

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### MQ-9B Sea Guardian Drone Leased From US Crashes Into Bay Of Bengal

- A **High Altitude Long Endurance Remotely Piloted Aircraft** (HALE RPA) leased by the Indian Navy operating from **INS Rajali, Arakkonam (near Chennai)** encountered a technical failure at about 1400 hrs whilst on a routine surveillance mission which could not be reset in flight.
- The aircraft was navigated to a safe area over sea and carried out a controlled ditching at sea off Chennai. A detailed report has been sought from the **Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM)**.
- The Navy had leased the two RPAs from the **US-based GA** in 2020 in the aftermath of the **Galwan Valley clashes in eastern Ladakh**.
- GA will also establish a Comprehensive Global MRO facility in India to support India's long-term goals to boost indigenous defence capabilities, a joint statement issued by India and the US earlier had said.
- A variant of the Predator B drones manufactured by US firm General Atomics, the navy leased two MQ-9Bs four years ago to boost its intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities in the vast Indian Ocean region (IOR), and has been operating them from naval air station Rajali in Tamil Nadu.
- The RPAs have helped the navy keep a close watch on the Indian Ocean at a time when it has stepped up surveillance in the region to check China's ambitions. The two MQ-9Bs have clocked a combined 18,000 hours of flying.
- The incident comes at a time when India is negotiating the purchase of 31 MQ-9Bs from the US to boost the military's strength in a deal worth almost **\$3.1 billion**. The estimated cost includes weapons, sensors, ground control stations, ground data terminals, ground handling equipment, spares and logistics

support. Fifteen UAVs will be for the navy, and eight each for the army and the Indian Air Force.



## Indian Army Signs Mou With Tiranga Mountain Rescue (TMR)

- The Indian Army has signed a MoU with **Tiranga Mountain Rescue (TMR)** at **Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS)**, Delhi Cantt.
- This understanding marks a pivotal step in advancing the Indian Army's rescue and survival operations in mountainous terrains. The MoU stipulates that TMR will collaborate with the Indian Army in conducting customised training programs for Army instructors, aimed at improving their ability to mentor troops in avalanche rescue and survival skills.
- This MoU builds on the initial agreement made with **Northern Command** in 2016, which established dedicated avalanche and rescue support by the TMR. Subsequent agreements with **Eastern and Central Commands** in 2021 and 2024 further expanded this collaboration.



## 32 Killed, Over 3,250 Injured As Walkie-Talkies, Pagers Explode

- At least 32 people were killed and more than 3,250 injured as walkie-talkies and pagers used by Hezbollah members blew up in its strongholds across Lebanon in the last two days, stoking fears of an all-out war with Israel.
- A pager, also known as a beeper or bleeper, is a wireless telecommunications device that receives and displays alphanumeric or voice messages. One-way pagers can only receive messages, while response pagers and two-way pagers can also acknowledge, reply to, and originate messages using an internal transmitter.
- The US warned all sides against "escalation" in the Middle East after two days of blasts in Lebanon. "We still don't want to see an escalation of any kind. We don't believe that the way to solve where we're at in this crisis is by additional military operations at all," US National Security Council spokesperson John Kirby told reporters on Wednesday.



## India Abstains in UNGA on Resolution Demanding Israel To Leave Palestinian Territory

- India abstained in the UN General Assembly on a resolution that demanded that Israel bring an end, "without delay", to its unlawful presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory within 12 months.
- The 193-member General Assembly adopted the resolution, with 124 nations voting in favour, 14 against and 43 abstentions, including that by India.
- The Palestinian-drafted resolution also strongly deplored the continued and total disregard and breaches by the Government of Israel of its obligations under the Charter of the UN, international law and the relevant UN resolutions, and stressed that such breaches seriously threaten regional and international peace and security.



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## China Will Be "High On Agenda" At Quad Summit: White House

- China will certainly be "high on the agenda" at the Quad Summit set to be hosted by US President Joe Biden in Delaware's Wilmington on September 21, US National Security Council (NSC) Coordinator for Strategic Communications John Kirby on Wednesday (local time) said.
- While addressing a press briefing, Kirby stressed that it would be irresponsible if the Quad leaders do not hold talks about the challenges that exist in the region caused by China.
- **Biden is set to host the fourth in-person Quad Leaders summit in Delaware** on September 21 and is looking forward to welcoming PM Narendra Modi, Australian PM Anthony Albanese, and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida. It is the first time Biden will host foreign leaders in his hometown.
- Quad is a diplomatic partnership between four countries--**Australia, India, Japan, and the United States**. It is pertinent to note that in recent years, Quad Foreign Ministers have met eight times, and Quad governments continue to meet and coordinate at all levels.
- PM Modi will be in the United States from September 21 to 23, during which he will take part in the Quad Summit and address the '**Summit of the Future**' at the United Nations General Assembly in New York. PM Modi will take part in the fourth **Quad Leaders' Summit in Wilmington, Delaware**.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What type of aircraft had to carry out a controlled ditching at sea off Chennai after encountering a technical failure?

- A. Boeing P-8I
- B. MQ-9B High-Altitude Long-Endurance (HALE) Remotely Piloted Aircraft
- C. Sukhoi Su-30MKI
- D. C-130J Super Hercules

**ANSWER: B**

2. Which organization signed a MoU with the Indian Army for mountain rescue operations?

- A. National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)

- B. Indian Red Cross Society
- C. Tiranga Mountain Rescue (TMR)
- D. Himalayan Rescue Association

**ANSWER: C**

**3. Which four countries form the diplomatic partnership known as the Quad?**

- A. India, Japan, South Korea, and Australia
- B. Australia, India, Japan, and the United States
- C. United Kingdom, India, Australia, and Japan
- D. India, Russia, China, and the United States

**ANSWER: B**

**4. Where will PM Modi participate in the fourth Quad Leaders' Summit?**

- A. New York
- B. Tokyo
- C. Washington, D.C.
- D. Wilmington, Delaware

**ANSWER: D**

**5. INTERPOL Stands For**

- A. International Criminal Pole Organization
- B. International Create Police Organization
- C. International Criminal Police Organization
- D. None

**ANSWER: C**

**6. Ex 'Ekuverin' Conducted b/w India &**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**7. The Regimental Center Of The Parachute Regiment Is In**

- A. Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh
- B. Belgaum, Karnataka
- C. Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh
- D. Bangalore, Karnataka

**ANSWER: D**



**8. In 2015 Indian Army Carried Its First Surgical Strike In**

- A. Myanmar
- B. Pakistan
- C. China
- D. Nepal

**ANSWER: A**

**9. Which Regiment Of The Indian Army Is Called As ‘The Gods Of War’?**

- A.** Mechanised Infantry
- B.** Gorkha Regiment
- C.** Regiment Of Artillery
- D.** Rajput Regiment

**ANSWER: C**

**10. Department Executive Of The Department Of Military Affairs Is**

- A. Defence Minister
- B. NSA
- C. CDS
- D. Prime Minister

**ANSWER: C**

**11. Rapid Action Force Hq Is In**

- A. Mumbai
- B. Lucknow
- C. Surat
- D. New Delhi

**ANSWER: D**

**12. Baku Is In Which Continent**

- A. Africa
- B. Asia
- C. Australia
- D. North America

**ANSWER: B**

**13. ISRO Hq Is In**

- A. Mumbai
- B. Kochi

**ANSWER: A**

- C. Chennai
- D. Bangalore

**ANSWER: D**

**14. India Purchased Bofors Gun from**

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: B**

**15. “Naam Namak Nishaan” Is The Motto Of**

- A. THE GRENADIERS
- B. Rajputana Rifles
- C. Gorkha
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**16. The SAMHO Is An**

- A. Anti-tank Guided Missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Ballistic missile
- D. Communication satellite

**ANSWER: A**

**17. Joint Exercises B/w The India And USA Is Called:**

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Tiger Triumph

**ANSWER: D**

**18. AH-64 Apache Is A**

- A. Transport Helicopter
- B. Attack Helicopter
- C. Light Utility Helicopter
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: B**

**19. Dhanush (howitzer) Manufactured By**

- A. L & T
- B. Boeing
- C. ISRO
- D. Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited

**ANSWER: D**

**20. INS Arihant Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Ballistic missile submarine
- D. Tank

**ANSWER: C**