>th</sup> Independence Day** on August 15, 2023.
- The PM also referred to the One Rank One Pension scheme, a long-pending demand of defence pensioners, which was implemented by the Government as soon as it came to power.
- “OROP was a matter of respect for the soldiers of our country. We implemented it when we came to power. Rs 70,000 crore reached the ex-servicemen and their families today,” he added.



## Review Questions

**1. Which Aircraft of Indian Navy Is Participating in Malabar 2023 Exercise?**

- A. Mig 29 K
- B. P-8I
- C. Su-30 MKI
- D. Jaguar

**ANSWER: B**

**2. \_\_\_ Became First India's Space Sector Start-up To Successfully Launch The Vikram-s Rocket.**

- A. Skyroot Aerospace
- B. Sagar Defence
- C. DRDO
- D. TATA

**ANSWER: A**

**3. Assam Rifles Guards The \_\_\_\_\_ Border.**

- A. Indo-Myanmar
- B. Indo-Sino
- C. Indo-Pak
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**4. Ex BLUE FLAG Conducted B/W India &**

- A. Iran
- B. Iraq
- C. Israel
- D. Indonesia

**ANSWER: C**

**5. Military College of Telecommunication Engineering Is At**

- A. Gopalpur
- B. Mhow
- C. Pune
- D. Haridwar

**ANSWER: B**

**6. Joint Exercises B/w The India, Brazil and South Africa Is Called:**

- A. IBSAMAR
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

**ANSWER: A**

**7. RATS Stands For**

- A. Regional Anti-Terrorist Student
- B. Regional Anti-Terror Structure
- C. Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure
- D. Regional Anti-Tourist Structure

**ANSWER: C**

**8. Abdali-I SRBM Is Belong To**

- A. North Korea
- B. Pakistan
- C. Somalia
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: B**

**9. MARCOS Motto Is**

- A. The Few, The Fearless
- B. Always Brave
- C. Veerta
- D. Lethal

**ANSWER: A**

**10. INS Sumedha Is Manufactured By**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**11. Santiago Is The Capital Of**

- A. Chad
- B. Chile
- C. China
- D. Cuba

**ANSWER: B**

**12. "Savarkar: Echoes From A Forgotten Past, 1883-1924" Book Is Written By**

- A. Vikram Sampath
- B. Peter Baker
- C. Satyarth Nayak
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

**ANSWER: A**

**13. Hq of Northern Command of Indian Army Is In**

- A. Jaipur
- B. Srinagar
- C. Udhampur
- D. Jabalpur

**ANSWER: C**

**14. 'Swathi' Is A**

- A. Tank
- B. Military Aircraft
- C. Weapon Locating Radar
- D. None

**ANSWER: C**

**15. \_\_\_ Separates Pakistan & Afghanistan.**

- A. McMahan Line
- B. Hindenburg Line
- C. Radcliffe Line
- D. Durand Line

**ANSWER: D**

**16. Which Of The Following Is A Land-locked Harbour?**

- A. Haldia
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Ennore



D. Mumbai

**ANSWER: B**

**17. ATAGS Is A \_\_\_ mm/52-caliber Howitzer.**

A. 120

B. 122

C. 150

D. 155

**ANSWER: D**

**18. In 2015 Indian Army Carried Its First Surgical Strike In**

A. Myanmar

B. Pakistan

C. China

D. Nepal

**ANSWER: A**

**19. \_\_\_ Became The First Woman Combat Aviator In The Army Aviation Corps.**

A. Flying Lt Tejaswi Rao

B. Flying Lt Bhawana Kantha

C. Flying Lt Avani Chaturvedi

D. Captain Abhilasha Barak

**ANSWER: D**

**20. Which Of the Following Is Called The 5-star General Rank Of The Indian Army?**

A. General

B. DGMO

C. VCOAS

D. Field Marshal

**ANSWER: D**