

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### LeT Founding Member Hafiz Abdul Salam Bhuttavi Is 'Confirmed Dead'

- Mumbai attack mastermind and founding member of Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (LeT) Hafiz Abdul Salam Bhuttavi is 'confirmed dead'. Bhuttavi was also second in rank in LeT and considered close to Hafiz Saeed.
- According to the information updated on the site of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), Bhuttavi died of cardiac arrest in Muridke, Punjab Province on 29 May 2023 while he was in custody of the Government of Pakistan.
- It added that Bhuttavi took charges of the group's day-to-day functions for the period when Hafiz Saeed was detained, days after the Mumbai terror attacks. Hafiz Saeed was released from Pakistani authorities' custody in June 2009. Currently, Hafiz Saeed, mastermind of the Mumbai terror attack and outlawed Jamat-ud-Dawah chief is serving a 78-year-imprisonment sentence in Pakistan.



### CONS And Royal Saudi Naval Forces Hold Discussions

- New Delhi, Admiral R Hari Kumar and Admiral Fahad Abdullah S Al-Ghofaily, Chief of Staff, Royal Saudi Naval Forces, held discussions on collaborative mechanisms and measures to further strengthen navy-to-navy cooperation, officials said. He is on a four-day official visit to India from January 10.

- "The Indian Navy cooperates with Royal Saudi Naval Force through various initiatives, which include operational interactions such as bilateral naval exercise Al Mohed Al Hindi, training and other maritime avenues," the ministry said.
- "The Indian Navy has also been interacting with Royal Saudi Naval Force in various multilateral fora viz. IONS (Indian Ocean Naval Symposium), MILAN, CMF (Combined Maritime Forces) and DCoC-JA (Djibouti Code of Conduct - Jeddah Amendment), where both navies have been supporting each other to supplement maritime security in the region," the statement read.



## **Army Officer, Soldier Develop Hybrid Anti-drone System**

- To cope with the swarm drone attacks, an Indian Army officer and a jawan have developed an integrated anti-drone system that includes an indigenous jammer integrated with an upgraded Russian-origin Schilka Weapon System.
- Army Air Defence officer Major Nagaraj SY and his fellow soldier Mohammed Firoze Khan have developed this system for the Army.
- "It took us approximately 8-10 months to make it. Its deployment has started in our western sector," he added. The hybrid anti-drone system includes an indigenous jammer integrated with an upgraded Russian-origin Schilka Weapon System. The system can be used effectively against swarm drone attacks.



## 'Beating Retreat' Ceremony To Culminate 75th Republic Day Celebrations

- The 'Beating Retreat' ceremony at Vijay Chowk on Raisina Hill in New Delhi will witness Indian tunes to mark the culmination of the 75th Republic Day celebrations on January 29 this year in the national capital.
- The Beating Retreat Ceremony is a military ceremony that marks the end of Republic Day celebrations in the country.
- It is held annually on January 29 at Vijay Chowk and is a centuries-old tradition that dates back to the early 1950s when Major Roberts of the Indian Army indigenously developed the unique ceremony of display by the massed bands.
- It marks a centuries-old military tradition when the troops ceased fighting, sheathed their arms, withdrew from the battlefield, and returned to the camps at sunset at the sound of the Retreat.
- Colours and Standards are cased and flags are lowered. The ceremony creates nostalgia for the times gone by.



## Navy Gets Its First India-made Drones

- The Indian Navy on Wednesday got its first indigenous medium-altitude long-endurance (MALE) drone, the **Drishti 10 Starliner UAV**, which will boost its intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capabilities.
- The Indian Navy on Wednesday received its first locally made medium altitude long endurance drones, which were contracted using emergency financial powers last year, marking the first major weapons delivery by the Adani Group.
- The drones will enhance surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities in the Arabian Sea, said Navy chief Admiral R Hari Kumar.
- Admiral R Hari Kumar said the drone will be a potent force multiplier in the Indian Ocean region that faces an array of security challenges. The **Drishti 10 Starliner drone** has been built by **Adani Defence and Aerospace** at its Hyderabad facility with tech. transfer from Israeli defence firm **Elbit Systems**.



## Deadly Hybrid Tank 'Atharva'

- The Indian Army has unveiled a hybrid of the Soviet-vintage T-72 'Ajeya' tank and the Russian-origin T-90 'Bhishma' tank. The concept tank was displayed at the recently concluded 'Know Your Army Festival' exhibition at Lucknow before the run-up to **Army Day on January 15**.
- Russian tanks are the mainstay of the Indian Armored fleet. Amidst its invasion of Ukraine, Russia has found it challenging to help India with the upgradation of its aging T-72 tanks as Moscow is also scrapping the end of the barrel to keep its armored power intact in the face of losses.
- Developed by the Indian Army's Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers, the tanks fuse the T-72's hull with the T-90s turret, creating a new tank.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **Drishti 10 Starliner Is A**
  - A. Helicopter
  - B. Machine Gun
  - C. UAV
  - D. Fighter Jet

**ANSWER: A**

**2. Current Executive Of Defence Planning Committee**

- A. Rajnath Singh
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Nirmala Sitaraman
- D. Ajit Doval

ANSWER: D

**3. Field Marshal Of Indian Army Is A**

- A. 2 Star General
- B. 3 Star General
- C. 4 Star General
- D. 5 Star General

ANSWER: D

**4. Defence Space Agency Hq Is Located At**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Chennai
- D. Noida

ANSWER: B

**5. Lt. Gen Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of IAF?**

- A. Wing Commander
- B. Squadron Leader
- C. Group Captain
- D. Air Marshal

ANSWER: D

**6. INS Kochi Is A**

- A. Guided-missile destroyers
- B. Landing ship tank

C. Submarine

D. Frigates

ANSWER: A

**7. \_ Is Not A G7 member.**

A. China

B. USA

C. UK

D. France

ANSWER: A

**8. The Standard Meridian Of India Is**

A. 82 degrees 30' E

B. 84 degrees 30' E

C. 72 degrees 30' E

D. 92 degrees 30' E

ANSWER: A

**9. Army Medical Corps Motto Is**

A. Courage and Valor

B. Sarve santu niramaya

C. Service Before Self

D. Lethal

ANSWER: B

**10. Glock 18 Is A**

A. Destroyer

B. Machine Pistol

C. Assault rifle

D. Submachine gun

ANSWER: B

**11. Which Is The Largest Uranium-producing Country In The World?**

- A. USA
- B. India
- C. Kazakhstan
- D. Uzbekistan

ANSWER: C

**12. Kaiga Atomic Power Plant Is In**

- A. Karnataka
- B. Gujarat
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Uttarakhand

ANSWER: A

**13. Who established the Atomic Energy Commission of India in 1948?**

- A. P.K. Iyengar
- B. M.R. Srinivasan
- C. Vikram Sarabhai
- D. Homi Bhabha

ANSWER: D

**14. Nay Pyi Taw Is The Capital Of**

- A. Bhutan
- B. Nepal
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Myanmar

ANSWER: D

**15. "India's Women Unsung Heroes" Book Is Written By**

- A. Chandrachur Ghose
- B. Ruskin Bond



C. Dr. Thomas Matthew

D. Meenakshi Lekhi

ANSWER: D

**16. Ex 'Konkan Shakti' conducted b/w India &**

A. Qatar

B. UK

C. UAE

D. Japan

ANSWER: B

**17. "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

**18. Which Country Isn't the member of NSG?**

A. USA

B. China

C. Pakistan

D. France

ANSWER: C

**19. Aeronautical Development Agency Is In**

A. Bengaluru

B. Noida

C. New Delhi

D. Gurugram

ANSWER: A

**20. Which Is Not A Member Of SAARC?**

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Bhutan
- D. Madagascar

ANSWER: D