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Army Chiefs UN Meet: India Choses Not To Invite Pakistan And China

- India has chosen not to invite Pakistan and China to its upcoming conclave of Army chiefs from UN troop-contributing nations, scheduled in New Delhi from October 14 to 16, 2025.
- The event will see participation from senior military leaders representing more than 30 nations that play a significant role in global peacekeeping.
- Officials emphasised that the conclave aims at enhancing coordination, sharing best practices, and promoting collective efforts to sustain a stable international security environment.
- At a press briefing, Army Deputy Chief (Information Systems & Training) Lt-Gen Rakesh Kapoor highlighted that the meeting would strengthen cooperation among key troop-contributing countries.
- India has a deep history of association with global peacekeeping. Since the 1950s, India has provided some of the largest numbers of troops to United Nations Peacekeeping Operations (UNPKO).
- By excluding Pakistan and China, India has sent a clear diplomatic signal, reflecting the continuing strained relations with both nations over regional security and border concerns.
- Over the last 75 years, India has contributed nearly 2.9 lakh personnel across 50 UN missions, earning global recognition for discipline and professionalism in conflict-ridden regions.



UN Approves Travel Ban Exemptions for Afghan FM

- The United Nations Security Council has approved travel ban exemptions for Amir Khan Muttaqi, the Foreign Minister of Afghanistan, to visit India from October 9 to 16.
- Under Security Council resolution 1988 (2011), certain individuals linked to the Taliban are subject to travel bans. However, the resolution allows the Council to grant exemptions for official duties or medical reasons.
- Meanwhile, Afghanistan is facing a growing humanitarian and social crisis under the Taliban. A nationwide telecoms shutdown was imposed recently as part of a crackdown on so-called "immoral activities," which was restored after 72 hours.



India's 'Dhvani' Hypersonic Missile

- India is preparing to field a next-generation hypersonic missile, a major leap forward in its rapidly growing defence technology ecosystem. DRDO's "Dhvani" **Hypersonic Glide Vehicle (HGV)**, set for a full-scale test by the end of 2025.
- HGVs are known for their ability to manoeuvre at speeds exceeding Mach 5, which makes them highly difficult for current missile defence systems to intercept.
- Unlike traditional cruise missiles, Dhvani is designed as a Hypersonic Glide Vehicle (HGV). A powerful booster stage will propel the vehicle to high altitude, after which it will detach and begin a high-speed glide.
- One of the greatest challenges of hypersonic flight is withstanding extreme temperatures caused by air friction at thousands of kilometres per hour.
- Engineers at DRDO have trialled advanced thermal barrier coatings based on cutting-edge ceramics.
- These have been tailored to sustain prolonged exposure to heat regimes exceeding 2,000°C, ensuring structural integrity and flight stability during sustained hypersonic cruise.



BRO Scripts History In Ladakh

- The Border Roads Organisation's '**Project Himank**' has once again created history by surpassing its own Guinness World Record for the highest motorable road.
- The team successfully reached **Mig La Pass** at an altitude of 19,400 feet on **Likaru-Mig La-Fukche** road alignment in Leh district, overtaking the previous record set at **Umling La** (19,024 feet), the BRO said.
- The milestone, it said, was achieved when the BRO team led by Chief Engineer of Project Himank Brig Vishal Srivastava reached Mig La Pass, proudly hoisting the National and BRO flags at this unparalleled height.



Tata Group to Build Airbus H125 Helicopters

- Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) will build India's first private-sector helicopter Final Assembly Line to build the Airbus H125 helicopters. The helicopter production facility will be located in Vemagal in Karnataka.

- As a move to unlock the full potential of the rotorcraft market in South Asia, Tata Group plans to manufacture 'Made in India' H125 helicopter that will help develop new civil and para-public market segments.
- This facility also aims to meet the Indian armed force's requirement for a light multi-role helicopter, especially on the icy heights of the country's Himalayan frontiers.
- The company also plans to manufacture the military version of Airbus H125M that would be developed with high levels of indigenised components and technologies.
- The delivery of the first 'Made in India' H125 is expected in early 2027. Through the Karnataka plant, the helicopter will also be made available for exports in the South Asian region as well.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. India has chosen not to invite which two countries to its Army Chiefs UN Conclave scheduled in October 2025?

- A. Nepal and Sri Lanka
- B. Pakistan and China
- C. Bangladesh and Myanmar
- D. Russia and USA

ANSWER: B

2. What is the name of India's upcoming Hypersonic Glide Vehicle (HGV) being developed by DRDO?

- A. Agni-VI
- B. Pralay
- C. Dhvani
- D. Surya

ANSWER: C

3. The BRO recently broke its own record by building the world's highest motorable road at

- A. Shin Ku La Pass
- B. Mig La Pass
- C. Umling La Pass
- D. None

ANSWER: B

4. TASL will establish India's first private-sector helicopter Final Assembly Line in Karnataka to build?

- A. HAL Dhruv
- B. Airbus H125
- C. Boeing Apache AH-64E
- D. Kamov Ka-226T

ANSWER: B

5. Where was the exercise "Harimau Shakti" between India and Malaysia conducted?

- A. Kuala Lumpur
- B. Bentong Camp
- C. Langkawi Base
- D. Sepang Camp

ANSWER: B

6. What Is SARVATRA In The Context Of The Indian Army's Defence Capabilities?

- A. Special Operations Force
- B. Tactical Reconnaissance System
- C. Rapid Deployment Platform
- D. Mobile Bridging System

ANSWER: D

7. C295 Aircraft Manufactured By

- A. Boeing
- B. Airbus
- C. HAL
- D. None

ANSWER: B

8. Indian Space Science Data Centre Is Located At

- A. Chennai
- B. Bengaluru
- C. New Delhi
- D. Kochi

ANSWER: B

9. __ Becomes Indian Army's First Woman Sky Diver

- A. Roop Rai
- B. Lance Naik Manju
- C. Corporal Manju
- D. None

ANSWER: B

10. __Plans To Establish The National Government Cloud To Store Sensitive Data.

- A. MOD
- B. MEA
- C. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

11. The Hawker Siddeley HS 748 Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Transport Aircraft

ANSWER: D

12. 'Swift and Sure' Is The Motto Of

- A.** Army Aviation Corps
- B.** Sikh Regiment
- C.** Rajput Regiment
- D.** Gorkha

ANSWER: A

13. Which Regiment Has Motto: "Veer Bhogya Vasundhara"?

- A.** RAJPUTANA RIFLES
- B.** RAJPUT REGIMENT
- C.** DOGRA REGIMENT
- D.** SIKH REGIMENT

ANSWER: A

14. ICMF Stands For

- A.** Integrated Cryogenic Engine Manufacturing Facility
- B.** Integrated Cry Engine Manufacturing Facility
- C.** Integrated Cryogenic Engine Make Facility
- D.** None of the above

ANSWER: A

15. "Bolo Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj ki jai" Is The War Cry Of

- A.** Maratha Light Infantry Regiment
- B.** Grenadiers
- C.** Punjab Regiment
- D.** Parachute Regiment

ANSWER: A

16. Rabat Is The Capital Of

- A.** Morocco
- B.** Montenegro
- C.** Monaco
- D.** Maldives

ANSWER: A

17. "Without Fear or Favour" Book Written By

- A.** R K Narayan
- B.** Khushwant Singh

- C. Neelam Sanjiva Reddy
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: C

18. Exercises B/w The India And Bangladesh Is Called:

- A. GARUDA SHAKTI
- B. SLINEX
- C. SAMPRITI
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: C

19. __Is The Legal Branch Of The Indian Army.

- A. Army Court
- B. Supreme Court
- C. Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Department
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

20. Exercises B/w India And Kyrgyzstan Is Called:

- A. KHANJAR
- B. SLINEX
- C. NOMADIC ELEPHANT
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: A