

Defence Current Affairs

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India And UK Conduct Defence Consultative Group Meeting

- Defence Secretary, Shri Giridhar Aramane co-chaired the annual India-UK Defence Consultative Group (DCG) meeting in New Delhi on 24 November 2023, along with his UK counterpart Mr David Williams, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Defence.
- They discussed a host of regional security issues, reviewed the ongoing defence cooperation activities, discussed the situation and potential cooperation in the Indian Ocean Region and defence industrial cooperation proposals in missile systems and Electric Propulsion, among other possibilities.
- Both sides planned for the increased interactions and joint activities in the maritime domain with focus on joint exercises, Maritime Domain Awareness, and information exchange.
- They appreciated the commencement of the India UK 2+2 Foreign and Defence Dialogue, and the increased pace of military-to-military engagements in all domains.



EXERCISE SURYA KIRAN- XVII

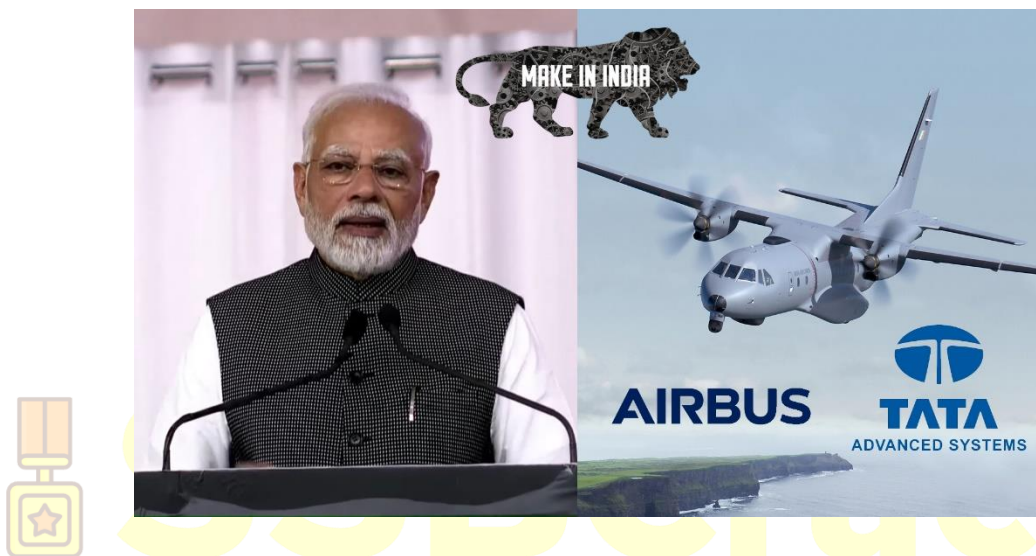
- The Nepal Army contingent comprising of 334 personnel arrived in India to participate in 17th edition of Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN. The exercise will be conducted in **Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand** from 24th November to 07th December 2023.
- The Indian Army contingent comprising of 354 personnel is being led by a Battalion from the KUMAON Regiment. The Nepal Army contingent is represented by Tara Dal Battalion.
- Aim of the exercise is to enhance interoperability in jungle warfare, counter terrorism operations in mountainous terrain and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief under United Nations Charter on peace keeping operations. The exercise will focus on employment of drones and counter drone measures, medical training, aviation aspects and also environment conservation.



Indian Coast Guard, Navy To Buy 15 C-295

- In a major boost for Make in India in the defence sector, the Indian Coast Guard and the Navy will acquire 15 C-295 transport aircraft that are being manufactured in India in a joint venture between Tata Advanced Systems and Airbus.
- The proposals for the acquisition of these 15 aircraft are at an advanced stage in the defence ministry, in which nine planes would be procured by the Navy while six would be taken by the Indian Coast Guard.

- The Coast Guard chief informed that shortly his force was also set to sign contracts for nine more advanced-light helicopters, the ALH Dhruv manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.
- The Indian Air Force recently inducted the first C-295 transport aircraft manufactured in Spain.
- While the first 16 will come from Spain in fly-away condition, the remaining 40 will be produced in India at a Tata facility in Vadodara, Gujarat.



IAF Organises 'Air Show' At Air Force Station In Ambala

- The Indian Air Force organises an air show at Air Force Station in Ambala as part of the **Platinum Jubilee Celebration of SQN 5**.
- During this event, the audience was treated to a scintillating Air Display by the Surya Kiran Aerobatics Team, the **Aakashganga para-diving team**, and Rafale and Jaguar aircraft formations.
- No. 5 Squadron Air Force, also known as the "**Tuskers**", have completed Seventy-Five glorious years of service. To commemorate the achievement, the Squadron celebrated its Platinum Jubilee at Air Force Station Ambala.
- Elaborating on the history of 5 Sdn, Air Marshal Tejinder Singh said that 02 November 1948 saw the birth of TUSKERS under the leadership of Wg Cdr JRS 'Danny' Dantra at Kanpur, equipped with B-24 Liberator heavy bomber aircraft.



Pakistan Confirms It Has Formally Applied To Join BRICS

- Pakistan has formally applied to join the BRICS, a significant group of developing nations, according to reports.
- Baloch said that by joining the organisation, Pakistan can play an important role in furthering international cooperation and revitalising inclusive multilateralism. She expressed hope that BRICS would consider Pakistan's request in line with its commitment to inclusive multilateralism, ARY News reported.
- Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates have been invited to become members of BRICS whose members - Brazil, Russia India, China and South Africa. Their membership will take effect January 1, 2024 under the Moscow's rotating presidency during the summit in Russia.



Review Questions

1. Ex 'SURYA KIRAN' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: D

2. Exercise SURYA KIRAN- XVII Commences At

- A. Chennai
- B. Pune
- C. Agra
- D. Pithoragarh

ANSWER: D

3. Pinaka Is Developed By

- A. JAXA
- B. DRDO
- C. Boeing
- D. CSL

ANSWER: B

4. Ex 'IBSMAR' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Brazil
- B. South Africa
- C. UAE
- D. Both A&B

ANSWER: D

5. "High Altitude Warfare School" Comes Under Which Command?

- A. Eastern Command
- B. Northern Command
- C. Western Command
- D. Army Training Command

ANSWER: B

6. PATRIOT Guidance Missile System Developed By B/W

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

ANSWER: A

7. 'Konkan - Shakti' conducted b/w India &

- A. Singapore
- B. Oman
- C. Indonesia
- D. United Kingdom

ANSWER: D

8. The Karakorams Range covers parts of

- A. Afghanistan, China, Indonesia
- B. Afghanistan, China, India
- C. Afghanistan, China, India, Pakistan, and Tajikistan
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

9. Sarvatra Vijay Is The Motto Of

- A. RAJPUT REGIMENT
- B. DOGRA REGIMENT
- C. SIKH REGIMENT
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

10. "Kartavyam Anvatma" (Duty before death) Is The Motto Of

- A. RAJPUT REGIMENT
- B. DOGRA REGIMENT
- C. SIKH REGIMENT
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

11. Which of the following is NOT a landlocked country?

- A. Laos
- B. Serbia
- C. Ethiopia

D. Cambodia

ANSWER: D

12. QRFV Stands For

- A. Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle
- B. Query Reaction Fighting Vehicle
- C. Quick Reaction Fighter Vehicle
- D. Quick Reactive Fighting Vehicle

ANSWER: A

13. Which Is The 3rd Highest Rank of The Indian Army?

- A. Major General
- B. Lt Colonel
- C. Major
- D. Captain

ANSWER: A

14. Which Countries Are Divided By The Nine Dash Line?

- A. People's Republic of China and PRC Taiwan
- B. Afghanistan and Pakistan
- C. Afghanistan and Iran
- D. India and Myanmar

ANSWER: A

15. BAGHDAD Is The Capital Of

- A. IRAQ
- B. IRAN
- C. UAE
- D. ITALY

ANSWER: A

16. "Toota Tiger" Book Is Written By

- A. Swami Virupaaksh
- B. Retd. Major Gen G.D Bakshi
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

17. Kakrapar Atomic Power Station is located in ____.

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Gujarat
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Uttarakhand

ANSWER: B

18. Which Of The Following Ports Is/Are Located In T.N?

- A. Kochi
- B. Chennai
- C. Ennore
- D. Both B&C

ANSWER: D

19. Ex 'EKATHA' conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: D

20. Mil Mi-35 Is A

- A. Attack Helicopter
- B. Fighter Jet
- C. Tank
- D. UAV

ANSWER: A