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Exercise Brahmashira

- As part of the Tri-Services Exercise Trishul, the Indian Army has conducted Exercise Brahmashira in the Rann and Creek Sector, bringing together the three services, Indian Coast Guard and BSF in seamless coordination with civil administration to validate integrated capabilities across land, sea and air.
- Embodying the Indian Army's Decade of Transformation, the exercise integrates Joint Task Forces, a state-of-the-art Joint Control Centre, and robust operational infrastructure to sustain multi-domain operations.
- It also validates new structures, advanced technologies and adaptive warfighting capabilities. Exercise Brahmashira highlights India's commitment to Military-Civil Fusion and a Whole-of-Nation approach, showcasing the Armed Forces' ability to deliver rapid, coordinated, decisive responses across domains.
- Meanwhile, the Indian Army's Southern Command is participating in a series of tri-service exercises under the overarching framework of **Exercise TRISHUL** to validate full-spectrum land-sea-air integration, embodying the mantra of JAI - Jointness, Atmanirbharta and Innovation in action.
- In the Thar Desert, Southern Command formations are undertaking intense integrated manoeuvres through **Exercises Marujwala and Akhand Prahaar** to validate combined arms operations, mobility, and joint fire integration under realistic conditions.



Malabar Exercise 2025

- The navies of India, the US, Australia and Japan will kick-start the annual Malabar naval exercise in the Northern Pacific beginning Monday with an aim to further bolster interoperability among them.
- The Indian Navy has deployed its guided missile frigate INS Sahyadri for the mega exercise being hosted by the US.
- The exercise is taking place in Northern Pacific's Guam amid some strain in ties between India and the US over Washington's policies on trade and tariff.
- "Following the harbour phase, all participating units will proceed for the sea phase, wherein ships and aircraft will take part in naval drills, focusing on joint fleet operations, anti-submarine warfare, gunnery serials and flying operations," the Indian Navy said in a statement.



Pakistan Navy Ship in Bangladesh after over 50 years

- A Pakistan Navy ship arrived at Bangladesh's Chattogram (Chittagong) Port last Friday on a four-day "goodwill" visit, the first such occurrence since 1971, amid a dramatic turnaround in bilateral ties after nearly two decades of hostility.
- Analysts said the development signalled Pakistan's attempt to establish its presence in the Bay of Bengal and that this had security implications for eastern India and Myanmar.
- Such engagements were not frequent even during pro-Pakistan regimes in Dhaka after Sheikh Mujib's assassination or during BNP rules, analysts said. Pakistan has stepped up military engagements with Bangladesh, although its efforts to expand business linkages with the country did not yield significant results.



Asim Munir To Get Another Promotion

- Pakistan Army Chief General Syed Asim Munir is reportedly set for another promotion, his second this year, as the government plans to establish a new post of **Chief of Defence Forces** (CDF) under the proposed 27th Constitutional Amendment.
- The amendment seeks to create a unified command structure for the Army, Navy, and Air Force, with the CDF serving as the top military authority, similar to India's Chief of Defence Staff (CDS).
- Just days after the India-Pakistan conflict in May, Munir was promoted to the rank of Field Marshal, the highest military rank in Pakistan. If the amendment is passed, he is expected to take over as the country's first Chief of Defence Forces, further consolidating his authority within Pakistan's defence establishment.
- The 27th Constitutional Amendment bill presented in parliament proposes changes to Article 243 of the Constitution, which deals with the armed forces among other issues. Under the amendment bill, the President will appoint the Army Chief and the Chief of Defence Force on the advice of the Prime Minister.



India Set To Leases Russia's 'Stealth' Nuclear Submarines

- India is leasing Russian Akula-class nuclear-powered attack submarines (SSNs) as a strategic "stopgap" to fill a critical capability gap in its underwater combat fleet, crucial for deterring threats from China and Pakistan.
- The leasing program, which dates back to the Cold War, allows India to gain operational experience and train crews while its indigenous nuclear submarine program, including the Arihant-class SSBNs, develops slowly due to lack of expertise and delays.

- The most recent leased submarine, INS Chakra-III (K-519 Irbis), is an upgraded Akula-class vessel that was originally to be delivered by 2025 under a \$3 billion deal signed in 2019. However, its delivery has been delayed until at least 2028, primarily due to technical issues, disruptions caused by the Russia-Ukraine war, and Western sanctions affecting Russia's ship refurbishment processes.
- The K-519 Irbis, originally laid down at the Amur Shipyard in 1994, was mothballed following Russia's financial collapse in the mid-1990s. Approximately 40 per cent complete, it now represents a viable candidate for transfer to India following significant modernisation.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **Exercise Brahmarshira was conducted by the Indian Army in which region?**
 - A. Thar Desert
 - B. Rann and Creek Sector
 - C. Andaman & Nicobar Islands
 - D. Eastern Himalayas

ANSWER: B

2. **Which of the following countries participate in the Malabar Naval Exercise 2025?**
 - A. India, USA, Australia, Japan
 - B. India, UK, France, Japan
 - C. India, Russia, USA, Australia
 - D. India, Japan, South Korea, Australia

ANSWER: A

3. The creation of the Chief of Defence Forces post in Pakistan is proposed under which constitutional amendment?

- A. 25th Amendment
- B. 26th Amendment
- C. 27th Amendment
- D. 28th Amendment

ANSWER: C

4. What is the name of the Russian Akula-class submarine India plans to lease under a \$3 billion deal?

- A. K-43
- B. K-219
- C. K-519 Iribis (INS Chakra-III)
- D. K-152 Nerpa

ANSWER: C

5. The first visit of a Pakistan Navy ship to Bangladesh since 1971 took place at which port?

- A. Mongla Port
- B. Karachi Port
- C. Chittagong (Chattogram) Port
- D. Cox's Bazar Port

ANSWER: C

6. Army Airborne Training School Is Located At

- A. Agra
- B. Mumbai
- C. Pune
- D. Nagpur

ANSWER: A

7. "Early Intervention Centre- Prayas" Has Been Established At

- A. ARMY HOSPITAL (R&R)
- B. AIIMS Delhi
- C. Northern Army Command
- D. Eastern Army Command

ANSWER: A

8. Ex EASTERN BRIDGE Conducted B/W India &

- A. UK
- B. Oman
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. USA

ANSWER: B

9. Duty, Honour, Courage Is The Motto Of

- A. Maratha Light Infantry
- B. The Grenadiers
- C. Rajput Regiment
- D. Jat Regiment

ANSWER: A

10. Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation Hq Is In

- A. Mauritius
- B. Qatar
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

11. Surface Mine Clearing System on Sarath manufactured by

- A. Ordnance Factory Medak
- B. HAL
- C. DRDO
- D. MDL

ANSWER: A

12. College of Defence Management Is In

- A. Secunderabad
- B. Chennai
- C. Noida
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: A

13. GAGAN Stands For

- A. GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigate
- B. GPS Aided Geography Augmented Navigation
- C. GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigation
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

14. Regimental Centre of GARHWAL RIFLES Is In

- A. Happy Valley, Shillong, Meghalaya
- B. Ranikhet, Uttarakhand
- C. Lansdowne, Uttarakhand
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

15. Harare Is The Capital Of

- A. Uzbekistan
- B. Qatar
- C. Zambia
- D. Zimbabwe

ANSWER: D

16. "Forging Mettle : Nrupender Rao and the Pennar Story" Book Written By

- A. Vijay Sharma
- B. Manish Kumar
- C. Sumit Nayar
- D. Pavan C Lall

ANSWER: D

17. The Eurocopter Tiger Is A

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

ANSWER: A

18. INS Jalashwa Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Amphibious transport dock

ANSWER: D

19. CDAC Stands For

- A. Centre for Development of Advanced Concept
- B. Centre for Development of Adert Computing
- C. Centre for Development of Advanced Computing
- D. None

ANSWER: C

20. Heckler & Koch PSG1 Is A

- A. Tank
- B. Missile
- C. Sniper Rifle
- D. Submarine

ANSWER: C