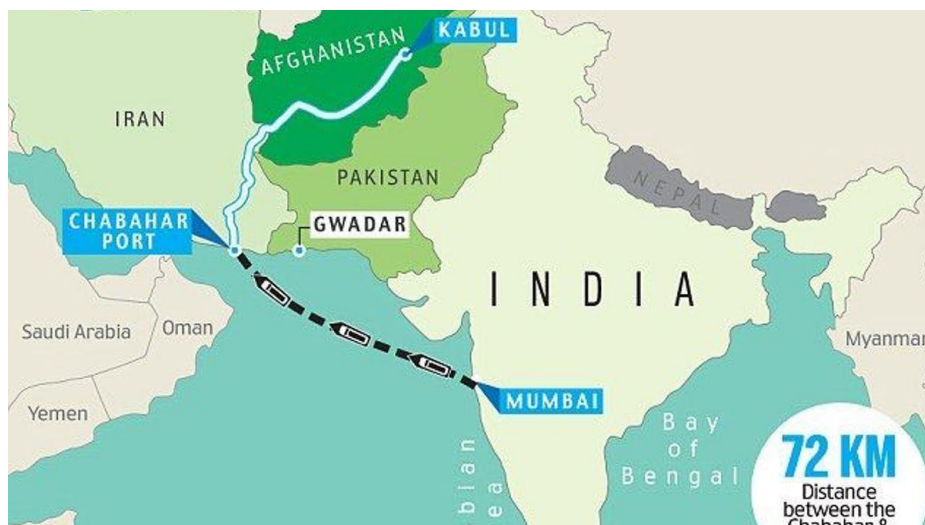


Defence Current Affairs

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INS Trikand Docks In Iran As Part Of Indian Navy's Operational Deployment

- Indian Naval Ship INS Trikand received a warm welcome upon its arrival at **Bandar Abbas**, the port city of Iran on Sunday.
- The Indian Naval Ship is on a visit to Iran as part of the Indian Navy's operational deployment towards cooperative maritime engagement with regional countries, said the Indian Navy spokesperson.
- India-Iran relations span millennia marked by meaningful interactions. India and Iran established diplomatic links on **March 15, 1950**. In addition to the Embassy in Tehran, India has two Consulates in Iran, one in Bandar Abbas and other in Zahedan, according to the **Ministry of External Affairs**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said that he spoke with Iranian President Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi and discussed the realisation of the full potential of the **Chabahar port**.



The Netherlands and Denmark Will Give F-16 fighter jets to Ukraine

- Dutch PM Mark Rutte told Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy that the Netherlands and Denmark will give F-16 warplanes to Ukraine.
- Rutte, meeting with Zelenskyy at a Dutch air base, said the planes would be delivered once unspecified conditions are met.
- The offer came two days after the Netherlands and Denmark said the U.S. had authorized the countries to deliver American-made F-16s to Ukraine.
- Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy arrived in the Netherlands on Sunday, two days after the country said the United States gave its approval.
- The U.S. approval Friday for the Netherlands and Denmark to deliver American-made F-16s to Ukraine was seen as a major boost for Kyiv, even though the fighter jets won't have an impact any time soon on the almost 18-month war.



Day 3: India, China Discuss Patrolling & De-escalation

- India and China have been discussing de-escalation of border flashpoints, depth and scope of patrolling in disputed regions and other confidence building measures in Eastern Ladakh border talks that have been on for a record three days and could continue.
- Sources said that talks at the Major General level are taking place in a positive and constructive manner to make progress in easing border tensions.

- The two sides have held 19 rounds of talks so far to address the boundary issues in Eastern Ladakh since 2020 post-Chinese aggression there.
- As part of the follow-up on discussions at Corps Commander level talks, the Indian Army and their Chinese counterparts are holding the Maj Gen-level talks.
- The Indian side is being represented by Trishul Division Commander Maj Gen PK Mishra and Uniform Force Commander Maj Gen Hariharan at two different locations.
- The talks are based on the outcome of the 19th round of Corps Commander-level talks held between the two sides on August 13,14 at the Chushul Moldo border meeting point.



WHY LAC OFTEN FLARES UP

23 "disputed and sensitive" areas along the unresolved 3,488-km-long LAC witness aggressive patrolling & face-offs between troops from the two sides

FLASHPOINTS INCLUDE:



INS Vagir On An Extended Range Deployment To Fremantle, Australia

- Indian Navy submarine, is on an extended-range deployment. The deployment commenced in Jun 2023 and Vagir will reach Fremantle, Australia on 20 Aug 23. The submarine, which is the **Indian Navy's fifth Kalvari class submarine**, was commissioned into the Indian Navy in Jan 2023 and is based in Mumbai.
- During her stay in Australia, INS Vagir will participate in various exercises with Royal Australian Navy units on the West Coast of Australia. Concurrently, on the East coast of Australia, Indian Naval ships and aircraft are involved in **Exercise MALABAR 23** from 11-21 Aug 23 and AUSINDEX 23 from 22-24 Aug 23.
- During the ongoing deployment, basic, intermediate and advanced-level Anti-Submarine exercises are scheduled. In addition, the RAN submarine and Indian Naval P8i aircraft are scheduled to exercise with INS Vagir. This deployment will further augment the cooperation and synergy between IN and RAN.



DRDO Drone Crashes During Trial In Karnataka's Chitradurga

- A Tapas unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) crashed in agriculture fields near a village in Karnataka's Chitradurga on Sunday morning, officials said.
- "A Tapas drone being developed by the DRDO crashed during a trial flight in a village of Chitradurga district, Karnataka," Defence officials said.

- "DRDO is briefing the Defence Ministry about the mishap and an inquiry is being carried out into the specific reasons behind the crash," they said.
- Tactical Airborne Platform for Aerial Surveillance-Beyond Horizon-201 or Tapas BH-201 is a long-endurance unmanned aerial vehicle that used to be previously referred to as Rustom-II.



Review Questions

1. Which Submarine of Indian Navy Is Taking Particpate In Malabar Exercise 2023?

- A. INS Vagsheer
- B. INS Vagir
- C. INS Sindhu
- D. INS Arihant

ANSWER: B

2. Tapas BH-201 Is A Long-endurance UAV Previously Referred To As

- A. Nishank
- B. Rustom-II
- C. Prahari
- D. None

ANSWER: B

3. Chabahar Port Is In

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

ANSWER: D

4. The Netherlands & Denmark Will Give F-16 Fighter Jets To

- A. Australia
- B. Ukraine
- C. UAE
- D. Iran

ANSWER: B

5. India Joined The ____ Member Of The Wassenaar Arrangement.

- A. 35th
- B. 40th
- C. 42nd
- D. 48th

ANSWER: C

6. One Earth, One Family, One Future Is The Theme Of

- A. MTCR
- B. NSG
- C. G-20
- D. SAARC

ANSWER: C

7. ALH MK-III Helicopter Manufactured By

- A. DRDO
- B. Israel Aerospace Industries
- C. Boeing
- D. HAL

ANSWER: D

8. BrahMos-NG a 290km Air-launched Missile Has A Speed Of

- A.** Mach 3.5
- B.** Mach 4.5
- C.** Mach 5.5

D. Mach 6.5

ANSWER: A

9. The INS Arighat Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. Submarine
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: C

10. Kempegowda International Airport Is In

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

ANSWER: D

11. Which Of The Following Is The Training Command Of The Indian Navy?

- A. ENC
- B. WNC
- C. SNC
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

12. Heron TP Is A

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

ANSWER: D

13. Which Of The Following Boundary Lines Is A Subject Of Dispute B/W India And Pakistan?

- A. 17th Parallel
- B. 24th Parallel
- C. 30th Parallel
- D. 26th Parallel

ANSWER: B

14. "The Nationalist" Book Is Written By

- A. Minhaz Merchant
- B. Sujata Massey
- C. Tim Harford
- D. Shimon Peres

ANSWER: A

15. 'No First Use Policy of Nuclear' Is Related To Which Nation Policy?

- A. USA
- B. India
- C. UK
- D. Pakistan

ANSWER: B

16. Which of the following is DRDO Technology Demonstration Vessel?

- A. INS Delhi
- B. INS Virat
- C. INS Vagir
- D. INS Anvesh

ANSWER: D

17. Ex 'SPITTING COBRA' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: A

18. Hq Of Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL) Is In

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

ANSWER: A

19. First Largest Defence Equipment Manufacturer In India Is

- A. BDL
- B. HAL
- C. BEL

D. AMPL

ANSWER: B

20. Major General Rank of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank Of IAF Is

A. Commander

B. Squadron Leader

C. Group Captain

D. Air Vice Marshal

ANSWER: D