

# Defence Current Affairs

## 25 September 2023

### Army Day Parade 2024 To Take Place In Lucknow

- The Army has decided to host the next Army Day Parade, set for January 15, 2024, in Lucknow, sources said. The Army's Central Command is based there.
- Traditionally, the annual Army Day Parade had been held in Delhi. This long-standing practice saw a shift in January this year when the parade was conducted in Bengaluru.
- A decision has been made to rotate the Army Day Parade venue across different cities in India. The objective is to diversify the locations and allow various regions to witness the grandeur of the event, sources in the defence establishment said.
- After the Bengaluru event, the Army has planned to ensure that each of its six operational commands gets a chance to host the parade, they said.



## DMM PLUS EWG On Counter Terrorism Field Training Exercise

- Indian Army Contingent consisting of 32 personnel from a Battalion affiliated to the **RAJPUTANA RIFLES** departed for **ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting Plus Expert Working Group** on Counter Terrorism Field Training Exercise 2023 scheduled to be conducted from 25<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in **Russia**.
- It is a multinational joint military exercise being hosted by Russia as a co-chair of the EWG along with Myanmar. It was preceded by **Tabletop Exercise** of the ADMM Plus EWG on Counter Terrorism at Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar from 2nd to 4th August 2023.
- Since 2017, the ADMM Plus meets annually to allow dialogue and cooperation among ASEAN and Plus countries. The inaugural ADMM Plus was convened in Ha Noi, Vietnam on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2010. This year ASEAN member states along with Plus Group will be participating in the exercise.



## LAUNCH OF THIRD MCA BARGE, LSAM 9

- Third Missile Cum Ammunition (MCA) Barge, Yard 77 (LSAM 9) was launched by Cmde G Ravi, Warship Production Superintendent (Visakhapatnam) on 22 Sep 23 at Guttenadeevi, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh (launch site of M/s SECON).

- With all major and auxiliary equipment/systems sourced from indigenous manufacturers, this Barge is proud flag bearer of “Make in India” initiatives of Ministry of Defence.
- Contract for construction and delivery of 08 x Missile Cum Ammunition (MCA) Barge was concluded with M/s **SECON Engineering Projects Pvt Ltd**, Visakhapatnam, a MSME, in consonance with “Aatmanirbhar Bharat” initiatives of the Government of India.



## VISIT OF ADM R HARI KUMAR, TO USA

- Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff attended the 25th International Sea power Symposium (ISS) in the United States from 19 - 22 Sep 23.
- ISS is conducted by the US Navy at US Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island and provides the opportunity to engage with the FFCs towards the shared vision of enhancing maritime cooperation in the Indo-Pacific.
- The CNS also held bilateral engagements on the sidelines of the ISS with his counterparts from various countries including the **USA, Australia, Egypt, Fiji, Israel, Italy Japan, Kenya, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Singapore & UK.**
- During the visit extensive deliberations were also held towards exploring greater IN-USN operational engagements at bilateral and multilateral exercises such as the **Malabar, RIMPAC, Sea Dragon and Tiger Triumph.** Regular Subject Matter Expert exchange also takes place between both the Navies to institutionalise interoperability in various fields.



## Rajnath Singh To Inaugurate Bharat Drone Shakti-2023

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will Monday inaugurate the drone-shakti">Bharat Drone Shakti-2023 exhibition at the Hindan Air Base in Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad, an official from Indian Air Force said.
- As per the IAF, the Defence Minister would also formally induct the C-295 transport aircraft into the Indian Air Force. IAF, recognizing the potential of indigenous drone design and development, is collaborating with the **Drone Federation of India** to jointly host 'drone-shakti">Bharat Drone Shakti 2023.'
- This event, scheduled for September 25th and 26th, will take place at the IAF's Hindan airbase in Ghaziabad and will feature live aerial demonstrations.



## Rajnath Singh To Inaugurate Bharat Drone Shakti-2023

- The Army is looking for lighter, more versatile guns that will be developed and manufactured in India for its requirement of mainstay towed artillery.

Interactions are on with the industry to draw up qualitative parameters for the requirements that is likely to be for close to **1,200 guns in future**.

- Sources in the defence establishment said the new Towed Gun System (TGS) being looked at will be more advanced than the DRDO-developed ATGS.
- The artillery's focus is on pursuing modernisation through indigenisation with the goal of staying ahead of India's adversaries, the officials said. All gun systems bought during the past five years, and those in the process of being procured, to enhance the artillery's lethality, reach and versatility are indigenous, except the M777 ultra-light howitzers imported from the US.



SSB  
Crack  
EXAMS

## Review Questions

### 1. Bharat Drone Shakti 2023 Hosted By

- A. ICG
- B. BSF
- C. IAF, Drone Federation of India
- D. NSG

**ANSWER: C**

### 2. Port Al-Shuwaikh Is Located At

- A. Kuwait
- B. Oman
- C. Iran
- D. Pakistan

**ANSWER: A**

**3. Varuna Is A**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**4. Varuna Has Been Developed By The \_\_\_\_.**

- A. Sagar Defence Engineering Private Limited
- B. DRDO
- C. IIT Kanpur
- D. HAL

**ANSWER: A**

**5. Ex 'KONKAN, INDRADHANUSH' Conducted b/w India &**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**6. \_\_\_\_ Is India's Border Guarding Organisation On Its Border With Pakistan And Bangladesh.**

- A. SSB
- B. ITBP
- C. BSF
- D. None

**ANSWER: C**

**7. Eastern Region (E) Of ICG Is Located At**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**8. Priyadarshini-class Patrol Vessels Is Manufactured By**

- A. CSL

- B. MDL
- C. GRSE
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**9. Indian Navy Founded On**

- A. 26 January 1945
- B. 26 January 1950
- C. 26 January 1960
- D. 26 January 1970

**ANSWER: B**

**10. With Which Nation India Holds 2+2 Dialogue?**

- A. Pakistan
- B. Japan
- C. USA
- D. Both B & C

**ANSWER: D**

**11. DRDO Lakshya Is A**

- A. Fighter Jet
- B. Ship
- C. Tank
- D. UAV

**ANSWER: D**

**12. Exercise Samudra Shakti Conducted B/w Indonesia &**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**13. NDA Is At**

- A. Khadakwasla
- B. Gurugram
- C. Wellington
- D. Lucknow

**ANSWER: A**

**14. Captain Rank of Indian Navy Equivalent to Which rank of IAF?**

- A. Flying Officer
- B. Flight Lieutenant
- C. Group Captain
- D. None

**ANSWER: C**

**15. Brussels Is The Capital Of**

- A. Belgium
- B. Belize
- C. Benin
- D. Bhutan

**ANSWER: A**

**16. "Jungle Nama" Book Is Written By**

- A. Jhumpa Lahiri
- B. Amitav Ghosh
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Nirupama Rao

**ANSWER: B**

**17. Rapid Action Force Hq Is In**

- A. Mumbai
- B. Lucknow
- C. Surat
- D. New Delhi

**ANSWER: D**

**18. War Cry Of SIKH LIGHT INFANTRY Is**

- A. Garud ka hun bol pyare
- B. Everywhere
- C. Raja Ramachandra ki jai
- D. Jo bole So Nihal, sat sri akal

**ANSWER: D**



**19. Where Is The Hq Of NATO?**

- A. Brussels, Belgium
- B. Berne, Switzerland
- C. Jakarta, Indonesia
- D. Berlin, Germany

**ANSWER: A**

**20. VOSTOK Is A**

- A. Domestic Ex
- B. Bi-Lateral Ex
- C. Multilateral Exercises
- D. None

**ANSWER: C**

