

Defence Current Affairs

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12th Defence Cooperation Committee Meeting

- The 12th meeting of Malaysia-India Defence Cooperation Committee was held in New Delhi on September 19, 2023. The meeting was co-chaired by Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane and Deputy Secretary General (Policy), Malaysia Mr Mohd Yani bin Daud.
- During the meeting, both sides reviewed the outcomes of the two sub-committee meetings namely Sub Committee on Military Cooperation held on July 27, 2023, and Joint Sub Committee on Defence Science Technology and Industry Cooperation held on September 18, 2023.
- The two chairs also articulated steps in the direction of emerging areas of cooperation like cyber security and issues pertaining to global commons. They identified means to enhance existing areas of collaboration, especially in the field of defence industry, maritime security and multilateral cooperation.



2ND Edition Of Indian Navy's Seminar (Swavlamban-2023)

- The 2nd Edition of the Indian Navy's Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Seminar – 'Swavlamban 2023' is scheduled to be conducted on 04 – 05 Oct 2023. In the maiden edition of the seminar, held in July 2022, PM launched the 75 challenges for the start-ups/ MSMEs as a part of the 'SPRINT' initiative.
- SPRINT is a collaborative initiative being undertaken in conjunction with the Defence Innovation Organisation and stands for Supporting Pole-Vaulting in R&D through iDEX, NIIO and Technology Development Acceleration Cell. This initiative has received an overwhelming response with 1106 proposals.
- After a detailed examination, 113 winners under the DISC 7 SPRINT category (with grants up to 1.5 cr) and 5 winners in the DISC 7 SPRINT-PRIME category (grants up to 10 cr) were declared, and the development of prototypes is being progressed by all the winners.



Coastal security drill 'Operation Sajag'

- 'Operation Sajag', a drill involving all stakeholders of the coastal security construct, was conducted by the Indian Coast Guard along the west coast on September 18, 2023. The drill facilitates revalidation of the coastal security mechanism and bring awareness among the fishermen at sea.
- During the drill, extensive checking and verification of documents and crew passes of all fishing boats, barges and craft at sea was undertaken. A total of 118

ships including those from Customs, Marine Police, Ports & Indian Navy participated in the drill.

- The day-long drill is conducted every month and the outcomes are further progressed for improvement in the coastal security construct. The drill enables to verify implementation of various coastal security measures besides bringing out important lessons and highlight trends in coastal security.



9 Separatist Outfits Supporting Terror Groups Have Bases In Canada

- At least nine separatist organisations supporting terror groups have their bases in Canada and despite multiple deportation requests Ottawa has taken no action against those involved in heinous crimes including the killing of popular Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala, officials here said on Tuesday.
- They said that pro-Khalistani outfits such as the World Sikh Organization (WSO), Khalistan Tiger Force, Sikhs for Justice and Babbar Khalsa International working at the behest of Pakistan have been allegedly operating freely from the Canadian soil.
- Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said his government had "credible allegations" linking Hardeep Singh Nijjar's killing with the "agents of the Government of India."
- India has rejected the allegations as "absurd and motivated".



Azerbaijan Launches Military Action In Karabakh To Disarm Armenians

- Azerbaijan launched "anti-terrorist activities" in the Nagorno-Karabakh region to restore constitutional order and drive out what it called Armenian military formations there, a move that could foreshadow a new war in the region.
- Azerbaijan's defence ministry spoke in a statement of its intention to "disarm and secure the withdrawal of formations of Armenia's armed forces from our territories, (and) neutralise their military infrastructure."
- Internationally recognised as part of Azerbaijan, Karabakh has an overwhelmingly ethnic Armenian population and broke from Baku's control in the early 1990s after a war.
- Azerbaijan recaptured swathes of land in and around it in a 2020 war, but ethnic Armenian authorities who see the area as their ancestral homeland, remained in control of part of Karabakh, including its capital.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Operation Sajag Conducted By

- A. BSF
- B. NSG
- C. ICG
- D. SSB

ANSWER: C

2. Motto Of Pioneer Corps Is

- A. Shram Sarva Vijayee
- B. Service Before Self
- C. Always Brave
- D. Exchange of Tactics Everywhere

ANSWER: A

3. ZEUS Is A

- A. Missile
- B. All Terrain – Track-Based Robot
- C. Tank
- D. UAV

ANSWER: B

4. Ex 'SHAKTI' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. France
- C. UAE
- D. Israel

ANSWER: B

5. 4th India-France Annual Defence Dialogue Will be Held In

- A. Paris
- B. London
- C. New Delhi
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: C

6. Maritime Partnership Exercise B/w India & South Korea Held At

- A. Nava Sheva Port
- B. Busan Port
- C. Chennai Port
- D. Kandla Port

ANSWER: B

7. AMCA Stands For

- A. Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft
- B. Advanced Medium Cooperation Aircraft
- C. Advanced Media Combat Aircraft
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

8. Operation Safed Sagar Was Launched In

- A. 1997
- B. 1998
- C. 1999
- D. 2000

ANSWER: C

9. SCALP Missile Is Developed By

- A.** UK
- B.** France
- C.** Israel

D. USA

ANSWER: B

10. Range of Sagarika Missile Is

- A. 500 km
- B. 600 km
- C. 700 km
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

11. India Purchased Jaguar Fighter Aircraft from

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

12. At Which Of The Following Places Is The Headquarters Of A Naval Command NOT Located?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Goa
- C. Kochi
- D. Visakhapatnam

ANSWER: B

13. M61 Vulcan Is A

- A. Six- barrelled Gatling gun
- B. Heavy machine gun
- C. Pistol
- D. Rocket

ANSWER: A

14. Hq Of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Is At

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. Austria

ANSWER: D

15. Lusaka Is The Capital Of

- A. Zambia
- B. Venezuela
- C. United Kingdom
- D. Uganda

ANSWER: A

16. "My Life, My Mission" Book Is Written By

- A. Baba Ramdev
- B. Venkaiah Naidu
- C. Meenakshi Lekhi
- D. Dr. Bibek Debroy

ANSWER: A

17. Rashtriya Raksha University Is In

- A. Gandhinagar
- B. Mumbai
- C. New Delhi
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: A

18. The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Is A Project Of

- A. Brazil
- B. Russia
- C. China
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

19. Which Is Not A Member Of SAARC?

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Bhutan
- D. Madagascar

ANSWER: D

20. THAAD System Designed and Manufactured By

- A. Lockheed Martin
- B. Almaz – Antey

- C. Raytheon
- D. MBDA/ Eurosam

ANSWER: A