

Defence Current Affairs

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SAMPRITI-XI 2023

- India and Bangladesh commenced the 11th edition of annual joint military exercise, SAMPRITI on 03rd October 2023 in Umroi, Meghalaya. This exercise, alternatingly organised by both countries, signifies strong bilateral defence cooperation initiatives.
- With its inception in Jorhat, Assam in 2009, the exercise has witnessed ten successful editions till 2022.
- SAMPRITI-XI, scheduled for 14 days, will engage approximately 350 personnel from both sides. The exercise underscores the importance of enhancing interoperability between the two armies, sharing tactical drills, and promoting best practices.
- 20 Officers from each contingent will participate in the CPX, focusing on decision-making after thorough deliberations. This will be followed by FTX wherein grassroots-level operations will be validated. The FTX will include a series of joint tactical drills for counter-terrorist operations such as hostage rescue, crowd control measures, and use of helicopters in counter-terrorist operations. The Validation Exercise will be conducted on 14th and 15th October 2023 in Darranga Field Firing Range, Assam. During the course of the exercise, the participants will also get to witness the prowess of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' Equipment Display.



Apollo Micro Systems Plans To Set Up Defence Equipment Manufacturing Facility In Telangana

- Apollo Micro Systems Ltd (AMSL) is planning to set up a defence equipment manufacturing facility in Telangana at an investment of Rs 150 crore. The proposed facility will come up on an area of 3 lakh sq ft at its facility in Hyderabad, AMSL said.
- The company recently incorporated a wholly owned subsidiary -- Apollo Defence Industries Private Ltd -- to take forward its plans of manufacturing defence equipment.
- "These agreements mark a significant milestone in our ongoing partnership with DRDO and signify our commitment to excellence in technology and innovation in defense-related projects," he said.
- AMSL offers technology-based solutions in sectors like infrastructure, transportation, aerospace, among others.



CDS Anil Chauhan Chairs Tri-services Commanders Conference To Discuss Tri-services Synergy

- Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan chaired the tri-services commanders' conference of military commanders looking after the western front (western group) on Tuesday to discuss the emerging geopolitical situation and aspects of operational synergy amongst the three services, an official said.
- The CDS has already held similar meetings for the northern theatre and maritime theatre in the last few months as part of discussions towards creating theatre commands.
- The meeting of the Chief of Defence Staff with the commands deployed in the peninsular and island territories of the country comes a few weeks after he held a similar meeting with the military commanders responsible for securing the borders with China.



Mega IAF List Of Desi Projects Worth Over Rs 3 Lakh Crore

- The Indian Air Force is taking up some of the biggest indigenisation projects in defence sector as the force led by Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari is working on 'Make in India' programmes worth over **Rs 3.15 lakh crore**.
- The list of weapon systems and platforms includes the **180 Light Combat Aircraft Mark1A, 156 Light Combat Helicopters, Light Utility Choppers** and many other weapon systems which are supposed to form a large chunk of the service in coming times.
- The **LCA Mark1A** alone is supposed to be worth over **Rs 1.2 lakh crore** and is going to create a huge impact on developing a fighter aircraft manufacturing ecosystem in the domestic industry.
- In the fighter aircraft domain, the Indian Air Force is taking up a major programme to upgrade the **Su-30MKI fighter** jet fleet under a **Rs 65,000 crore project**.
- **Project Kusha**
- The Defence Ministry recently cleared the **Project Kusha** of the IAF under which it is going to get five units of the Long-Range Surface to Air Missile which would be similar to the capabilities of the Russian-origin S-400 air defence missile systems, **3 squadrons** of which have already been inducted in the service.
- The Project Kusha has been given approval for worth around **Rs 21,700 crores** and would be carried out by the DRDO jointly with private and public sector industry.

- The Indian Air Force is also going to get the basic trainer aircraft in the **HTT-40** being built by the HAL at a cost of Rs 6,100 crores.



S-400 Missile System Supplies Hindered By Russia-Ukraine War

- The supply of two squadrons of the S-400 air defence missile system from Russia has been hindered due to the Russia-Ukraine war but it is now expected to be completed in the next year.
- "Our contract was for five systems and three have been delivered. There is a hindrance in delivery due to the Russia-Ukraine war and we are sure that in the next one year, we will be getting the remaining systems. We are also using the Indigenous Project Kusha for indigenous long-range air defence system," the IAF chief Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari clarified today at the annual press conference.
- The IAF chief announced that the Indian Air Force has now got clearance from the Defence Ministry to develop five units of Project Kusha under which the Indian version of S-400 missile systems would be developed.



Review Questions

- 1. Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses Is Located At**
- A. New Delhi
 - B. Chennai
 - C. Wellington
 - D. Noida

ANSWER: A

- 2. 76th Infantry Day Will Be Celebrated On**
- A. 26 October
 - B. 27 October
 - C. 29 October
 - D. 30 October

ANSWER: B

- 3. ___ Will Be Conducting Indian Navy Sailing Championship 2022**
- A. IMA
 - B. NDA
 - C. INA
 - D. IDSA

ANSWER: C

4. India's Shared Vision Of 'SAGAR' Stands For

- A. Security and Growth of All in Region
- B. Security and Growth of All in Rim
- C. Security and Growth of All in Region
- D. None

ANSWER: C

5. Indian Army Signs Historic MOU With 11 Banks For

- A. Agniveer Salary Package
- B. Brahmos Missiles
- C. New Inductions of Assault Rifles
- D. None

ANSWER: A

6. Motto of NSG Is

- A. शं नो वरुणः
- B. नभः स्पृशं दीप्तम्
- C. सर्वत्र सर्वोत्तम सुरक्षा
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

7. In Which Operation NSG Didn't Take Part?

- A. Operation Talwar
- B. Black Thunder
- C. Ashwamedh
- D. Vajra Shakti

ANSWER: A

8. SAG & SRG Stands For

- A.** Special Act Group & Special Ranger Group
- B.** Special Action Group & Special Roger Group
- C.** Special Action Game & Special Ranger Group
- D.** Special Action Group & Special Ranger Group

ANSWER: D

9. The Highest Rank Structure In NSG Is

- A. Director General
- B. Inspector General

- C. Deputy Inspector General
- D. Group Commander

ANSWER: A

10. INS Tarangini Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Sailing Ship
- C. UAV
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

11. FGM-148 Javelin Is Made By

- A. Boeing
- B. Lockheed Martin
- C. Raytheon
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

12. Ex PRABAL DOSTYK Conducted B/W India And

- A. France
- B. China
- C. Kazakhstan
- D. Kyrgyzstan

ANSWER: C

13. Q.M.HAV Stands For

- A. Quarter Havildar
- B. Quartermaster Havildar
- C. Quartermaster Hawadar
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

14. Santiago Is The Capital Of

- A. Oman
- B. Colombia
- C. UAE
- D. Chile

ANSWER: D

15. "Vahana Masterclass" Book Is Written By

- A. Alfredo Covelli
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. R. Kaushik

ANSWER: A

16. "Balidanam Vir Lakshanam" Is The Motto Of

- A. JKLI
- B. THE MAHAR REGIMENT
- C. THE BIHAR REGIMENT
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

17. Which of the following is the Parent Agency of MOD?

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

ANSWER: A

18. Prithvi III Is A

- A. Air to Air Missile
- B. Surface to Air Missile
- C. Surface to Surface Missile
- D. Air to Sea Missile

ANSWER: C

19. Shishumar Is a

- A. Air to Air missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Anti-tank Guided missile
- D. Submarine

ANSWER: D

20. Defence Electronics Research Laboratory (DLRL) Centre Is Located In

- A. Hyderabad, Telangana
- B. Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
- C. Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

D. Tezpur, Assam

ANSWER: A