

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### Japan Signals Interest In AUKUS Defence Tech

- Japan is interested in discussing cooperation with the United States, Australia and Britain on advanced military technology, an official said, signalling Tokyo could become more involved in the trio's landmark security partnership AUKUS.
- An official from Japan's embassy in Australia told AFP that the government supported AUKUS' efforts in the Indo-Pacific region and was looking at how to deepen cooperation.
- They added Japan was aware of discussions between Australia, the UK and the United States on a range of issues, including Artificial Intelligence and underwater capabilities.
- AUKUS was established in 2021 and has two main practical goals: So-called Pillar I, aims to provide Australia with a fleet of nuclear-powered attack submarines.
- 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.



## Indian Navy Commissions Newly-inducted MH 60R

- The Indian Navy on Wednesday commissioned the first squadron of its newly-inducted MH 60R Seahawk multi-role choppers that is expected to significantly bolster the force's surveillance and combat capabilities in the strategic waters.
- The INAS 334 'Seahawks' naval air squadron was commissioned at a ceremony at INS Garuda in Kochi in the presence of Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar.
- MH-60R helicopter, produced by US defence giant Lockheed Martin Corporation, is an all-weather helicopter designed to support multiple missions with state-of-the-art avionics and sensors. The chopper is a maritime variant of the **Blackhawk helicopter**.



## Indian Army Reached Out To The Ex-servicemen In Manipur

- In continuation of its dedicated effort to connect with the Ex-Servicemen (ESM) fraternity during the challenging times in the state of Manipur, Indian Army organized multiple ESM Rallies across different districts in Manipur.
- Rally was conducted in Bishnupur district on 26 Feb 2024, Senapati district on 28 Feb 2024 and Churachandpur district on 04 Mar 2024, covering the large landscape of the state. The event received an overwhelming response from the community and was attended by the ESM of nearly all districts, despite the security situation.
- The events witnessed a significant turnout of over 2000 personnel, that includes over 1650 veterans, 50 Veer Naris, 180 widows, and 65 dependents. These included war-veterans of 1965 war, 1971 war and Operation Vijay-1999.



## Beijing Raises Defence Budget- 3X Higher Than New Delhi

- In the current geopolitical scenario, military spending has become one of the crucial factors for governments to protect themselves from their enemies. China on Tuesday announced its defence budget, raising the allocation to **1.6 trillion yuan (\$222 billion)**.
- China has increased its defence budget due to its ongoing tension with Taiwan and the US especially.
- However, China and India's relations are also embedded with plenty of friction. Henceforth, India has continued to jack up its military budget every year. In the Interim budget speech 2024, the Modi government announced allocation of **₹6.21 lakh crore (approx \$75 billion)**.
- China's defense budget draft for 2024 is worth 1.66554 trillion yuan (\$231.36 billion), an increase of 7.2% from the previous year. The official budget figure is considered only a fraction of spending by the PLA once spending on research and development and foreign weapons purchases are considered.



## 'Asked West To Mind Their Business': Jaishankar

- External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar has received praise from his Russia counterpart for asking the West "to mind their own business" when it questioned India's procurement of Russian oil after the Ukraine war began.
- "My friend, Foreign Minister Subramanyam Jaishankar, was once at the UN, giving a speech. He was asked why they started buying so much oil from Russia. He advised them to mind their own business and reminded them at the same time how much oil the West had started buying and continued to buy oil from the Russian Federation. This is national dignity," Lavrov says in Russian.
- Dr Jaishankar articulated New Delhi's position on international forums, emphasising that Indian citizens cannot afford high energy prices and that the Narendra Modi government is only trying to get the best deal possible for its citizens.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

### 1. INS Garuda Located In

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

**ANSWER: D**

### 2. Manufacturer of H-60 Seahawk Is

- A. Sikorsky

- B. Boeing
- C. HAL
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**3. What was the purpose of ISRO's unmanned test flight?**

- A. To launch a human spaceflight mission
- B. To test a new rocket design
- C. To test the efficiency of the crew escape system
- D. To establish a space station

**ANSWER: C**

**4. When is India scheduled to launch its human spaceflight mission, 'Gaganyaan'?**

- A. 2022
- B. 2023
- C. 2024
- D. 2025

**ANSWER: C**

**5. In Colonial Era CRPF Was Known As**

- A. Crown Representative's Police
- B. Crown Response Force
- C. Queens Protection Force
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**6. Elizabeth II was Queen Of The**

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Israel
- D. China

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Ex HARIMAU SHAKTI Conducted b/w India &**

- A. Malaysia
- B. Maldives
- C. Mongolia
- D. Myanmar

**ANSWER: A**

**8. INS Darshak Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Hydrographic Survey Ship

**ANSWER: D**

**9. Pangong Tso lake Is Located In**

- A. Kashmir
- B. Ladakh
- C. Odisha
- D. Kochi

**ANSWER: B**

**10. INS Khukri Is A Type Of**

- A. Frigate
- B. Submarine
- C. Destroyer
- D. Missile Corvette

**ANSWER: D**

**11. Priyadarshini Is A Fast Patrol Vessel Of**

- A. ICG
- B. IAF
- C. Indian Navy
- D. BSF

**ANSWER: A**

**12. Pangong Tso lake Is Located In**

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**ANSWER: B**

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**ANSWER: A**

**14. INS Cheetah Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Landing ship tank

**ANSWER: D**

**15. Which Port Is Located In the Western Coast of India?**

- A. Kandla
- B. Kolkata
- C. Mangalore
- D. Visakhapatnam

**ANSWER: A**

**16. AAI Stands For**

- A. Airport Author of India
- B. Air Authority of India
- C. Airport Authority of India
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**17. India Purchased Boeing 737 from**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**18. Current DGMO Of Indian Army Is**

- A. Lt Gen Manoj Kumar Katiyar
- B. Lt Gen Manjinder Singh
- C. Lt General Pratik Sharma
- D. None

**ANSWER: C**

**19. Indian Army Flag Consist Colours of \_\_\_ Colours.**

- A. Gold, Red And Black
- B. Gold, Red And Blue
- C. Gold, Rose Black And Black
- D. Green, Red And Black

**ANSWER: A**

**20. Operation Talwar Was Conducted In**

- A. 1978
- B. 1988
- C. 1998
- D. 1999

**ANSWER: D**

