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Cutlass Express 24

- INS Tir, the lead ship of First Training Squadron (1TS) participated in Exercise Cutlass Express - 24 (CE – 24) held at Port Victoria, Seychelles from 26 Feb – 08 Mar 24. The exercise was inaugurated by the President of Seychelles in attendance of dignitaries from India, USA and African countries.
- As part of Cutlass Express, the Indian Navy actively engaged with participants from 16 friendly foreign countries. Training was conducted on theoretical and practical aspects of Maritime Interdiction Operations, Visit Board Search and Seizure procedures and Diving operations.
- The exercise culminated at a closing ceremony held at Seychelles Defence Academy, Ile Perseverance on 08 Mar 24. The Indian Navy has been participating in the exercise since 2019.



Prime Minister Virtually Dedicates To The Nation Sela Tunnel

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi virtually dedicated to the nation the Sela Tunnel project during the Viksit Bharat Viksit Northeast programme in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh on March 09, 2024.

- The tunnel has been constructed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) at an altitude of 13,000 feet on the road connecting Tezpur, Assam to Tawang in the West Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Built at a total cost of Rs 825 crore, the tunnel will provide all-weather connectivity to Tawang across Sela Pass on the Balipara - Chariduar - Tawang Road, boosting the preparedness of the Armed Forces and augmenting the socio-economic development of the border region.
- The Sela Tunnel has been constructed using the new Austrian Tunnelling Method and incorporates safety features of the highest standards. The project will not only provide a faster and more efficient transport route in the region but is of strategic importance to the country.



PM Modi's Outreach To Putin Helped Prevent "Potential Nuclear Attack"

- As the Russia-Ukraine conflict raged in 2022, the United States started "preparing rigorously" for a potential nuclear strike by Moscow against Kyiv, in what would have been the first nuclear attack since the US dropping atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki nearly eighty years before, CNN reported citing two senior administration officials.
- The report stated that outreach from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other countries also played an important role in averting the crisis.
- The Biden administration was specifically concerned Russia might use a tactical or battlefield nuclear weapon, the officials said.

- In a major statement, PM Modi told President Putin that "**this is not the era of war**" on the sidelines of the SCO summit in Uzbekistan last year. The statement even made to the G20 communique under the presidency of India.



Fifth Generation Fighter Jet To Take To Skies By 2028

- India's most advanced and lethal aircraft that is taking shape in Bengaluru got a big boost earlier this week after the Cabinet Committee on Security headed by PM Narendra Modi, approved a ₹15,000-crore fifth-generation **Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft** project. If everything works out as planned, the first aircraft will take to the skies by the end of 2028.
- The Bangalore-based Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) has completed the design phase of AMCA and is ready to get into the development phase. AMCA is considered to be the next mega aircraft project after Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) TEJAS, which is a four/four-plus generation aircraft.
- All five prototypes that will be built by ADA will undergo flight testing and they will be ready for commencement of production by the end of 10 years, he said. They expect some orders by then and start production and inducting the aircraft. Currently, the aircraft development will go with the GE 414 engines.



Tri-service exercise 'Bharat Shakti' In Pokhran

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will witness 'Bharat Shakti', a synergised demonstration of indigenous defence capabilities in the form of a tri-services live fire and manoeuvre exercise, in Rajasthan's Pokhran on March 12. Modi will also visit Gujarat on Tuesday to launch multiple development projects, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in a statement on Sunday.
- The 'Bharat Shakti' will have on display an array of indigenous weapon systems and platforms as a demonstration of the prowess of the country, premised on the nation's self-reliance initiative, the statement said.
- The exercise will simulate realistic, synergised, multi-domain operations displaying integrated operational capabilities of the Indian armed forces to counter threats across land, air, sea, cyber, and space domains, it added.
- Key equipment and weapons systems participating in the exercise include T-90 (IM) tanks, Dhanush and Sarang gun systems, Akash weapons system, logistics drones, robotic mules, advanced light helicopter and an array of unmanned aerial vehicles, among others from the Army.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. In which location was Exercise Cutlass Express - 24 (CE – 24) held?
 - A. Port Victoria, Seychelles
 - B. Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh

- C. Tezpur, Assam
- D. Bengaluru, Karnataka

ANSWER: A

2. Which organization constructed the Sela Tunnel project?

- A. Indian Navy
- B. Border Roads Organisation (BRO)
- C. Indian Air Force
- D. Indian Army

ANSWER: B

3. What is the estimated cost of the fifth generation AMCA project approved by the CCS?

- A. ₹825 crore
- B. ₹13,000 crore
- C. ₹15,000 crore
- D. ₹20,000 crore

ANSWER: C

4. Army Airborne Training School Is Located At

- A. Agra
- B. Mumbai
- C. Pune
- D. Nagpur

ANSWER: A

5. Current Raksha Rajya Mantri Is

- A. Rajnath Singh
- B. Ajay Bhatt
- C. Smirti Irani
- D. Anurag Thakur

ANSWER: B

6. Aero India Show 2023 Was Held In

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

ANSWER: B

7. Ex EASTERN BRIDGE Conducted B/W India &

- A. UK
- B. Oman
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. USA

ANSWER: B

8. Duty, Honour, Courage Is The Motto Of

- A. Maratha Light Infantry
- B. The Grenadiers
- C. Rajput Regiment
- D. Jat Regiment

ANSWER: A

9. Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation Hq Is In

- A. Mauritius
- B. Qatar
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

10. Surface Mine Clearing System on Sarath manufactured by

- A. Ordnance Factory Medak
- B. HAL
- C. DRDO
- D. MDL

ANSWER: A

11. College of Defence Management Is In

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

ANSWER: A

12. GAGAN Stands For

- A. GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigate
- B. GPS Aided Geography Augmented Navigation
- C. GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigation
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

13. 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

14. Harare Is The Capital Of

- A. Uzbekistan
- B. Qatar
- C. Zambia
- D. Zimbabwe

ANSWER: D

15. "Forging Mettle : Nrupender Rao and the Pennar Story" Book Is Written By

- A. Vijay Sharma
- B. Manish Kumar
- C. Sumit Nayar
- D. Pavan C Lall

ANSWER: D

16. The Eurocopter Tiger Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: A

17. INS Jalashwa Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine

D. Amphibious transport dock

ANSWER: D

18. CDAC Stands For

A. Centre for Development of Advanced Concept

B. Centre for Development of Adert Computing

C. Centre for Development of Advanced Computing

D. None

ANSWER: C

19. Heckler & Koch PSG1 Is A

A. Tank

B. Missile

C. Sniper Rifle

D. Submarine

ANSWER: C

20. MBT Arjun Is A

A. Tank

B. Missile

C. Sniper Rifle

D. Submarine

ANSWER: A