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Exercise Desert Knight 2024

- On 23 Jan 24, the IAF conducted Exercise Desert Knight along with French Air and Space Force and UAE Air Force. While the French participation included the Rafale fighter aircraft and a Multi Role Tanker Transport, the UAE Air Force fielded the **F-16**.
- These aircraft operated from the **Al Dhafra air base** in the **UAE**. The IAF contingent comprised of **Su-30 MKI, MiG-29, Jaguar, AWACS, C-130-J and Air to Air Refueller aircraft**. The exercise in Indian FIR was conducted over the Arabian Sea, with IAF aircraft operating from bases within India.
- The main focus of Exercise Desert Knight was on enhancing synergy and interoperability between the three Air Forces. The interactions during the exercise facilitated the exchange of operational knowledge, experiences and best practices amongst the participants.
- Such exercises are indicative of the growing diplomatic and military interactions in the region, apart from showcasing the prowess of the IAF.
- **Other Defence Exercises**
 - **Garuda** - Air exercise
 - **Desert Knight** - Air exercise
 - **Shakti** - Army exercise
 - **Varuna**- Naval Exercise



Defence Ministry Seals Rs 1,070 Cr Deal With MDL

- The defence ministry sealed a **Rs 1,070 crore** deal with Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd for procurement of **14 fast patrol vessels** for the Indian Coast Guard. The multi-role fast patrol vessels will be indigenously designed, developed and manufactured by MDL and will be delivered in 63 months.
- "Along with several high-tech advanced features and equipment, these FPVs will be equipped with multipurpose drones, wirelessly-controlled remote water rescue craft lifebuoy and AI capability," it said.
- "In line with the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat', the contract will boost the nation's indigenous shipbuilding capability, bolstering maritime economic activities and foster growth of ancillary industries especially the MSME Sector," it said.



**Mazagon Dock
Shipbuilders Limited**

Launch Of Ammunition Cum Torpedo Cum Missile Barge

- The launch of 'Ammunition Cum Torpedo Cum Missile Barge, LSAM 19 (Yard 129)', 5th Barge of 11 x ACTCM Barge Project, built by MSME Shipyard, M/s Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd, Thane for Indian Navy, was undertaken on 24 Jan 24 at M/s Suryadipta Project Pvt Ltd (Launch site of M/s SPPL).
- The contract for building 11 X ACTCM Barge was signed between MoD and M/s Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd, Thane on 05 Mar 21. The availability of these Barges would provide impetus to operational commitments of IN by facilitating Transportation, Embarkation and Disembarkation of articles/ ammunition to IN Ships both alongside jetties and at outer harbours.
- These Barges are indigenously designed and built under relevant Naval Rules and Regulation of Indian Register of Shipping. The model testing of the Barge during design stage was undertaken at **Naval Science and Technological Laboratory, Visakhapatnam.**



Milan 2024: Indian Navy To Play Key Role In Nation-Building

- The significance of the maritime domain has held its importance for ages, as it has helped bridge the continents for a long time. Navies across the world have been the shining ambassadors of their respective nation's international diplomatic efforts.
- The strategic location of the Indian subcontinent has made it a focal point for trade and international relations, through which there has been a constant exchange of cultures, resources, assets and ideas.

- MILAN 24 would be the **twelfth edition** of this exercise and it would be conducted from **February 19-27 at Visakhapatnam**.
- MILAN 24 is likely to witness its largest-ever participation, with invites being extended to over **50 friendly foreign navies**.
- The exercise resonates with India's international diplomatic efforts, namely 'Act East policy' and '**Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR)**'.
- The exercise---MILAN, which translates into 'meeting' or 'gathering' in Hindi, was incepted in **1995** as a biennial multinational event that flourished under the aegis of the **Andaman and Nicobar commands** till its **10th edition** and later shifted to **Visakhapatnam** with the **11th edition**.



French Foreign Legion Set To Join Republic Day Parade 2024

- As India prepares for its 75th Republic Day celebrations, the French Foreign Legion's participation adds a global touch to the grand event. Captain Loic Alexandre, an officer in the Legion, expressed honor and pride in being part of this significant occasion. The upcoming parade promises a unique blend of international camaraderie and military prowess.
- Captain Alexandre conveyed the Legion's gratitude for the warm welcome in India, stating, "We are very honored to be here in India. The French army has been invited, and we saw the Indian army in Paris, France, last year. So they proved that they are part of a great army, and that's why we are very proud to be here with them."

- A key highlight is the portrayal of the historic 'Tangail airdrop' during the 1971 victory, with the debut of the indigenously developed Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas. The parade will witness six Rafale fighter jets in a 'Vajraang formation,' marking a significant moment in its history.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Exercise Desert Knight Conducted B/W Bharat &

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

ANSWER: C

2. Defence Ministry Seals Rs 1,070 Cr Deal With

- A. MDL
- B. CSL
- C. GRSE
- D. HSL

ANSWER: A

3. MILAN 24 Would Be The ___ Edition of This Year.

- A. 11th
- B. 12th
- C. 13th
- D. 14th

ANSWER: B

4. Armoured Corps Centre & School (ACC&S) Is In

- A. Chennai
- B. Pune
- C. Ahmednagar
- D. Nashik

ANSWER: C

5. PADMA Stands For

- A. Pay Roll Automation for Disbursement of Monthly Allowances
- B. Pay Roll Automation for Digital Monthly Allowances
- C. Pay Roll Automated for Disbursement of Monthly Allowances
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

6. India's One and Only Tri-Services Command

- A. New Delhi
- B. Northern Army Command
- C. Andaman & Nicobar Command
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

7. The ALH MK III Helicopters Have Been Indigenously Manufactured By__.

- A. Boeing
- B. HAL
- C. DRDO
- D. Dassault Aviation

ANSWER: B

8. INS Satpura Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Guided Missile Stealth Frigate

ANSWER: D

9. HEAT Stands For ____.

- A. Highly Explosive Anti-Tank
- B. Highest Explosive Anti-Tank
- C. High Explosive Anti-Tank
- D. High Explore Anti-Tank

ANSWER: C

10. Current Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Is__.

- A. Dr. Samir Kamath
- B. Dr. Rakesh
- C. Dr. Rajiv Kumar
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

11. The Hawker Siddeley HS 748 Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Transport Aircraft

ANSWER: D

12. Juba Is The Capital Of

- A. South Sudan
- B. Spain
- C. Sweden
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

13. "Legend of Suheldev: The King Who Saved India" Book Is Written By

- A. Urjit Patel
- B. Stephen King
- C. J.K Rowling
- D. Amish Tripathi

ANSWER: D

14. Duty, Honour, Courage Is The Motto Of

- A. Maratha Light Infantry
- B. The Grenadiers

- C. Rajput Regiment
- D. Jat Regiment

ANSWER: A

15. Prahaar Missile Manufactured By

- A. MDL
- B. BDL
- C. CSL
- D. DRDO

ANSWER: B

16. Regimental Centre of GARHWAL RIFLES Is In

- A. Happy Valley, Shillong, Meghalaya
- B. Ranikhet, Uttarakhand
- C. Lansdowne, Uttarakhand
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

17. INS Jalashwa Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Amphibious transport dock

ANSWER: D

18. Exercises B/w The India And UK Is Called:

- A. Desert Eagle
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Indradhanush

ANSWER: D

19. How Many Countries Are In SAARC?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 8
- D. 6

ANSWER: C

20. Current CDS of Indian Armed Forces Is

- A. Gen Anil Chauhan
- B. Gen Bipin Rawat
- C. Gen M M Narravane
- D. None

ANSWER: A

