

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### North Korea criticises US for providing military aid to Ukraine

- A top North Korean military official on Monday criticised the United States over its expanding military assistance to Ukraine for the ongoing Russia Ukraine war, reaffirming the reclusive state's support for Moscow in the Ukraine war, according to state media KCNA.
- Washington and Seoul have been increasingly alarmed by deepening military cooperation between Russia and the North and have accused them of violating international laws by trading in arms for Russia to use against Ukraine. Moscow and Pyongyang have denied any arms transfer.
- A pact signed by Russia's Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un during Putin's visit to Pyongyang last week commits each side to provide immediate military assistance to the other in the event of armed aggression against either one of them.
- Analysts say that pact would lay the framework for arms trade between the two countries and facilitate their anti-US and anti-West coalition.



## Four AFMS Officers Create History In 43<sup>rd</sup> World Medical & Health Games

- Four Armed Forces Medical Service (AFMS) Officers have brought laurels to India by clinching a record 32 Medals in the 43rd World Medical and Health Games held in Saint-Tropez, France, from 16 to 23rd June 2024.
- These Officers, namely Lt Col Sanjeev Malik, Maj Anish George, Capt Stephen Sebastian, and Capt Dania James, made history by winning 19 Gold Medals, 09 Silver Medals and 04 Bronze Medals in the in World's largest sports event for health professionals.
- The World Medical and Health Games, often regarded as the Olympic Games for Health Professionals, has evolved into the most prestigious global sporting event within the medical community. With a legacy dating back to 1978, the Games annually attract over 2500 participants from more than 50 different nations.



## SAMEER, MeitY AND MCTE, INDIAN ARMY FORGE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

- **Military College of Telecommunication Engineering**, Indian Army and Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering & Research an autonomous R&D laboratory under the **Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology** signed a

## MoU to advance collaboration in 'Next Generation Wireless Technologies for Indian Army'.

- This initiative marks a significant milestone in strengthening the Indian Army's technological capabilities which is aligned towards declared vision for 2024 as 'Year of Technological Absorption for Indian Army' by Chief of Army Staff
- The key objectives of this partnership include:
- **Joint Research and Development**
- **Incubation Centre**



## IAF To Acquire 6 Tapas Drones

- In a major boost to enhancing indigenous unmanned surveillance capabilities of defence forces, the Indian Air Force has made a proposal to the central government to buy 10 Tapas drones, officials said.
- Out of the 10, six Made-in-India drones would be for the Indian Air Force, while the remaining four would be for the Indian Navy.
- Tapas drones are medium-altitude long, endurance-category drones that have been developed indigenously by the Defence Research and Development Organisation and have to be manufactured by a consortium of Bharat Electronics Limited and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.



## MDL In Advanced Talks With Defence Ministry For Rs 35,000 Crore Kalvari Submarine Deal

- Talks on acquiring additional Kalvari-class (Scorpene) submarines for the Navy have progressed, with state-owned Mazagaon Dockyard Limited (MDL) in advanced discussions for a potential **₹35,000-crore deal** that will help boost India's underwater strength.
- Sources said that the new submarines -- three additional Kalvari-class which are under negotiation -- will be larger than their predecessor and will be packed with modern electronics that will give them better strength and longer endurance.
- That came two days after Moscow and Pyongyang reached a pact vowing mutual defense assistance if either is attacked, and a day after Seoul responded by saying it would consider providing arms to Ukraine to fight Russia's invasion.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **What is the name of India's first-ever multinational air exercise scheduled for August 2024?**

- A. Tarang Shakti
- B. Vayu Shakti
- C. Meghdoot
- D. Garuda Shakti

**ANSWER: A**

2. **Which country is involved in conducting joint drills on tactical nuclear weapons with Russia?**

- A. China
- B. Belarus
- C. Poland
- D. Finland

**ANSWER: B**

3. **Who has been appointed as the next Chief of the Army Staff (COAS)?**

- A. Lt General Rajesh Kumar
- B. Lt General Upendra Dwivedi
- C. Major General Ashok Sharma
- D. Colonel Sanjay Patel

**ANSWER: B**

4. **How many Tapas drones has the Indian Air Force proposed to buy?**

- A. 5
- B. 6
- C. 10
- D. 12

**ANSWER: B**

5. **Which organization is in advanced discussions for a potential ₹35,000-crore deal to acquire additional Kalvari-class (Scorpene) submarines?**

- A. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)

- B. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- C. Mazagaon Dockyard Limited (MDL)
- D. Larsen & Toubro (L&T)

**ANSWER: C**

**6. CSL Hq Is In**

- A. Kochi
- B. Noida
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Chennai

**ANSWER: A**

**7. India Conducted Vajra Prahar Exercise With\_\_.**

- A. Qatar
- B. Maldives
- C. USA
- D. Oman

**ANSWER: C**

**8. Who Is The Chairman Of The NHRC?**

- A. Chief Justice of India or a judge of the Supreme Court
- B. Governor
- C. PM
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**9. UDHR Stands For**

- A. Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- B. Universal Declaration of Human Riot
- C. Universal Declared of Human Rights
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**10. Which one of the following statements is/are correct regarding BRICS?**

- 1. It was set up with the sole purpose of countering the NATO influence and emerging as its substitute.**
  - 2. The New Development Bank is one of the initiatives of BRICS.**
- Choose the correct answer using the codes given below:**

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

**ANSWER: B**

**11. World Economic Forum Hq Is In**

- A. Geneva, Switzerland
- B. Lausanne, Switzerland
- C. The Hague, The Netherlands
- D. Gland, Switzerland

**ANSWER: A**

**12. \_\_\_ Is The Landlocked Country.**

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Pakistan
- C. Bhutan
- D. China

**ANSWER: C**

**13. Which Is Not An Asian Country?**

- A. Singapore
- B. Brunei
- C. UAE
- D. Peru

**ANSWER: D**

**14. GPMG Stands For**

- A. General Purple Machine Gun
- B. General Purpose Machine Gun
- C. General Purpose Machine Gum
- D. None

**ANSWER: B**

**15. 'Ex Zapad' Conducted B/W India &**

- A. Qatar
- B. Russia
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

**ANSWER: B**

**16. Padma Vibhushan Award Was Instituted on**

- A. 2nd January 1954
- B. 2nd January 1955
- C. 2nd January 1956
- D. 2nd January 1957

**ANSWER: A**

**17. Hq Of Department of Space Is In**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Kochi
- D. Kolkata

**ANSWER: B**

**18. CAIR Stands For**

- A. Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Robotics
- B. Centre for Artificial Intelligent & Robotics
- C. Centre for Artillery Intelligence & Robotics
- D. Centre form Artificial Intelligence & Robotics

**ANSWER: A**

**19. "An Odyssey in War and Peace" Book Is Written By**

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. SHF Manekshaw
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Lt Gen J.F.R. Jacob

**ANSWER: D**

**20. With reference to the Project 15B warships, consider the following statements:**

- 1. They are equipped with BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles and long-range Surface-to-Air Missiles.**
- 2. 'INS Surat' was the first-ever ship of Project 15B Destroyers.**
- 3. Project 15B warships are completely indigenous.**

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- A. A. 1 only



- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 2 and 3 only

**ANSWER: A**