

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

## 23 March 2024

### Rajnath Singh Celebrates Holi With Soldiers In Leh

- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh celebrated the festival of colours Holi with soldiers in Leh on March 24, 2024. He was accompanied by Chief of the Army Staff General Manoj Pande and General Officer Commanding, Fire and Fury Corps Lt Gen Rashim Bali.
- On the occasion, Shri Rajnath Singh also laid a wreath at the War Memorial, Leh as a mark of solemn tribute to the bravehearts who have made the supreme sacrifice in the service of the nation.
- “The entire country feels safe as our brave soldiers are protecting the borders. We are progressing and leading a happy life as our vigilant soldiers stand ready at the borders. Every citizen is proud of the Armed Forces as they live far away from their families so that we celebrate Holi and other festivals with our families peacefully,” Rajnath Singh said.



## Visit Of The Chief Of The Naval Staff To ENC

- Adm R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff, and Mrs. Kala Hari Kumar, President of the Naval Welfare and Wellness Association (NWWA) embarked on a significant three-day visit to the Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam on 21 – 23 Mar 24.
- Throughout the visit, Adm R Hari Kumar engaged with various activities in the Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam. These engagements included the CNS day at sea, where he reviewed naval operations at sea while interacting with officers and sailors' onboard ships and aircraft of the Eastern Naval Command.
- During this visit, the CNS inaugurated the 492-men accommodation block named 'Veeram', constructed for Defence Security Corps (DSC) personnel at Naushakti Nagar, Visakhapatnam, on March 21, 2024.
- CNS also awarded on the spot Unit Citation to INS Sumitra for her successful conduct of Anti-Piracy Operations in the Central Arabian Sea, apprehending 11 Somali Pirates and rescuing 17 Iranian and 19 Pakistani nationals from hijacked Fishing Vessels Iman and Al Naeemi.



## Indian Navy's Ongoing Maritime Security Operations

- Indian Navy has responded to the manifestation of Israel – Hamas conflict in the maritime domain by re-orienting and significantly enhancing the scope of its ongoing maritime security operations since mid-Dec 23. The navy undertook

proactive actions during the hijacking of **Malta Flagged Bulk Carrier MV Ruen** on 14 Dec 23.

- On 23 Mar 2024, marks the completion of 100 days of the ongoing maritime security operations under the aegis of '**Op Sankalp**'. During this time, the Indian Navy has responded to 18 incidents and has played a pivotal role as the 'First Responder' and 'Preferred Security Partner' in the Indian Ocean Region.
- With over 110 lives saved (including 45 Indian seafarers), 15 lakh tons of critical commodities escorted (such as fertilisers, crude oil and finished products), nearly 1000 boarding operations undertaken, more than 3000 kgs of narcotics seized and over 450 MVs assured of IN's presence, the ongoing maritime security operations have truly reflected Indian Navy's capability in playing a vital role as a strong and a responsible Navy in the IOR.



## UN Security Council Passes Resolution Demanding Immediate Gaza Ceasefire

- The United Nations Security Council on Monday approved the resolution calling for an "immediate ceasefire" in Gaza and the "unconditional" release of all hostages held by Hamas following the October 7 attack on Israel, United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said.
- He asserted that the resolution must be implemented and any fall in its imposition would be "unforgivable."
- The draft resolution was put forward by 12 non-permanent members of the international forum, including **Algeria, Guyana, Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, South Korea and Switzerland**, Al Jazeera reported.



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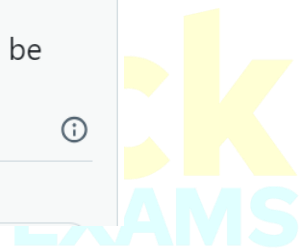
The Security Council just approved a long-awaited resolution on Gaza, demanding an immediate ceasefire, and the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages.

This resolution must be implemented. Failure would be unforgivable.

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## US, Japan Plan To Strengthen Security Pact Inked Over 60 Years Ago

- The US military plans to bolster functions of its command headquarters in Japan, as it aims for smoother cooperation with the Asian country's self-defence forces in tackling security threats posed by China and North Korea according to diplomatic sources cited by Kyodo news agency.
- Japan and the United States will also work on further steps to enhance their response capabilities, Kyodo reported. Tokyo had in 2022 decided to acquire the capability to strike enemy bases even under Japan's war-renouncing Constitution.
- Also, Japan is set to establish a joint headquarters to command its ground, maritime and air forces by the end of March 2025 with Kishida's government is aiming to deepen cooperation between the US military and the joint headquarters.



- The development comes amidst what the two countries, which have been allies since the World War II, view as a growing threat from North Korea and China in the backdrop of Pyongyang's missile tests and Beijing's military activities in the South China Sea as well as the Taiwan conflict.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **What is the name of the accommodation block inaugurated by the CNS for DSC personnel Visakhapatnam?**
  - A. Veeram
  - B. Naushakti
  - C. Visakhapatnam
  - D. Defence Security

**ANSWER: A**

2. **What is the name of the ongoing maritime security operation under which the Indian Navy undertook Anti Piracy Operation?**
  - A. Op Sankalp
  - B. Op Veeram
  - C. Op Defence
  - D. Op Naushakti

**ANSWER: A**

3. **Which country's military plans to bolster functions of its command headquarters in Japan?**
  - A. China

- B. United States
- C. North Korea
- D. Israel

**ANSWER: B**

**4. Rustom Is A Medium Altitude Long Endurance UAV Being Developed By The**

- \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. DRDO
  - B. NASA
  - C. ISRO
  - D. HAL

**ANSWER: A**

**5. Dornier Do-228 Aircraft Manufactured By**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**6. Current Vice Chief of the Naval Staff Is**

- A. Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh
- B. Admiral R Hari Kumar
- C. Vice Admiral Snjay Singh
- D. None

**ANSWER: D**

**7. Where did the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the exercise, "Vajra Prahar 2023," take place?**

- A. Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- B. New Delhi
- C. Umroi, Meghalaya
- D. Mumbai, Maharashtra

**ANSWER: C**

**8. Which Organisation has successfully carried out a flight trial of Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator?**

- A. DRDO
- B. HAL

- C. HSL
- D. BEL

**ANSWER: A**

**9. 'SAMAR' Stands For**

- A. Surface-to-Surface Missile For Assured Retaliation
- B. Surface-to-Sea Missile For Assured Retaliation
- C. Surface-to-air Missile For Assist Retaliation
- D. Surface-to-air Missile For Assured Retaliation

**ANSWER: D**

**10. Current DGMO of Indian Army Is**

- A. Lt Gen Manoj Kumar Katiyar
- B. Lt Gen B.S Raju
- C. Lt Gen Manoj Pande
- D. Lt Gen Pratik Sharma

**ANSWER: D**

**11. Which Two Forces Signed MoU For National Maritime Heritage Complex?**

- A. Indian Coast Guard & Indian Navy
- B. Indian Coast Guard & Indian Army
- C. BSF & Indian Navy
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**12. Which Of The Following Is The Newly Member In The SCO?**

- A. Pakistan
- B. Iran
- C. Israel
- D. China

**ANSWER: B**

**13. \_\_Edition of the JIMEX 23 Hosted By The Indian Navy.**

- A. 6<sup>th</sup>
- B. 7<sup>th</sup>
- C. 8<sup>th</sup>
- D. 9<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: B**

**14. Deputy National Security Advisor Of India Is**

- A. Vikram Misri
- B. Ajit Doval
- C. Rakesh Singh
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**15. First Medium Range Surface to Air Missile Regiment Being Raised In**

- A. Western Theatre
- B. Southern Theatre
- C. Northern Theatre
- D. Eastern Theatre

**ANSWER: D**

**16. \_\_ Becomes The First Lady Officer To Takes Charge As Director General Hospital Services.**

- A. Air Marshal Sadhna Saxena
- B. Air Marshal Sudha Saxena
- C. Air Marshal Srishti Saxena
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**17. Who launched 'Project UDBHAV' during the Indian Military Heritage Festival?**

- A. General Manoj Pande
- B. Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari
- C. Lieutenant General Tarun Kumar Aich
- D. Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh

**ANSWER: D**

**18. Where was the Tri-Services Commanders' Conference-2023 (Western Grouping) held?**

- A. Mumbai
- B. Chennai
- C. New Delhi
- D. Kolkata

**ANSWER: C**

**19. Which countries are part of the AUKUS program?**

- A. India, United States, and Australia



- B. United Kingdom, Australia, and United States
- C. United Kingdom, China, and Australia
- D. India, China, and Australia

**ANSWER: B**

**20. Brigadier Rank of Indian Army Is Equivalent to which rank of Indian Navy?**

- A. Commodore
- B. Captain
- C. Commander
- D. Lieutenant

**ANSWER: A**

