

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### Rajnath Singh Is The Raksha Mantri In Modi 3.0

- On The Back Of A Successful Tenure From 2019-2024, **Shri Rajnath Singh Has Been Allocated** The Portfolio Of Ministry Of Defence For The Second Consecutive Term By The President, As Advised By The Prime Minister. **A Member Of Parliament From Lucknow**, UP, Shri Rajnath Singh Had Taken Over Responsibility To Head Ministry Of Defence For The First Time On June 01, 2019. He Was Minister Of Education In Govt Of Uttar Pradesh In 1991 - 1992.
- He Served As Minister Of Surface Transport In The Union Cabinet From 1999 To 2000. Later He Became **Chief Minister Of Uttar Pradesh In 2000 - 2002**. In 2003, He Served As Minister Of Agriculture In The Union Cabinet. He Was Elected To Rajya Sabha For Two Terms In 1994 - 1999 And Again For 2003-2008. In 2009 He Was Elected To The 15th Lok Sabha.
- He Also Served As **Member In The Committee On Ethics** On October 07, 2009. Shri Rajnath Singh Was Inducted In The Union Cabinet In The Government Led By Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi On May 27, 2014 As The Minister Of Home Affairs



## Flag Off Ceremony Of Sindhu Shikhar Car Rally

- **Sindhu Shikhar Car Rally** From **Delhi To Leh** And Back Was Flagged Off By VAdm Sanjay Bhalla, The Chief Of Personnel On 10 Jun 24 From New Delhi. The **Main Objective Of The Expedition** Is To Spread Awareness About The **Rich Maritime Heritage Of India** And Maritime Consciousness In The Northern States. The Expedition Consisting Of **40 Naval Personnel** Will Cover A Distance Of 3637 Km Over 18 Days Traversing Through Remote Regions.
- The Expedition Will Be A Major Milestone In Achieving Outreach Activities By **Indian Navy, Mainly In The Regions Of** Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, J&K And Ladakh By Interactions In Schools, Colleges And NCC Units Enroute And Also Reaching Out To The Proud Veterans Through Veterans' **Interactions Programme At Chandigarh.**



## Defence Services Technical Staff Course

- Flagship Defence Services Technical Staff Course For **Tri-services Officers** Commenced At **Military Institute Of Technology, Pune**. A Total Of **166 Officers** From Indian Coast Guard, And Including **5 Officers** From Friendly Foreign Countries Are Participating In Course, Designed To **Train Mid-career Officers**, From **Indian Army, Indian Navy, Indian Air Force, Indian Coast Guard And Friendly Foreign Countries**, As Future Techno-warriors And Military Leaders.
- Commandant Of MILIT, **AVM Vivek Blouria**, Underscored The **Importance Of Jointness And Synergy** Among Services And The Criticality Of Understanding The Unique Capabilities Of Each Service For War Fighting In **Multi-domain**

**Operations.** The Commandant Also Highlighted The Need For Future Techno-warriors To Develop A Strong Understanding Of Emerging Technologies And Geopolitical Issues Impacting India's Military And Security Landscape.

- During The Course, Officers Will Be Exposed To **Various Emerging Technologies**, Defence Strategies, Live And Simulated Drills, Seminars, Collaborative Projects, Visits To Various Forward Areas As Well As Defence R&D And Industrial Corridors To Improve Their Awareness And Understanding On National Security Strategy, Tactical Operations And The National Efforts At Atmanirbharta In Military Technologies



## Chief of the Army Staff Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi

- The Government has appointed Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, PVSM, AVSM, presently serving as Vice Chief of the Army Staff, as the next Chief of the Army Staff with effect from the afternoon of June 30, 2024. The present Chief of the Army Staff Gen Manoj C Pande, PVSM, AVSM, VSM demits office on June 30, 2024. Born on July 01, 1964, Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi was commissioned into the Infantry (Jammu & Kashmir Rifles) of the Indian Army on December 15, 1984. During his long and distinguished service spanning nearly 40 years, he has served in a variety of Command, Staff, Instructional and Foreign appointments. The Command appointments of Lt Gen Dwivedi include Command of Regiment (18 Jammu & Kashmir Rifles), Brigade (26 Sector Assam Rifles), Inspector General, Assam Rifles (East) and 9 Corps. In the rank of Lt Gen, the officer has tenanted important appointments including that of Director General Infantry and General Officer Commanding in Chief (Headquarter Northern Command) from 2022-2024, before getting appointed as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff.

- An alumnus of the Sainik School Rewa, National Defence College and US Army War College, Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi has also undergone courses at the DSSC Wellington and Army War College, Mhow. In addition, the officer was conferred 'Distinguished Fellow' in the coveted NDC equivalent course at USAWC, Carlisle, USA. The officer has an M Phil in Defence & Management Studies and two master's degrees in strategic studies and military science.
- He has been decorated with the Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM), Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM) and three GOC-in-C Commendation Cards.



### **BRICS Foreign Ministers Call For Ensuring Zero Tolerance For Terrorism**

Foreign Ministers of the 10-member BRICS grouping of countries have expressed strong condemnation of any acts of terrorism, terming it "criminal and unjustifiable" regardless of its motivation and affirmed their commitment to combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including cross-border terrorism and terrorism financing and safe havens.



For the first time, India, though at a multilateral format, has strongly criticised Israel for its actions in Gaza that have led to the displacement, deaths and casualties of thousands of civilians.

The Brics foreign ministers, in a joint statement issued after their meeting in Russia on Monday, expressed "grave concern at the deterioration of the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in particular the unprecedented escalation of violence in the Gaza Strip as a result of the Israeli military operation that led to mass civilian displacement, deaths and casualties, and destruction of civilian infrastructure."



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## Adani Def & Aero, EDGE Group Sign Agreement

- Adani Defence & Aerospace and a leading group in the UAE have signed a cooperation agreement aiming to establish a "global platform" leveraging capabilities of both companies to bring together their respective product portfolios and cater to the requirements of global and local customers.
- The agreement will also explore establishment of research and development facilities in India and the UAE, said the statement issued on Tuesday.
- The agreement aims to establish a global platform leveraging the defence and aerospace capabilities of both companies to bring together their respective product portfolios and cater to the requirements of global and local customers, it added.



## **Sub-Lt Anamika Rajeev is Navy's first woman helicopter pilot**

- After IAF and Army, Indian Navy has also begun inducting women as helicopter pilots, with sub-lieutenant Anamika B Rajeev becoming the first to get the “golden wings” at the passing-out parade at naval air station INS Rajali in Tamil Nadu’s Arakkonam.
- In another milestone, Lieutenant Jamyang Tsewang, the first officer from Ladakh to be commissioned into the Navy, also successfully graduated as a qualified helicopter pilot.
- The two were among the 21 pilots of the 102nd helicopter conversion course to be awarded the “golden wings” by Eastern Naval Command chief vice admiral Rajesh Pendharkar at the parade on Friday.
- The naval pilots underwent the 22-week training programme at INS Rajali after initial training with IAF. While the Navy already has women pilots flying the Dornier-228 maritime patrol aircraft, Sub-Lt Rajeev is the first to gain entry into the force’s helicopter fleet that includes Chetaks, Sea Kings, Dhruvs and the spanking new submarine-hunting MH-60R Seahawk helicopters, which are armed with Hellfire missiles, MK-54 torpedoes and precision-kill rockets.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Who will be the next Army General?**

- A. Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi
- B. Lt Gen Ashok Mehta
- C. Lt Gen Manipal Yadav
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**2. How much did India's defence exports reach in the Financial Year (FY) 2023-24?**

- A. Rs 15,920 crore
- B. Rs 21,083 crore
- C. Rs 25,000 crore
- D. Rs 30,000 crore

**ANSWER: B**

**3. What is the purpose of the Emergency Landing Facility drill conducted by the Indian Air Force in J&K?**

- A. Testing new helicopter models
- B. Demonstrating air superiority
- C. Practicing emergency landings on highways
- D. Conducting aerial reconnaissance missions

**ANSWER: C**

**4. Which Country Is Not The Part Of The Indo-Pacific Region?**

- A. India
- B. Malaysia
- C. Sudan
- D. Indonesia

**ANSWER: C**

**5. Act East Policy Was Launched In**

- A. 2014
- B. 2015
- C. 2016
- D. 2017

**ANSWER: A**

**6. India's first Human Space Mission Is**

- A. Mangalyaan
- B. Gaganyaan
- C. Ushma
- D. Veg

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Secretariat of ASEAN Is In**

- A. Jakarta
- B. Dhaka
- C. New Delhi
- D. Doha

**ANSWER: A**

**8. TED Stands For**

- A. Technology Development Future
- B. Technology Development Fund
- C. Telegram Development Fund
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: B**

**9. Commander-in-Chief Of All Three-Armed Forces Is**

- A. The President
- B. The PM
- C. CJ



D. NSA

**ANSWER: A**

**10. South-Western Air Command Hq Is In**

A. Gandhinagar

B. New Delhi

C. Prayagraj

D. Nagpur

**ANSWER: A**

**11. IAI Harop Developed By**

A. Iran

B. India

C. Israel

D. Indonesia

**ANSWER: C**

**12. Operation Poomalai Was Conducted By IAF In**

A. 1984

B. 1987

C. 1991

D. 1999

**ANSWER: B**

**13. CHM Full Form Is**

A. Company Havildar Major

B. Company Havildar Monitor

C. Company Havildar Mega

D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**14. GOC In Indian Army Stands For**

A. General Officer Command

B. General Officer Commanding

C. General Offer Commanding

D. None of the above

**ANSWER: B**

**15. UNCED Stands For**

- A. UN Conference on Essential and Development
- B. UN Control on Environment and Development
- C. UN Conference on Environment and Development
- D. UN Conference on Environment and Developed

**ANSWER: C**

**16. "An Introduction to Dreamland" Book Is Written**

- A. Bhagat Singh
- B. Raja Ram
- C. Leo Tolstoy
- D. George Bernard Shaw

**ANSWER: A**

**17. Wassenaar Arrangement Works on Transfer Of**

- A. conventional weapons and dual-use goods and technologies
- B. Wheat and Rice
- C. Space Technology
- D. High yielding seeds

**ANSWER: A**

**18. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Hq Is In**

- A. Nairobi, Kenya
- B. New York City, USA
- C. Rome, Italy
- D. Washington, DC, USA

**ANSWER: A**

**19. Joint Exercises B/w The India and UK Is Called:**

- A. KONKAN
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

**ANSWER: A**

**20. CISF Comes Under Which Ministry?**

- A. MHA
- B. MOD
- C. MEA
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

