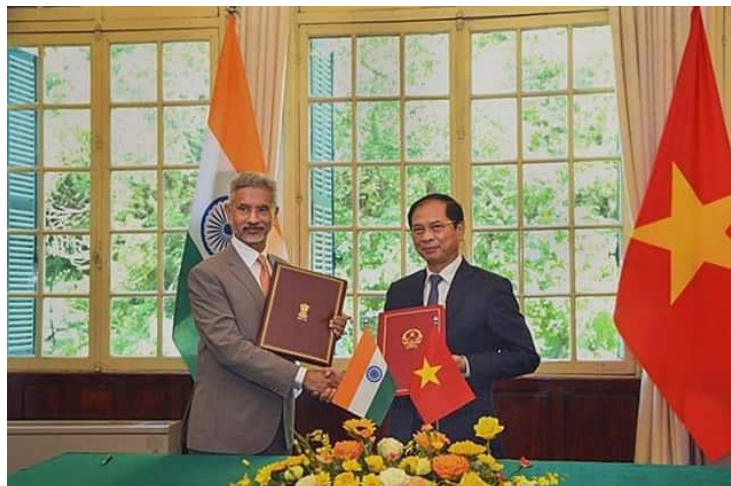


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EAM S Jaishankar Pitches For Vietnam Partnership in Indo-Pacific

- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Monday said that cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region is in the shared interests of India and Vietnam as he underlined the significance of Asean centrality and highlighted the contribution of the Quad.
- Jaishankar, who arrived in Vietnam on Sunday on a four-day official visit, made the remarks during his address to the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam on “India in the Indo-Pacific”.
- Earlier, Jaishankar met his Vietnamese counterpart Bui Thanh Son and discussed ways to boost cooperation in areas like trade, energy, defence and maritime security while also sharing perspectives on the Indo-Pacific.
- Both sides reaffirmed the importance of maintaining peace, stability, security, safety, and freedom of navigation and aviation, and compliance with international law in the East Sea, resolving disputes based on international law, especially the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).



Ministry of Defence Signs Contract With CSL

- Ministry of Defence signed a contract on October 16, 2023, in New Delhi for Mid Life Upgrade and Re-Powering of "INS Beas" with Kochi-based M/S Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) at an overall cost of Rs. 313.42 Cr.
- INS Beas is the first of Brahmaputra Class Frigate to be re-powered from Steam to Diesel Propulsion. After completion of Mid Life Upgrade and Re- Powering in 2026, INS Beas will join the active fleet of the Indian Navy with a modernized weapon suite and upgraded combat capability.



INS SUMEDHA AT LAGOS, NIGERIA

- INS Sumedha made a port call at Lagos, Nigeria on 13 October 2023 as part of its deployment to Gulf of Guinea. The visit was aimed to further strengthen diplomatic relations, reinforce maritime co-operation, and boost interoperability between the two navies.
- Various activities including professional interactions, planning conferences in harbour and exercises at sea are scheduled for exchange of best practices.
- In addition to social engagements and sports fixtures, the ship conducted a Medical Camp along with Nigerian Navy doctors for the local populace. Sumedha will also be undertaking **Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX)** with NNS Unity, with the aim to augment interoperability between both navies.



Israel Agrees To Enable Humanitarian Aid For Civilians in Gaza

- United States State Secretary Antony Blinken said that Israel has agreed to establish a humanitarian aid plan to ensure that civilians in Gaza would get access to help provided by other countries and protect them from destruction of war in a way that does not benefit Hamas.
- **"US President Joe Biden will visit Israel** on Wednesday. He is coming here at a critical moment for Israel, for the region, and for the world. President Biden will reaffirm the United States' solidarity with Israel.
- President Biden will again make clear, as he's done unequivocally since Hamas's slaughter of more than 1,400 people, including at least 30 Americans, that Israel has the right and indeed the duty to defend its people from Hamas and other terrorists and to prevent future attacks," he said.



Indian Army plans to start 'Chanakya Defence Dialogue' talk series

- Seeking to start a forum for discussion on important security matters, the Indian Army is planning to start a dialogue series named the Chanakya Defence Dialogue.
- As per sources, the curtain raiser of the event is planned for October 25 or 26, where Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Pande is likely to participate in a talk.
- The first edition of the dialogue series is tentatively scheduled for the first or second week of November.
- The Army is collaborating with the prominent think tank, Centre for Land and Warfare Studies (CLAWS), for the conduct of this event.
- It will be a congregation of participants from a vast array of nations, including Australia, France, Japan, and the US.



Review Questions

1. INS Sumedha Is A

- A. UAV
- B. Fighter Aircraft
- C. Helicopter
- D. Figrate

ANSWER: C

2. JF-17 Thunder Is A

- A. UAV
- B. Fighter Aircraft
- C. Helicopter
- D. Tank

ANSWER: B

3. Ex 'EKATHA' conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: D

4. India's First Indigenous Aircraft Is

- A. INS Virat
- B. INS Vikrant
- C. INS Vikramaditya
- D. INS Samudragupta

ANSWER: B

5. INS Vikrant Is Manufactured By

- A. GRSE
- B. CSL
- C. BHEL
- D. DRDO

ANSWER: B

6. Hq Of Cochin Shipyard Ltd Is At

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

ANSWER: A

7. Which Is Not The Commissioned Ranks In The Army Service?

- A. Brigadier
- B. Colonel
- C. General
- D. Commander

ANSWER: D

8. Armaments Research & Development Establishment (ARDE) Is Located In

- A. Pune, Maharashtra
- B. Bengaluru, Karnataka
- C. Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

9. Motto Of Integrated Defence Staff

- A. Victory Through Jointness
- B. Victory Everywhere

- C. Always Ahead
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

10. First Made In India Passenger Aircraft Is____

- A. Dornier 228
- B. Chetak
- C. Cheetah
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

11. Saab AB Is An Aerospace Company of

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

ANSWER: B

12. Joint Ex B/w India And Singapore Is Called:

- A. Bold Kurukshetra
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: A

13. Neptune Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. Tank
- C. Anti-Ship Missile
- D. Machine Gun

ANSWER: C

14. KINGSTON Is The Capital Of

- A. JAMAICA
- B. JAPAN
- C. JORDAN
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

15. "Queen of Fire" Book Is Written By

- A. Devika Rangachari
- B. Dharmendra Pradhan
- C. Ashwini Shrivastava
- D. Harish Mehta

ANSWER: A

16. INS Sahyadri Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Frigate

ANSWER: D

17. Which of the following Country Is Not The Member Of ASEAN?

- A. Brunei
- B. Laos
- C. Vietnam
- D. China

ANSWER: D

18. Hq of 15/Chinar Corps of Indian Army Is In

- A. Srinagar
- B. Jaipur
- C. Kochi
- D. Baramulla

ANSWER: A

19. The Cartosat Is A

- A. Air to Air missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Anti-tank Guided missile
- D. Earth Observation Satellite

ANSWER: D

20. Where Is The Hq Of The SAC Of The IAF?

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam

- C. Shillong
- D. Thiruvananthapuram

ANSWER: D



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