

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

## 30 December 2024

### Exercise Surya Kiran

- The Indian Army contingent comprising 334 personnel departed for Nepal today to participate in **18th edition** of Battalion Level Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN.
- The exercise will be conducted in Saljhandi, Nepal from 31st December 2024 to 13th January 2025. It is an annual training event conducted alternatively in the two countries.
- The Indian Army contingent is being led by a Battalion from the 11th Gorkha Rifles. The Nepal Army contingent will be represented by Srijung Battalion.



### Operational Demonstration At Rk Beach

- The Indian Navy is set to dazzle the citizens of Andhra Pradesh with a grand Operational Demonstration on 04 Jan 25, at the picturesque RK Beach, Visakhapatnam.
- The Operational Demonstration will showcase the Indian Navy's cutting-edge capabilities through an exciting and neatly choreographed array of activities, including demonstrations by Warships, Submarines, Aircraft, Naval Band and the Marine Commandos (MARCOS).

- Preliminary rehearsals are scheduled for 28 and 29 Dec 24 with the Final rehearsals scheduled on 02 Jan 25 to ensure the event's flawless execution on 04 January 25. The public is cordially invited to witness the rehearsals on these dates at RK Beach.



## India's Newest Russia-built Warship To Reach Country in Mid-Feb

- INS Tushil, the country's latest stealth missile frigate that was commissioned into the Indian Navy at the Yantar Shipyard in Kaliningrad, Russia on December 9, is expected to reach the country's western coast in mid-February.
- It will be a part of the **Mumbai-based Western Fleet**.
- Tushil (or the protector shield) is an upgraded **Krivak III class frigate** of Project 1135.6, and six such vessels are already in service --- three Talwar class ships, built at Baltic shipyard in St Petersburg, and three follow-on Teg class ships, built at the Yantar shipyard.



## **Azerbaijan President Says Plane That Crashed Was Shot At From Russia**

- The Azerbaijan Airlines plane that crashed in Kazakhstan this week killing 38 people, was damaged due to a shooting from the ground in Russia, the Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev said on Sunday.
- He also accused Moscow of having tried to hide the cause of a deadly jet crash and called for Russia to admit "guilt" in the disaster.
- Flight J2-8243 crashed on Wednesday near the city of Aktau in Kazakhstan, leading to the death of 38 people out of the 67 passengers.
- Initially, it was assumed that the airplane lost control due to a bird strike or dense fog.
- The White House on Friday stated that it had received initial indications suggesting the airliner may have been downed by Russian air defense systems and added that it had offered assistance in the investigation into the crash. The UK has also asked for an independent probe into the matter.



## Israel Used THAAD Air Defence System To Take Down Houthi Missile

- An advanced U.S. military anti-missile system was used in Israel to try to intercept a projectile for the first time since President Joe Biden placed the system in Israel in October, a source familiar with the matter has stated.
- The Terminal High Altitude Area Defence (THAAD) system was used to try to intercept a projectile from Yemen sometime last week, and an analysis would determine its success, said the source who spoke on condition of anonymity.
- Israel struck multiple targets linked to the Iran-aligned Houthi movement in Yemen on Thursday, including Sanaa International Airport, and Houthi media said at least six people were killed.
- The United Nations says more than half Yemen's population – some 18 million people – need humanitarian help. Harneis told reporters that is expected to rise to 19 million next year due to worsening economic conditions in the country.



## Afghan Taliban hit 'multiple posts' in Pakistan in response to airstrikes

- Afghan Taliban forces targeted multiple posts inside Pakistan near the border in retaliation for last week's deadly airstrikes, the Afghanistan Defence Ministry said. However, details about casualties or the nature of the strikes remain unclear.
- The Afghan officials also did not explicitly mention the locations of the strike but said it occurred "beyond the 'hypothetical line'", a term Afghan authorities use to describe the disputed border with Pakistan.
- On December 24, Pakistan launched a series of airstrikes targeting the training facilities of insurgents in Afghanistan's Paktika province. Taliban officials claimed the attack killed at least 46 people, mostly women and children, and vowed to retaliate.
- Afghanistan has long contested the **Durand Line**, a border demarcated by the British in the 19th century, cutting through the rugged and often ungoverned tribal regions that now separate Afghanistan and Pakistan. Pakistani officials have accused the Taliban of not doing enough to combat cross-border militant activity, a charge the Taliban government denies.
- The Durand Line also known as the **Afghanistan–Pakistan border**, is a 2,640-kilometre (1,640 mi) international border between Afghanistan and Pakistan in South Asia. The western end runs to the border with Iran and the eastern end to the border with China.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is the Terminal High Altitude Area Defence (THAAD) system primarily used for?
  - A. Surveillance operations
  - B. Intercepting projectiles
  - C. Launching satellites
  - D. Ground troop transportation

**ANSWER: B**

2. Where was the Indian Navy's stealth missile frigate INS Tushil commissioned?
  - A. Mumbai, India
  - B. Kaliningrad, Russia
  - C. Vishakhapatnam, India
  - D. Colombo, Sri Lanka

**ANSWER: B**

3. Where will the 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the Exercise SURYA KIRAN between India and Nepal be conducted?
  - A. Kathmandu, Nepal

- B. Pokhara, Nepal
- C. Saljhandi, Nepal
- D. Dharan, Nepal

**ANSWER: C**

**4. Defence Acquisition Council Is Headed By**

- A. COAS
- B. CDS
- C. NSA
- D. Defence Minister

**ANSWER: D**

**5. Ex 'DESERT EAGLE' conducted b/w India &**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**6. IORA Stands For**

- A. Indian Ocean Rim Associate
- B. Indian Ocean Rome Association
- C. Indian Ocean Recall Association
- D. Indian Ocean Rim Association

**ANSWER: D**

**7. IORA Established In**

- A. 6 March 1997
- B. 6 March 1998
- C. 6 March 1999
- D. 6 March 2000

**ANSWER: A**

**8. Project 75 Is Related To the Manufacturing Of**

- A. Tank
- B. Socrpean Submarine
- C. Sniper Rifle

D. Fighter Jet

**ANSWER: B**

**9. HELINA Missile Has A Maximum Range Of**

A. 7 kilometres

B. 8 kilometres

C. 9 kilometres

D. 10 kilometres

**ANSWER: A**

**10. Amman Is The Capital Of**

A. Oman

B. Qatar

C. UAE

D. Jordan

**ANSWER: D**

**11. Which Department Doesn't Come Under MOD?**

A. Department of Defence

B. Department of Military Affairs

C. Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare

D. Department Of Border Management

**ANSWER: D**

**12. Training Command of IAF is located at**

A. New Delhi

B. Bangalore

C. Gurugram

D. Lucknow

**ANSWER: B**

**13. ISRO Was Established On**

A. 15 August 1969

B. 1 September 1965

C. 1 October 1975

D. 18 December 1985

**ANSWER: A**



**14. INS Visakhapatnam (D66) Manufactured By**

- A. GRSE
- B. MDL
- C. CSL
- D. Boeing

**ANSWER: B**

**15. Rashtriya Rifles Motto Is**

- A. Courage and Valor
- B. Always Brave
- C. Service Before Self
- D. Lethal

**ANSWER: A**

**16. Parakram Diwas Celebrated On**

- A. December 1
- B. October 8
- C. January 23
- D. March 10

**ANSWER: C**

**17. Amogha Is A**

- A. Anti-tank guided missile
- B. Surface-to-surface tactical ballistic missile
- C. Quick reaction surface-to-air missile
- D. Multiple rocket launcher

**ANSWER: A**

**18. Operation Steeplechase Launched In**

- A. July 1971
- B. July 1972
- C. July 1973
- D. July 1974

**ANSWER: A**

**19. War Cry of THE BIHAR REGIMENT**

- A. Parakramo Vijayate
- B. Rhino Charge
- C. Jai Bajrangbali

D. Duty, Honour, courage

**ANSWER: C**

**20.Operation Green Hunt Launched In**

A. 2010

B. 2011

C. 2012

D. 2013

**ANSWER: A**