

Defence Current Affairs

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Rajnath Singh Discusses Defence Ties, Indo-Pacific With UK Counterpart

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday held a telephonic conversation with his British counterpart Grant Shapps and discussed means to bolster closer defence relations as well as the security issues in the Indo-Pacific region.
- According to the Defence Ministry, both Ministers discussed a range of defence and security issues with particular emphasis on the Indo-Pacific. They briefly reviewed the ongoing engagements and discussed possible cooperation in new domains.
- The two leaders explored ways and means to develop closer defence relations. Grant Shapps also invited Rajnath Singh to visit the UK in the near future.
- Singh also congratulated Shapps on his appointment as the Secretary of State for Defence.
- Notably, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar is also on a four-day visit to the UK. He celebrated Diwali by offering prayers at the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (Neasden Temple) in London.



AMC Officer Lt Col Sanjeev Malik Creates History

- Army Medical Corps officer **Lt Col Sanjeev Malik** has made history by winning **Five Gold Medals in 42nd World Medicine and Health Games in Colombia**. He is presently posted in the **President's Bodyguards**, Rashtrapati Bhawan.
- His victories in the **800m, 1500m, 3000m, 5000m**, and cross-country events make him the only athlete to achieve this feat in 2023 and one of a select few since the Games began in 1978.
- The World Medicine and Health Games, often regarded as the **Olympic Games for Health Professionals**, has evolved into the most prestigious global sporting event within the medical community. With a legacy dating back to 1978, the Games annually attract over 2,500 participants from more than 50 nations.



Rear Admiral Rajesh Dhankhar Takes Over Command Of Eastern Fleet

- Rear Admiral Rajesh Dhankhar took over command of the Eastern Fleet, the Sword Arm of the Eastern Naval Command, from Rear Admiral Gurcharan Singh, on 10 November 2023.

- RAdm Rajesh Dhankhar was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 01 July 1990 and is a specialist in Navigation & Direction. The Flag Officer is an alumnus of the prestigious Naval Academy, Defence Services Staff College, and has done his Higher Command Course in Japan.
- The Flag Officer is a recipient of the **Nao Sena Medal (Gallantry)** in 2015 for Non-Combatant Evacuation Operations (NEO) of Indian nationals from **Aden and Al-Hodeida, Yemen**.



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China And Pakistan Navies Hold Drills In Arabian Sea

- The Chinese and Pakistani navies are holding week-long drills in the Arabian Sea during which the two all-weather allies will also conduct joint maritime patrols for the first time, a media report said.
- The Chinese and Pakistani navies at a naval base in Karachi on Saturday kicked off the '**Sea Guardians-3**' exercise in the waters and airspace of the northern Arabian Sea in drills that include anti-submarine operations, Dawn News reported on the exercises which will end on Friday.
- This is the third time for China and Pakistan to hold such an exercise, aiming to consolidate the all-weather strategic partnership and traditional friendship between the two countries, and strengthen realistic combat training of the two militaries.



Myanmar: Thousands Flee To India As Insurgents Open Attack

- Thousands of people from Myanmar crossed into India after some ethnic minority insurgent groups attacked security posts in Myanmar on Monday leading to a fresh fight erupting on two new fronts, Reuters reported.
- This comes as Myanmar's military junta is facing its biggest test since taking power in a **2021 coup** after three ethnic minority forces launched a coordinated offensive in late October, capturing some towns and military posts.
- Last week, the military-installed president said that Myanmar was at risk of "breaking apart" because of an ineffective response to the rebellion. The military generals say that they are fighting "terrorists".
- One of the three allied insurgent groups, the **Arakan Army (AA)**, which is fighting for greater autonomy in Rakhine State in **western Myanmar**, seized posts in the **Rathedaung and Minbya areas**.
- Notably, about **5,000 people** from Myanmar crossed into India's Mizoram state to seek shelter from the fighting, Reuters reported citing James Lalrinchhana, the Deputy Commissioner of a district on the Myanmar border.



Another High-Profile Indian Enemy Killed In Pakistan

- Unidentified gunmen have shot and killed Maulana Raheem Ullah Tariq, a close aide of Jaish-e-Muhammed (JeM) chief Maulana Masood Azhar, in Karachi's Orangi Town. The Karachi police have labeled it as a "targeted killing" and an "act of terrorism".
- This incident marks the third high-profile assassination of terrorists focused on India this month. Previously, Akram Ghazi, a commander of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), was gunned down in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, and Khwaja Shahid, one of the masterminds behind the 2018 Sunjuwan terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir, was abducted and found beheaded near the Line of Control in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.
- Authorities are currently investigating the involvement of local terrorists and infighting among JeM members in Tariq's killing. He was shot multiple times by assailants who appeared to be familiar with the area. Tariq was on his way to address a gathering against India and Kashmir when the attack took place.



Review Questions

1. LEMOA Agreement Is A Military Ties B/W India And

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

ANSWER: A

2. Motto of IMA Is

- A. Valour and Wisdom
- B. Always Brave
- C. Service Before Self
- D. None

ANSWER: A

3. ASBM Stands For

- A. Anti-Ship Ballistic Magnet
- B. Anti-Ship Ballistic Missile
- C. Anti-Ship Ballast Missile
- D. None

ANSWER: B

4. Securities and Exchange Board of India Hq Is In

- A. Mumbai
- B. Noida
- C. New Delhi
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

5. INS Valsura Is Located In

- A. Balasore
- B. Chennai
- C. Trombay
- D. Jamnagar

ANSWER: D

6. Where Is The Hq Of The Southern Command of The Indian Army?

- A. Kochi
- B. Lucknow
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: C

7. Commander Rank of Indian Navy Is Equivalent To Which Rank of IAF?

- A. Air Marshal
- B. Flight Lt.
- C. Captain
- D. Wing Commander

ANSWER: D

8. Exercises B/w The India And Kazakhstan Is Called:

- A. KAZIND
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: A

9. INS Rana Is A

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

ANSWER: A

10. Regimental Centre of MADRAS REGIMENT Is In

- A. Wellington, Tamil Nadu
- B. Kamptee, Maharashtra
- C. Ahmednagar, Maharashtra
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

11. Operation Parakram Was Launched In

- A. 2000
- B. 2001
- C. 2004
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

12. Shaurya Missile Is A Type Of

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

ANSWER: A

13. IAF's 1st Woman Rafale Fighter Pilot Is

- A. Flying Officer Anjali Mishra
- B. Flight Lieutenant Avani Chaturvedi
- C. Flight Lieutenant Shivangi Singh
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

14. Colonel Rank of Indian Army Is Equivalent to which rank of IAF?

- A. Captain
- B. Group Captain
- C. Flying Officer
- D. Air Marshal

ANSWER: B

15. BRIDGETOWN Is The Capital Of

- A. Belarus
- B. Barbados
- C. Belize

D. Maldives

ANSWER: B

16. 'A Little Book of India: Celebrating 75 years of Independence' Book Is Written By

A. Ruskin Bond

B. Meenakshi Lekhi

C. Hew Strachan

D. Jayanta Ghosal

ANSWER: A

17. The T-90 Bhisma Is A

A. Helicopter

B. Machine Gun

C. UAV

D. Tank

ANSWER: D

18. Captain Rank of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of IAF?

A. Flying Officer

B. Flight Lieutenant

C. Squadron Leader

D. Commodore

ANSWER: B

19. Where Is The Hq of the International Labour Organisation?

A. Geneva, Switzerland

B. New York, USA

C. Vienna, Austria

D. None

ANSWER: A

20. 'Ex AUSTRALIA HIND' Conducted b/w India &

A. Qatar

B. Oman

C. Australia

D. Austria

ANSWER: C