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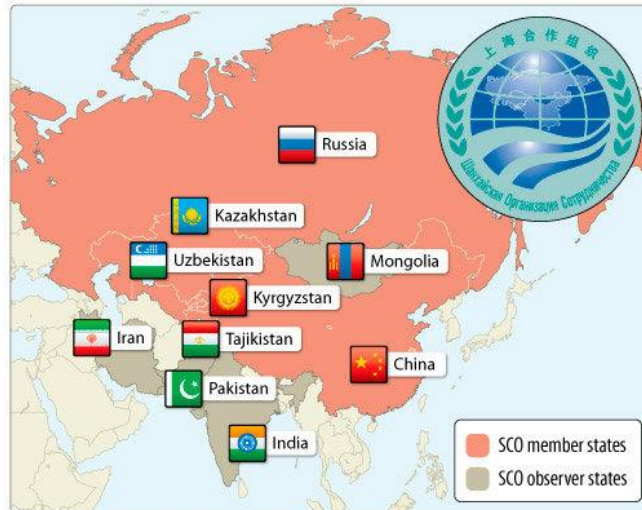
S Jaishankar To Visit Pak

- S Jaishankar will visit Pakistan later this month to attend the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation**, becoming the first External Affairs Minister to do so in nine years. The last visit was by Sushma Swaraj in 2015.
- External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said on Friday that Mr Jaishankar will lead a delegation to Pakistan to attend a Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Heads of Government meeting.
- "The EAM will lead our delegation to Pakistan to participate in the SCO summit which will be held in Islamabad on October 15 and 16," Mr Jaiswal said, emphasising that the visit will be limited to attending the summit. Pakistan had invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the meeting in August.
- The SCO was founded at a summit in **Shanghai in 2001** by the presidents of Russia, China, the Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan and India was an observer country for the first time in 2005. It became a permanent member, along with Pakistan, in 2017.
- **India was the chair of the organisation in 2023** and hosted the SCO summit in the virtual format in July of that year.



Shanghai Cooperation Organization

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is a regional intergovernmental security alliance involving Russia, China and four Central Asian states



Milestones

- 1996
Foundation of the Shanghai Five, the SCO predecessor
- 1999
Foundation of the Bishkek Group to counter border criminality
- 2001
Uzbekistan joins SCO
- June 15, 2001
Shanghai Cooperation Organization Founding Declaration signed
- 2008
Iran submits official application for full-right SCO membership

Basic documents



- 2001
Shanghai Convention on the Struggle against Terrorism, Separatism and Extremism
- 2002
SCO Charter
- 2002
Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) Founding Agreement

Goals and Objectives

- Strengthening of mutual trust and good-neighborly policies between member states
- Promotion of effective cooperation in politics, trade, economics, science, technology, and culture, as well as education, energy, transport, tourism and environmental protection
- Jointly ensuring peace, security and stability in the region
- Advancement to a new democratic, fair and rational global political and economic order

SCO Structure

- Council of Heads of State
 - Council of Heads of Government
 - Council of Foreign Ministers
 - Meetings of Heads of Ministries and Departments
 - Council of National Coordinators
 - Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure
- Russian Foreign Ministry
Ambassador-at-Large Vitaly Vorobyov is the
Presidential Envoy for SCO Affairs

"Hit Nuclear Sites First": Donald Trump

- Republican White House hopeful Donald Trump said Friday he believes Israel should strike Iran's nuclear facilities in response to the Islamic republic's recent missile barrage.
- "They asked him, what do you think about Iran, would you hit Iran? And he goes, 'As long as they don't hit the nuclear stuff.' That's the thing you want to hit, right?" Trump told a town hall style event in Fayetteville, near a major US military base.
- Biden was asked on Wednesday whether he would support strikes against Iranian nuclear sites and the US president told reporters: "The answer is no."



Were Ahead of China On Tech In Past But Have Lagged: ACM Amar Preet Singh

- India was better than China when it came to military technology some time back but has lagged and needs to catch up, Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh said on Friday, adding that in terms of production capacity, India is "way behind".
- The officer, who took charge earlier this month, said the Air Force needs new multi-role fighter jets "as of yesterday" but a decision on the process to acquire them has been pending.
- "As far as technology is concerned, we may not be so good as of now. We have lagged. We were better than them in technology also, some time back. But we have lagged on that, and we need to catch up. As far as production rates are concerned, we are way behind. We need to catch up with them," the Air chief said.



Project 33: US Navy unveils seven-point plan to counter China

- US Navy has unveiled "Project 33," a comprehensive seven-point strategy to counter Beijing's growing aggression in the Indo-Pacific region, with a focus on preparing for a possible Chinese invasion of Taiwan by 2027, Taiwan News reported.
- As tensions in the Taiwan Strait continue to simmer, US Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Admiral Lisa Franchetti introduced a 'strategic document' outlining plans to bolster Taiwan's defence capabilities.
- This strategic move is driven by anticipated fiscal and industrial constraints by 2027. The Navy aims to optimise its current capabilities, particularly drones and unmanned systems, to stay ahead in the rapidly evolving maritime landscape.



30 Naxalites Gunned Down In Chhattisgarh's Bastar Region

- Police have reported that 30 naxals have been killed in an encounter in the Maad area on the Narayanpur-Dantewada border in Chhattisgarh. A significant number of automatic weapons have been recovered from the site.
- The encounter is currently ongoing and a search operation is underway. Authorities are yet to provide further details. The situation is being closely monitored as additional information comes in.
- The exchange of gunfire was ongoing in the area at the time of the report, according to the IG. This year, security forces have killed 171 Maoists in various encounters in the Bastar region, which includes seven districts like Dantewada and Narayanpur.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is the primary focus of the US Navy's "Project 33"?

- A. Expanding naval alliances in Europe
- B. Preparing for a possible Chinese invasion of Taiwan by 2027
- C. Establishing new military bases in the Middle East
- D. Conducting joint exercises with NATO

ANSWER: B

2. In which year did India become a permanent member of the SCO?

- A. 2005
- B. 2010
- C. 2017
- D. 2023

ANSWER: C

3. When did India host the SCO summit as chair of the organisation?

- A. 2020
- B. 2021
- C. 2022
- D. 2023

ANSWER: D

4. Defence Institute of Physiology & Allied Sciences Is A Operating Agency Of

- A. ISRO
- B. BDL
- C. DRDO
- D. CSL

ANSWER: C

5. Ex 'BLUE FLAG' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. Israel
- D. Kazakhstan

ANSWER: C

6. Which Organisation Manufactured Tejas Mark-2 Fighter Jets?

- A. BEL
- B. BDL
- C. HAL
- D. DRDO

ANSWER: C

7. Udarshakti Is A Bilateral Exercise Which Held Between India And Which Other Country?

- A. Malaysia
- B. Singapore
- C. Russia
- D. Japan

ANSWER: A

8. What Is The Name Of The Submarine Which Has been Decommissioned From The Indian Navy?

- A.** INS Rajput
- B.** INS Nishank
- C.** INS Sindhudhvaj
- D.** INS Ranjit

ANSWER: C

9. Heron MK II Is A

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

ANSWER: C

10. Chabahar Port Is Located In

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. Iran

ANSWER: D

11. SCO Member Countries Contribute About ___Of Global GDP.

- A. 30%
- B. 40%
- C. 50%
- D. 60%

ANSWER: A

12. Pratap Chandra Lal Was A Former Chief Of

- A. IAF
- B. Indian Army
- C. Indian Navy
- D. BSF

ANSWER: A

13. Space & Upper Atmosphere Research Commission Is A Space Agency Of

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

ANSWER: B

14. RS-28 Sarmat "Satan 2" Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun

- C. Missile
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: C

15. BELMOPAN Is The Capital Of

- A. BELIZE
- B. BENIN
- C. BHUTAN
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

16. "The Living Mountain" Book Written By

- A. JK Rowling
- B. Aakash Ranison
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Amitav Ghosh

ANSWER: D

17. Joint Exercises B/w India And Sri Lanka Is Called:

- A. Ashoka
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. MITRA SHAKTI

ANSWER: D

18. India Purchased Sig Sauer Assault Rifles From

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

ANSWER: A

19. India Purchased MH Romeo 64 Helicopter from

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. Russia

ANSWER: A

20. Which Is Not The Member Of BIMSTEC?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Bhutan
- C. India
- D. Pakistan

ANSWER: D