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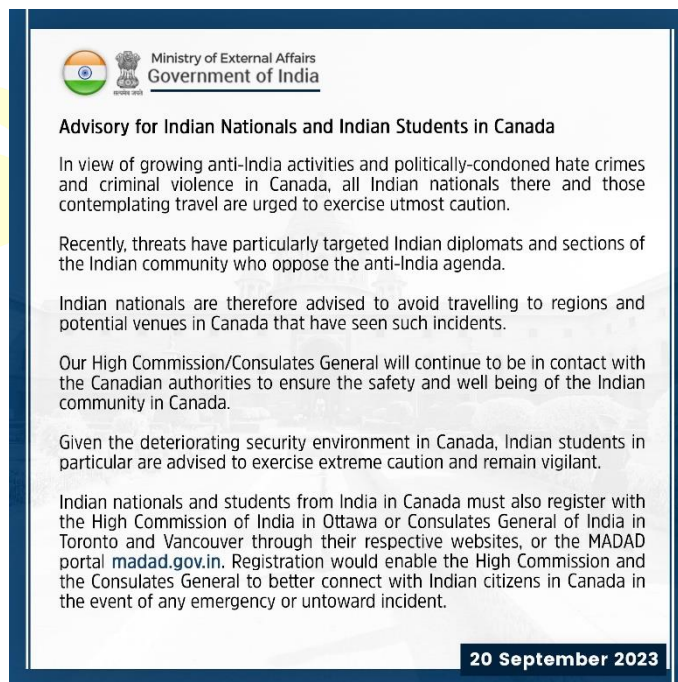
Exercise SIMBEX 23

- INS Ranvijay and Kavaratti and submarine INS Sindhukesari arrived in Singapore to participate in the **30th edition** of the Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX), an annual bilateral Naval exercise b/w the Indian Navy and Republic of Singapore Navy, which is being conducted since 1994.
- SIMBEX-2023 is being conducted in two phases - Harbour Phase at Singapore from 21 to 24 September 2023, followed by a Sea Phase. Besides Ranvijay, Kavaratti and Sindhukesari, Long-Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft P8I is also participating in the exercise.
- The Harbour Phase will witness a wide range of professional interactions, cross-deck visits, Subject Matter Expert Exchanges and sports fixtures, aimed at enhancing interoperability and mutual understanding between the two navies.



Diplomatic Row With Canada Will Not Impact Military Engagement: Army Official

- The latest diplomatic row between India and Canada will not impact bilateral military engagement and the Canadian Army will take part in the conclave of the Indo-Pacific army chiefs in Delhi next week, a senior Indian Army official said.
- The Indian Army is hosting the conclave on September 26 and 27 with an aim to evolve a common strategy to ensure peace, prosperity and stability in the Indo-Pacific against the backdrop of growing global concerns over China's increasing military muscle-flexing in the region.
- India on Tuesday rejected the allegations as "absurd" and "motivated" and expelled a senior Canadian diplomat in a tit-for-tat move to Ottawa's expulsion of an Indian official over the case.



First C-295 Transport Aircraft Of IAF Lands At Vadodara Airbase

- The first C-295 transport aircraft of the Indian Air Force landed at Air Force Station, Vadodara, on Wednesday. The aircraft was flown by Group Captain PS Negi and landed after taking off from Bahrain, said IAF officials.

- The aircraft would be formally inducted into the IAF by Rajnath Singh at a ceremony scheduled on September 25 at the Hindan airbase near Delhi. A total of 56 aircraft would be inducted into the IAF & 40 of them would be manufactured in India by Tata-Airbus joint venture, IAF officials further said.



Indian Navy Moves Mega Deal To Buy Second Indigenous Aircraft Carrier

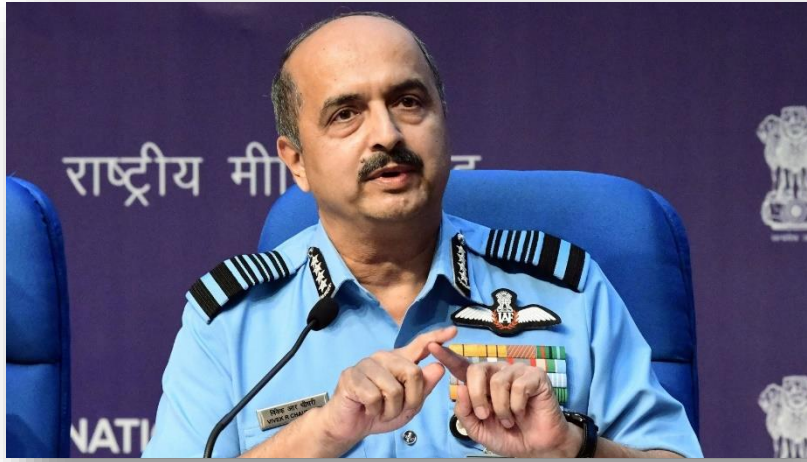
- In a major push to the indigenisation in the military, the Indian Navy has moved a mega proposal to the government for building the second aircraft carrier to be constructed by the **Cochin Shipyard Limited**.
- A proposal has been received by the Defence Ministry for building and acquiring the second indigenous aircraft carrier which would be known as the **Indigenous Aircraft Carrier-2**, defence officials told.
- The programme will create several thousand direct and manifold indirect jobs through the Cochin Shipyard Limited in Kerala when the work on the **IAC-2** is approved by the government.
- The first indigenous aircraft carrier **INS Vikrant** was commissioned by Prime Minister Modi in Kochi in September last year where the expertise developed by CSL in building such large size ships was applauded.
- The Indian Navy has been pressing for **three aircraft carriers** to maintain at least one carrier on each coast with one in refit. With three aircraft carriers, the Indian Navy would also be keeping pace with all the navies deployed in the Indo-Pacific region, officials said.

- The Indian Navy is also going to get **26 new Rafale fighter** aircraft for the INS Vikrant and also looking to buy the indigenous Twin engine Deck L-based Fighter aircraft which are now expected to be produced in large numbers to be deployed on the three carriers.
- Recently the Indian Navy Mig-29K fighter jet landed on the INS Vikrant for the first time at night, an important step towards the warship becoming fully operational along with its air wing by the year-end.
- The Indian Navy has given assurances to the government that the sea-force will become Atmanirbhar by **2047**. The Naval force aims to have a made-in-India security solution for the country and the Navy has been encouraging and giving incentives to the start-ups and MSMEs for self-reliance, he had stated.



India Air Force Proudly Says It Is Gender Agnostic: IAF Chief

- The Indian Air Force proudly says it is "**gender agnostic**" and in the officer's cadre, every branch, every stream, every substream has got women officers now, IAF chief Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari said on Wednesday. He said this in his address during an event held at Subroto Park here.
- "The India Air Force proudly... we say we are gender agnostic. In the officer's cadre, every branch, every stream, every substream has got women officers now. We have had the **first woman CO (commanding officer)** of our combat squadron," he said.
- "So, we have little over 1,600 women in the air force today, 161 of them are from the flying branch, including 17 in the fighters," the IAF chief said.



Review Questions

1. Which Edition Of The SIMBEX Is Conducted In 2023?

- A. 20th
- B. 25th
- C. 30th
- D. 35th

ANSWER: C

2. Ex 'Austra Hind' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Austria
- B. Angola
- C. Australia
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

3. Which Force Plans To Procure Made in India C-295MMMA?

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

ANSWER: C

4. AESA Radar Stands For

- A. Active Electronically Scanned Arrow
- B. Active Electron Scanned Array
- C. Active Electronically Scanned Array
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

5. Current Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee Is

- A.** VR Chaudhary
- B. R. Hari Kumar
- C. Anil Chauhan
- D. Manoj Pande

ANSWER: C

6. A Hypersonic Speed Cruise Missile Would Travel At Least _____ The Speed Of Sound.

- A. four times
- B. five times
- C. Three times
- D. None of these

ANSWER: B

7. "Sarvatra Izzat-o-Iqbal" Is The Motto Of

- A. Dogra Scouts
- B. Sikkim Scouts
- C. Regiment Of Artillery
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

8. Which One of The Following Countries Is Smaller Than India?

- A. Argentina
- B. Canada
- C. China
- D. Brazil

ANSWER: A

9. Motto of THE MARATHA

- A. Parakramo Vijayate
- B. Assam Vikram
- C. Yudhaya Krit Nishchaya
- D. Duty, Honour, courage

ANSWER: D

10. Maintenance Command of The IAF Is In

- A. Nagpur
- B. New Delhi
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

11. Desert Corps Comes Under Which Command Of the Indian Army?

- A. Jodhpur
- B. Jaipur
- C. Chennai
- D. Agra

ANSWER: A

12. Exercise Agni Warrior Conducted b/w India &

- A. Australia
- B. France
- C. Singapore
- D. Malaysia

ANSWER: C

13. Satish Dhawan Space Centre - SDSC Operated By

- A. ISRO
- B. DRDO
- C. DRDO & NASA
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

14. Kuala Lumpur Is The Capital Of

- A. Australia
- B. India
- C. Malaysia

D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

15. "Exam Warriors" Book Is Written By

A. V K Singh

B. Gen Anil Chauhan

C. Narendra Modi

D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: C

16. Which Of The Following Is The Subsonic Cruise Missile?

A. Astra missile

B. Maitri missile

C. Nag

D. Nirbhay

ANSWER: D

17. Arjun MK-IA Is A

A. Attack Helicopter

B. Fighter Jet

C. MBT

D. UAV

ANSWER: C

18. MARCOS Motto Is

A. The Few, The Fearless

B. Always Brave

C. Veerta

D. Lethal

ANSWER: A

19. Capital Of Republic Of South Korea Is

A. Kuala Lumpur

B. Seoul

C. Beijing

D. Manila

ANSWER: B

20. India Purchased M777 Howitzer from

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

ANSWER: A

