

Defence Current Affairs

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EU Appoints Military Attache In Mission In India

- The European Union (EU) has posted a military attache in its mission in India, in reflection of growing defence and strategic cooperation between the two sides, people familiar with the matter said. It is for the first time that the EU appointed a military attache to India.
- The overall strategic ties between India and the 27-nation EU have been on an upward trajectory in the last few years.
- India is among a select group of countries where the EU has appointed military attaches.
- The EU has been focusing on expanding military cooperation with India and many other countries in the Indo-Pacific.
- In February last year, the European Union vowed to enhance its defence and security engagement with its partners in the Indo-Pacific and announced the extension of the concept of a coordinated maritime presence in the north-west Indian Ocean.



India-Nepal Border Forces' Talks Begin In Delhi

- Border guarding forces of India and Nepal began their three-day bilateral meeting in Delhi on Monday and discussed measures to curb trans-frontier crimes and for timely sharing of intelligence inputs, an official said.
- Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) director general Rashmi Shukla is leading the Indian delegation at the seventh edition of the annual coordination talks and the visiting nine-member Armed Police Force (APF) team of Nepal is headed by its inspector general Raju Aryal.
- The focus of the meeting will be on the development of effective mechanisms to collaboratively combat trans-border crimes and facilitate the prompt exchange of critical information between the forces, the statement said.
- The SSB is a central armed police force under the Union Home Ministry, and it is tasked with guarding the **1,751 km** India-Nepal open international border. These annual talks have been held alternately in India and Nepal since 2012.



Disturbances In The Force - Recent Developments In China's Military

- Fissures have appeared in the People's Liberation Army (PLA) in recent months, with high-profile commanders, even the defence minister, removed due to corruption allegations.

- Additionally, there was even speculation of a submarine loss to add more spice. Regardless, the PLA continues to test its mettle as China becomes even more aggressive in the South China Sea and more vocal about its violent designs in Taiwan.
- While China denied the loss of a submarine, it has been very vocal in intimidating Taiwan. For example, at the 10th Beijing Xiangshan Forum, Lieutenant General He Lei, former vice president of the PLA Academy of Military Sciences, said on October 29: "Once the Chinese government is forced to use force to resolve the Taiwan question, it will be a war for reunification, a just and legitimate war supported and participated in by the Chinese people, and a war to crush foreign interference."
- China has officially sacked its defence minister Li Shangfu, two months after he disappeared from public life. No explanation has been given for his removal, nor has a replacement been announced for his job. His sacking follows recent axing's of several top military officials, including Qin Gang - who was removed as foreign minister in July.
- A top Chinese military official has said China will show no mercy towards Taiwan's independence. This comes despite turmoil in the top ranks of the country's armed forces, Voice of America (VOA) reported.



8th Edition of Vizag Navy Marathon

- The 8th edition of the Vizag Navy Marathon was conducted by the Eastern Naval Command at RK Beach Road in the city on Sunday, with over 12,000 registrations for the mega event.

- The marathon was flagged off by **Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar**, Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, **Eastern Naval Command**, with more than 500 participants. The half marathon was flagged off by Vice Admiral G Srinivasan, Director General Naval Projects Vizag, with more than 1600 runners.
- "The 10-kilometer run with more than 2700 runners was flagged off by Commissioner of Police Dr Ravishankar. The 5 KM Run recorded a participation of over 7,000 runners and was flagged off by Vice Admiral Sameer Saxena, Chief of Staff, Eastern Naval Command," the release stated.



Israel Military Reopens Evacuation Route For Gazans To Move South For Their Safety

- As Israel continues ground operations in Gaza, the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) has reopened an evacuation route for Gazans to move south for their safety.
- Underscoring that Israel is not at war with Gazan civilians, the IDF has repeatedly called on the residents of Gaza City to evacuate from the area.
- Moreover, over 10,000 Palestinians have lost their lives in Gaza since hostilities began on October 7 and the Rafah border crossing has now been reopened
- The Rafah border crossing, which had been closed over the weekend following an Israeli airstrike on a Palestinian Red Crescent ambulance, reopened on Monday to facilitate the passage of foreign nationals and wounded Palestinians from **Gaza into Egypt**.



Review Questions

1. Which Organization Is Responsible For Guarding The India-Nepal Open International Border?

- A. Indian Army
- B. BSF
- C. Sashastra Seema Bal
- D. Nepal Armed Police Force

ANSWER: C

2. Consider the following pairs:

Missile System	Type
1. S-400 TRIUMF	Air-to-air missile (AAM) system
2. Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system.	Ground-based anti-ballistic missile defence system.
3. Iron Dome	Surface-to-air missile (SAM) system

How many of the above pairs are not correctly matched?

- A. Only one
- B. Only two
- C. Only three
- D. All four

ANSWER: A

3. Udham Singh Was An Indian Revolutionary Belonging To_____.

- A. Ghadar Party and HSRA
- B. Indian National Congress
- C. Jansangh
- D. None

ANSWER: A

4. Naib Subedar Jeremy Lalrinnunga Is Related With.

- A. Table Tennis
- B. Cricket
- C. Boxing
- D. Weightlifting

ANSWER: D

5. The Jawaharlal Nehru Port is located at

- A. Paradip
- B. Cochin
- C. Kolkata
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: D

6. 'Iron Beam' new laser-based air defence system Made By

- A. USA

- B. UK
- C. Israel
- D. Russia

ANSWER: C

7. Ex KHANJAR Conducted B/W India &

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

ANSWER: D

8. First Submarine Developed Under P-75 Is

- A. INS Kalvari
- B. INS Khanderi
- C. INS Karanj
- D. INS Vela

ANSWER: A

9. India Purchased MiG-21 From

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

ANSWER: D

10. Rezang La Has Located B/W Borders Of

- A. India-Pakistan
- B. India-China
- C. India-Nepal
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

11. Selection Centre South (SCS) Is In

- A. Mumbai
- B. Kochi
- C. Chennai
- D. Bangalore

ANSWER: D

12. 38th Parallel border lines divide which of the two following countries?

- A. North Korea and South Korea
- B. India and Tibet
- C. Poland and Germany
- D. Pakistan and Afghanistan

ANSWER: A

13. Which one of the following countries has the longest coastal line

- A. Brazil
- B. Australia
- C. India
- D. Canada

ANSWER: D

14. Mechanical Training Institute (MTI) Of IAF Is In

- A. Yelahanka, Bengaluru
- B. Jalahalli, Bengaluru
- C. Tambaram Chennai
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

15. "Jai Mahakali Ayo Gorkhali" Is The War Cry Of

- A. BIHAR REGIMENT
- B. MAHAR REGIMENT
- C. NAGA REGIMENT
- D. GORKHA REGIMENTS

ANSWER: D

15.Siachen Conflict B/W India And Pakistan Held In

- A. 1983
- B. 1984
- C. 1985
- D. 1986

ANSWER: B

16. India Purchased Sig Sauer Assault Rifles From

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

ANSWER: A

17. War Cry Of The BIHAR REGIMENT

- A. Parakramo Vijayate
- B. Rhino Charge
- C. Jai Bajrangbali
- D. Duty, Honour, courage

ANSWER: C

18. ___ is India's 3rd Highest Military Decoration Award.

- A. PVC
- B. MVC
- C. Veer Chakra
- D. Kirti Chakra

ANSWER: C

19. ZA'IR-AL-BAHR Exercise Held b/w India And ___?

- A. China
- B. USA
- C. Qatar
- D. Singapore

ANSWER: C

20. Wartime Distinguished Service Medal Is

- A. PVC
- B. MVC
- C. VSM
- D. YSM

ANSWER: D