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India, US hold 2+2 Interseasonal Dialogue

- Amid ongoing trade and tariff tensions, India and the United States convened the 2+2 Interseasonal Dialogue on 25 August to review strategic priorities and strengthen defence and security cooperation.
- The dialogue also touched upon cooperation in trade and investment, civil-nuclear energy, critical minerals, counterterrorism, and counternarcotics.
- Both nations reaffirmed their commitment to building on progress made under the India-US COMPACT (Catalysing Opportunities for Military Partnership, Accelerated Commerce & Technology) framework.
- The chairs reaffirmed their commitment to promoting a safer, stronger, and more prosperous Indo-Pacific region through the Quad, the MEA said. India is scheduled to host the **Quad Leaders Summit** this year, which besides the US, also has Japan and Australia as members.



India Readies \$1 Billion GE Deal

- India is finalising a \$1 billion agreement with U.S. aerospace major General Electric (GE) for the supply of **113 F404-IN20** fighter jet engines, which will power the indigenous **Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) TEJAS MK-1A**.
- The new **GE-404 engine** deal will ensure steady supply to HAL which had earlier signed a contract for **99 engines** for the first **83 TEJAS** jets ordered by the Indian Air Force. With this follow-on order, HAL is expected to receive a total of 212 **GE-404 engines**.
- The deal, currently in advanced negotiation stages between GE and HAL is expected to be signed by next month. This comes in the wake of the CCS clearing the acquisition of 97 additional TEJAS MK-1A fighters earlier in August, at a cost of **₹66,000 crore**, adding to the 83 aircraft ordered previously.
- To support these production requirements, HAL had earlier signed a **\$716 million** agreement in 2021 with GE for **99 F404 engines**, deliveries for which are underway after initial supply chain hurdles.



MoD Signs MoU with QCI

- Reaffirming its commitment to “Quality in Service – Dignity for Veterans”, the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, MoD, signed a MoU with the **Quality Council of India (QCI)** on August 26 2025, New Delhi to strengthen delivery of pension, healthcare, resettlement, and welfare services for over 63 lakh veterans and their dependents.

- The initiative will also strengthen healthcare delivery, expand re-employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for veterans, and reinforce institutional frameworks of State and District Sainik Boards.



‘Exercise Bright Star 2025’

- More than 700 personnel from the Armed Forces & Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff are set to participate in the Multilateral Exercise ‘BRIGHT STAR 2025’ from August 28 to September 10, 2025.
- **The upcoming edition will feature a comprehensive spectrum of military activities, including:**
 - Live Firing by the three Services showcasing the operational capabilities of the Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force.
 - Command Post Exercise to enhance joint planning, decision-making and operational coordination.
 - Short Training Exercises by all three Services focusing on varied aspects of modern warfare.
 - Subject Matter Expert Interactions on multiple domains of contemporary military operations.
 - Participation of the Indian Armed Forces in this exercise underscores India’s commitment to regional peace, stability, and security while enhancing Jointness, interoperability and cooperation with friendly foreign countries.
- Exercise Bright Star is a multilateral exercise hosted by Egypt in conjunction with the US since 1980 and is amongst the largest Tri-Service multilateral exercises in the region.

- The exercise is held biennially, with the last edition having taken place in 2023, which witnessed the participation of a host of nations including India along with troops.



Dhruva Space Successfully Launches Its LEAP-1 Payload

- SpaceX successfully launched **Dhruva Space's LEAP-1 mission** on August 27, 2025, aboard a **Falcon 9 rocket**, from Vandenberg Space Force Base, marking Dhruva Space's first full-stack commercial satellite mission with payloads from Australian firms Akula Tech and Esper Satellites.
- Two Australian-developed payloads, the Akula Tech Nexus-01 and Esper Satellites OTR-2, were deployed. These payloads were hosted on Dhruva Space's indigenous P-30 satellite platform
- The mission utilises the hosted payload model, allowing for cost-effective deployment of multiple smaller payloads on a single satellite. LEAP-1 was deployed into a Sun-synchronous orbit as planned for **Earth observation missions**.
- Dhruva Space also provides real-time mission management and ground station services to support the satellite operations.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which organization successfully tested the maiden Integrated Air Defence Weapon System off the Odisha coast?

- A. ISRO
- B. BARC
- C. DRDO
- D. HAL

ANSWER: C

2. In which state did the CISF launch its first all-women commando unit?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Gujarat
- D. Madhya Pradesh

ANSWER: D

3. Which country is collaborating with India to jointly develop a 120-kn jet engine for the AMCA?

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

ANSWER: A

4. What is the top speed achieved by the Agni-5 IRBM during its test?

- A. Mach 24
- B. Mach 15
- C. Mach 10
- D. Mach 5

ANSWER: A

5. INS Udaygiri was built by

- A. DRDO
- B. Israel Aerospace Industries
- C. MDL
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

6. HUMSA-NG Sonar Produced By

- A. DRDO
- B. Israel Aerospace Industries
- C. MDL
- D. BEL

ANSWER: D

7. International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Hq Is At

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

ANSWER: A

8. Chairman Of The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) Is

- A. PM
- B. NSA
- C. CDS
- D. Home Minister

ANSWER: A

9. CBI Hq Is In

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: A

10. ___ Is The Largest Defense Contractors in the World.

- A. Lockheed Martin
- B. Boeing
- C. Raytheon Technologies
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

11. "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: B

12. 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

13. Current Secretary-General Of NATO Is__.

- A. Mark Rutte
- B. Admiral Rob Bauer
- C. General Tod D. Wolters
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

14. "It Is Our Duty To Pay For Our Liberty With Our Own Blood." Said By__

- A. Pandit Nehru
- B. Mahatma Gandhi
- C. Subhas Chandra Bose
- D. Bhagat Singh

ANSWER: C

15. 'The Communist Manifesto' Book Written By__.

- A. Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels
- B. Alexis
- C. Thomas Paine
- D. Niccolo Machiavelli

ANSWER: A

16. OPEC Hq Is In

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

ANSWER: D

17. IPCC Was Created By

- A. WMO & UNEP
- B. IMO& UNESCO
- C. IMF& WTO
- D. UNO& UNFCCC

ANSWER: A

18. Madagascar Is In

- A. Pacific Ocean
- B. Indian Ocean
- C. Black Sea
- D. Arctic Ocean

ANSWER: B

19. Which Is Not The Member Of SAARC?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Myanmar
- C. India
- D. Pakistan

ANSWER: B

20. With reference to MILAN Exercise, consider the following statements:

1. It is a multilateral Naval Exercise conducted by the members of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).
2. MILAN 2024 conducted in the East China Sea.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: D

20. Mitra Shakti Ex Conducts B/W

- A. India & Indonesia
- B. India & UK
- C. India & Sri Lanka
- D. India & Thailand

ANSWER: C