

Defence Current Affairs

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Boeing Begins Production of Apache Helicopters For Indian Army

- Defence major Boeing has said it has started the production of Apache Helicopters for the Indian Army at its state-of-art facility in the US (Mesa, Arizona).
- The Indian Army's AH-64E Apache helicopters, renowned for their advanced technology and exceptional performance, are poised to enhance operational readiness and fortify defence capabilities.
- The production process builds upon an ongoing collaboration with Tata Boeing Aerospace Limited (TBAL), which plays a pivotal role in the manufacturing of AH-64E fuselages at its cutting-edge facility in Hyderabad, India.
- The company's accomplishments encompass the successful delivery of 22 AH-64E Apaches to the Indian Air Force in 2020.
- Boeing entered into a contract to produce six additional AH-64Es for the Indian Army, with deliveries anticipated in 2024.



IAF To Host Mega Multilateral Air Exercise Next Year

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) will host a mega multilateral military exercise next year that was originally planned for October.
- The exercise, '**Tarang Shakti**', is likely to be held in the middle of 2024 as a number of participating air forces conveyed to the IAF that they will not be able to join the wargame if it is held this year, sources in the defence and military establishment.
- The exercise is expected to witness participation of around 12 air forces and the focus of the wargame will be to improve military cooperation and enhance interoperability, they said.
- It is learnt that air forces of France, the UK, Australia, the US and Japan would participate in the exercise.
- Six countries will participate in the Tarang Shakti with their aerial assets like fighter jets, military transport aircraft and mid-air refuellers while six other nations were invited as observers, the sources said.



Sri Lanka Gets Substitute Surveillance Aircraft From India

- India handed over to Sri Lanka a substitute for a Dornier-228 maritime surveillance aircraft, reaffirming its security ties with Colombo and bolstering the island nation's surveillance capabilities. The originally gifted Dornier-228

maritime surveillance aircraft is currently undergoing yearly maintenance in India.

- President Ranil Wickremesinghe's office said that the aircraft was handed over to Sri Lanka by India at a ceremony held at the Sri Lanka Air Force Base in Katunayake.
- "In response to Sri Lanka's request, the Indian government took proactive measures during these deliberations. They decided to provide a Donier-228 maritime surveillance aircraft, which was part of the Indian Navy's fleet, to Sri Lanka free of cost for a span of two years," it added.



Latest Round of Border Talks With India Held In 'Candid And Pragmatic Atmosphere': China

- China said the latest round of the border talks with India was held in a "candid and pragmatic atmosphere" and the two sides had a "positive, constructive and in-depth discussion" on the resolution of the remaining issues along the Line of Actual Control in the Western Sector.
- The 19th round of China-India Corps Commander Level Meeting was held at Chushul- Moldo border meeting point on the Indian side from August 13 to 14.
- "China commends the progress made through the meeting. In a candid and pragmatic atmosphere, the two sides had a positive, constructive and in-depth discussion on the resolution of the remaining issues along the LAC in the Western Sector," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said.



Government Clears Rs 20,000 Cr Deal To Build Five Warships For Indian Navy

- The government has cleared a Rs 20,000 crore deal to manufacture fleet support vessels (FSVs) which are urgently required by the Indian Navy.
- Vizag-based Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) will manufacture five of the 45,000-tonne warships, the largest ship of its class being built at the defence ministry-owned yard.
- The ships are needed to support warships on long range patrol and can carry a variety of equipment, such as fuel, ammunition and food supplies. They will be able to support ships of all classes, including the two Indian aircraft carriers.
- The navy has a variety of new ships that are being planned, including next generation missile vessels and counter mine vessels. Three additional Scorpene class submarines are also expected to be ordered shortly.
- The order will come as a boost for HSL, which has been struggling with getting orders from the government. The yard has delivered a missile tracking vessel and has carried out refit and upgrades of Kilo class submarines.



Review Questions

1. AH-64E Apache Helicopters Manufactured By

- A. Boeing
- B. HAL
- C. Safran
- D. None

ANSWER: A

2. The Exercise, 'Tarang Shakti', Will Be Conduct By

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

ANSWER: A

3. ADMM Plus Stands For

- A. ASEAN-Defence Ministers Meeting
- B. ASEAN-Defence Ministers Mega Meeting
- C. ASEAN-Defence Ministers Meeta

D. None

ANSWER: A

4. MRO Stands For

A. Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul

B. Maintenance, Repair and Overtake

C. Maintenance, Repair and Over

D. None

ANSWER: A

5. Ex 'SIAM BHARAT' Conducted b/w India &

A. Qatar

B. Oman

C. Thailand

D. Russia

ANSWER: C

6. COP Stands For

A. Creator of Parties

B. Conference of Parties

C. Conference of Programme

D. None

ANSWER: B

7. Akash Prime Is A

A. Rocket

B. Air Defence Missile System

C. Sniper Rifle

D. Tank

ANSWER: B

8. NAVIC Stands For

A. India Regional Navigation Satellite System

B. Indian Regional Navigator Satellite System

C. Indian Regional Navigation Satellite Source

D. Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System

ANSWER: D

9. Major Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of The Indian Navy?

- A. Captain
- B. Inspector
- C. Lt Commander
- D. Vice-admiral

ANSWER: C

10. Warsaw Is The Capital Of

- A. Oman
- B. Germany
- C. Ukraine
- D. Poland

ANSWER: D

11. "Indian Fiscal Federalism" Book Written By

- A. Dr. Bibek Debroy
- B. Dr. Krishna Saksena
- C. Dr. Y.V. Reddy
- D. Jairam Ramesh

ANSWER: C

12. Tangail Airdrop Was Done At Which War

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

ANSWER: D

13. 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

14. Which State Of India Has The Longest Coastline?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Andhra Pradesh

- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Kerala

ANSWER: A

15. INS Khukri Is A Type Of

- A. Frigate
- B. Submarine
- C. Destroyer
- D. Missile Corvette

ANSWER: D

16. 'Ex Zapad' Conducted B/W India &

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

ANSWER: B

17. All Ports In India Are Situated In The _ Coastal States Of India.

- A. 9
- B. 8
- C. 7
- D. 6

ANSWER: A

18. North-West Region Center Of ICG Is In

- A. Gandhinagar
- B. Port Blair
- C. Kolkata
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: A

19. AAI Stands For

- A. Airport Author of India
- B. Air Authority of India
- C. Airport Authority of India
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

20. MIM-104 Patriot Is A

- A. Air to Air missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Anti-tank Guided missile
- D. Air Defence System

ANSWER: D

