

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

## 22 October 2024

### Joint Military Training Between IAF & Republic Of Singapore Air Force

- On 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024, the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** and Republic of Singapore Air Force commenced the **12<sup>th</sup> edition** of the Joint Military Training (JMT) exercise at **Air Force Station Kalaikunda, West Bengal**.
- The bilateral phase of the exercise will be conducted from 13 to 21 November 2024 and is expected to generate intense collaboration between the two forces, as they engage in advanced air combat simulations, joint mission planning and debriefing sessions.
- The RSAF is participating with its largest contingent till date, comprising of aircrew and support personnel from F-16, F-15 squadrons along with G-550 Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) and C-130 aircraft.
- JMT-2024 highlights the strong bilateral defence relationship built over years of collaboration and joint exercises, as well as the mutual respect between India and Singapore.



## 6<sup>th</sup> India-Singapore Defence Ministers' Dialogue

- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh and Minister of Defence, Singapore Dr Ng Eng Hen will co-chair the sixth India-Singapore Defence Ministers' Dialogue in New Delhi on October 22, 2024.
- The meeting aims to carry forward defence cooperation between the two countries. Both sides will also exchange views on regional and global issues of shared interest.
- Singapore is a key pillar of India's Act East Policy, and an important partner of the Indo-Pacific vision. Defence and security partnership between the two countries is an important factor of stability in the Indo-Pacific region.
- The Singaporean Defence Minister will be on a visit to India from October 21-23, 2024. The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Defence Ministers' Dialogue took place in January 2021 through virtual teleconference.



## CONS On An Official Visit To United Arab Emirates

- Adm Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) is visiting UAE from 21 – 24 October 2024.
- This visit aims to strengthen the defence cooperation between the two countries, in line with the deepening Comprehensive Strategic Partnership

across all sectors, and consolidate bilateral maritime relations between India and UAE, and to explore new avenues of cooperation between the two navies.

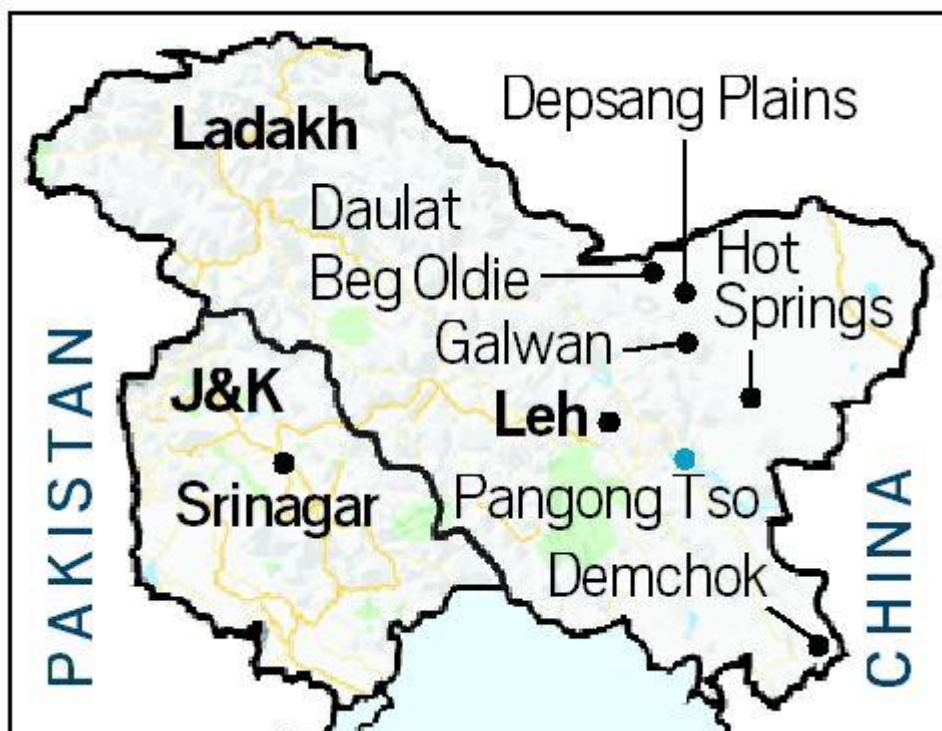
- The CNS is scheduled to hold discussions with Rear Admiral Pilot Saeed Bin Hamdan Al Nahyan, Commander of the UAE Naval Forces and other senior Government officials of UAE.
- He is also scheduled to visit the National Defence College of UAE, where he will interact with the Student Officers. During the visit, the CNS will also witness the conduct of **3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of India-UAE Bilateral Naval Exercise**.
- The cooperative engagements between the Indian Navy and the UAE Navy include Operational interactions through Port Calls, Bilateral Naval Exercise & reciprocal visits, Navy-to-Navy Staff Talks, as well as Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC).



## China Agrees To India's Patrolling Rights In Depsang

- The agreement with China on patrolling rights is set to restore Indian access to several border points in eastern Ladakh that have been cut off since 2020, including the vital **Depsang plateau** that was blocked by forward deployed Chinese troops and has been the main point of concern.
- Details of the patrolling agreement are yet to be shared but disengagement of troops at both Depsang, where Chinese soldiers had blocked access to patrolling points by occupying the '**Y Junction**', and Demchock, where tents had been erected Indian side of LAC, was vital to move to the next step of de-escalation.

- Sources said the two sides have agreed that patrolling in these two areas — the Depsang Plains in the north of Ladakh and Demchok in the south — will be carried out up to the old patrolling points along the LAC. This means that Indian troops can patrol up to patrolling point (PP) 10 to 13 in the Depsang Plains, and in Charding Nullah of Demchok.
- Sources said certain mutual agreements have also been made for the eastern theatre, especially in the sensitive sectors of Arunachal Pradesh. Other sectors in the east will come up in discussions later between the two sides.
- While there was agreement on patrolling rights in Depsang Plains and Demchok, sources said the situation at the other friction points — in Galwan Valley and Pangong Tso — where disengagement of troops was achieved two years ago with creation of buffer zones would remain the same.
- While the normal strength of a patrol is about 13 to 18, at least 14-15 troops will be there in a patrol to avert any clash, sources said. Patrol programmes of both sides will be exchanged and in case of any clashing date or time, it will be mutually modified, sources said.
- Patrolling, the sources said, will be well-coordinated between the two sides and they will keep each other informed.



## S Jaishankar Calls Out Canada's Hypocrisy

- **In Short**
- Jaishankar criticises Canada's double standards in diplomatic missions
- Accuses Canada of hiding behind 'freedom of speech'
- Jaishankar highlights foreign media interference allegations by Canada
- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Monday called out Canada's hypocrisy, saying the licence that the Western nation gives its diplomats and the way it treats diplomats of other countries on its soil is totally different.
- Jaishankar spoke about the ongoing row with Canada after Ottawa demanded India to remove the diplomatic cover of its High Commissioner Sanjay Kumar Verma, who was named a 'person of interest' in the murder probe of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar. Canada's move escalated the row, resulting in both sides expelling diplomats.
- Jaishankar also accused Canada of hiding behind "freedom of speech" when anti-India elements threaten Indian leaders and diplomats on its soil.
- Outgoing Indian envoy **Sanjay Kumar Verma**, in an interview with a private broadcaster in Canada, also highlighted Western hypocrisy when it comes to foreign diplomatic missions.





## National Crisis Management Committee Meeting

- The Cabinet Secretary, **Dr. T. V. Somanathan** chaired a meeting of **National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC)** to review preparedness for the impending **cyclone in Bay of Bengal**.
- It is very likely to move west-northwestwards and intensify into a depression by 22nd October morning and into a cyclonic storm by 23rd October 2024 over east central Bay of Bengal.
- The National Disaster Response Force is an Indian specialised force constituted under the Disaster Management Act, 2005. The responsibility of managing disasters in India is that of the state governments.
- **Founded:** 2006
- **Founder:** Government of India
- **Agency executive:** Shri Piyush Anand, IPS, Director General
- **Formed:** 19 January 2006; 18 years ago
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which scheme by the Ministry of Defence, started in 2021, aims to promote innovation and technology development in Defence and Aerospace?
  - A. Make in India
  - B. Mission DefSpace
  - C. iDEX scheme
  - D. Atmanirbhar Bharat

**ANSWER: C**

**2. Which country did India sign a \$3.5-billion deal with to acquire 31 MQ-9B drones?**

- A. United States
- B. Russia
- C. Israel
- D. France

**ANSWER: A**

**3. Where did Defence Minister Rajnath Singh lay the foundation stone for the Navy's Very Low Frequency radar station?**

- A. Vikarabad
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Secunderabad
- D. Warangal

**ANSWER: A**

**4. In which year did the Battle of Walong, commemorated by the Indian Army, take place?**

- A. 1947
- B. 1956
- C. 1962
- D. 1971

**ANSWER: C**

**5. What is the name of the first ship launched under the Indian Navy's Multi-Purpose Vessel project?**

- A. Sahyadri
- B. Vikrant
- C. Samarthak
- D. Arighat

**ANSWER: C**

**6. Who will co-chair the sixth India-Singapore Defence Ministers' Dialogue in New Delhi on October 22, 2024?**

- A. Shri Rajnath Singh and Dr. T.V. Somanathan
- B. Shri Rajnath Singh and Dr. Ng Eng Hen
- C. Adm Dinesh K Tripathi and Dr. T.V. Somanathan

D. Shri Rajnath Singh and Adm Dinesh K Tripathi

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Which Indian defence official chaired the National Crisis Management Committee meeting to review preparedness for the impending cyclone in the Bay of Bengal?**

- A. Dr. T.V. Somanathan
- B. Shri Rajnath Singh
- C. Dr. Ng Eng Hen
- D. Adm Dinesh K Tripathi

**ANSWER: A**

**8. Awardees of PVC IN Kargil War Are**

- A. Captain Vikram Batra
- B. Captain Manoj Kumar Pandey
- C. Rifleman Sanjay Kumar
- D. All of the above

**ANSWER: D**

**9. Prevention of Money-Laundering Act Came In**

- A. 2000
- B. 2001
- C. 2002
- D. 2004

**ANSWER: C**

**10. 'Desh Pukare Jab Sab Ko' Is The March Past Song Of**

- A. IAF
- B. ICG
- C. BSF
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**11. Hitler was the dictator of which country?**

- A. Russia
- B. Egypt
- C. France
- D. Germany

**ANSWER: D**



**12. On which dates did the US drop atom bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki respectively?**

- A. Aug 6, 1945 & Aug 9, 1945
- B. Aug 6, 1945 & Sept 12, 1945
- C. Aug 5, 1946 & Aug 8, 1946
- D. Aug 9, 1946 & Aug 12, 1946

**ANSWER: A**

**13. What was the name given to World War I by historians?**

- A. First War
- B. European war
- C. The Great war
- D. Seven-year War

**ANSWER: C**

**14. Cairo is the capital of**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**15. Indian Army has how many operational commands?**

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 6

**ANSWER: D**

**16. SALVEX (Salvage) Ex conducted by India and**

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Uganda
- D. European Union

**ANSWER: A**

**17. Mil Mi-35 Is A**

- A. Attack Helicopter
- B. Fighter Jet
- C. Tank
- D. UAV

**ANSWER: A**

**18. The Training Command of The IAF Is In**

- A. Bengaluru
- B. New Delhi
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

**ANSWER: A**

**19. "Good Economics for Hard Times" Book Written By**

- A. Abhijit V. Banerjee
- B. Thomas Sowell
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

**ANSWER: A**

**20. Germany Borders With The**

- A. Netherlands
- B. Belgium
- C. Czech Republic
- D. All of the above

**ANSWER: D**