

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

## 04 June 2024

### Keel Laying Of The Second Cadet Training Ship

- Keel laying ceremony of the second Cadet Training Ship (Yard – 18004) was held at M/s L&T Shipyard, Kattupalli on 03 Jun 24. The ceremony was presided over by RAdm Sandeep Mehta, Assistant Controller of Warship Production and Acquisition (ACWP&A).
- The contract for indigenous design and construction of three Cadet Training Ships was concluded between MoD and M/s L&T on 07 Mar 23. These Cadet Training Ships will be utilised for training officer cadets at sea after their basic training ashore. These ships will also extend training facility to cadets from Friendly Foreign Countries.
- The new ship will be used for training officer cadets in the Indian Navy. It will also offer training facilities to cadets from other countries. The delivery of the ship is expected to begin in September 2026. The contract for the indigenous design and construction of three cadet training ships was signed between the Ministry of Defense and L&T Precision Engineering & System.



## After Maldives Ban Entry Of Israelis, Israel Embassy Asks Citizens To Explore Indian Beaches

- After the Maldives announced a ban on the entry of individuals holding Israeli passports into the country, the Israel Embassy in India has asked Israeli citizens to visit India and explore Indian beaches. The embassy noted that Israeli tourists are warmly welcomed in India.
- The Israel Embassy in India also recommended some of the Indian places which include Goa, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and Kerala. The post included pictures of beaches in Lakshadweep, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Goa and Kerala.
- Maldives Minister of Homeland Security and Technology, Ali Ihsaan, announced the decision while addressing a news conference at Maldives President's Office on Sunday.
- In a press release, the Maldives President's Office stated, "President Dr Mohamed Muizzu, following a recommendation from the Cabinet, has resolved to impose a ban on Israeli passports."
- The press release reads, "The Cabinet decision includes amending necessary laws to prevent Israeli passport holders from entering the Maldives and establishing a Cabinet subcommittee to oversee these efforts."



## China Ready To ‘Forcefully’ Stop Taiwan Independence: Defence Minister

- Chinese Defence Minister Dong Jun has said the country’s military was ready to “forcefully” stop Taiwan’s independence, in a fiery speech at a Singapore security forum.
- US, China agree to resume military-to-military talks in ‘coming months’
- Asia’s top security summit is under way in Singapore
- Bid for dominance over Asia Pacific tests US, China attempt at detente
- China, South Korea leaders meet before trilateral talks with Japan
- Speaking at the Shangri-La Dialogue conference in Singapore on Sunday, Dong said the self-ruled democracy of Taiwan was the “core of core issues” for China, but claimed Taiwan’s governing Democratic Progressive Party was incrementally pursuing separatism and bent on erasing Chinese identity.
- Last month it staged two days of war games around the island after the May 20 inauguration of President William Lai Ching-te. Lai and the DPP say it is up to the people of Taiwan to decide their future. Beijing calls him a “separatist”.



## Italy To Send Second Air Defence System To Ukraine

- Italy will send a second SAMP/T air defence system to Ukraine, its foreign minister said in a radio interview, responding to Kyiv's pleas for greater help to fend off Russian missile attacks.
- The system, also known as MAMBA, is a Franco-Italian battery that can track dozens of targets and intercept 10 at once. It is the only European-made system that can intercept ballistic missiles.
- Rome and Paris jointly delivered a first system in 2023, but in recent months Ukraine has repeatedly called on partners to provide more help with air defence as it faces an increasing barrage of attacks on cities and energy infrastructure.
- Since Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, Italy has approved eight support packages to the government of President Volodymyr Zelenskiy. Tajani said the SAMP/T will be part of a ninth package under preparation but did not give a time frame for delivery.



## Ex- Brahmos Engineer Gets Life Imprisonment For Spying

- The Nagpur district court on Monday handed life imprisonment to former BrahMos Aerospace Pvt Ltd engineer Nishant Agarwal under the Official Secrets Act for spying for Pakistan's intelligence agency ISI.
- Agarwal will also have to undergo rigorous imprisonment (RI) for 14 years and was also fined ₹3,000.

- Additional sessions court judge MV Deshpande stated in the order that Agarwal was convicted under section 235 of the Criminal Procedure Code for an offence punishable under section 66 (f) of the IT Act and various sections of the Official Secrets Act (OSA).
- Agarwal, who worked in the technical research section of the company's missile centre in Nagpur, was arrested in 2018 in a joint operation by military intelligence and the Anti-Terrorism Squads (ATS) of Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra.
- The former BrahMos Aerospace engineer was charged under various provisions of the Indian Penal Code and the stringent OSA.
- Having been employed at the BrahMos facility for four years, he was accused of leaking sensitive technical information to Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI).
- BrahMos Aerospace is a joint venture between the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Military Industrial Consortium (NPO Mashinostroyeniya) of Russia.
- Agarwal was granted bail by the Nagpur bench of the Bombay High Court last April, after nearly five years in jail.
- The high court had observed that tardy progress in the trial violated fundamental rights of the accused no matter how stringent the bail norms under the law which he has been arrested may be.
- The Nagpur bench in its order had observed that gross delay in disposal of the case can justify invocation of Article 21 of the Constitution. Article 21 says no individual can be deprived of life or liberty except with the procedure laid down in the law.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. In which location is the 'Red Flag 24' exercise taking place?

- A. United Kingdom
- B. Alaska
- C. Hawaii
- D. California

**ANSWER: B**

2. Where was the keel laying ceremony of the second Cadet Training Ship (Yard – 18004) held?

- A. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
- B. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers
- C. Cochin Shipyard Limited
- D. M/s L&T Shipyard, Kattupalli

**ANSWER: D**

3. Which country will send a second SAMP/T air defence system, also known as MAMBA, to Ukraine?

- A. France
- B. Germany
- C. Italy
- D. United Kingdom

**ANSWER: C**

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

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

**ANSWER: A**

5. Which Transport Tactical Lifter Capable Of Carrying Payload Of More Than 50 Tons Is Also Used In Various Operations By IAF?

- A. C-17
- B. C-130J

- C. IL-76
- D. Mirage 2000

**ANSWER: A**

**6. Which Force Is Deployed At India, Nepal And Bhutan Border?**

- A. Sashastra Seema Bal
- B. Central Industrial Security Force
- C. National Security Guard
- D. Indo-Tibetan Border Police

**ANSWER: A**

**7. Who Among The Following Has Become The First Ever Woman Pilot Of The Indian Navy?**

- A. Chhavi Rajawat
- B. Shubhangi Swaroop
- C. Sita Sahu
- D. Asha Roy

**ANSWER: B**

**8. What Is The Code Name Of The First Nuclear Test Of India?**

- A. Chagai 1-1
- B. Smiling Buddha
- C. Project 596
- D. Shakti 1 – 1

**ANSWER: B**

**9. Which Is The Smallest Unit Of The Indian Army?**

- A. Corps
- B. Section
- C. Battalion
- D. Platoon

**ANSWER: B**

**10. What Is The Highest Military Honour Of India?**

- A. Param Vir Chakra
- B. Bharat Ratna
- C. Maha Vir Chakra
- D. Padma Bhushan

**ANSWER: A**

**11. When Was The Indian Air Force Founded?**

- A. 30th October 1934
- B. 27th October 1932
- C. 8th October 1933
- D. 8th October 1932

**ANSWER: D**

**12. What Is SRBM Developed By DRDO?**

- A. Static-Random Ballistic Missile
- B. Scientific-Range Ballistic Missile
- C. Short-Range Ballistic Memory
- D. Short-Range Ballistic Missile

**ANSWER: D**

**13. What Is The India-China Border Line Called?**

- A. McMahon Line
- B. Marginal Line
- C. Mannerheim Line
- D. Medicine Line

**ANSWER: A**

**14. The "Ladakh Scouts" Is Also Known As -**

- A. Snow Lions
- B. Snow Warriors
- C. Snow Leopards
- D. Snow Jackals

**ANSWER: B**

**15. Shenyang FC-31 Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Fighter Jet

**ANSWER: D**

**16. Armed Forces Medical College Is Located At**

- A. Mumbai
- B. Pune



- C. Nashik
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: B**

**17. "White Darkness: And Other Stories," Authored By**

- A. Lt Gen Y K Joshi
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Lt Col Ramesh Menon (Retd)

**ANSWER: D**

**18. Where Is The Hq Of The Southwestern Command of The Indian Army?**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**19. Super Hornet Fighter Aircraft Is Made By**

- A. Dassault
- B. Boeing
- C. Airbus
- D. HAL

**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**