

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### BSF Seeks Additional Manpower For Drone

- The force currently has about 20 battalions to guard the more than 500-kilometre-long front, out of which 18 are "actively deployed" at the border while the rest are mobilised in view of the requirements at the Attari integrated check post in Amritsar and the Kartarpur corridor at Dera Baba Nanak in Gurdaspur district.
- The drone menace that started around 2019-20 along this front is dominant in the border districts of Amritsar and Tarn Taran. One more Border Security Force (BSF) battalion has been sought to better secure the Punjab border, a senior officer told PTI.
- The request is under "active consideration" of the Union home ministry, he said.
- Atul Fulzele, inspector general for the BSF's Punjab Frontier, had recently said that all the drugs from across the Pakistan border was coming into Punjab through the air route via drones against the earlier land route.
- According to official data, more than 120 drones have been recovered by security agencies at the front this year so far, as compared to 107 such seizures made during the entirety of 2023.
- The force, according to officials in Punjab and Delhi, also wants to add more troops to effectively guard the riverine areas along the Punjab front.
- As many as 48 culverts are being constructed over the Ravi and the Sutlej rivers along the Punjab border, out of which work on 25 is complete.



## Indian Navy's Frontline Warship 'Mumbai' Docks In Sri Lanka

- Indian Naval Ship 'Mumbai' is on a three-day visit to the island nation, the Sri Lanka Navy said in a press release.
- The 163-metre-long Destroyer, which is manned by a crew of 410 members, was welcomed by the Sri Lanka Navy in compliance with naval traditions.
- Meanwhile, three Chinese People's Liberation Army Navy warships -- "HE FEI", "WUZHISHAN" and "QILIANSHAN" -- also arrived at the port of Colombo on a formal visit on Monday morning, the Sri Lanka Navy said.
- INS Mumbai will engage in a **Passage Exercise (PASSEX)** with a Sri Lanka Navy ship off the coast of Colombo upon its departure on August 29.
- The indigenously built INS Mumbai was commissioned into the Indian Navy on January 22, 2001. Its visit is the eighth port call in Sri Lanka by Indian ships this year.



## **IIT-Kanpur To Host India's Largest Unmanned Aerial Systems Testing Facility**

- In a groundbreaking collaboration, EndureAir Systems has emerged as the sole private entity partnering with five DPSUs to establish a state-of-the-art Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) testing facility at IIT Kanpur. This Rs. 60 crore project, part of the Defense Testing Infrastructure Scheme (DTIS), aims to create the largest dedicated UAS testing center in India.
- The Ministry of Defense (MoD) has formalized this partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop advanced testing facilities within the Uttar Pradesh Defense Industrial Corridor (UPDIC).
- The five DPSUs (Defense Public Service Undertaking) involved are Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Gliders India Limited (GIL), Yantra India Limited (YIL), and Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEM).
- The establishment of these state-of-the-art testing facilities will drive technological advancements and provide essential infrastructure for testing and refining specialized defense technologies, especially Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS).
- Launched by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh in May 2020 with an allocation of Rs 400 crore (\$50M), the Defense Testing Infrastructure Scheme (DTIS) aims to establish state-of-the-art testing facilities in collaboration with private industry and central/State Governments.



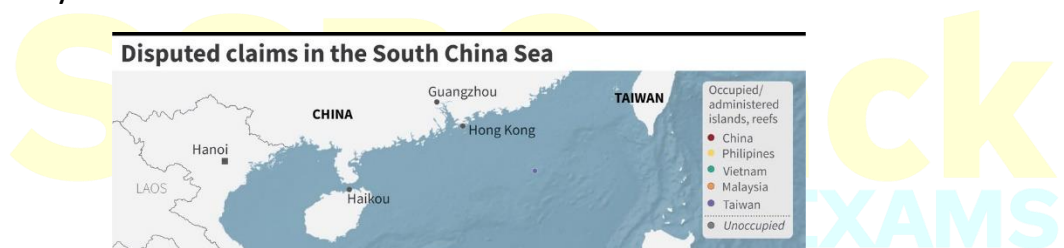
## 443-km India-Bangladesh border in Meghalaya is fully secure: BSF

- The Border Security Force (BSF) on Monday said the 443-km India-Bangladesh border in Meghalaya is fully secure and denied claims of illegal entry by Bangladeshi nationals.
- The paramilitary force issued a statement after the media in the neighbouring country reported that Awami League leader Ishak Ali Khan Panna died of heart attack while climbing a hill in Meghalaya's Dawki in an attempt to flee his country. Dawki, in Meghalaya East Khasi Hills, is located close to Bangladesh.
- The BSF has contacted the assistant high commission of Bangladesh in Assam regarding the matter. "The assistant high commission of Bangladesh has confirmed that they have not received any official information concerning Panna's death near the border area as of now," the BSF spokesperson added.



## Philippines Says China 'Biggest Disruptor' Of Peace In Southeast Asia

- Manila: China is the "biggest disruptor" of peace in Southeast Asia, the Philippine defence chief said Tuesday, as tensions between Manila and Beijing over disputed reefs and waters in the South China Sea escalate.
- "China... is the biggest disruptor of international peace in the ASEAN region," Gilberto Teodoro told a conference of the US Indo-Pacific Command in Manila, referring to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.
- Teodoro's remarks follow a series of confrontations between Philippine and Chinese vessels in the South China Sea.
- China claims almost the entirety of the sea, despite an international ruling that its claims have no legal basis.
- Beijing's claims include reefs and waters inside the Philippines' Exclusive Economic Zone, which extends about 370 kilometres (200 nautical miles) from the country's coastal waters.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS



**1. Which country discussed India with technology transfer for UNICORN at the 2+2 ministerial dialogue?**

- A. United States
- B. Australia
- C. Japan
- D. South Korea

**ANSWER: C**

**2. In which body of water did the Philippine government report collisions between coast guard ships and Chinese vessels?**

- A. South China Sea
- B. Indian Ocean
- C. Pacific Ocean
- D. Gulf of Aden

**ANSWER: A**

**3. Consider the following statements regarding CRPF:**

**1. It operates under the Ministry of Defense of India.**

**2. CRPF engages in combat operations during wartime and participates in UN peacekeeping missions.**

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

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: B**

**4. Consider the following statements:**

**1. Galwan valley is strategically located between Ladakh in the west and Aksai Chin in the east.**

**2. Galwan river meets the Shyok river on India's side of the Line of Actual Control (LAC).**

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

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

**ANSWER: C**

5. Consider the following statements about ballistic and cruise missile systems :
1. Ballistic missiles are designed to fly at low altitudes and can be programmed to follow a specific flight path.
  2. Cruise missiles are unguided rockets that follow a high parabolic trajectory.
  3. Agni V is a nuclear-capable ICBM.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

**ANSWER: C**

6. Consider the following pairs:

**Country**

1. India-Bangladesh

2. India-USA

3. India-UAE

**Joint Exercise**

a. Ex Sampriti

b. Ajeya Warrior

c. Al Nagah

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

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

**ANSWER: A**

7. Akash Prime Is A

- A. Rocket
- B. Air Defence Missile System
- C. Sniper Rifle
- D. Tank

**ANSWER: B**

8. \_\_\_ Committee Had Recommended The Appointment Of The Chief of Defence Staff.

- A. Kargil War Committee
- B. Lodha Committee
- C. Abhijeet Sen Committee
- D. KV Kamath Committee

**ANSWER: A**

**9. 'Service And Loyalty' Is The Motto Of**

- A. CRPF
- B. BSF
- C. NSG
- D. ITBP

**ANSWER: A**

**10. Maiden AL-Mohed AL-Hindi Exercise Held b/w India &**

- A. Iran
- B. Iraq
- C. Indonesia
- D. Saudi Arabia

**ANSWER: D**

**11. Ennore Port Is At**

- A. Kerala
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. West Bengal
- D. Gujarat

**ANSWER: B**

**12. Gwadar Port Is Located In**

- A. Israel
- B. Iran
- C. Pakistan
- D. Iraq

**ANSWER: C**

**13. INS Kochi Is A**

- A. Guided-missile destroyers
- B. Landing ship tank
- C. Submarine
- D. Frigates

**ANSWER: A**

**14. Glock 18 Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. Machine Pistol



- C. Assault rifle
- D. Submachine gun

**ANSWER: B**

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

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

**ANSWER: A**

**16. With Which Nation India Holds 2+2 Dialogue?**

- A. Pakistan
- B. Japan
- C. USA
- D. Both B& C

**ANSWER: D**

**17. College of Air Warfare Is At**

- A. Pune
- B. Gurugram
- C. Wellington
- D. Secunderabad

**ANSWER: D**

**18. "Love, Truth and A Little Malice" Book Is Written By**

- A. Khushwant Singh
- B. Mahashweta Devi
- C. Kiran Bedi
- D. Amrita Pritam

**ANSWER: A**

**19. Captain Rank of Indian Navy Equivalent to Which rank of IAF?**

- A. Flying Officer
- B. Flight Lieutenant
- C. Group Captain
- D. None

**ANSWER: C**

**20. Ex Sampriti XI Held In**

- A. UMROI, MEGHALAYA
- B. Ranikhet, UK
- C. Dhaka, Bangladesh
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

