

# Defence Current Affairs

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### EXERCISE 2023 – (CHAKRAVAT 2023)

- The Annual Joint HADR Ex is an outcome of Hon'ble PM's directive promulgated during Combined Commanders' Conference-2015. Since its first edition in 2015, the Annual Joint HADR Exercise, CHAKRAVAT, has transformed itself into a multi-agency endeavour involving participation of all three Services, Paramilitary Forces.
- The 2023 edition would further synergise efforts at the national level among all stakeholders, as well as witness participation from eight countries of the Indian Ocean Region.
- The exercise has been conducted by Indian Army, Indian Navy and IAF in rotation since 2016. The last edition of the exercise was conducted at Agra by IAF. The 2023 edition of the exercise is being hosted by the Indian Navy at Goa from 09 to 11 Oct 23.



## China's BeiDou Navigation Satellite System

- China's claims of high-accuracy positioning, precise navigation and timing services may be influencing countries to replace GPS with the BeiDou Navigation Satellite System or BDS, but the Chinese system comes with risks of espionage, surveillance and coercion, posing a threat to global security.
- Unlike other global navigation networks, BDS is a two-way communication system. This means it can identify locations of receivers and transmit data.
- Based on the average number of satellites called by domestic navigation apps for each positioning, BeiDou satellites have been called the most, 30 percent more than the second-ranked GPS, the China Media Group (CMG) reported.
- Gaode Map has used BeiDou satellites to make more than 210 billion positioning calls each day. The combination of BDS and map navigation is providing better services to the public, read the statement.
- Map apps users can check the number of BeiDou satellites currently offering service in real time during navigation, including each one's code, azimuth angle, height angle, frequency, signal strength and other factors.



## Israël Air Force Continues Destruction Of Gaza Infrastructure

- The Israel Defence Forces reported that Israel Air Force aircraft attacked many targets in the Gaza Strip since the morning hours of Monday.
- Among other things, aircraft attacked a building used by Hamas in investigations and an operational infrastructure used by Hamas located inside a mosque.
- Additional IDF aircraft attacked a mosque that housed Hamas' operational headquarters and an attack shaft that helped the terrorists break into Israel.
- Also, Hamas weapons warehouses in the Gaza Strip were hit.
- In the last few hours, another IDF aircraft attacked a weapons warehouse and a meeting house of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad organisation with many terrorists in the Gaza Strip and killed two terrorists who tried to escape from it.



## India, Tanzania Decide To Work Together To Form 5-year Roadmap In Defence Sector

- PM Narendra Modi on Monday held a meeting with **Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan** and reviewed the full range of bilateral ties. He said that the two nations have decided to work together to form a five-year roadmap in the defence sector.

- He stated that India and Tanzania are keen to explore new avenues of cooperation in various areas like education, skill development and information technology.
- She said, "On trade and investment, the numbers are satisfying. We are growing. In investment Indian investors in Tanzania, the number is growing. The value of the projects is growing as well.
- On trade volumes, the numbers are growing. As we're speaking up to 2022, our figures were USD 3.1 billion. So this makes India the third largest trading partner in Tanzania and the fifth largest investor in our country."



## **Nagaland: 75<sup>th</sup> Territorial Army Day Celebrated in Dimapur**

- The 113 Infantry Battalion TA (Rajput) on 09.10.2023 celebrated 75<sup>th</sup> Territorial Army Day in Dimapur, Nagaland and as part of a public outreach programme, the Battalion held a blood donation camp at the District Hospital, during which 25 soldiers of the Army donated blood for the people of Dimapur.
- An Awareness and Motivational drive was undertaken at various educational institutes during which information and guidance for joining the Territorial Army was disseminated to the students.
- The Territorial Army has a rich history of valor and sacrifice. Being deployed across the length and breadth of the country the TERRIERS have been instrumental in serving the people in counter-insurgency environments, relief and rescue during natural calamities, and many other people-centric operations.
- The TA was constituted by the Territorial Army Act of 1948 in the Dominion of India as a successor to the Indian Defence Force (1917–1920) and the Indian Territorial Force (1920–1948). It is commanded by a three-star ranking Director General of the Territorial Army—a Lieutenant General-ranking officer deputed from the Indian Army—and headed by the Chief of Defence Staff under the Department of Military Affairs of the Ministry of Defence.



## Review Questions

**1. What is the primary objective of the Annual Joint HADR Exercise, CHAKRAVAT?**

- A. To enhance military readiness and combat capabilities.
- B. To promote international cooperation in disaster response.
- C. To celebrate India's armed forces through public events.
- D. To conduct blood donation camps in different regions.

**ANSWER: B**

**2. Which branch of the Indian Armed Forces is hosting the 2023 edition of the Annual Joint HADR Exercise?**

- A. Indian Army
- B. Indian Navy
- C. Indian Air Force
- D. Indian Paramilitary Forces

**ANSWER: B**

**3. Agni, Prithvi, Trishul, Nag & Akash Missile Was Developed Under Which Programme?**

- A. Nishan
- B. IGMDP
- C. RAKSHAK
- D. Tej

**ANSWER: B**

**4. Mission DefSpace Launched By PM Modi In \_\_\_\_**

- A. T.N.
- B. M.H.
- C. Gujrat
- D. None

**ANSWER: C**

**5. Deesa Airbase Of IAF Is Located In Which District Of Gujrat?**

- A. Surat
- B. Banaskantha

- C. Vapi
- D. None

**ANSWER: B**

**6. \_\_\_ Is The Largest Air Command Of The IAF?**

- A. Eastern
- B. Western
- C. Southern
- D. Northern

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Indian Navy Sailing Championship 2022 Was Organised By**

- A. IMA
- B. SNC
- C. INA
- D. NDA

**ANSWER: C**

**8. Kamikaze Drones Developed By**

- A. India
- B. Russia
- C. Ukraine
- D. Iran

**ANSWER: B**

**9. Tapas-BH Stands For**

- A.** Tactical Airborne Platform for Advanced Surveillance- Beyond Horizon
- B.** Tactical Airborne Platform for Aerial Surveillance- Beyond Horizon
- C.** Tactical Airborne Prime for Aerial Surveillance- Beyond Horizon
- D.** None

**ANSWER: B**

**10. Which Indian Navy Ship Participated In IBSAMAR Exercise?**

- A. INS Utkrosh
- B. INS Kochi
- C. INS Tarkash
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**11. Newly Created 'Weapon System Branch' Is Made Up For**

- A. IAF
- B. BSF
- C. Indian Army
- D. ICG

**ANSWER: A**

**12. M777 Ultra Light Howitzer Have A Range Of Up To**

- A. 20 km
- B. 25 km
- C. 30 km
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**13. Recently QRSAM Missile Was Tested By**

- A. Indian Navy & ISRO
- B. Indian Army & ISRO
- C. Indian Army & DRDO
- D. ICG & ISRO

**ANSWER: C**

**14. Bogota Is The Capital Of**

- A. BAHRAIN
- B. BANGLADESH
- C. BARBADOS
- D. Colombia

**ANSWER: D**

**15. "Lal Salam" Book Is Written By**

- A. Smriti Irani
- B. JK Rowling
- C. Jhumpa Lahiri
- D. Amitav Ghosh

**ANSWER: A**

**16. Which Troops of Indian Army Participated In VOSTOK 22 Exercise?**

- A. Rajput Regiment
- B. Bihar Regiment



- C. Gorkha Regiment
- D. Kumaon Regiment

**ANSWER: C**

**17. Vajra Prahar Exercise Conducted B/W Bharat And?**

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Israel
- D. Qatar

**ANSWER: A**

**18. VL-SRSAM Developed By**

- A. ISRO
- B. DRDO
- C. NASA
- D. JAXA

**ANSWER: B**

**19. Hq Of The MOD Is In**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**20. INS Arihant Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Ballistic missile submarine
- D. Tank

**ANSWER: C**