

Defence Current Affairs

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India-Australia 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue

- Australian Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Defence Mr. Richard Marles will visit India from November 19 to 20, 2023 to co-chair the 2nd India-Australia 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue with Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh.
- A bilateral meeting on defence cooperation will be held between Minister Marles and Raksha Mantri on November 20 followed by the 2+2 Dialogue.
- The 2+2 dialogue will be co-chaired by Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh and Minister of External Affairs Dr S Jaishankar along with their Australian counterparts, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Defence Mr Richard Marles and Minister for Foreign Affairs Ms Penny Wong.
- The inaugural 2+2 ministerial dialogue took place in New Delhi in September 2021.
- India and Australia are pursuing a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, and the visit of Minister Marles is expected to give further impetus to the collaboration as well as bilateral defence cooperation. The two countries are expected to discuss wide-ranging issues of mutual interest during the 2+2 dialogue and the bilateral Defence Ministers' meeting.



INS Sharda Visits Port Antsiranana, Madagascar

- Indian Navy Ship (INS) Sharda is on a visit to Port Antsiranana, Madagascar, from November 17-23 as part of an ongoing operational deployment.
- The ship's visit aims to strengthen bridges of friendship and the Indian Navy's sustained efforts towards ensuring maritime security in the region by partnering with regional navies in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR).
- Madagascar is a SAGAR partner of India. Launched in 2020, Mission SAGAR is a global initiative along the lines of the Sagar doctrine. India launched this mission to provide relief aid to Indian Ocean countries following the COVID-19 pandemic. This initiative covers the Maldives, Mauritius, Madagascar, Comoros, and Seychelles.



Israel Condemns Iranian-backed Houthis For Hijacking International Vessel

- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu condemned the hijacking of an international vessel by Iran-backed Houthis in the **Red Sea** and called it a "very serious incident on the global scale."
- Israel Defence Force (IDF) said that the ship was sailing from Turkey to India with an international civilian crew, without any Israelis aboard and added, "This is not an Israeli ship".

- It also shared, "Onboard the vessel are 25 crew members of various nationalities including Ukrainian, Bulgarian, Filipino and Mexican. No Israelis are onboard."



IAF To Develop Indigenous Jammer Pod For LCA Mk 1A

- The Indian Air Force is working on a project to develop an indigenous jammer pod for the homegrown LCA Mark 1A fighter aircraft, IAF officials said on.
- "IAF's Base Repair Depots have been tasked to indigenise many of the equipment required on its fighter and transport aircraft and other weapon systems and cut down imports," officials added.
- "We have already manufactured a quantity of 10 lakh and handed it over to the Indian Army successfully. This is a very safe prototype and advanced prototype of a hand grenade. It has added safety features as well and its efficacies are much more than the erstwhile, HE 36 hand grenade."



Second IAF Aircraft Carrying Emergency Aid For Gaza

- A second Indian Air Force (IAF) C17 aircraft, carrying 32 tonnes of aid for civilians in Gaza caught up in the ongoing Israel-Hamas war, on Sunday departed for the El-Arish Airport in Egypt.
- Earlier, India sent 38 tonnes of humanitarian relief for civilians caught up in the ongoing ground offensive by the Israeli forces in the Strip.
- The aid package comprised fluids and painkillers. The disaster relief material, weighing approximately 32 tonnes, also included tents, sleeping bags, tarpaulins, basic sanitary utilities, and water purification tablets, among other items.



77 Indian Military Personnel In The Maldives; New Government Reviewing With India

- There were 77 Indian military personnel in the Maldives and the new government here was reviewing more than 100 agreements signed with New Delhi, a senior Maldivian official said, a day after President Mohamed Muizzu formally requested India to withdraw them from the island nation.
- Addressing a press conference here, the Undersecretary for Public Policy of the Presidential Office, Mohamed Firuzul Abdul Khaleel said the new administration has established that there are 77 Indian military personnel in the Maldives.
- There were 24 Indian military personnel to manage the first helicopter, 25 Indians to manage the Dornier aircraft, 26 personnel to manage the second

helicopter, and two more for maintenance and engineering, Firuzul was quoted as saying by the Maldivian media.

- He said that President Muizzu, who won the presidential election in September, has initiated efforts to expel all 77 from the Maldives.



Review Questions

1. Port Antsiranana Is In

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

ANSWER: D

2. Security and Growth for All in the Region Policy Was First Announced In Which Year?

- A. March 12, 2015
- B. March 12, 2016
- C. March 12, 2017
- D. March 12, 2018

ANSWER: A

3. Durand Cup Is Related With

- A. Golf
- B. Cricket
- C. Soccer
- D. Hockey

ANSWER: C

4. Hq Of Trishakti Corps Is Located At

- A. Siliguri
- B. Kolkata
- C. Guwahati
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

5. The VINBAX 2023 Hosted By

- A. Vietnam
- B. Bharat
- C. Both a & b
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

6. Second IAF Aircraft Carrying Emergency Aid For Gaza By Which Aircraft?

- A. C17
- B. C 130
- C. Kochi
- D. C 295

ANSWER: B

7. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees HQ Is In

- A. Geneva
- B. Berlin
- C. New York
- D. Moscow

ANSWER: A

8. Major Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank Of IAF Is

- A. Commander
- B. Squadron Leader
- C. Group Captain
- D. Lieutenant

ANSWER: B

9. World Trade Organisation (WTO) Hq Is At

- A. Paris, France
- B. Vienna, Austria
- C. New York, USA

D. Geneva, Switzerland

ANSWER: D

10. The Land Ports Authority Of India Works Under

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- C. Ministry of Ports Shipping and Waterways
- D. Ministry of Jal Shakti

ANSWER: A

11. As Per Global Fire Power Index 22 The Strongest Military Nation Is

- A. China
- B. India
- C. USA
- D. Russia

ANSWER: C

12. Hanoi Is The Capital Of

- A. Vietnam
- B. Singapore
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

13. "Bangali & A Nation In Making" Book Is Written By

- A. Lala Hardayal
- B. Dr. Rajendra Prasad
- C. Surendra Nath Banerji
- D. Veer Savarkar

ANSWER: C

14. Where is the Black Sea located?

- A. Between Europe and Brazil
- B. Between Europe and Asia
- C. Between Canada and Mexico
- D. Between France and Spain

ANSWER: B

15. Aadesh-class patrol vessel Designed And Built By

- A. Goa Shipyard Limited
- B. GRSE
- C. MDL
- D. CSL

ANSWER: D

16. World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) Hq Is At

- A. Paris, France
- B. Vienna, Austria
- C. New York, USA
- D. Geneva, Switzerland

ANSWER: D

17. The Bab-El-Mandeb Is A Strait Between

- A. Arabia and Africa
- B. Asia and Africa
- C. Arabia and Mediterranean Sea
- D. None of these

ANSWER: A

18. INS Tarkash Is A

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

ANSWER: D

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

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

ANSWER: A

20. Motto of IMA Is

- A. Valour and Wisdom
- B. Always Brave

- C. Service Before Self
- D. None

ANSWER: A