

# Defence Current Affairs

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### Exercise Mitra Shakti 2023

- Months after India and Sri Lanka agreed to increase the complexity of bilateral military exercises, the troops from the two sides are set to begin the joint exercise 'Mitra Shakti' on Thursday at the **Foreign Training Node in Pune**.
- Its aim is to promote close relations between armies of both countries and enhance interoperability and sharing of best practices in counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism (CI-CT) operations. The 14-day exercise is set to conclude on November 29.
- 'Mitra Shakti' which means 'power of friendship' is conducted under the United Nations' (UN) mandate as both armies contribute to the UN Peacekeeping Forces deployed in the troubled areas across the world.



### Key Terror Launch Commander Killed In Uri

- In a major blow to terror infrastructure and terror sympathisers in the Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, security forces have eliminated key launch commander Bashir Ahmad Malik in an anti-infiltration operation in the Uri sector, the army said on Thursday.

- Malik and another terrorist were killed Wednesday in a joint operation, codenamed Op Kali, by the army and Jammu and Kashmir Police along the Line of Control.
- Repeated infiltration attempts through the same area in the Uri sector of Baramulla district was a display of desperation by the adversary to push more terrorists into the Kashmir valley to spoil the prevailing peace and tranquility, he said.



## **10-Nation ASEAN Meeting**

- India is committed to freedom of navigation, overflight and unimpeded lawful commerce in international waters in accordance with global norms, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Thursday against the backdrop of China's increasing military muscle flexing in the South China Sea.
- The defence minister reaffirmed India's message to the world at large, that "**this is not an era of war**" and spoke about the imperative to give up the "us versus them" mindset.
- Singh said India is commitment to freedom of navigation, overflight and unimpeded lawful commerce in the international waters in accordance with international laws, including United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) 1982.
- The ADMM-Plus is a platform comprising 10-nation ASEAN and its eight dialogue partners -- India, China, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Russia and the United States.



## LAUNCH OF 'AMINI'

- 'Amini', the 4th of 08 x ASW Shallow Watercraft (SWC) Project being built by M/s GRSE for Indian Navy, was launched on 16 Nov 23 at M/s L&T, Kattupalli. The Launch Ceremony was presided over by VAdm Sandeep Naithani, Chief of Materiel. In keeping with maritime tradition, Mrs Manju Naithani launched the ship to the invocation from Atharva Veda.
- The ship has been named Amini to signify the strategic maritime importance accorded to the **island of Amini at Lakshadweep**, located about 400 Km west of Kochi.
- The contract for building eight ASW SWC ships was signed between MoD and GRSE, Kolkata on 29 Apr 19. As per the build strategy, four ships are being built at GRSE, Kolkata and balance four ships sub-contracted to M/s L&T Shipbuilding, Kattupalli for hull and part outfitting.



## Indian Navy Carries Out Second Anti-piracy Patrol In Crucial Gulf Of Guinea Region

- The Indian Navy carried out the second anti-piracy patrol in the Gulf of Guinea in the Atlantic Ocean, a region that is considered critical for India's national interests and energy requirements.
- The Ministry of Defence said in a statement that the deployment of INS Sumedha was also used to further the capability and enhance the Navy-to-Navy connection with regional partners.
- "INS Sumedha is on an Extended Range Operational Deployment and is currently operating in the Atlantic Ocean along the West Coast of Africa. During this period, INS Sumedha operated in the Gulf of Guinea (GoG) undertaking a 31-day anti-piracy patrol," the Ministry stated.



### Review Questions

**1. Amini Island Is In**

- A. Mumbai
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Lakshadweep
- D. None

**ANSWER: C**

**2. The Motto Of AMC, "सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः" Which Is Derived From The**

- E. Brihadaranyaka Upanishad
- F. Mundak Upanishad

- G. Taittiriya Upanishad
- H. Katha Upanishad

**ANSWER: A**

**3. Which of the following is DRDO Technology Demonstration Vessel?**

- A. INS Delhi
- B. INS Virat
- C. INS Vagir
- D. INS Anvesh

**ANSWER: D**

**4. Ex 'SPITTING COBRA' Conducted b/w India &**

- A. USA
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Russia

**ANSWER: A**

**5. Hq Of Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL) Is In**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**6. First & Largest Defence Equipment Manufacturer In India Is**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**7. V. O. Chidambaranar Port Trust Is Located In**

- A. T.N
- B. M.H
- C. Goa
- D. A.P

**ANSWER: A**

**8. Where Is The Hq Of The Central Command of The Indian Army?**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**9. "Prashata Ranvirta" Is A Motto Of**

- A. Jammu And Kashmir Rifles
- B. Gorkha Regiment
- C. Punjab Regiment
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**10. Bongosagar Ex Conducted B/W Bangladesh And**

- A. UK
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Nepal
- D. None

**ANSWER: D**

**11. Heron TP Is a**

- A. Air to Air missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Anti-tank Guided missile
- D. Drone

**ANSWER: D**

**12. "Balidanam Vir Lakshanam" Is The Motto Of**

- A. Corps of Signals
- B. RR
- C. AAD
- D. JKLI

**ANSWER: D**

**13. Vice Admiral Rank of Indian Navy Is Equivalent To Which Rank of Indian Army?**

- A. Air Marshal
- B. Flight Lt.

- C. Captain
- D. Lt. General

**ANSWER: D**

**14. Range of Astra Missile Mk 2 Is**

- A. 110 km
- B. 160 km
- C. 170 km
- D. 250 km

**ANSWER: B**

**15. Ex Samudra Shakti Is Held B/W India &**

- A. Italy
- B. Indonesia
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. None

**ANSWER: B**

**16. Tirana Is The Capital Of**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**17. 'Paradise Lost' Book Is Written By**

- A. John Milton
- B. Jane Austen
- C. Issac Newton
- D. Daniel Defoe

**ANSWER: A**

**18. South-Western Air Command Hq Is In**

- A. Gandhinagar
- B. New Delhi
- C. Prayagraj
- D. Nagpur

**ANSWER: D**

**19. Operation Poomalai Was Conducted By IAF In**

- A. 1984
- B. 1987
- C. 1991
- D. 1999

**ANSWER: B**

**19. Hq United Nations Institute for Training and Research Is In**

- A. Geneva, Switzerland
- B. Berlin, Germany
- C. Turin, Italy
- D. Tokyo, Japan

**ANSWER: A**

**20. The G20 Was Founded In**

- A. 1999
- B. 2000
- C. 2004
- D. 2005

**ANSWER: A**

