

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### Exercise Lamitiye – 2024

- Indian Army contingent departed for Seychelles to participate in the Tenth edition of Joint Military Exercise “LAMITIYE-2024” between the Indian Army and Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF).
- The Joint Exercise will be conducted at Seychelles from 18-27 March 2024. ‘LAMITIYE’ meaning ‘Friendship’ in the Creole language is a biennial training event and has been conducted in Seychelles since 2001. 45 personnel each from the GORKHA RIFLES of the Indian Army and Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF) will participate in the exercise.
- The aim of the Exercise is to enhance interoperability in Sub-conventional Operations in Semi-Urban environment under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter on Peace Keeping Operations. The Exercise will enhance cooperation and interoperability between both the sides during Peace Keeping Operations.



### Navy To Bring Apprehended Pirates To India

- Following a 40-hour-long operation in the Arabian Sea, the Indian Navy warship INS Kolkata is set to bring 35 apprehended pirates to India.

- "The Indian Navy warship INS Kolkata has taken 35 sea pirates into custody and is being brought to India along with the 17 crew members rescued after the major operation," officials said on Sunday.



## Guyana Signs LoC With India To Purchase Aircraft

- The Indian defence industry is making forays in the Caribbean with the Guyana Defence Force (GDF) planning to soon acquire two new aircraft from New Delhi with a \$23.27 million loan from Export-Import Bank of India.
- An agreement in this regard was signed last Friday between Guyanese Finance Minister and Deputy GM of EXIM Bank. Guyana, which has a substantial Indian diaspora, plans to purchase two HAL (Dornier) 228 planes from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.
- This agreement represents the latest instalment of the Government's ongoing effort to ramp up the capabilities of the GDF, and has its genesis in President Ali's visit to India's state-owned aerospace and defence company – Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, in January 2023.
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- Dr Singh, while delivering remarks, placed on record the government's strong appreciation of India's unwavering support to Guyana, and alluded to the two countries' long-standing relationship grounded in history, people, and culture,

and in more recent times, economic and commercial cooperation. In welcoming Lamba to Guyana, Dr Singh also recognised the EXIM Bank's instrumental role in facilitating the presence of Indian companies in Guyana, thereby allowing for the expansion of productive capacity in various sectors of the country.



## IAF's C-17 Aircraft Executes Precision Airdrop, Supports Indian Navy

- The C-17 aircraft of the Indian Air Force executed a precision air-borne drop of two boats along with Indian Navy MARCOS in the Arabian Sea in support of ongoing anti-piracy '**Operation Sankalp**'.
- The operation was carried out to rescue the crew of the bulk carrier vessel MV Ruen that was hijacked by Somali pirates near the Yemeni island of Socotra recently.

- In the action to safely rescue the crew members and take full control of the distressed vessel, the operation was supported by the Indian warship INS Subhadra, High Altitude Long Endurance (HALE RPA) drones, P8I maritime patrol aircraft, and MARCOS PRAHARs airdropped by C-17 aircraft.



## IAF's 'Bambi Bucket Operation' Douse Forest Fires in Nilgiris

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) deployed an AF Mi-17 V5 helicopter on Sunday to undertake multiple Bambi Bucket operations to douse forest fires in the Nilgiris.
- Collaborating with the forest department and state administration, the IAF helicopter discharged over 16,000 litres of water to control the spread of the fire.
- Air Force station Sulur, located near Coimbatore, was assigned the task, after which the Mi-17 V5 helicopter equipped with a Bambi Bucket was dispatched from there.

- The Bambi Bucket, a specialised apparatus utilised by the Mi-17 V5 helicopter, facilitates the transport of a large volume of water underneath the aircraft, enabling effective dispersal over the affected areas.



## **BSF Firing At Tripura Border: Bangladeshi Smuggler Killed**

- A Bangladeshi smuggler was killed and another injured in BSF firing along the India-Bangladesh border with Tripura's Unakoti district on Sunday.
- The BSF also apprehended three Myanmar nationals in Agartala railway station on Sunday after the foreign citizens came to Tripura from Hyderabad to go to Bangladesh in a clandestine route.
- "BSF troops challenged them to stop but they didn't pay heed, became aggressive and encircled BSF jawan on duty. Sensing imminent danger to life and govt property, BSF jawan fired one round of Pump Action Gun which hit one of the smugglers and was further apprehended," said the statement.
- The BSF jawans were taken to the local hospital where their conditions are stable. The Bangladeshi smuggler was also taken to the hospital along with them wherein the doctors declared him brought dead.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. What is the venue of the third edition of the Station Commanders' Workshop of the Indian Navy?**

- A. INS Hamla at Mumbai
- B. INS Circars
- C. New Delhi
- D. Seychelles

**ANSWER: C**

**2. Ex 'LAMITIYE' conducted b/w India &**

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Seychelles

**ANSWER: D**

**3. What operation did the IAF deploy an AF Mi-17 V5 helicopter for?**

- A. Counter-terrorism operation
- B. Relief operations in flood-affected areas
- C. Bambi Bucket operations to douse forest fires
- D. Airlift of medical supplies

**ANSWER: C**

**4. Which country's defence force is planning to acquire two new aircraft from India?**

- A. Seychelles Defence Forces
- B. Indian Defence Forces

- C. Guyana Defence Force
- D. New Delhi Defence Force

**ANSWER: C**

**5. IMEC Stands For**

- A. India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor
- B. India-Middle East- Economic Corridor
- C. India-Middle Europe Economic Corridor
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**6. Indian Military Academy Situated At**

- A. Ezhimala, Kerala
- B. Dundigal, Telangana
- C. Khadakwasla, Maharashtra
- D. Dehradun, UK

**ANSWER: D**

**7. Garuda Shakti Ex Held B/w India &**

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. USA
- C. Indonesia
- D. Nepal

**ANSWER: C**

**8. Warsaw Is The Capital Of**

- A. Poland
- B. Ukraine
- C. Germany
- D. Oman

**ANSWER: A**

**9. War Cry Of MECHANISED INFANTRY REGIMENT Is**

- A. Bol Bajrang Bali Ki jai
- B. Raja Ramachandra ki jai
- C. Bolo Bharat Mata ki jai
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**10. CRPF Motto Is**

- A. Service Before Self
- B. Service and Loyalty
- C. We Protect
- D. Touch the sky with glory

**ANSWER: B**

**11. ICGS Saksham Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. Aircraft Carrier
- C. OPV
- D. Refueling Ship

**ANSWER: C**

**12. "Nuclearization of Asia" Book Written By**

- A. Rene Naba
- B. VR Chaudhari
- C. Gen Parvez Musharraf
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

**ANSWER: A**

**13. Indian Coast Guard Formed On**

- A. August 18, 1978
- B. September 18, 1978
- C. March 18, 1976
- D. April 18, 1976

**ANSWER: A**

**14. 'MBT Bhishma' Is The Name Of :**

- A. Fighter aircraft
- B. Tank
- C. Armoured vehicles
- D. Infantry regiments

**ANSWER: B**



**15. Barak Is A**

- A. Surface-to-air Missile
- B. Surface-to-Surface Missile
- C. Air-to-air Missile
- D. Surface-to-Sea Missile

**ANSWER: A**

**16. "Ordnance Factory Day" in India Is Observed On**

- A. 14 March
- B. 15 March
- C. 16 March
- D. 18 March

**ANSWER: D**

**17. INS Valsura Located At**

- A. Jamnagar, Gujrat
- B. Mumbai, M.H
- C. Kochi, Kerala
- D. A & NC

**ANSWER: A**

**18. Exercise Maitree Conducted B/w India &**

- A. Thailand
- B. Nepal
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Bhutan

**ANSWER: A**

**19. Infantry School Of Indian Army Is At**

- A. Mhow
- B. Bhopal
- C. Gwalior
- D. Jammu

**ANSWER: A**

**20. Officers Training Academy Is At**

- A. Chennai
- B. Bhopal
- C. Gaya

- D. Both A & C  
**ANSWER: D**

**21. DF-41 ICBM Is A Missile Of**

- A. India
- B. Russia
- C. China
- D. North Korea

**ANSWER: C**

**22. The IAI Heron UAV Developed By**

- A. USA
- B. South Korea
- C. Israel
- D. China

**ANSWER: C**

