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Exercise VINBAX 2024

- The **5th Edition** of Vietnam Indian Bilateral Army Exercise “VINBAX 2024” commenced at **Ambala**. The exercise is scheduled to be conducted from 04 to 23 November 2024 at Ambala and Chandi mandir.
- The exercise is a sequel to previously conducted bilateral exercise in Vietnam in 2023 and a major milestone in strengthening the bilateral relations between India and Vietnam.
- The Indian Army contingent comprising 47 personnel is being represented by a Regiment of the Corps of Engineers along with personnel from other arms and services.



Bharat Forge, Tata Likely to Get DRDO-Made Towed Guns Deal

- Bharat Forge has emerged as the lowest bidder in an estimated ₹7,000 crore deal for advanced towed artillery gun systems (ATAGS) developed by DRDO for the Indian Army.

- The order is likely to be split 60:40 between Bharat Forge and Tata Advanced Systems Ltd (TASL), the two developmental partners for the indigenous guns.
- Sources said that commercial bids for the order of 307 guns were opened last week and after scrutiny it was determined that Bharat Forge is the lowest bidder. As per rules of procurement, TASL will get 40% of the order share if it matches the price bid put up by its competitor.
- The towed guns have been extensively tested by the Army in different terrains, from desert areas to high altitude ranges in Sikkim, and have been declared fit for induction. Designed by DRDO to replace the Bofors towed guns that are the current mainstay 155 mm artillery system in service, the ATAGS have already been exported to Armenia.
- Bharat Forge and TASL will also be top contenders. The advanced 155mm/52 calibre guns will be lighter and more versatile than current artillery guns, including ATAGS.



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Pakistan Navy Test-fires Ballistic Missile

- The Pakistan Navy successfully test-fired an indigenously developed ballistic missile having a range of 350 km from a warship, it said on Monday. "The missile system with a range of 350 km is capable of hitting land and sea targets with high precision," according to the Pakistan Navy.
- The system is equipped with an advanced navigation system with features to change its direction and speed.

- CONS Admiral Naveed Ashraf, senior officers of the Pakistan Navy, scientists and engineers witnessed the demonstration of test-firing of the missile.



MiG-29 Fighter Jet Crashes Near Agra

- A MiG-29 aircraft of the IAF crashed near Agra on Monday during a routine training sortie. The incident occurred when the aircraft encountered a system malfunction mid-flight, informed the IAF.
- No injuries were reported as the pilot maneuvered the aircraft to ensure no damage to life or property on ground, before ejecting safely.
- The Mikoyan MiG-29 is a twin-engine fighter aircraft designed in the Soviet Union. Developed by the Mikoyan design bureau as an air superiority fighter during the 1970s, the MiG-29, along with the larger ... Wikipedia
- Top speed: 2,446 km/h
- Range: 1,430 km
- Engine type: Klimov RD-33
- Manufacturer: Mikoyan
- Weight: 11,000 kg



Ukraine Attacks N Korean Troops Near Russia Border

- Ukraine attacked North Korean troops for the first time since they were deployed in the Russian border region where Kyiv's forces have been holding territory since August, according to an official.
- "The first North Korean troops have already come under fire in the Kursk region," Andriy Kovalenko, the head of the Ukrainian Center for Countering Disinformation, which is part of the country's National Security and Defense committee, said, without elaborating.
- North Korea is dispatching about 10,000 troops, including from the elite special forces, to Russia, a move NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte has called a "significant escalation" in Kremlin's war on Ukraine.
- President Volodymyr Zelenskiy has criticized his Western allies for failing to provide much needed arms and for not allowing Ukraine use long-range weapons to strike military targets deep in Russian territory.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which company emerged as the lowest bidder for the ₹7,000 crore deal for ATAGS for the Indian Army?

- A. Tata Advanced Systems Ltd (TASL)
- B. Bharat Forge
- C. Reliance Defence
- D. Larsen & Toubro

ANSWER: B

2. What is the range of the ballistic missile recently test-fired by the Pakistan Navy?

- A. 150 km
- B. 250 km
- C. 350 km
- D. 450 km

ANSWER: C

3. Where is the 5th Edition of the Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise "VINBAX 2024" being conducted?

- A. Delhi and Jaipur
- B. Ambala and Chandi mandir
- C. Jaisalmer and Bikaner
- D. Pune and Nashik

ANSWER: B

4. HEAT Also Known As Abhyas Stands For

- A. High-speed Expendable Aerial Temperature
- B. High-speed Expendable Air Target
- C. High-speed Extra Aerial Target
- D. High-speed Expendable Aerial Target

ANSWER: D

5. BEL HQ Is In

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Noida
- C. New Delhi

D. Chennai

ANSWER: A

6. Major Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of The Indian Navy?

A. Captain

B. Inspector

C. Lt Commander

D. Vice-admiral

ANSWER: C

7. Training Command of IAF is located at

A. New Delhi

B. Bangalore

C. Gurugram

D. Lucknow

ANSWER: B

8. Which Nation Is A New Member Of SCO?

A. China

B. Pakistan

C. India

D. Iran

ANSWER: D

9. War Cry of ASSAM REGIMENT

A. Parakramo Vijayate

B. Rhino Charge

C. Jai Bajrangbali

D. Duty, Honour, courage

ANSWER: B

10. __Is India's 3rd Highest Military Decoration Award.

A. PVC

B. MVC

C. Veer Chakra

D. Kirti Chakra

ANSWER: C

11. MV Suchindra Is The GOC In Chief Of

- A. Northern Command
- B. Western Command
- C. Southern Command
- D. Central Command

ANSWER: A

12. Colonel Rank of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank Of Indian Navy Is

- A. Commander
- B. Captain
- C. Group Captain
- D. Lieutenant

ANSWER: B

13. War Cry of NAGA REGIMENT

- A. Bharat Mata ki Jai
- B. Ki ki so so Lhargyalo
- C. Jai Durga Naga
- D. Durga Mata Ki Jai

ANSWER: C

14. Regimental Centre Of The Rajput Regiment Is In

- A. Fatehgarh, Uttar Pradesh
- B. Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh
- C. Awantipora, J&K.
- D. Ranikhet, Uttarakhand

ANSWER: A

15. National Cadet Corps Was Established In

- A. July 16, 1948
- B. July 16, 1958
- C. July 26, 1968
- D. July 26, 1988

ANSWER: A

16. Ex 'Ekuverin' conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman

- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: D

17. Mitra Shakti Ex Held B/w India &

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. USA
- C. UK
- D. Nepal

ANSWER: A

18. From Which Country Has India Purchased Its Apache Helicopters?

- A. U.K.
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. USA

ANSWER: D

19. World's Highest Motorable Road Is In

- A. Sikkim
- B. Ladakh
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Assam

ANSWER: B

20. The National Cadet Corps (NCC) HQ, is at_____

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

ANSWER: A