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Exercise 'Vajra Prahar' 2024

- The Indian Army contingent departed today for the **15th edition** of India- US joint Special Forces Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR. The exercise is scheduled to be conducted from 2nd to 22nd November 2024 at **Orchard Combat Training Centre in Idaho, USA.**
- Last edition of the same exercise was conducted at Umroi, Meghalaya in December 2023.
- This will be second exercise of the year between Indian and the US Army, the previous being Exercise YUDH ABHYAS 2024, conducted at Rajasthan in September 2024.



Exercise 'Garud Shakti' 2024

- The Indian Army contingent comprising 25 personnel departed for **Cijantung, Jakarta, Indonesia** to take part in the **9th edition** of India-Indonesia Joint Special

Forces Exercise GARUD SHAKTI 24. The Exercise will be conducted from 1st to 12th of November 2024.

- The Indian contingent is being represented by troops from The Parachute Regiment (Special Forces) and Indonesian contingent comprising 40 personnel is being represented by Indonesian Special Forces Kopassus.



Exercise (SIMBEX)- 2024 Concludes

- The **31st edition** of Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) was conducted from 23 to 29 Oct 2024. RSS Tenacious of Republic of Singapore Navy along with Indian Navy's INS Shivalik of Eastern Fleet and Long-Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft P8I participated in the exercise.
- The Harbour phase of the exercise was held at Visakhapatnam from 23 - 25 Oct 24 which included Subject Matter Expert Exchanges (SMEEs), cross-deck visits, sports fixtures and pre-sail discussions.



Rajesh Kumar Singh Assumes The Office of Defence Secretary

- Rajesh Kumar Singh took over as Defence Secretary at South Block in New Delhi on November 01, 2024. He is a 1989-batch IAS officer from Kerala cadre, who had assumed the charge of the Officer on Special Duty (Defence Secretary-designate) on August 20, 2024.
- Earlier, Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh was holding the charge of Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry from April 24, 2023, to August 20, 2024. Prior to that, he held the post of Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying.
- RK Singh succeeds Shri Giridhar Aramane, a 1988-batch IAS officer of Andhra Pradesh cadre, who superannuated from service on October 31, 2024.



Air Marshal Ajay Takes Over As Air Officer-in-charge Maintenance of IAF

- Air Marshal Ajay Kumar Arora assumed the appointment of Air Officer-in-Charge Maintenance, Indian Air Force, at Air Headquarters (Vayu Bhawan).
- The Air Marshal, after taking over, laid a wreath at the National War Memorial in honour of the armed forces personnel who have made the supreme sacrifice for the nation.
- The officer has been awarded with Vishisht Seva Medal in year 2018 and Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 2024 for his distinguished service. He is married to Mrs Sangeeta and the couple is blessed with a son, Pulkit.



Srinagar Grenade Attack

- Srinagar: A blast at a busy flea market in Srinagar on Sunday afternoon left at least 12 civilians injured, according to officials. The injured are receiving treatment at SMHS Hospital in Srinagar and are in stable condition, they said.
- Immediately after the grenade attack, which occurred near the Tourist Reception Centre on Residency Road, state police and security forces swung into action, checking passers-by and vehicles.
- Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, directed the top police officer and other security officials to give a forceful response to the terrorists.

- The Lt Governor spoke to DGP Nalin Prabhat and senior officials of the security agencies on the grenade attack in Srinagar. He directed the security officials for an effective and forceful response to punish the terrorists and their associates. You have full freedom to crush terror outfits and leave no stone unturned to complete this mission," Mr Sinha said.



PM Modi Celebrates Diwali With Soldiers in Kutch

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday celebrated Diwali with the brave personnel from the BSF, Army, Navy, and Air Force at Lakki Nala in the Creek Area of Kutch, Gujarat.
- The Prime Minister said that the country is very proud of security personnel who stand firm in the inhospitable of places. The Creek Area of Kutch is both challenging and remote because of extreme temperatures.
- Sir Creek, originally Ban Ganga, is a 96 km tidal estuary in the uninhabited marshlands of the Indus River Delta on the border between India and Pakistan. The creek flows into the Arabian Sea and separates Gujarat state in India from Sindh province in Pakistan.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which Indian Navy ship participated in the 31st edition of SIMBEX 2024?

- A. INS Vikramaditya
- B. INS Shivalik
- C. INS Kolkata
- D. INS Arihant

ANSWER: B

2. Who assumed the role of Defence Secretary in New Delhi on November 1, 2024?

- A. Ajay Kumar Arora
- B. Bipin Rawat
- C. Rajesh Kumar Singh
- D. Harsh Vardhan Shringla

ANSWER: C

3. Where is the 15th edition of Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR scheduled to take place?

- A. Fort Benning, Georgia
- B. Orchard Combat Training Centre, Idaho
- C. Camp Pendleton, California
- D. Fort Bragg, North Carolina

ANSWER: B

4. The 9th edition of Exercise GARUD SHAKTI 24 held in which location?

- A. Bali

- B. Medan
- C. Cijantung, Jakarta
- D. Surabaya

ANSWER: C

5. Who recently took over as the Air Officer-in-Charge Maintenance at Indian Air Force Headquarters?

- A. Air Marshal Rajesh Kumar
- B. Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari
- C. Air Marshal Ajay Kumar Arora
- D. Air Marshal Anil Chauhan

ANSWER: C

6. What is the highest commissioned rank awarded in the Navy?

- A. Commodore
- B. Captain
- C. Wing Commander
- D. Admiral

ANSWER: D

7. 'Varuna' is a multilateral Defence Exercise b/w India &

- A. Japan
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. France
- D. Australia

ANSWER: C

8. Super Hornet Is Made By

- A. Dassault
- B. Boeing
- C. Airbus
- D. HAL

ANSWER: B

9. Heron Is A

- A. Tank
- B. Rifle
- C. UAV
- D. Helicopter

ANSWER: C

10. Exercises B/w India And Nepal Lanka Is Called:

- A. Vayu
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Surya Kiran

ANSWER: D

11. AEW&CS Stands For

- A. Airborne Early Warning and Center System
- B. Airborne East Warning and Control System
- C. Airborne Early Warning and Control System
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

12. Air Marshal Rank of IAF Is Equivalent to which rank of Indian Navy?

- A. Commodore
- B. Captain
- C. Commander
- D. Vice Admiral

ANSWER: D

13. 'CORPS' In Indian Army Headed By__

- A. General Officer Commanding (GOC)
- B. General Officer Commanding-in-chief (GOC-in-C)
- C. Major General
- D. Brigadier

ANSWER: A

14. Which Is/Are The Combat Arms Of The Indian Army?

- A. Infantry
- B. The Armoured Corp
- C. The Mechanized Infantry
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: D

15. Bugatti Car Manufactured By

- A. Germany

- B. France
- C. Mexico
- D. USA

ANSWER: B

16. India Purchased Dragunov SVD from

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

ANSWER: D

17. Oslo Is The Capital Of

- A. Norway
- B. Palau
- C. Philippines
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

18. "Mind-Master" Book Written By

- A. Roopa Pai
- B. Neha J Hiranandani
- C. M Venkaiah Naidu
- D. Viswanathan Anand and Susan Ninan

ANSWER: D

19. Heckler & Koch MP5 Is A

- A. Submachine gun
- B. Machine pistol
- C. Sniper rifle
- D. Anti-material rifle

ANSWER: A

20. Lt Gen. Rank Of Indian Army Is To Which Rank Of IAF?

- A. Vice Admiral
- B. Air Commodore
- C. Commodore
- D. Air Marshal

ANSWER: D

