

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### Greek Military Chief To Visit India Next Week

- India is expanding defence footprints in the Mediterranean region with General Dimitris Houpis, the Chief of the General Staff of the Greek Armed Forces, planning a visit to India next week following the elevation of their bilateral relations to a 'Strategic Partnership'.
- During the visit the two countries will sign a Military Cooperation Program which includes exercises and joint activities with personnel from all three branches—the Army, Navy, and Air Force— as well as the Special Forces.
- The focus will be on the Middle East, Greece's participation in the European Operation Aspides in the Red Sea – an area of vital interest to New Delhi – cooperation with the Indian Navy, Ukraine and the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC).
- The military cooperation program will start being implemented in the coming months with Greek fighters heading to India for the first time. Greece's participation in Tarang Shakti has reportedly been locked in and in September four aircraft are to take part in one of the largest air exercises on Asian soil.



## 'Birds Of Goodness' Executes 25<sup>th</sup> Humanitarian Aid Airdrop In North Gaza

- The Joint Operations Command of the Ministry of Defence announced the implementation of the 25th airdrop of humanitarian and relief aid as part of the "Birds of Goodness" operation.
- The airdrop was carried out over inaccessible, isolated areas in the northern Gaza Strip via four aircraft carrying 80 tonnes of food and relief aid, bringing the total amount of aid airdrops to 1401 tonnes since the beginning of the operation.
- The Birds of Goodness operation is part of "Operation Chivalrous Knight 3" to support Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip.



## ICG Rescues 27 Bangladeshi Fishermen

- In a swift operation, ICG rescued 27 Bangladeshi fishermen on 04 April 24, stranded on their fishing boat at sea. At about 1130 hrs on April 4, 2024, Indian Coast Guard Ship Amogh during patrol at Indo-Bangladesh International Maritime Border Line, sighted a Bangladeshi fishing boat Sagar II, adrift inside Indian waters.
- ICG ship launched boarding team to investigate. During investigation it was revealed that the boat had a steering gear breakdown for the last two days and had been adrift since then, which led to the boat drifting inside Indian waters. The BFB had 27 crew/fishermen onboard.

- The operation reflects the commitment of Indian Coast Guard towards safeguarding precious lives at sea against all odds. Such successful Search and Rescue operations will not only strengthen the regional SAR structure but also enhances the international cooperation with neighbouring countries. This is in keeping with the motto of the Indian Coast Guard “VAYAM RAKSHAMAH” which means “WE PROTECT”.



## IAF Receives First Indigenous Crash Fire Tender

- The Indian Air Force said it had recently received the delivery of the first indigenously designed and developed Crash Fire Tender (CFT).
- Manufactured by a Noida-based Indian MSME firm, against a contract worth Rs 291 Cr, the Indian manufacturer ensured the delivery of the CFT within 14 months of contract signing.
- The Indian Air Force is promoting indigenisation and has procured many made-in-India items to meet its operational requirements.
- Promoting Make in India in Defence sector has been one of the key focus areas of the Narendra Modi government and multiple steps have been taken in this direction.



## Indian Navy Brings 9 Pirates Caught Off Somalia To Mumbai, Hands Over To Local Police

- All nine pirates involved in piracy were apprehended on Wednesday after Indian Navy ships INS Trishul and INS Sumedha conducted successful anti-piracy operations east of Somalia on 29 March.
- The operations resulted in the rescue of FV Al Kambar and its crew of 23 Pakistani nationals. "INS Trishul arrived in Mumbai on 3 April and handed over all nine pirates to the local police for further legal action by the Indian laws, specifically the Maritime Anti-Piracy Act 2022," Indian Navy added.
- On March 30, 23 Pakistani nationals were rescued from the clutches of Somali pirates during a daring 12-hour-long operation in the Arabian Sea, said the Indian Navy.
- The rescue unfolded in the early hours of March 29, 2024, when the Indian Navy warship INS Sumedha intercepted the hijacked vessel, FV Al-Kambar, as it was being held captive by pirates. Acting swiftly, INS Sumedha was soon joined by the guided missile frigate INS Trishul to bolster the operation.
- Utilising their tactical expertise and strategic coordination, Indian naval forces initiated negotiations with the pirates, compelling them to surrender without bloodshed.
- Following the successful apprehension of the pirates, Indian Naval specialist teams embarked on the FV Al-Kambar to undertake thorough sanitisation and seaworthiness checks.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. LBASNNA Is Located At**

- A. Mussoorie
- B. Noida
- C. Dehradun
- D. New Delhi

**ANSWER: A**

**2. Which Edition of Exercise Sea Dragon Conducting in 2024?**

- A. 4th
- B. 5th
- C. 6th
- D. 7th

**ANSWER: A**

**3. Akash Prime Is A**

- A. Rocket
- B. Air Defence Missile System
- C. Sniper Rifle
- D. Tank

**ANSWER: B**

**4. Controller General of Defence Accounts Heads The**

- A. MoD Accounts
- B. Make In India Accounts



- C. Parliament Accounts
- D. Defence Accounts Department

**ANSWER: D**

**5. Which Is Not the Member Of BIMSTEC?**

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Pakistan
- C. Qatar
- D. Both B&C

**ANSWER: D**

**6. SITMEX Ex Is Done Among**

- A. India, Singapore, and Thailand
- B. India, Sri Lanka and Thailand
- C. Indonesia, Singapore, and Thailand
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**7. Major Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of The Indian Navy?**

- A. Captain
- B. Inspector
- C. Lt Commander
- D. Vice-admiral

**ANSWER: C**

**8. Which is the 6<sup>th</sup> largest Submarine Under P75?**

- A. INS Karanj
- B. INS Vagsheer
- C. INS Kirpan
- D. INS Vela

**ANSWER: B**

**9. Where Is The Hq Of The Northern Command of The Indian Army?**

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Pune
- D. Udhampur

**ANSWER: D**

**10. Prithvi Defence Vehicle Mark 2 Is A**

- A. MRBM
- B. IRBM
- C. ICBM
- D. Anti-satellite Missile Test

**ANSWER: D**

**11. Duncan Passage separates: -**

- A. Rutland Island and Little Andaman
- B. Andaman and Nicobar
- C. North and South Andaman
- D. South Andaman and little Andaman

**ANSWER: A**

**12. Speed of K-15 Sagarika Is**

- A. Mach 5.5
- B. Mach 6.5
- C. Mach 7.5
- D. Mach 8.5

**ANSWER: C**

**13. Mundra Port Is In**

- A. M.H.
- B. Kerala
- C. UP
- D. Gujrat

**ANSWER: D**

**14. Air India One Aircraft Using By**

- A. Indian President, Vice President and PM
- B. Indian President, Vice President and NSA
- C. Indian President, Vice President and Defence Minister
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**15. Bamako Is the Capital Of**

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

D. Mali

**ANSWER: D**

**16. "A Better India: A Better World" Book Is Written By**

A. Narayana Murthy

B. Sitaram Yechuri

C. Hew Strachan

D. APJ Abdul Kalam

**ANSWER: A**

**17. Motto of THE MARATHA LIGHT INFANTRY REGIMENT**

A. Parakramo Vijayate

B. Assam Vikram

C. Yudhaya Krit Nishchaya

D. Duty, Honour, courage

**ANSWER: D**

**18. SIMBEX Exercise Held B/W India And \_\_\_?**

A. USA

B. South Korea

C. Sri Lanka

D. Singapore

**ANSWER: D**

**19. World Parakram Diwas Celebrated Every Year On**

A. 23<sup>rd</sup> January

B. 15th July

C. 16th June

D. 17th June

**ANSWER: A**

**20. Joint Exercises B/w The India and Bangladesh Is Called:**

A. Table-Top Ex

B. SLINEX

C. Indra

D. Yudha Abhyas

**ANSWER: A**