

# Defence Current Affairs

## 27-28 August 2023

### INDIAN AIR FORCE IN EXERCISE BRIGHT STAR-23

- An Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent departed today, for participating in Exercise BRIGHT STAR-23 a biennial multilateral tri-service exercise scheduled to be held at Cairo (West) Air Base, Egypt from 27 August to 16 September 2023.
- This is for the first time that IAF is participating in Ex BRIGHT STAR-23 which will also see participation of contingents from the United States of America, Saudi Arabia, Greece and Qatar. The Indian Air Force contingent will consist of **five MiG-29, two IL-78, two C-130 and two C-17 aircraft.**
- Personnel from the IAF's Garud Special Forces, as well as those from the **Numbers 28, 77, 78 and 81 Squadrons** will be participating in the exercise. The IAF transport aircraft will also provide airlift to approximately **150 personnel from the Indian Army.**
- The objective of the exercise is to practice planning and execution of joint operations. Besides leading to the formation of bonding across borders, such interactions also provide a means to further strategic relations between participating nations. IAF contingents to flying exercises abroad are thus no less than Diplomats in Flight Suits.
- India and Egypt have had exceptional relationship and deep cooperation wherein the two jointly undertook development of aero-engine and aircraft in 1960s and training of Egyptian pilots was done by Indian counterparts.



## CRPF Inducts Advanced WhAP Vehicles in Kashmir Valley

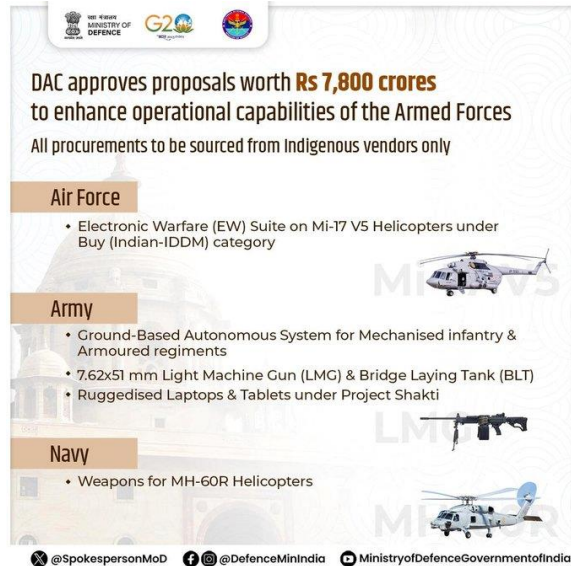
- The CRPF on Saturday inducted WhAP vehicles, designed both for land and water operations in the Kashmir Valley, adding to the paramilitary force's operational capabilities, officials said. The force demonstrated the vehicle's capabilities at Lethpora in south Kashmir's Pulwama district.
- Two **Wheeled Armoured Amphibious Platform (WhAP)** vehicles have been deployed in south Kashmir to aid anti-militancy operations, the officials said.
- The 8-by-8 vehicle is a state-of-the-art platform. It boasts contemporary features, optimised ergonomics, modular ballistic protection and is capable of carrying 10 troops and a driver.
- The vehicle has been developed by Vehicle Research and Development Establishment -- a laboratory of the Defence Research & Development Organisation -- and Tata Advanced Systems Limited.
- "Its weighs about 24 tonnes and is eight m in length and three metres in width," he said.



## Defence Ministry Acceptance of Necessity Worth 7800 Crore

- **Defence Acquisition Council** on accorded Acceptance of Necessity for capital acquisition proposals worth approximately **Rs 7,800 cr**, including **Electronic Warfare (EW) Suite** for the **IAF's Mi-17 V5 helicopters**, weapons for the **Navy's MH-60R helicopters**, as well as for **LMG and ground-based autonomous systems**.
- The DAC, which is headed by **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh**, is among the top bodies for clearing major capital acquisitions for defence. AoN is the first step in the long defence procurement process. Grant of an AoN does not necessarily lead to a final order.
- As per a statement issued by the Defence Ministry, the installation of **EW Suite** on **Mi-17 V5 helicopters** will enhance their survivability. They will be procured from **BEL** — a PSU under the Defence Ministry. The statement added that the DAC has also cleared procurement of weapons for the Navy's MH-60R Helicopters to enhance their operational capability.
- The DAC also cleared procurement of Ground-Based Autonomous System for mechanised infantry and armoured regiments to enable various operations like **unmanned surveillance, logistic delivery of ammunition, fuel and spares and casualty evacuation** in the battlefield.
- Other procurement proposals which got the DAC nod were those of 7.62×51 mm **Light Machine Guns (LMG) and Bridge Laying Tanks (BLT)**.

- “Ruggedised” laptops and tablets for the Army under Project Shakti will also be procured from indigenous vendors.



## PM Modi Congratulates Neeraj Chopra On Winning Gold In World Athletics C'ships

- PM Narendra Modi on Monday hailed India's javelin ace Neeraj Chopra after he clinched his and the country's first gold medal in the **World Athletics Championships 2023 in Budapest**.
- Neeraj recorded his best throw of **88.17 metres** in his second attempt and managed to hold his lead till the very end.
- **Arshad Nadeem**, the Commonwealth Games champion, settled for **silver** with a throw of 87.82 metres. **Jakub Vadlejch of the Czech Republic** secured the bronze with his best throw of 86.67 m.
- Kishore Jena (best of 84.77 m) finished fifth while **DP Manu** (best of 84.14 m) finished sixth.



## Indian Army Veteran Dhillon appointed as Chairperson of IIT Mandi's Board of Governors

- **President Droupadi Murmu** has appointed Lieutenant General (Retired) Kanwal Jeet Singh Dhillon as Chairperson of the Board of Governors (BoG) of the Indian Institute of Technology Mandi, an official statement said.
- Lt Gen (Retd) Kanwal Jeet Singh Dhillon has been appointed for a period of three years. The appointment has come into effect from August 25.
- Lt Gen Dhillon commanded the 15 Corps during the Pulwama IED blast, Balakote air strikes and the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A in the year 2019.
- He served as DG Defence Intelligence Agency and Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff under the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) responsible for International Military Cooperation and strategic intelligence before superannuation on Jan 31, 2022.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **World Athletics Championships 2023 Held In**

- A. London
- B. Budapest
- C. Tokyo
- D. New Delhi

**ANSWER: B**

2. **Which of the following Won Gold In World Athletics Championships 2023 ?**

- A. Neeraj Chopra
- B. Jakub Vadlejch
- C. Arshad Nadeem
- D. DP Manu

**ANSWER: A**

3. **Ex 'BRIGHT STAR-23' Hosted By**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**4. No. 45 Squadron Of IAF Is Also Known As**

- A. Fire Fighter
- B. Flying Draggers
- C. Knight Riders
- D. None

**ANSWER: B**

**5. Sela Pass Tunnel Is Located In**

- A. Assam
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Meghalay
- D. Kerala

**ANSWER: B**

**6. INS Mormugao Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Tank

**ANSWER: A**

**7. INS Mormugao Constructed Under Which Project?**

- A. P15A
- B. P15B
- C. P17A
- D. P75

**ANSWER: B**

**8. India Has Jumped From 7<sup>th</sup> To \_\_\_ Global Ranking In Scientific Publications.**

- A.** 5<sup>th</sup>
- B.** 4<sup>th</sup>
- C.** 3<sup>rd</sup>
- D.** 2<sup>nd</sup>

**ANSWER: C**

**9. INAS 314 Based At**

- A. Porbandar
- B. Kochi
- C. Nagpur
- D. Chennai

**ANSWER: A**

**10. Which Of The Following Is The Parent Agency Of MOD?**

- A. DRDO
- B. Delhi Police
- C. NIA
- D. NHRC

**ANSWER: A**

**11. Range of Meteor BVRAAM Missile Is**

- A. 150 km
- B. 250 km
- C. 350 km
- D. 450 km

**ANSWER: A**

**12. Ex SIAM BHARAT Conducted B/W India &**

- A. Thailand
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

**ANSWER: A**

**13. Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) scheme Is Related With**

- A. Start-ups & MSMEs
- B. Submarine Making
- C. Drone Making
- D. All of these

**ANSWER: A**

**14. Motto of IMA Is**

- A. Valour and Wisdom
- B. Always Brave



- C. Service Before Self
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**15. ASBM Stands For**

- A. Anti-Ship Ballistic Magnet
- B. Anti-Ship Ballistic Missile
- C. Anti-Ship Ballast Missile
- D. None

**ANSWER: B**

**16. Gitega Is The Capital Of**

- A. Brunei
- B. Qatar
- C. Cameroon
- D. Burundi

**ANSWER: D**

**17. 'Miracles of Face Yoga' Book Is Written By**

- A. Mansi Gulati
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Draupadi Murmu
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

**ANSWER: A**

**18. Securities and Exchange Board of India Hq Is In**

- A. Mumbai
- B. Noida
- C. New Delhi
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**19. INS Valsura Is Located In**

- A. Balasore
- B. Chennai
- C. Trombay
- D. Jamnagar

**ANSWER: D**

**20. Where Is The Hq Of The Southern Command of The Indian Army?**

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

**ANSWER: C**

