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DRDO's 67th Foundation Day : 01 Jan 2025

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is an agency under the Department of Defence Research and Development in Ministry of Defence.
- Formed: 1 January 1958; 67 years ago
- Headquarters: DRDO Bhavan, New Delhi, India
- Motto: "Strength's Origin is in Science"
- Sanskrit: बलस्य मूलं विज्ञानम्



Indonesian President Wish List Includes Brahmos Missiles

- Purchase of the BrahMos missile will be among key items on the agenda of Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto during his proposed visit to India for the Republic Day later this month.
- **India -Indonesia Bilateral Relations**
- Hinduism, Buddhism, and later Islam spread to Indonesia from India.
- Indian epics like **Ramayana and Mahabharata** influence Indonesian folk art and dramas.

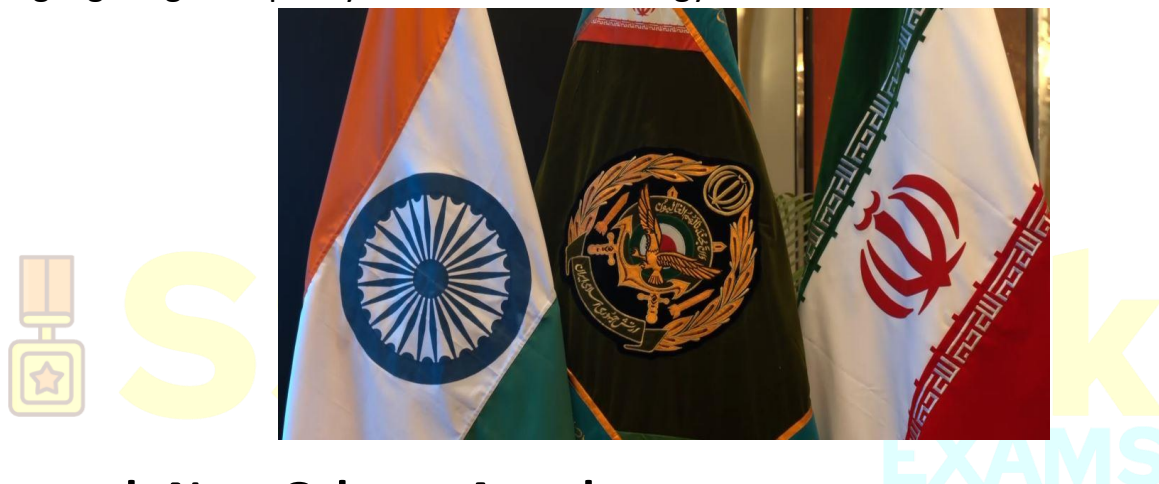
- The **Bali Yatra festival** is celebrated in both countries with enthusiasm.
- Bilateral trade for 2022-23 was **USD 38.85 billion**, with Indian exports at USD 10.02 billion and imports at **USD 28.82 billion**.
- India is a major buyer of **Indonesian coal, crude palm oil**, and other resources.
- India exports **refined petroleum, vehicles, agricultural products**, and more.
- **Exercise GARUDA SHAKTI** is a joint training exercise between Indian Special Forces and the Indonesian Special Forces.



India & Iran to Join Hands To Counter Threats

- India and Iran face the same threat from terror groups in the backdrop of the instability and power vacuum created in Syria and the two are seeking to strengthen their counter-terror partnership and coordinate their strategies against **Al Qaeda and ISIS in West Asia**.

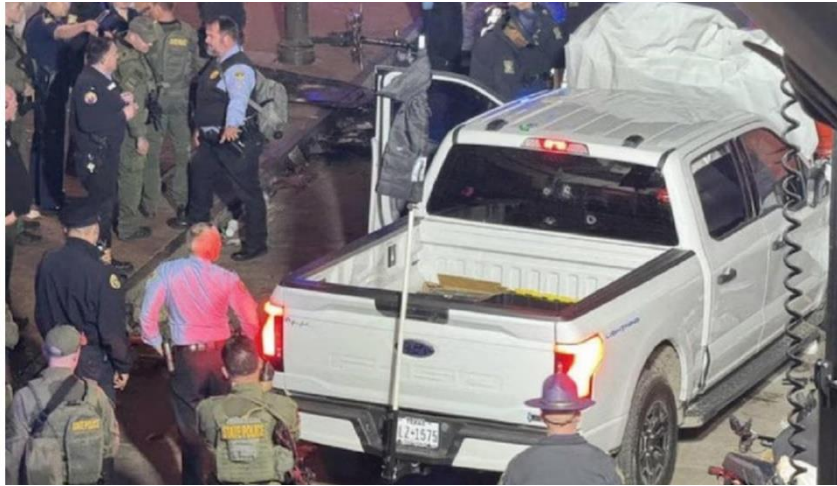
- The situation in West Asia is volatile and threats from terror groups are real and can impact both India and Iran and the two may join hands to counter the threat, according to the official.
- The relationship between India and Iran is a complex and multifaceted one, deeply rooted in historical, cultural, and strategic ties, and they share a rich history of cultural and civilizational exchanges dating back to ancient times.
- In the fiscal year 2022-23, bilateral trade reached \$2.33 billion, with India's exports to Iran amounting to \$1.66 billion and imports from Iran totaling \$672.12 million.
- Iran's crude production in May 2024 rose to 3.4 million barrels per day, highlighting its capacity to meet India's energy demands.



Cybertruck-New Orleans Attacks

- Barely less than three weeks before Donald Trump is sworn in as the US President on January 20, the country is in the grip of violence. Right after a terror strike in New Orleans in which a US military veteran drove an a pickup truck with a black Islamic caliphate flag into a New Year crowd celebrating in iconic Bourbon Street, killing 15 and injuring dozens of others, another US military veteran in a suspected suicide bombing exploded a Tesla Cybertruck outside Trump Hotel in Las Vegas.
- These two incidents have occurred when the US has seen many other acts of violence such as shooting at a nightclub in New York and burning of a woman by an illegal immigrant on a New York City subway train.
- In Las Vegas, a Tesla Cybertruck rented through Turo erupted into flames outside the Trump International Hotel Wednesday morning. The explosion, which left one person dead and seven others injured, is being treated as a

possible act of terrorism. A video circulating online shows the Cybertruck engulfed in fire just seconds after stopping near the hotel's entrance.



Zelensky Says 'Unpredictable' Trump Could Help End War

- Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said in an interview aired Thursday that US President-elect Donald Trump's "unpredictability" could help end the war with Russia.
- Trump, who takes office on January 20, has said he will end the nearly three-year conflict in "24 hours" once in power, a claim that has drawn scepticism from Kyiv which fears it will be forced to give up land for peace.
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- "He's very strong and unpredictable, and I would really like to see President Trump's unpredictability apply to Russia. I believe he really wants to end the war," Zelensky said
- The Ukrainian leader has sought to build bridges with Trump and his team since November's election amid fears the Republican could slow vital US military aid or halt it entirely.
- Zelensky said he supported the idea of France deploying peacekeepers in Ukraine to guarantee a future peace deal with Russia if one arises, but stressed this would need to be a step towards joining the NATO military alliance.
- French President Emmanuel Macron has floated the idea of Western troops being sent to Ukraine before, saying last year that boots on the ground could not be ruled out.
- Separately, Zelensky acknowledged Ukraine's army was suffering fatigue amid Russia's relentless assault on the front line.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which missile purchase is likely to be a key item on the agenda during Indonesian President Prabowo visit to India?

- A. Agni Missile
- B. Akash Missile
- C. BrahMos Missile
- D. Nirbhay Missile

ANSWER: C

2. Who was the Guest of Honour during India's first Republic Day in 1950?

- A. President Sukarno of Indonesia
- B. Prime Minister Nehru
- C. Queen Elizabeth II
- D. President Roosevelt of the USA

ANSWER: A

3. Exercise GARUDA SHAKTI is a joint training exercise between:

- A. Indian Army and Indonesian Navy
- B. Indian Air Force and Indonesian Air Force
- C. Indian Special Forces and Indonesian Special Forces
- D. Indian Navy and Indonesian Coast Guard

ANSWER: C

4. What is the motto of DRDO?

- A. "In Defence of the Nation"
- B. "Strength's Origin is in Science"

- C. "Excellence in Innovation"
- D. "Technology for Peace"

ANSWER: B

5. INS Vikramaditya Is A Modified ___ Aircraft Carrier.

- A. Kiev-Class
- B. Surya- Class
- C. Kalashnikov-Class
- D. None

ANSWER: A

6. Operational Range of Barak 8 Missile Is

- A. 70Km
- B. 80Km
- C. 90Km
- D. 100Km

ANSWER: A

7. Defence Services Staff College Is Located At

- A. Wellington
- B. Chennai
- C. New Delhi
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

8. Motto of DSSC Is

- A. To War with Wisdom
- B. Valour and Courage
- C. Fight With Determination
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

9. Cabinet Committee on Security Is Headed By

- A. PM
- B. NSA
- C. The President
- D. COAS Indian Army

ANSWER: A

10. Air Marshal Rank of IAF Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Army?

- A. Brigadier
- B. Lt. Gen
- C. Captain
- D. Major General

ANSWER: B

11. How Many States In India Have A Coastline?

- A. Seven
- B. Eight
- C. Nine
- D. Ten

ANSWER: C

12. OPEC Hq Is In

- A. Budapest, Hungary
- B. New York, USA
- C. Luanda, Angola
- D. Vienna, Austria

ANSWER: D

13. AUKUS Stands For

- A. Azerbaijan, the United Kingdom, & the United States
- B. Australia, the United Kingdom, & the United States
- C. Australia, the United Kingdom, & Uganda
- D. Argentina, the United Kingdom, & the United States

ANSWER: B

14. RIYADH Is The Capital Of

- A. SAUDI ARABIA
- B. SENEGAL
- C. SERBIA
- D. SEYCHELLES

ANSWER: A

15. "2001 Space Odyssey" Book Is Written By

- A. C. Clarke
- B. Abhijit Chavda

- C. Hew Strachan
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

16. DRDO Lakshya Is A

- A. Fighter Jet
- B. Ship
- C. Tank
- D. UAV

ANSWER: D

17. Captain Rank of Indian Navy Equivalent to Which rank of IAF?

- A. Flying Officer
- B. Flight Lieutenant
- C. Group Captain
- D. None

ANSWER: C

18. Predator B (MQ-9 Reaper) Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: C

19. International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Hq Is At

- A. London, United Kingdom
- B. Vienna, Austria
- C. Paris, France
- D. Geneva, Switzerland

ANSWER: A

20. "If you win, you need not have to explain...If you lose, you should not be there to explain!" Said By__

- A. Winston Churchill
- B. Adolf Hitler
- C. Subhas Chandra Bose
- D. Bhagat Singh

ANSWER: A