

# Defence Current Affairs

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### India to Provide Additional Funding of LKR 23 Million for Training for Sri Lankan Military

- India will provide additional funding of LKR 23 million (around Rs 58,75,900) for the training of Sri Lankan Armed Forces, the Indian High Commission here has said. This was conveyed to Sri Lanka by the acting Indian High Commissioner Satyanjal Pandey when he met a senior local military delegation here on Friday.
- The Sri Lankan side conveyed its gratitude to India for the capacity-building support extended to the Sri Lankan armed forces and was looking forward to increased engagements, a release said.
- "Army Delegation led by Maj Gen Chandana Wickramasinghe met Acting HC @DrSatyanjal to discuss the conduct of upcoming Exercise Mitra Shakti, a bilateral exercise between the Armies and Air Forces of India and Sri Lanka," the Indian mission posted on X.
- "Additional funding of LKR 23 million for training of Sri Lankan Armed Forces announced by India," it said, without giving more details.



## Maldives Will Return Indian Military As Soon As Possible

- Maldives will work to return Indian military personnel from its shores "as soon as possible," President-elect Mohamed Muizzu told Reuters on Sunday, insisting it was the top foreign policy priority for the tiny Indian Ocean Island chain.
- Muizzu won the Maldives' presidential election last month, beating incumbent President Ibrahim Solih in a second-round runoff, and will take office on Nov. 17.
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## Military Exercise 'KAZIND-2023'

- The Indian Army and Indian Air Force contingent comprising 120 personnel has departed for Kazakhstan to take part in the 7th edition of Joint Military 'Exercise KAZIND-2023', the Ministry of Defence said.
- 'Exercise KAZIND-2023' will be conducted from October 30 to November 11 at Otar in Kazakhstan and 90 personnel of the Indian Army contingent led by a Battalion from the DOGRA regiment will participate in the joint exercise.

- The Joint Exercise between India and Kazakhstan was instituted as 'Exercise PRABAL DOSTYK' in the year 2016. After the second edition, the Exercise was upgraded to a company-level exercise and renamed as 'Exercise KAZIND'.



## NSG Team Arrives In Kerala After Twin Blasts Rock Prayer Meet

- Following blasts in Ernakulam district in Kerala, the National Security Guard (NSG) team on Sunday arrived at the spot where the twin blast took place earlier today in Kalamassery.
- Meanwhile, Kerala Health Minister Veena George said that a 14-member medical board is monitoring the entire situation following the blasts at the convention centre of a Christian group in Kochi, which claimed at least two lives and left several injured.
- Currently, 41 people are hospitalized, 27 people admitted to Ernakulam Medical College...4 people discharged. 2 people have died, and 5 are critical. A special team led by ADGP Law and Order will be investigating this incident...20 members will be in the investigating team. An all-party meeting has been called for tomorrow.



## Israel launches Gaza war's second phase with ground operation

- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Saturday that Israeli forces had entered the second phase in the war in Gaza as they pressed ground operations against Hamas militants running the Palestinian enclave.
- Gaza's besieged people had barely any communications with the outside world as Israeli jets dropped more bombs and military chiefs said a long-threatened ground offensive against Hamas militants was gearing up.
- Speaking at a press conference in Tel Aviv, Netanyahu warned that the war would be long and difficult and reiterated Israel's appeal to Palestinian civilians to evacuate the northern Gaza Strip where Israel was focusing its attack.
- He vowed that every effort would be made to rescue the more than 200 hostages held by Hamas.
- "This is the second stage of the war whose goals are clear - to destroy Hamas' governing and military capabilities and to bring the hostages home," Netanyahu told reporters.
- Israel has blockaded and bombarded Gaza for three weeks after the Islamist group Hamas' Oct. 7 assault killed 1,400 Israelis in the deadliest day of the nation's 75-year history.



## Review Questions

**1. Ex Kazind 2023 Conducting between Bharat And?**

- A. Kazakhstan
- B. Iran
- C. Iraq
- D. Brazil

**ANSWER: A**

**2. Defence Institute of Physiology & Allied Sciences Is A Operating Agency Of**

- A. ISRO
- B. BDL
- C. DRDO
- D. CSL

**ANSWER: C**

**3. Ex 'BLUE FLAG' Conducted b/w India &**

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. Israel
- D. Kazakhstan

**ANSWER: C**

**4. Which Edition of Exercise Kazind 23 Is Conducting?**

- A. 6<sup>th</sup>
- B. 7<sup>th</sup>
- C. 8<sup>th</sup>
- D. 9<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: B**

**5. Which Organisation Manufactured Tejas Mark-2 Fighter Jets?**

- A. BEL
- B. BDL
- C. HAL
- D. DRDO

**ANSWER: C**

**6. Indian Army Contingent Participated In Exercise Vostok-2022 In Which Country?**

- A. Canada
- B. Russia
- C. Germany
- D. Ukraine

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Udarshakti Is A Bilateral Exercise Which Is Being Held Between India And Which Other Country? Commissioned In**

- A. Malaysia
- B. Singapore
- C. Russia
- D. Japan

**ANSWER: A**

**8. What Is The Name Of The Submarine Which Has been Decommissioned From The Indian Navy?**

- A.** INS Rajput
- B.** INS Nishank
- C.** INS Sindhudhvaj
- D.** INS Ranjit

**ANSWER: C**

**9. Heron MK II Is A**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**10. Chabahar Port Is Located In**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**11. SCO Member Countries Contribute About \_\_Of Global GDP.**

- A. 30%
- B. 40%
- C. 50%
- D. 60%

**ANSWER: A**

**12. Pratap Chandra Lal Was A Former Chief Of**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**13. Space & Upper Atmosphere Research Commission Is A Space Agency Of**

- A. USA
- B. Pakistan
- C. China
- D. Bhutan

**ANSWER: B**

**14. RS-28 Sarmat "Satan 2" is a**

- A. Helicopter

- B. Machine Gun
- C. Missile
- D. Fighter Jet

**ANSWER: C**

**15. BELMOPAN Is The Capital Of**

- A. BELIZE
- B. BENIN
- C. BHUTAN
- D. Maldives

**ANSWER: A**

**16. "The Living Mountain" Book Is Written By**

- A. JK Rowling
- B. Aakash Ranison
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Amitav Ghosh

**ANSWER: D**

**17. Joint Exercises B/w India And Sri Lanka Is Called:**

- A. Ashoka
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. MITRA SHAKTI

**ANSWER: D**

**18. India Purchased Sig Sauer assault rifles from**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**19. India Purchased Romeo 64 Helicopter from**

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

**ANSWER: A**



**20. Which Is Not The Member Of BIMSTEC?**

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

**ANSWER: D**