

# Defence Current Affairs

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### MOU Between Indian Navy And Uber

- The Indian Navy signed a MoU with M/s Uber in the presence of Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff, Mrs Kala Hari Kumar, President NWWA and Mr. Abhinav Mittoo, Senior Country Manager, Uber for Business, Under India South Asia and Egypt.
- The MoU with Uber aims to provide reliable, convenient, safe and economical mobility solutions for personal travel and commute of Naval personnel and families across the country.
- M/s Uber will extend following benefits to Indian Naval personnel and their families will include: -
  - (a) A personalised profile on the Uber App.
  - (b) Premier Executive Cab Category providing surge price protection during peak office hours.
  - (c) Availability of Top-rated drivers.
  - (d) Zero cancellation fee on all Uber rides.
  - (e) 24x7 Premium business support.



## Armenia Holds Drills With US Amid Rift With Russia

- Joint military drills between Armenian and US forces opened on Monday, the latest sign of Yerevan drifting from Moscow's orbit as Russia's invasion of Ukraine reshapes post-Soviet relations.
- The exercises come amid mounting frustration in Armenia over what it sees as Russia's failure to act as a security guarantor amid mounting tensions with its historic rival Azerbaijan.
- "**Exercise Eagle Partner's** opening ceremony has kicked off," the US Army's Europe and Africa spokesperson told.
- The US Army Europe and Africa Command said around 85 soldiers would train with 175 Armenian troops from September 11-20 on the "Zar" and "Armavir" training grounds.



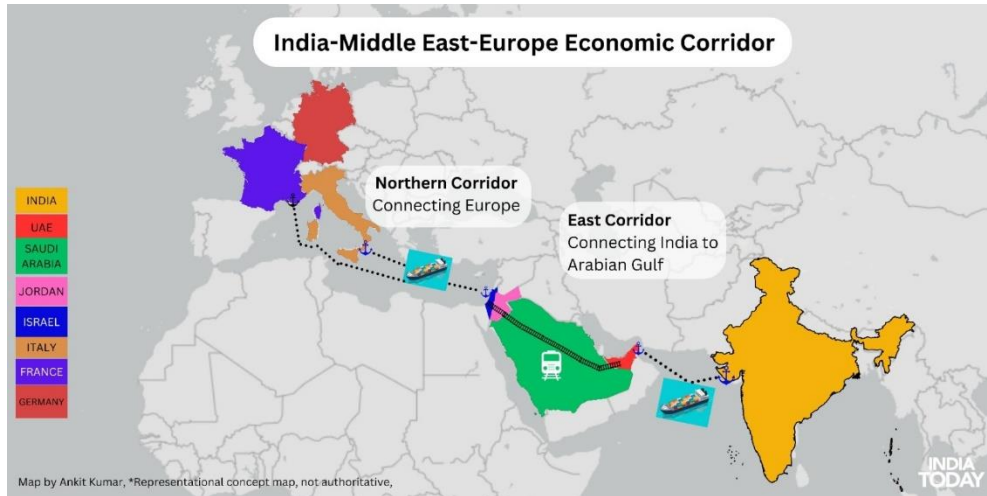
## Army Showcases New Defence Technology, Weapons At North Tech Symposium In Jammu

- A three-day North Tech Symposium showcasing new Defence Technology, made in India Defence equipment and weapons, commenced at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu.
- The Indian Army's latest Light Specialist Vehicles (LSVs) were also showcased at the North Tech Symposium. The LSVs can be equipped with anti-tank guided missile launchers, medium machine guns, and grenade launchers. It can also be used to rush troops to forward areas for quick reaction and for supplying ammo and rations to forward troops.
- New types of off-road and all-terrain vehicles acquired by the Indian Army for operations in rugged terrains in the Ladakh sector and near the Line of Control were showcased at the North Tech Symposium **organised by the Northern Command of the Indian Army.**



## Ajit Doval is the man behind India's answer to China's BRI

- The most consequential announcement at the recently concluded G20 Summit in Delhi was the commitment to build a rail-and-port network that will connect India to the Middle-East and the Middle-East to Europe and the US.
- It has been named the **India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC)**. Though no leader from the participating countries mentioned China, it is an obvious alternative to China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) that aims to connect the whole world to China through shipping, rail and road networks.
- IMEC was not something that was hurriedly cobbled up at the G20 Summit. Its genesis lies in a forum created nearly two years ago in October 2021 called **I2U2**, comprising India, Israel, the UAE and the US. The Saudi Arabia was later made part of the grouping.



## India, Japan hold first edition of Joint Services Staff Talks

- The first edition of Joint Services Staff Talks between India and Japan commenced in Tokyo.
- The talks were held between India's Integrated Defence Staff and Japan's Joint Staff. Several important discussions were held to improve the interoperability and understanding of each other's Armed Forces.
- Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a bilateral meeting with his Japanese counterpart Fumio Kishida on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in New Delhi and the leaders reaffirmed their commitment to further deepening the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. IMEC Stands For**

- A. India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor
- B. India-Middle East- Economic Corridor
- C. India-Middle Europe Economic Corridor
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**2. Indian Military Academy Situated At**

- A. Ezhimala, Kerala
- B. Dundigal, Telangana
- C. Khadakwasla, Maharashtra
- D. Dehradun, UK

**ANSWER: D**

**3. Garuda Shakti Ex Held B/w India &**

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. USA
- C. Indonesia
- D. Nepal

**ANSWER: C**

**4. Warsaw Is The Capital Of**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**5. War Cry Of MECHANISED INFANTRY REGIMENT Is**

- A. Bol Bajrang Bali Ki jai
- B. Raja Ramachandra ki jai
- C. Bolo Bharat Mata ki jai
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**



**6. CRPF Motto Is**

- A. Service Before Self
- B. Service and Loyalty
- C. We Protect
- D. Touch the sky with glory

**ANSWER: B**

**7. ICGS Saksham Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. Aircraft Carrier
- C. OPV
- D. Refueling Ship

**ANSWER: C**

**8. "Nuclearization of Asia" Book Written By**

- A. Rene Naba
- B. VR Chaudhari
- C. Gen Parvez Musharraf
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

**ANSWER: A**

**9. Indian Coast Guard Formed On**

- A. August 18, 1978
- B. September 18, 1978
- C. March 18, 1976
- D. April 18, 1976

**ANSWER: A**

**10. 'MBT Bhishma' Is The Name Of :**

- A. Fighter aircraft
- B. Tank
- C. Armoured vehicles
- D. Infantry regiments

**ANSWER: B**

**11. Barak Is A**

- A. Surface-to-air Missile
- B. Surface-to-Surface Missile

- C. Air-to-air Missile
- D. Surface-to-Sea Missile

**ANSWER: A**

**12. "Ordnance Factory Day" in India Is Observed On**

- A. 14 March
- B. 15 March
- C. 16 March
- D. 18 March

**ANSWER: D**

**13. INS Valsura Located At**

- A. Jamnagar, Gujrat
- B. Mumbai, M.H
- C. Kochi, Kerala
- D. A & NC

**ANSWER: A**

**14. Exercise Maitree Conducted B/w India &**

- A. Thailand
- B. Nepal
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Bhutan

**ANSWER: A**

**15. Infantry School Of Indian Army Is At**

- A. Mhow
- B. Bhopal
- C. Gwalior
- D. Jammu

**ANSWER: A**

**16. Officers Training Academy Is At**

- A. Chennai
- B. Bhopal
- C. Gaya
- D. Both A & C

**ANSWER: D**



**17. Northern Army Command headquarters Is in**

- A. Jaipur
- B. Udhampur
- C. Pune
- D. Lucknow

**ANSWER: B**

**18. DF-41 ICBM Is A Missile Of**

- A. India
- B. Russia
- C. China
- D. North Korea

**ANSWER: C**

**19. The IAI Heron UAV Developed By**

- A. USA
- B. South Korea
- C. Israel
- D. China

**ANSWER: C**

**20. Which Is Not The Commissioned Ranks In The Army Service?**

- A. Brigadier
- B. Colonel
- C. General
- D. Commander

**ANSWER: D**