

# Defence Current Affairs

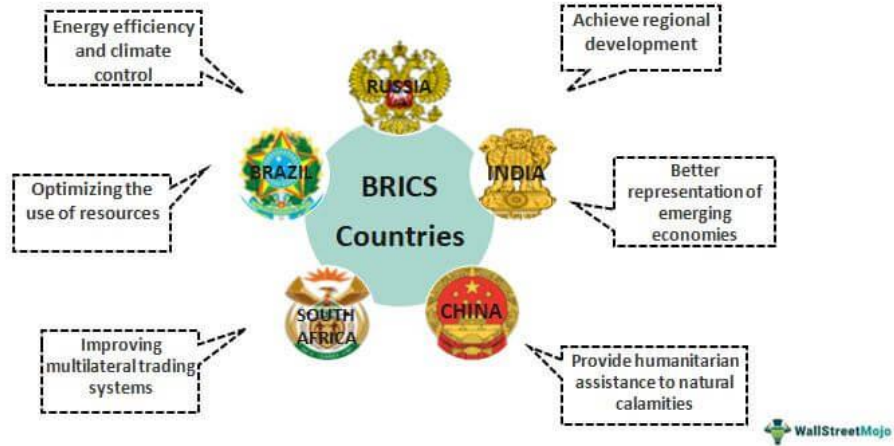
## 25 August 2023

### PM Modi raises India's concerns on LAC standoff with Xi Jinping

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi conveyed to Chinese President Xi Jinping India's concerns on the "unresolved" issues along Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh during a conversation on the sidelines of the BRICS summit, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra said.
- The prime minister underlined that maintenance of peace and tranquillity in border areas and observing and respecting the LAC are essential for normalisation of India-China relations, he said at a media briefing.
- Kwatra said Modi had conversations with BRICS leaders on the sidelines of the summit of the grouping in Johannesburg.
- The ties between India and China came under severe strain following the eastern Ladakh border standoff that began in May, 2020.



## Objectives of BRICS



### ECONOMY

## BRICS admits six new members

Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the UAE are set to join the core group of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. These 11 countries have a combined population of 3.7 billion.



The expansion of the group is part of its plan to build dominance and reshape global governance into "multipolar" world order that puts voices of the Global South at the centre of the world agenda.



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## India, Japan hold Deputy NSA Strategic Dialogue, Discuss Defence, Economic Security

- India and Japan held the second Deputy NSA Strategic Dialogue on Thursday and discussed enhancing cooperation in defence and economic security.
- The meeting was co-chaired by India's Deputy National Security Advisor (NSA) Vikram Misri and Japan's Deputy Secretary General Keiichi Ichikawa.
- In the meeting, representatives of both countries embraced enhancing cooperation in defence, economic security and critical & emerging technology and exchanged views on regional and global developments.
- Earlier on August 23, Vikram Misri, Deputy National Security Adviser visited South Korea from August 22 to 23 for the fourth India-RoK Deputy NSA level Strategic Dialogue.
- Deputy NSA Misri met the first Deputy Director of National Security, Kim Tae-hyo. They discussed enhancing cooperation in a wide range of bilateral areas including defence industry and technology, economic security and supply chain resilience, enhancing Korean investments in India, and science and technology issues.



## Internal Security, Terrorism, Cyber Security Discussed At High-level Meet Chaired By Amit Shah

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah emphasised upon the crucial role of district level police officers in managing internal security. Shah was chairing twoday National Security Strategies Conference-2023 with a theme of ensuring a safe and secure nation by strengthening all aspects of national security mechanism.
- A total of more than 750 participants, including officers working in the field and subject experts, joined the conference from across the country, in a combination of physical and virtual modes.
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## Air Force Set To Order 100 More Indigenous LCA Mk1A Fighter Jets

- In a major show of confidence for the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), the air force is set to order an additional 100 of the Mk 1A variant of the fighter jet, with the order value likely to be around \$8 billion.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) has already placed an order for 83 LCA Mk1A fighter jets, the first of which is to be delivered by early next year.
- The officials further added that the proposals for the projects have been submitted to the Defence Ministry and clearance for the order is expected in the near future.

- As many as 300 Tejas Mark-1A fighter jets are going to be inducted into the Indian Air Force in the next few years.



## Russia thwarts Ukrainian Attack on Crimea Involving 42 Drones

- Moscow said on Friday its forces had thwarted a Ukrainian attempt to attack Russia-annexed Crimea with 42 drones overnight.
- "Nine UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles) were destroyed... over the territory of the Republic of Crimea. 33 UAVs were suppressed by electronic warfare and crashed without reaching the target," Russia's defence ministry.
- Crimea, annexed by Russia in 2014, has been targeted by Kyiv throughout Moscow's Ukraine offensive but has come under more intense, increased attacks in recent weeks.
- Kyiv has repeatedly said it plans to take Crimea back.
- On Thursday, Ukraine said its forces had flown the country's flag in Russian-annexed Crimea during a "special operation" to mark its second wartime Independence Day.
- On Wednesday, Kyiv said it destroyed a powerful Russian S-400 anti-aircraft system in the area, which it said inflicted a "painful blow" on enemy air defences.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant Is Located At**

- A. Kerala
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. T.N.
- D. M.H.

**ANSWER: C**

**2. Hq of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation Is In**

- A. Jeddah
- B. Muscat
- C. Tehran
- D. Lahore

**ANSWER: A**

**3. Which Weapon Is Mostly Used By RR?**

- A. Sig Sauer
- B. M4
- C. AK-47
- D. Tavor

**ANSWER: C**

**4. Ex AJEYA WARRIOR Conducted B/W India &**

- A. UK

- B. Thailand
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. USA

**ANSWER: A**

**5. Which Is A Commissioned Rank Of the Indian Navy?**

- A. Leading Rate
- B. Petty Officer
- C. Chief Petty Officer
- D. Sub Lieutenant

**ANSWER: D**

**6. Surface Mine Clearing System on Sarath manufactured by**

- A. Ordnance Factory Medak
- B. HAL
- C. DRDO
- D. MDL

**ANSWER: A**

**7. The Eurocopter Tiger Is A**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**8. Exercises B/w The India And UK Is Called:**

- A.** Desert Eagle
- B.** SLINEX
- C.** Indra
- D.** Indradhanush

**ANSWER: D**

**9. Heckler and Koch Is A Company of**

- A. UK
- B. USA
- C. Germany
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**



**10. At Which Of The Following Places Is The Heavy Vehicles Factory Located?**

- A. Kanpur
- B. Khadki
- C. Avadi
- D. 24 Paraganas

**ANSWER: C**

**11. Where Is The Hq Of The Central Command of The Indian Army?**

- A. Lucknow
- B. Agra
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

**ANSWER: A**

**12. Exercises B/w India And Bangladesh Is Called:**

- A. GARUDA SHAKTI
- B. SLINEX
- C. SAMPRITI
- D. Yudha Abhyas

**ANSWER: C**

**13. Consider the following statements regarding “US’s stance over China-Taiwan conflict”?**

1. After reconciling with China, the US accepted the ‘one-China principle.
2. The US considers Taiwan as a part of China and is not maintaining any official or unofficial relations with Taiwan.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

**ANSWER: A**

**14. Maseru Is The Capital Of**

- A. Oman
- B. Lebanon



- C. Latvia
- D. Lesotho

**ANSWER: D**

**15. "Mann Ki Baat – A Social Revolution on Radio" Book Is Written By**

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. S Jaipal Reddy
- C. Asad Durrani
- D. Sumana Roy

**ANSWER: A**

**16. NTPC Stands For**

- A. National Thermal Proper Corporation
- B. National Thermal Power Corporation
- C. National Thermo Power Corporation
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: B**

**17. INS Shalki Is A**

- A. OPV
- B. Submarine
- C. Landing Ship Tank
- D. Missile

**ANSWER: B**

**18. Predator C Avenger Is a**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**19. "Teevra Chaukas" Is The Motto Of**

- A. Corps of Signals
- B. RR
- C. AAD
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**20. The Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited is Located In**

- A. Mumbai
- B. Chennai
- C. Kochi
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

