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SLINEX 24

- The bilateral Naval exercise between India and Sri Lanka, SLINEX 24 (Sri Lanka - India Exercise 2024) was conducted from 17 - 20 Dec 24 at **Visakhapatnam** under the aegis of the Eastern Naval Command in two phases.
- The harbour phase was held from 17 - 18 Dec 24 and the sea phase from 19 - 20 Dec 24.
- **INS Sumitra** of the Eastern Fleet, along with Special Forces team participated from Indian side, whereas **SLNS Sayura**, an Offshore Patrol Vessel, along with Special Forces team participated from the Sri Lanka Navy.
- SLINEX series of bilateral exercises was initiated in 2005 and since then regular exercises have been conducted.

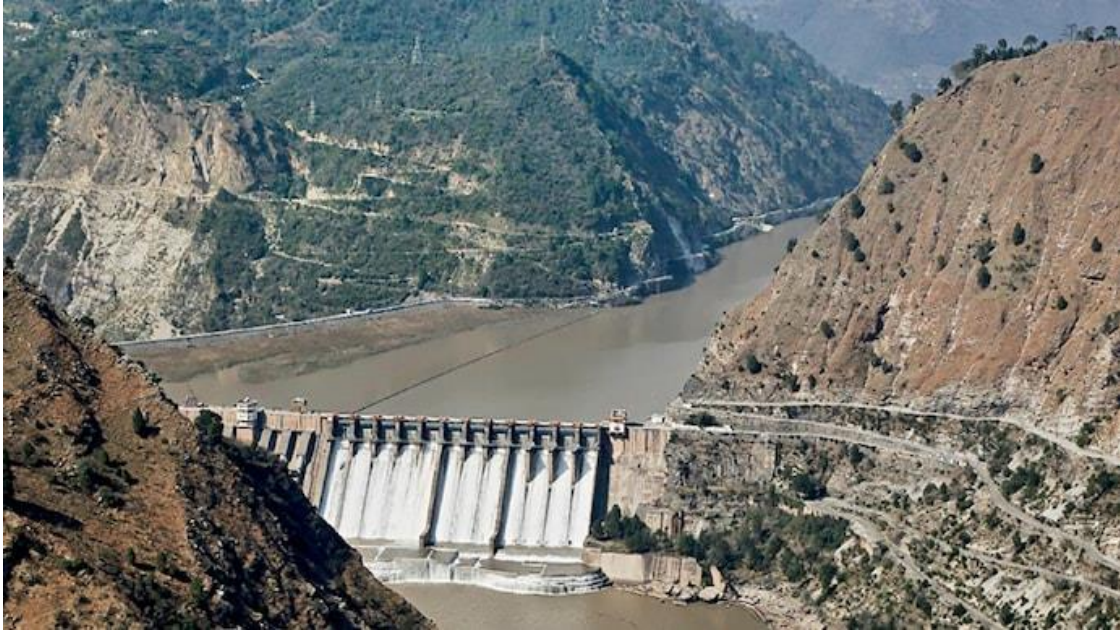


Sixth edition of Armed Forces Flag Day CSR Conclave

- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh will chair the sixth edition of the Armed Forces Flag Day (AFFD) Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) conclave in New Delhi on December 27, 2024.
- The event organised by **Kendriya Sainik Board** under Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare aims to highlight the measures taken towards rehabilitation, resettlement and welfare of the veterans, widows & their dependents and for mobilising the CSR support towards these efforts.

China's Mega Hydel Project Along Brahmaputra Serves As Wake-up Call For India

- Project costs USD 137 billion, sparking concerns in India and Bangladesh
- Part of China's 14th Five-Year Plan for national development
- Expected to generate 300 billion kWh electricity annually
- China has approved the construction of the world's largest dam, stated to be the planet's biggest infra project costing **USD 137 billion**, on the Brahmaputra River in Tibet close to the Indian border, raising concerns in riparian states - India and Bangladesh.
- The Chinese government has approved the construction of a hydropower project in the lower reaches of the **Yarlung Zangbo River**, the Tibetan name for the Brahmaputra, according to an official statement quoted by state-run Xinhua news agency on Wednesday.
- The dam is to be built at a huge gorge in the Himalayan reaches where the Brahmaputra river makes a huge **U-turn** to flow into **Arunachal Pradesh and then to Bangladesh**.
- China has already Operationalised **the USD 1.5 billion Zam Hydropower Station**, the largest in Tibet in 2015. India too is building a dam over Brahmaputra in Arunachal Pradesh.
- The **Tibetan plateau**, regarded as the **roof of the world**, frequently experiences earthquakes as it is located over the **tectonic plates**.



5200 Military Personnel Deployed in UN Missions

- The Ministry of Defence in a release on Thursday highlighted the Indian Army's increased global engagement and diplomatic footprint with around 5200 military personnel currently deployed across 10 United Nations (UN) missions.
- The Ministry of Defence also underscored the defence cooperation of the Indian Army, noting that **118 countries** are now involved in defence cooperation activities with the country.
- The ministry stated that personnel deployed for the 10 UN missions consisted of five infantry battalions and 11 formed units and are stationed in regions such as the **Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, Abyei, Western Sahara, Central African Republic, Lebanon, Syria, Israel, Cyprus, and Addis Ababa.**
- In terms of military exercises, **India participates in 39 joint exercises**, with additional bilateral exercises **planned with** Egypt, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Cambodia with an emphasis on yoga and women's empowerment.
- The ministry stated that the army has provided assistance in several major relief efforts in India, rescuing nearly 30,000 civilians, offering medical aid to around 3,000, and delivering relief supplies to over 13,000 individuals.



Indian Navy deploys 30 ships, responds to 25+ incidents in Western Arabian Sea

- The Indian Navy, in ensuring maritime security, deployed over 30 ships in the Western Arabian Sea and responded to more than 25 incidents of Houthi shipping attacks and incidents of piracy in the past year, the Ministry of Defence said.
- Ministry of Defence stated that these operations had saved over 400 lives and that the Indian Navy had successfully escorted over 230 merchant vessels, safeguarding over 90 lakh metric tonnes of cargo worth more than four billion USD in the Western Arabian Sea region as of November 2024.
- In response to piracy, the Indian Navy launched several anti-piracy operations, including those in the Gulf of Aden, where 127 ships have been deployed since 2008, and the Gulf of Guinea, where operations began in 2022.
- Additionally, the Navy has undertaken 13 anti-narcotics operations, seizing drugs worth approximately Rs 35,000 crore in the last three years, with the largest ever consignment by quantity seized in February 2024, amounting to 3,300 kgs of narcotics in the northern Arabian Sea, the defence ministry stated.
- The Indian Navy has also participated in several multinational exercises, including the **28th edition of Exercise Malabar** with Australia, Japan, and the

US; RIMPAC at Pearl Harbour; and Exercise Varuna in the Mediterranean Sea, strengthening international naval partnerships.

- The Indian Navy also took part in the **eighth edition** of the **JIMEX** maritime exercise with the Japanese Maritime Self-Defence Force and in Exercise Indra with the Russian Federation Navy.



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EXAMS

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which multinational naval exercise was hosted by the Indian Navy along with Australia, Japan, and the US in its 28th edition?

- A. Exercise Varuna
- B. Exercise Malabar
- C. Exercise JIMEX
- D. Exercise RIMPAC

ANSWER: B

2. What is the name of the maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the Japanese Maritime Self-Defence Force?

- A. Exercise Indra
- B. Exercise SLINEX
- C. Exercise JIMEX
- D. Exercise RIMPAC

ANSWER: C

3. What is the cost of the world's largest dam construction project approved by China on the Brahmaputra River in Tibet?

- A. USD 100 billion
- B. USD 120 billion
- C. USD 137 billion
- D. USD 150 billion

ANSWER: C

4. Where was the bilateral naval exercise SLINEX 24 between India and Sri Lanka conducted?

- A. Colombo
- B. Chennai
- C. Visakhapatnam
- D. Kochi

ANSWER: C

5. MRO Stands For

- A. Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul
- B. Maintenance, Repair and Overtake
- C. Maintenance, Repair and Over
- D. None

ANSWER: A

6. Ex 'SIAM BHARAT' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. Thailand
- D. Russia

ANSWER: C

7. COP Stands For

- A. Creator of Parties
- B. Conference of Parties
- C. Conference of Programme
- D. None

ANSWER: B

8. Raising Day of BRO Observed On

- A. 6 May
- B. 7 May
- C. 8 May
- D. 9 May

ANSWER: B

9. Akash Prime Is A

- A.** Rocket
- B.** Air Defence Missile System
- C.** Sniper Rifle
- D.** Tank

ANSWER: B

10. NAVIC Stands For

- A. India Regional Navigation Satellite System
- B. Indian Regional Navigator Satellite System
- C. Indian Regional Navigation Satellite Source
- D. Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System

ANSWER: D

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

- A. Captain
- B. Inspector
- C. Lt Commander
- D. Vice-admiral

ANSWER: C

12. Training Command of IAF is located at

- A. New Delhi
- B. Bangalore
- C. Gurugram
- D. Lucknow

ANSWER: B

13. Captain Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank Of IAF Is

- A. Wing Commander

- B. Squadron Leader
- C. Flight Lt.
- D. Air Chief Marshal

ANSWER: C

14. Colonel Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank Of Indian Navy Is

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

ANSWER: B

15. Warsaw Is The Capital Of

- A. Oman
- B. Germany
- C. Ukraine
- D. Poland

ANSWER: D

16. "Indian Fiscal Federalism" Book Is Written By

- A. Dr. Bibek Debroy
- B. Dr. Krishna Saksena
- C. Dr. Y.V. Reddy
- D. Jairam Ramesh

ANSWER: C

17. Tangail Airdrop Was Done At Which War

- A. 1948
- B. 1962
- C. 1965
- D. 1971

ANSWER: D

18. 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

19. Sankalp-class OPV Designed And Built By

- A. Goa Shipyard Limited
- B. GRSE
- C. MDL
- D. CSL

ANSWER: A

20. Mitra Shakti Ex Held B/w India &

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

ANSWER: A

