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Rajnath Singh Addresses Naval Commanders

- The inaugural session of the three-day naval commanders conference saw Singh embarking at sea to witness the Navy's ability to conduct operations deploying both the aircraft carriers.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday witnessed the combat prowess of aircraft carriers INS Vikrant and INS Vikramaditya in a "twin-carrier" operation in the Arabian Sea and addressed the top naval commanders on the evolving maritime security scenario in view of geo-political upheavals.
- The Raksha Mantri also spoke about the shift in dealing with the threat perception under the visionary leadership of the Prime Minister, which is now covering land-based as well as maritime challenges. "Earlier, almost all the governments focused on strengthening land borders, but maritime threats were not given as much importance. In view of the increased movement of our adversaries in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) & the commercial importance of the region, it was necessary to re-assess our threat perception and accordingly re-balance our military resources & strategic attention.
- Under the Prime Minister's guidance, we not only re-imagined India's role in the IOR, but also strengthened it. Due to these efforts, India has today emerged as the first responder and preferred security partner in the IOR," he said.



Hungary President Signs Sweden's NATO Membership Ratification

- Hungary's President Tamas Sulyok has signed the bill that approved Sweden's accession to the NATO military alliance, the president's office said on Tuesday, clearing the way for Sweden to become the 32nd member of the alliance in the coming days.
- Stockholm abandoned its non-alignment policy for greater safety within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization after Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022.
- The remaining formalities, such as depositing accession documentation in Washington, are likely to be concluded swiftly.
- The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, also called the North Atlantic Alliance, is an intergovernmental military alliance of 31 member states – 29 European and two North American.



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Houthis Targeting Merchant Ships In Red Sea: CONS

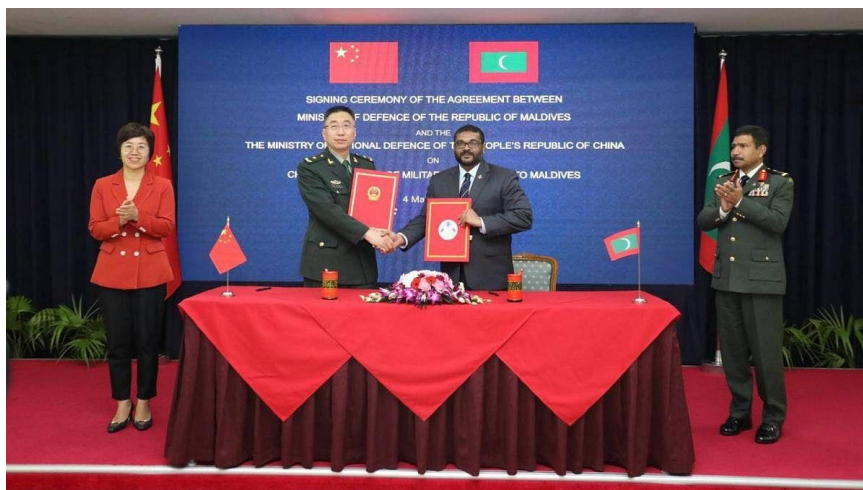
- Chief of Naval Staff Admiral R Hari Kumar on Tuesday said Houthis are targeting merchant ships belonging to either Israel, the US or the UK in the Red Sea with drones and missiles and the situation is "not very good".
- Describing the activities in the Red Sea as "an offshoot of the Israel-Hamas conflict", the Admiral said the Indian Navy is providing necessary protection primarily to India-flagged ships and also to other vessels that seek assistance.
- "As far as activities in the Red Sea are concerned, it is an offshoot of the Israel-Hamas conflict. The situation is not very good. The Houthis have been targeting

merchant ships...they are actually peaceful ships largely belonging to either Israel, the US or the UK or are Israeli-owned," the Admiral said.



China, Maldives Sign New Defence Agreements

- China Monday signed an agreement to provide free military assistance with Maldives. This agreement comes a week after an Indian civilian team arrived in the country to replace military personnel manning one of the three aviation platforms gifted by New Delhi to Malé.
- The specific manner of military assistance agreed to by both China and Maldives remains unclear, however this is a further sign of the pivot from India by the pro-China Maldivian president Mohamed Muizzu.



Indian Army's New HR Policy Promoting Specialisation

- With a focus on specialisation, the Indian Army implemented a new Human Resource (HR) policy on 1 January 2024 that allows ranks higher than Lieutenant Colonels to continue working in the field.
- Earlier, only about 30 to 40 per cent of Lt Colonels would become Colonels as the requirement for them was to assume command positions by leaving their specialisation domains.
- However, now the Indian Army wants to retain specialist officers in fields like Artificial Intelligence (AI), space, Information Technology (IT), nanotechnology, robotics and weapons design, etc.
- Lt Colonel Prasad Bansod has become the first beneficiary of this new HR policy and has now been promoted to the rank of Colonel while being on deputation with the DRDO's small arms laboratory.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Naval War College Is In

- A. Mumbai
- B. Goa
- C. Chennai
- D. Noida

ANSWER: B

2. 1st Naval Commanders' Conference of 2024 Held In

- A. INS Vikrant
- B. INS Vikramaditya
- C. INS Virat
- D. Both a & b

ANSWER: D

3. Army Medical Corps Centre and College Is In

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

ANSWER: B

4. INS Taragiri Is Manufactured By

- A. CSL
- B. MDL
- C. GRSE
- D. None

ANSWER: B

5. Ex SURYA KIRAN Conducted b/w India &

- A. Bhutan
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. UAE
- D. Nepal

ANSWER: D

6. European ASRAAM Stands For

- A. Advanced Short Range Air Missile
- B. Advanced Short Ring Air-to-Air Missile
- C. Advanced Short Range Air-to-Air Missile
- D. None

ANSWER: C

7. Marine Engineering Training Establishment of the Indian Navy located at

- A. Noida

- B. Kochi
- C. Pune
- D. Wayanad

ANSWER: C

8. Where Is The Hq Of The Southern Western Command of The Indian Army?

- A. Jaipur
- B. Jabalpur
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

9. Sea Dragon Exercise Hosted By

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

10. India Purchased C 130 J from

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

11. College of Military Engineering (CME) Is Located At

- A. Pune
- B. Kamptee
- C. Mumbai
- D. Noida

ANSWER: A

12. Which Country Ranked Third Highest In The World Defence Expenditure?

- A. Australia
- B. USA
- C. France
- D. Bharat

ANSWER: D

13. Regimental Center Of PUNJAB REGIMENT Is In

- A. Balasore, Odisha
- B. Chennai, T.N.
- C. Trombay, M.H.
- D. Ramgarh Cantonment, Jharkhand

ANSWER: D

14. India Purchased IAI Searcher UAV from

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

ANSWER: D

15. KHARTOUM Is The Capital Of

- A. Spain
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Suriname
- D. Sudan

ANSWER: D

16. "A Promised Land" Book Is Written By

- A. Barack Obama
- B. Meena Iyer
- C. Amish Tripathi
- D. PS Sreedharan Pillai

ANSWER: A

17. HELINA Missile Has A Maximum Range Of

- A. 7 kilometres
- B. 8 kilometres
- C. 9 kilometres
- D. 10 kilometres

ANSWER: A

18. "We Protect" Is The Motto Of

- A. ICG
- B. IAF

- C. Indian Army
- D. BSF

ANSWER: A

19. Joint Exercises B/w The India And France Is Called:

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. GARUDA

ANSWER: D

20. India Purchased MiG-21 from

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

ANSWER: D

