

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### India To Carry Out High Altitude Trials Of Indigenous Short-range Air Defence Missiles

- Amid the large-scale requirement for shoulder-fired air defence missiles, DRDO is going to carry out trials of the indigenous shoulder-fired air defence missiles before handing them over to the Indian Army for user trials.
- The DRDO has been developing Very Short-Range Air Defence missiles to meet the requirements of the Indian Army and Air Force to tackle aerial targets like fast-moving drones, fighter aircraft and helicopters in border areas.
- DRDO is looking to carry out high-altitude trials of the Indigenous tripod-fired short-range air defence missile in mountainous regions like Ladakh or Sikkim
- The Indian Army is progressing in two cases worth Rs 6,800 crore for developing **Very Short-Range Air Defence (VSHORAD)** systems indigenously, amid a lack of inventory of shoulder-fired missiles to tackle aerial threats from Pakistan and China.



## Exercise Red Flag 2024 Concluded

- IAF contingent participated in the Exercise Red Flag 2024 conducted at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska of the United States Air Force, from 04 Jun to 14 Jun 24. This was the second edition of Ex Red Flag 2024, which is an advanced aerial combat training exercise, held four times in a year by the US Air Force.
- The exercise witnessed participation of the Indian Air Force along with Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF), Royal Air Force of the United Kingdom, Royal Netherlands Air Force (RNLAf), German Luftwaffe, and the US Air Force.
- This was the first time the IAF Rafale aircraft participated in Ex Red Flag, wherein, they operated alongside the RSAF and USAF F-16 and F-15s, and the USAF A-10 aircraft.



## Combined Graduation Parade At Air Force Academy

- The Combined Graduation Parade (CGP) was held at the Air Force Academy (AFA), Dundigal on 15 June 2024, to mark the successful culmination of training of 235 flight cadets of flying and ground duty branches of the Indian Air Force.
- Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, Chief of the Air Staff, the Reviewing Officer, conferred the Presidents' Commission to the graduating flight cadets on successful completion of their training. The graduating officers included 22 women officers who got commissioned in various branches of the IAF.

- The ceremony was witnessed by a number of dignitaries from IAF and sister services as well as the family members of the graduating officers. On this occasion, 09 officers from the Indian Navy, 09 officers from the Indian Coast Guard, and 01 officers from the friendly foreign countries were also awarded 'Wings' on successful completion of flying training.



## US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan in India today for iCET Initiative

- In the first trip to India by a senior American official after the Modi government came to power for the third term, US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan will be in New Delhi on Monday for the second meeting of the initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET).
- Sullivan was scheduled to visit India earlier in February but due to other pressing commitments in the US, the annual review meeting was rescheduled for June 17-18.
- US National Security Adviser Sullivan is also scheduled to meet his Indian counterpart Ajit Doval. This meeting will be followed by a joint statement between the two nations underscoring the progress made and the importance of the iCET mechanism for the two countries.
- The iCET was announced by India and the US in May 2022 and was officially launched in January 2023 and is being run by the National Security Council of both countries.

- Under iCET, both countries have identified six areas of cooperation which would include co-development and co-production, that would gradually be expanded to QUAD, then to NATO, followed by Europe and the rest of the world.
- Under iCET, India is ready to share its core technologies with the US and expects Washington to do the same.
- It aims to promote collaboration in critical and emerging technology areas, including AI, quantum computing, semiconductors, and wireless telecommunication.



## India, Saudi Arabia And Other Countries Opt Out Of Signing Ukraine Declaration In Switzerland

- India was among several countries - Saudi Arabia, India, South Africa, Thailand, Indonesia, Mexico, and the United Arab Emirates - who did not sign the final communique at the Ukraine peace summit in Switzerland. The Indian delegation was led by Pavan Kapoor, Secretary (West) of the MEA in the discussions.
- Switzerland, which hosted the summit, said over 90 countries took part in the talks, and the vast majority of them signed up to the communique, according to a list which the Swiss organizers posted at the close of proceedings. Brazil, which was listed as an "observer" on the list of attendees, also did not feature as a signatory.
- The draft of the final communique in the Ukraine peace summit refers to Russia's invasion as a "war" - a label Moscow rejects - and calls for Ukraine's control over the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant and its Azov Sea ports to be restored. However, it omitted tougher issues of what a post-war settlement for

Ukraine would look like, whether Ukraine can join NATO and what troop withdrawals from both sides would look like.



## **Amit Shah Reviews Security, Logistics Arrangements For Amarnath Yatra**

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday reviewed security and logistics arrangements for the Amarnath Yatra in a high-level meeting, instructing the security agencies to be "vigilant" and "ensure sufficient deployment of security personnel" for the annual pilgrimage.
- He instructed establishing perfect inter-agency coordination for effective security arrangements including a well-established standard operating response mechanism.
- As per the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has undertaken significant initiatives to make the Amarnath Yatra safe and comfortable for the devotees. Last year more than 4.5 lakh devotees took the holy darshan.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **Where was the Exercise Red Flag 2024, in which the Indian Air Force participated, conducted?**

- A. Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada
- B. Ramstein Air Base, Germany
- C. Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska
- D. Edwards Air Force Base, California

**ANSWER: C**

2. **Which organization is set to carry out trials of the indigenous shoulder-fired air defence missiles for the Indian Army?**

- A. Bharat Electronics Limited
- B. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- C. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- D. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

**ANSWER: B**

3. **At which location did India refuse to sign the final joint communique on peace for Ukraine, insisting on the creation of conditions for all parties' participation?**

- A. Geneva, Switzerland
- B. Brussels, Belgium

- C. New York, USA
- D. Paris, France

**ANSWER: A**

**4. Drishti 10 Starliner Is A**

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Fighter Jet

**ANSWER: A**

**5. Current Executive Of Defence Planning Committee**

- A. Rajnath Singh
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Nirmala Sitaraman
- D. Ajit Doval

**ANSWER: D**

**6. Field Marshal Of Indian Army Is A**

- A. 2 Star General
- B. 3 Star General
- C. 4 Star General
- D. 5 Star General

**ANSWER: D**

**7. Defence Space Agency Hq Is Located At**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Chennai
- D. Noida

**ANSWER: B**

**8. INS Kochi Is A**

- A. Guided-missile destroyers

- B. Landing ship tank
- C. Submarine
- D. Frigates

**ANSWER: A**

**9. \_ Is Not A G7 member.**

- A. China
- B. USA
- C. UK
- D. France

**ANSWER: A**

**10. The Standard Meridian Of India Is**

- A. 82 degrees 30' E
- B. 84 degrees 30' E
- C. 72 degrees 30' E
- D. 92 degrees 30' E

**ANSWER: A**

**11. Army Medical Corps Motto Is**

- A. Courage and Valor
- B. Sarve santu niramaya
- C. Service Before Self
- D. Lethal

**ANSWER: B**

**12. Glock 18 Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. Machine Pistol
- C. Assault rifle
- D. Submachine gun



**ANSWER: B**

**13. Which Is The Largest Uranium-producing Country In The World?**

- A. USA
- B. India
- C. Kazakhstan
- D. Uzbekistan

**ANSWER: C**

**14. Kaiga Atomic Power Plant Is In**

- A. Karnataka
- B. Gujarat
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Uttarakhand

**ANSWER: A**

**15. Who established the Atomic Energy Commission of India in 1948?**

- A. P.K. Iyengar
- B. M.R. Srinivasan
- C. Vikram Sarabhai
- D. Homi Bhabha

**ANSWER: D**

**16. Nay Pyi Taw Is The Capital Of**

- A. Bhutan
- B. Nepal
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Myanmar

**ANSWER: D**

**17. "India's Women Unsung Heroes" Book Is Written By**

- A. Chandrachur Ghose

- B. Ruskin Bond
- C. Dr. Thomas Matthew
- D. Meenakshi Lekhi

**ANSWER: D**

**18. Ex 'Konkan Shakti' conducted b/w India &**

- A. Qatar
- B. UK
- C. UAE
- D. Japan

**ANSWER: B**

**19. "Kartavyam Anvatma" (Duty before death) Is The Motto Of**

- A. RAJPUT REGIMENT
- B. DOGRA REGIMENT
- C. SIKH REGIMENT
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: B**

**20. Which Country Isn't the member of NSG?**

- A. USA
- B. China
- C. Pakistan
- D. France

**ANSWER: C**