

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### North Korea Leader Kim Jong Un Says Now Is Time To Be Ready For War

- North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said unstable geopolitical situations surrounding his country mean now is the time to be more prepared for war than ever, as he inspected the country's main military university, KCNA news agency said.
- Kim gave field guidance on Wednesday at Kim Jong Il University of Military and Politics, named after his father who died in 2011, which KCNA said is the "highest seat of military education" in the country.
- North Korea has stepped up weapons development in recent years under Kim and has forged closer military and political ties with Russia, allegedly aiding Moscow in its war with Ukraine in return for help with strategic military projects.
- Affirming that if the enemy opts for military confrontation with the DPRK, the DPRK will deal a death-blow to the enemy without hesitation by mobilizing all means in its possession," KCNA quoted Kim as telling the university staff and students.
- DPRK is short for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the North's official name.



## **Army chief General Manoj Pande Unveils Advanced Facilities For Armed Forces In Delhi, Udhampur**

- In a development aimed at bolstering healthcare facilities for defence personnel and their families, General Manoj Pande, the Chief of the Army Staff, on Wednesday inaugurated new enhanced facilities at Army Hospital Research & Referral (AHRR) in Delhi.
- In addition, he also unveiled the Cutting-Edge Command Hospital Complex in Udhampur via a virtual ceremony.
- The COAS, accompanied by the Archana Pande, visited the Army Hospital Research and Referral (AHRR) in Delhi Cantonment and inaugurated the Radiological Information & Digital Image Networking System. The COAS also unveiled the newly expanded Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PMR) and Sports Medicine.
- In addition, 'Niramaya- Wellness Clinic' and 'Aasra-Patient Detention Centre' were also inaugurated by the President AWWA. AHRR is known to be a premier establishment as far as healthcare facilities in the armed forces are concerned. The new facilities added today will facilitate further enhancement of patient comfort.



## Inauguration Of Naval Pier And Residential Accommodations By Admiral R Hari

- Admiral R Hari Kumar inaugurated one major Pier and Residential Accommodations at Naval Base Karwar on 09 April 24. The Pier 3 Offshore Patrol Vessel Pier is 350m long, capable of berthing OPVs, large survey vessels and Mine Counter Measure Vessels.
- The pier would also provide various shore based services, such as electrical power, potable water, chilled water for air conditioning, 30 ton mobile crane and other domestic services to the ships.
- The residential accommodation consists of 2 towers of 80 flats for Married Officers (Lt Cdr to Capt) and 149 flats of Single Officers' Accommodation along with related amenities and external services. Further, 6 towers of Type-II accommodation consisting of 360 flats for Defence Civilians were also inaugurated.



## Massive Security Deployment In Bastar For Lok Sabha Polls

- Extensive security measures have been implemented in the Maoist-affected Bastar region ahead of the upcoming first phase of Lok Sabha elections with deployment of 350 companies of security personnel to safeguard and escort polling parties, both on foot and by road besides utilising ten **IAF Mi-17 choppers** assigned for polling duties.
- Bastar is scheduled to hold its first phase of LS polls on April 19, with 1,472,207 voters expected to cast their ballots.
- Voting will take place from 7 am to 3 pm across Bastar due to insurgency-related risks, except in Jagdalpur town, where the polling hours will extend until 5 pm.
- According to officials at the Chhattisgarh election commission, the 350 companies of security forces will consist of over 36,000 personnel, including 249 companies of paramilitary and central armed forces already stationed in the state to counter left wing extremism.



## DRDO Starts Work To Set Up Test Centre In Bengal

- DRDO has started implementing a project in Junput village in West Bengal to build a small test centre for the country's weapon systems, officials said on Thursday. Junput, like Odisha's Chandipur which is known for its Integrated Test Range (ITR), is also situated by the Bay of Bengal.
- An additional operation area is required as the existing ITR at Chandipur near Balasore has become saturated with work related to testing.
- "As timely trials of weapon systems are of paramount importance, a plan is being implemented for an additional operation area at Junput near Digha, about 70 km from Chandipur," the DRDO official said.
- Junput is also 177 km from Kolkata and 40 km from Digha, a popular sea resort town.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Where is the DRDO implementing a project to build a small test centre for the country's weapon systems?**

- A. Chandipur, Odisha
- B. Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- C. Junput, West Bengal
- D. Pune, Maharashtra

**ANSWER: C**

**2. Where was the 'Steel Cutting' ceremony of the first of the five Fleet Support Ships (FSS) held?**

- A. Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam
- B. Command Hospital, Pune
- C. Junput, West Bengal
- D. Chandipur, Odisha

**ANSWER: A**

**3. Which hospital became the first gov hospital in India to procure and conduct successful piezoelectric bone conduction hearing implants?**

- A. Command Hospital, Pune
- B. Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam
- C. Junput, West Bengal
- D. Chandipur, Odisha

**ANSWER: A**

**4. What was the reason for conducting the piezoelectric Bone Conduction Hearing Implants at Command Hospital, Pune?**

- A. Congenital external and middle ear anomalies
- B. Single Sided Deafness (SSD)
- C. Both A and B
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**5. Air Commodore Rank of IAF Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Army?**

- A. Brigadier
- B. Lt. Gen
- C. Captain
- D. Major General

**ANSWER: A**

**6. International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Hq Is At**

- A. London, United Kingdom
- B. Vienna, Austria
- C. Paris, France
- D. Geneva, Switzerland

**ANSWER: A**

**7. Chairman Of The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) Is**

- A. PM
- B. NSA
- C. CDS
- D. Home Minister

**ANSWER: A**

**8. CBI Hq Is In**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**9. \_\_\_ Is The Largest Defense Contractors in the World.**

- A. Lockheed Martin
- B. Boeing
- C. Raytheon Technologies
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**10. "If you win, you need not have to explain...If you lose, you should not be there to explain!" Said By\_\_\_**

- A. Winston Churchill
- B. Adolf Hitler
- C. Subhas Chandra Bose
- D. Bhagat Singh

**ANSWER: B**

**11. Air Marshal Rank Of IAF Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Army?**

- A. Brigadier
- B. Lt. Gen
- C. Captain
- D. Major General

**ANSWER: B**

**12. Current Secretary-General Of NATO Is\_\_.**

- A. Jens Stoltenberg
- B. Admiral Rob Bauer
- C. General Tod D. Wolters
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**13. "It Is Our Duty To Pay For Our Liberty With Our Own Blood." Said By\_\_**

- A. Pandit Nehru
- B. Mahatma Gandhi
- C. Subhas Chandra Bose
- D. Bhagat Singh

**ANSWER: C**

**14. 'The Communist Manifesto' Book Written By\_\_.**

- A. Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels
- B. Alexis
- C. Thomas Paine
- D. Niccolo Machiavelli

**ANSWER: A**

**15. OPEC Hq Is In**

- A. Budapest, Hungary
- B. New York, USA
- C. Luanda, Angola
- D. Vienna, Austria

**ANSWER: D**

**16. IPCC Was Created By**

- A. WMO & UNEP
- B. IMO & UNESCO
- C. IMF & WTO



D. UNO& UNFCCC

**ANSWER: A**

**17. Madagascar Is In**

A. Pacific Ocean

B. Indian Ocean

C. Black Sea

D. Arctic Ocean

**ANSWER: B**

**18. Which Is Not The Member Of SAARC?**

A. Bangladesh

B. Myanmar

C. India

D. Pakistan

**ANSWER: B**

**19. With reference to MILAN Exercise, consider the following statements:**

1. It is a multilateral Naval Exercise conducted by the members of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).

2. MILAN 2024 conducted in the East China Sea.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only

(b) 2 only

(c) Both 1 and 2

(d) Neither 1 nor 2

**ANSWER: D**

**20. Mitra Shakti Ex Conducts B/W**

A. India & Indonesia

B. India & UK

C. India & Sri Lanka

D. India & Thailand

**ANSWER: C**