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Kochi : Maritime Partnership Exercise

- INS Mormugao, along with aircraft from the Indian Air Force, recently participated in a Maritime Partnership Exercise with the French Carrier Strike Group (CSG) off India's Western Seaboard, an official statement reported.
- The exercise involved complex maritime drills, including joint air operations, showcasing the high degree of interoperability and professionalism between the Indian and French naval forces.
- India and France have maintained a robust defence partnership since 1998, marked by numerous joint exercises such as **Shakti (land), Varuna (sea), and Garuda (air)**. This partnership continues to thrive through operational stopovers, with 16 port calls by French Navy vessels since 2022.



Conference on “Drug Trafficking and National Security”

- Amit Shah, will chair a regional conference on “Drug Trafficking and National Security” in New Delhi on Saturday, January 11.

- The conference, organized by the **Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)**, aims to address the growing concern of drug trafficking and its impact on national security, with a special focus on eight states and Union Territories of northern India.
- Amit Shah will launch the **Drug Disposal Fortnight**, inaugurate the new office complex of the **NCB's Bhopal zonal unit** and extension of the **MANAS-2 helpline** to all 36 states and Union Territories.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is implementing a three-pronged strategy to achieve a **drug-free India by 2047**.



Assam Govt Negotiating with MoD for Defence Corridor

- The Assam government is actively negotiating with the Defence Ministry for the declaration of areas adjoining Guwahati towards Nagaon as a defence corridor, CM Himanta Biswa Sarma said.
- Assam Chief Minister Hemanta Biswa Sarma said at a function a day before that he was in talks with government of India to have third defence industrial corridor. He also expressed hope that the talks may materialise too.
- The CM also stated that having defence industrial corridor was part of thinking to bring investment into the state which did not exist earlier.
- The Union government has set up two Defence Industrial Corridors (DICs) in order to attract total investment worth **₹20,000 crore** by the year 2024-25 for defence industries, develop domestic supply chain and strengthen defence manufacturing ecosystem in the country.
- Both the States have promulgated their respective aerospace and defence policy to attract investments in their respective DICs.



India's Defence Industrial Corridors



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Lanka President Dissanayake's Next Week Visit to Beijing

- China on Friday termed the upcoming three-day visit of Anura Kumara Dissanayake as significant as the Sri Lankan president seeks to balance ties with Beijing weeks after his India visit.
- Dissanayake will pay a state visit to China from January 14 to 17 at the invitation of Chinese President Xi Jinping, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying announced here on Friday.
- Dissanayake, once a bitter critic of India while appreciating India's assistance during Sri Lanka's economic crisis, chose India for his first visit abroad. During the visit, Dissanayake will hold talks with President Xi and also meet Premier Li Qiang.
- China stands ready to work with Sri Lanka through the upcoming visit to deepen political mutual trust and expand high-quality **Belt and Road cooperation** and practical cooperation in various fields for continuous new progress in advancing the China-Sri Lanka strategic cooperative partnership, he said.
- After protracted negotiations, China has recently reached a deal with Sri Lanka to restructure its **USD 4.2 billion debt.**

Another Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun told a media briefing: "The upcoming visit will be Dissanayake's first visit to China after taking office, and is of great importance to the development of China-Sri Lanka relations." A host of issues, including permitting Chinese "research vessels" regarded as spy ships by India; Sri Lanka's debt commitments to China, stated to be Colombo's largest creditor, and expansion of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) investments are expected to figure in Dissanayake's talks with Xi.

Earlier, after talks with Modi on December 16, Dissanayake had said in a statement in New Delhi, "I assured the Indian leader that Sri Lanka will not permit its territory to be used in any manner inimical to the security of India as well as towards regional stability." He said Sri Lanka "attaches great importance to the continuous development and deepening of cooperation with India." This assurance was seen in the backdrop of India's concerns over recurring visits by Chinese research vessels visiting Hambantota port, which New Delhi said aimed at monitoring its missile and space programmes.



DRDO's Multi-layer Clothing System 'HIMKAVACH'

- DRDO has introduced the **HIMKAVACH multi-layer clothing system**, specially designed to provide optimal protection in extreme cold weather conditions.
- The innovative clothing system has passed all user trials under actual operational conditions, proving its effectiveness for military operations in cold weather, particularly in the Himalayan region.
- Taking to its official handle on X, DRDO posted, "DRDO developed HIMKAVACH multi-layer clothing system designed for temperature range of **+20°C to -60°C** has successfully cleared all user trials in actual operation. The clothing system will be very useful in military operations in cold weather conditions along the Himalayan region."



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is the purpose of the HIMKAVACH multi-layer clothing system developed by DRDO?

- A. Combat underwater threats
- B. Provide protection in extreme cold weather conditions
- C. Enhance ballistic protection
- D. Ensure stealth in military operations

ANSWER: B

2. INS Mormugao recently participated in a Maritime Partnership Exercise with which country?

- A. United States
- B. Russia
- C. France
- D. United Kingdom

ANSWER: C

3. Which of the following is NOT a joint exercise between India and France?

- A. Shakti
- B. Garuda
- C. Varuna
- D. Malabar

ANSWER: D

4. What is the timeline set by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to achieve a drug-free India?

- A. 2030
- B. 2035
- C. 2040
- D. 2047

ANSWER: D

5. Naval War College Is Located In

- A. Goa
- B. Mumbai
- C. Chennai
- D. Kochi

ANSWER: A

6. HOP EX Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. Kyrgyzstan
- D. Malaysia

ANSWER: D

7. JIMEX Was First Started In

- A. 2012
- B. 2013
- C. 2014
- D. 2015

ANSWER: A

8. Puneet Sagar Abhiyan Is Conducted By

- A. NSS
- B. NCC
- C. BSF
- D. IAF

ANSWER: B

9. Defence Expo 2022 Held In

- A. M.H
- B. M.P.
- C. U.P.
- D. Ahmedabad

ANSWER: D

10. 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

11. Range of Shaurya Missile Is

- A. 700 to 1,900 km

- B. 500 – 15,00 km
- C. 1,500 – 2,000 km
- D. 2,500 – 3,200 km

ANSWER: A

12. Rashtriya Rifles Motto Is

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

ANSWER: A

13. War Cry of ASSAM REGIMENT

- A. Parakramo Vijayate
- B. Rhino Charge
- C. Jai Bajrangbali
- D. Duty, Honour, courage

ANSWER: B

14. 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

15. Department of Military Affairs Headed By

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

ANSWER: A

16. Cairo Is The Capital Of

- A. Egypt
- B. El Salvador
- C. UAE
- D. Eritrea

ANSWER: A

17. "Ignited Minds" Book Written By

- A. Bimal Jalal
- B. Vinit Karnik
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Dr APJ Kalam

ANSWER: D

18. Controller General of Defence Accounts Heads The

- A. MoD Accounts
- B. Make In India Accounts
- C. Parliament Accounts
- D. Defence Accounts Department

ANSWER: D

19. Army Sports Institute Is In

- A. Pune
- B. Noida
- C. Jaipur
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

20. SITMEX Ex Is Done Among

- A. India, Singapore, and Thailand
- B. India, Sri Lanka and Thailand
- C. Indonesia, Singapore, and Thailand
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A