

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

## 13 August 2024

### Exercise Mitra Shakti Commences In Maduru Oya

- The **10<sup>th</sup> edition** of India- Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise MITRA SHAKTI commenced today, at Army Training School, Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka. The Exercise is scheduled to be conducted from 12th to 25th August 2024.
- Indian contingent comprising of 106 personnel is being represented by a **Battalion of Rajputana Rifles** along with personnel from other arms and services.
- Aim of the Joint Exercise is to enhance joint military capability of both sides to undertake counter insurgency operations in a Sub Conventional scenario under Chapter VII of the United Nations Mandate. The exercise will focus on operations in the semi-urban environment.



### US Small Business Administration Delegation Visits iDEX-DIO in Delhi

- A US delegation led by Isabel Casillas Guzman, Administrator of the US Small Business Administration (SBA) visited Innovations for Defence Excellence-

Defence Innovation Organisation, Department of Defence Production, and witnessed the techno-showcase organised by **iDEX-DIO at IIT Delhi.**

- An overview of iDEX was presented to the US delegation, highlighting how iDEX has been able to create a robust defence innovation ecosystem by fostering the development of deep-tech technologies by engaging with startups and MSMEs.
- The US SBA is an independent agency of the federal government, offering a range of financing options, from micro-lending to debt and equity investment capital, to support small businesses.
- Both sides also lauded the INDUS-X (**India-US Defence Acceleration Ecosystem**) initiative which is strengthening the technology partnership and defence industrial cooperation between the two countries.



## UN Chief Calls For Security Council Reforms

- The United Nations Secretary-General, **Antonio Guterres** has called for a **permanent seat for Africa** at the UN Security Council, adding that the UNSC needs reforms.
- During a high-level debate on Monday, the UN Chief, addressing the Security Council said that the composition of the UNSC has failed to keep pace with a changing world.
- The five permanent members of the **15-member UNSC--China, France, Russia, the United States, and the United Kingdom**--each have the ability to veto a vote. The remaining **10 non-permanent** seats are distributed regionally.
- Among the ten seats are **three for African states, two for Latin America and the Caribbean, two for Asia-Pacific, two for Western Europe** and other states, and **one for Eastern Europe**.



## Indian Army Honours Mirabai Chanu

- The Indian Army honoured Olympic weightlifting champion **Saikhom Mirabai Chanu** at her residence in Manipur, recognizing her outstanding performance at the **Paris Olympics 2024**.
- The ceremony was held as a mark of respect and admiration for Chanu's dedication, hard work, and her contribution to the nation's pride on the global stage, a release said.

- Mirabai Chanu's performance at the Paris Olympics has brought glory to India. Her perseverance and commitment to excellence exemplify the spirit of our nation.
- For Chanu and India, it was another fourth-place finish in Paris after narrowly missing out on a medal with a combined total of 199kg.



## Indian Army Celebrates International Youth Day

- Indian Army celebrated International Youth Day with various activities to motivate and engage young minds across the Northeastern region, PRO Ministry of Defence, Manipur, Nagaland and Southern Arunachal Pradesh.
- A motivational lecture on career opportunities in the Armed Forces was held at Tuisomzang, Kangpokpi district of Manipur, emphasising the role of the Armed Forces in nation-building and various policies and procedures, including Agniveer, read the statement further.
- The **theme** of the International Youth Day this year is **'From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development.'** Youngsters are at the forefront of digital adoption and technology.





## Former ISI Chief Faiz Hameed Taken Into Military Custody

- The Pakistan Army on Monday took former General and former Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) chief Faiz Hameed into military custody and initiated court martial proceedings against him, said the army's media wing.
- This move follows a detailed inquiry mandated by the Supreme Court of Pakistan to investigate allegations made in the Top City Case. This is the first time in Pakistan's history that a court martial has been initiated against a former intelligence chief.
- **Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR)**, the military has acted on the findings of the inquiry to address the complaints against Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (Retd). The court martial proceedings are being conducted under the provisions of the **Pakistan Army Act**.
- **The management of Top City, a private housing scheme, has accused former ISI chief Faiz Hameed of orchestrating a raid on the offices and residence of its owner, Moez Khan, said Pakistan's Dawn in a report.**
- "In addition, multiple instances of violation of the Pakistan Army Act post-retirement have also been established. The process of Field General Court Martial has been initiated and Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (Retd) has been taken into military custody," it added.
- Lt Gen (retd.) Hameed was considered extremely powerful when he headed the spy agency from 2019 to 2021.
- He was appointed to the coveted post when then ISI chief and current Army chief Lt Gen Asim Munir was prematurely removed from the post. It was reported then that then prime minister Imran Khan was not happy with Munir.
- Later, the army decided to replace Mr Hameed, a move vehemently opposed by Imran Khan and it is believed that it was the beginning of souring of his ties with the powerful military.
- The Top City case made headlines when on November 8, 2023, Moez Ahmed Khan, the owner of Top City, filed a petition in the Supreme Court in which he accused Mr Hameed of misusing his authority.
- He stated in the petition that on May 12, 2017, at the behest of Gen Hameed, ISI officials raided the top city office and his house and seized valuables, including gold, diamonds and money.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. What is the theme of International Youth Day this year?**

- A. Youth for Climate Action
- B. Digital Transformation and Youth
- C. Youth Empowerment for Sustainable Development
- D. From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development

**ANSWER: D**

**2. Which region does the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres advocate for a permanent seat at the UNSC?**

- A. Asia
- B. Latin America
- C. Africa
- D. Europe

**ANSWER: C**

**3. Which of the following is a function of the US SBA (Small Business Administration)?**

- A. Regulating international trade
- B. Offering financing options, from micro-lending to debt and equity investment capital
- C. Managing federal unemployment insurance
- D. Providing healthcare subsidies

**ANSWER: B**

**4. What is the purpose of the INDUS-X initiative between India and the United States?**

- A. Promoting cultural exchanges
- B. Strengthening technology partnership and defense industrial cooperation
- C. Facilitating trade agreements
- D. Enhancing educational collaboration

**ANSWER: B**

**5. INS Vikrant Is A**

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. Aircraft Carrier
- D. Fighter Jet

**ANSWER: C**

**6. India's First Aircraft Carrier Was**

- A. INS Chakra
- B. INS Arihant
- C. INS Virant
- D. INS Virat

**ANSWER: C**

**7. Ex 'NASEEM-AL-BAHR' Conducted b/w India &**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**8. NISTAR & NIPUN Is A**

- A. Diving Support Vessels
- B. OPV
- C. Tank
- D. Frigate

**ANSWER: A**

**9. NISTAR & NIPUN Is Manufactured By**

- A. CSL

- B. HSL
- C. MDL
- D. GRSE

**ANSWER: B**

**10. \_\_ Launched 'Puneet Sagar Abhiyan', A Nationwide Flagship Campaign.**

- A. DRDO
- B. NCC
- C. IAF
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: B**

**11. Group Captain Rank Of IAF Is Equivalent to Which Rank of Indian Navy?**

- A. Colonel
- B. Captain
- C. Commander
- D. Major

**ANSWER: B**

**12. F 18 Super Hornet Fighter Aircraft Manufactured By**

- A. Boeing
- B. Lockheed Martin
- C. Airbus
- D. HAL

**ANSWER: A**

**13. Which of the following is the Parent Agency of MOD?**

- A. DRDO
- B. Delhi Police
- C. NIA
- D. NHRC

**ANSWER: A**

**14. Defence Electronics Research Laboratory (DLRL) Centre Is Located In**

- A. Hyderabad, Telangana
- B. Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
- C. Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
- D. Tezpur, Assam

**ANSWER: A**



**15. IAI Harpy Is A**

- A. Drone
- B. Tank
- C. Submarine
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**16.INS Kadamba Is An Indian Navy Base Located At**

- A. Karwar in Karnataka
- B. Mumbai, M.H.
- C. Marmugao, Goa
- D. Kochi, Kerala

**ANSWER: A**

**17. CID Stands For**

- A. Crime Investigation Depo
- B. Crime Investigate Department
- C. Crime Investigation Department
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**18. Aizawl Is The Capital Of**

- A. Mizoram
- B. Manipur
- C. Odisha
- D. Punjab

**ANSWER: A**

**19. "Search of the Divine: Living Histories of Sufism in India" Book Is Written By**

- A. Supriya Sule
- B. Amit Singh
- C. Rana Safvi
- D. Akash Jain

**ANSWER: C**

**20. India Meteorological Department Comes Under The Ministry Of\_\_.**

- A. MHA

- B. Ministry of Earth Sciences
- C. Ministry of I&T
- D. MOD

**ANSWER: B**