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Trishul War Museum

- The Moradabad Municipal Corporation is developing the Trishul War Museum, which will display veteran military equipment, including tanks, a MiG-27 aircraft, the INS Vikrant, and other armaments supplied by the DRDO and the defence ministry.
- Additionally, the museum will highlight the valour of the Indian armed forces through automated models and projections. A map of India, provided by the Defence Ministry and depicting the nation's borders, will also be on display.
- To recreate the battlefield experience, trenches and projected models simulating wartime conditions will also be incorporated in the museum.



Army Receives Final Batch of Apache AH-64E

- The Indian Army has received the remaining three Boeing Apache attack helicopters, which will soon join the Army's 451 Army Aviation Squadron based in Jodhpur.

- According to the Army, the helicopters will be deployed in Jodhpur after assembly, joint inspections and completion of other formalities in the coming days. The helicopters were brought to India aboard an Antonov An-124 aircraft.
- The Apache helicopter can carry a range of weapons, including air-to-ground Hellfire missiles, 70 mm Hydra rockets and air-to-air Stinger missiles.
- It is also equipped with a 30 mm chain gun with 1,200 rounds as part of its area weapon subsystem. The helicopter is equipped with the Longbow fire-control radar.
- Apache is the only attack helicopter in the world with a fire-control radar that provides 360-degree coverage, along with a nose-mounted sensor suite for target acquisition and night-vision operations.
- The Boeing AH-64E is the most advanced Apache configuration and is designed for multi-domain Operations. The AH-64E Version 6 includes upgrades to sensors, software and weapons performance.
- The Indian Air Force already operates a fleet of 22 Apache helicopters, which are deployed in Ladakh and western sectors.



Exercise EKUVERIN

- The bilateral military Exercise EKUVERIN, conducted between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Forces (MNDF), concluded with a joint validation exercise at Thiruvananthapuram, marking the end of two weeks of intensive training focused on counter-insurgency and counter-terrorist operations in contemporary operational environments.
- The exercise aimed to enhance interoperability, operational synergy and tactical coordination between the two forces in sub-conventional conflict scenarios.
- Key training activities included cordon-and-search operations, room intervention drills, small-team tactics, reflex firing and close-quarter battle techniques, all designed to improve precision, speed and effectiveness during counter-terror operations.



Exercise AviaIndra

- Personnel from the air forces of India and Russia are taking part in an ongoing defence exercise, during which they will conduct joint flying operations on Su-30 MKI, Tejas, IL-78 and Mi-17 helicopters, and share best practices, according to the IAF.
- The Indian Air Force is hosting 'Exercise AviaIndra', a joint exercise with the Russian Federation Aerospace Force (RFASF) from December 15-22, officials said.
- "The exercise reflects the long-standing Indo-Russian relationship and continues the AviaIndra series which began in 2014," the IAF posted on X.



Exercise Desert Cyclone

- Militaries of India and the UAE are scheduled to take part in a joint exercise from December 18-30 that seeks to enhance interoperability and foster defence cooperation between the two sides.
- An Indian Army contingent has departed for the United Arab Emirates to participate in the second edition of Exercise Desert Cyclone to be conducted in Abu Dhabi.
- The Indian contingent comprises 45 personnel, primarily from a battalion of the **Mechanised Infantry Regiment**. The UAE Land Forces contingent, of similar strength, will be represented by the 53 Mechanised Infantry Battalion, the defence ministry said.
- "The aim of the exercise is to enhance interoperability and foster defence cooperation between the Indian Army and the UAE Land Forces through joint training in an urban environment, with a focus on sub-conventional operations under a UN mandate, enabling both forces to operate together in peacekeeping, counter-terrorism and stability operations".
- In addition, the integration of UAS (Unmanned Aerial System) and counter-UAS techniques will be carried out for conduct of operations in built-up areas.
- The visiting United Arab Emirates leader had also engaged in high-level discussions with senior military leaders. He was also briefed on Operation Sindoor and India's security perspective in the region, officials earlier said.



US approves \$11.1 Billion Arms Package for Taiwan

- The United States approved \$11.1 billion in arms sales to Taiwan, the largest ever U.S. weapons package for the island which is under increasing military pressure from China.
- The Taiwan arms sale announcement is the second under U.S. President Donald Trump's current administration and comes as Beijing ramps up its military and diplomatic pressure against Taiwan, whose government rejects Beijing's sovereignty claims.
- The proposed arms sale covers eight items, including HIMARS rocket systems, howitzers, Javelin anti-tank missiles, Altius loitering munition drones and parts for other equipment, Taiwan's defence ministry said in a statement.
- The ministry said the package is at the Congressional notification stage, which is where Congress has a chance to block or alter the sale should it wish, though Taiwan has widespread cross-party support.
- Taiwan President Lai Ching-te last month announced a \$40 billion supplementary defence budget, to run from 2026 to 2033, saying there was "no room for compromise on national security".
- The Trump administration's national security strategy unveiled earlier this month said the U.S. aimed to deter conflict over Taiwan by "preserving military overmatch" against China in the region, language welcomed in Taipei.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Where was DSC A20 commissioned into the Indian Navy?

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

ANSWER: C

2. Which company is building the Diving Support Craft (DSC) series for the Indian Navy?

- A. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
- B. Garden Reach Shipbuilders
- C. Larsen & Toubro
- D. Titagarh Rail System Limited

ANSWER: D

3. The Bombardier Global-6500 aircraft selected for ISTAR missions are primarily meant for which role?

- A. Strategic bombing
- B. Air refuelling
- C. Airborne surveillance and command
- D. Fighter escort

ANSWER: C

4. DHRUV64 is India's first indigenous microprocessor with which key feature?

- A. 32-bit single core
- B. 64-bit dual core
- C. Quad-core architecture
- D. AI-only processor

ANSWER: B

5. Astrobase's rocket engine uses which propulsion cycle?

- A. Gas generator cycle
- B. Pressure-fed cycle
- C. Staged combustion cycle
- D. Full-flow staged combustion cycle

ANSWER: D

6. Where was the 14th edition of the India-Russia naval exercise INDRA conducted?

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

ANSWER: B

7. Naib Subedar Jeremy Lalrinnunga is related with

- A. Table Tennis
- B. Cricket
- C. Boxing
- D. Weightlifting

ANSWER: D

8. The Jawaharlal Nehru Port is located At

- A. Paradip
- B. Cochin
- C. Kolkata
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: D

9. 'Iron Beam' new laser-based air defence system Made By

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Israel
- D. Russia

ANSWER: C

10. First Submarine Developed Under P-75 Is

- A. INS Kalvari
- B. INS Khanderi
- C. INS Karanj
- D. INS Vela

ANSWER: A

11. Who Wrote The Book New Dimensions Of India's Foreign Policy?

- A. Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- B. Abdul Kalam Azad
- C. Amit Chaudhuri
- D. Raghuram Rajan

ANSWER: A

12. Mechanical Training Institute (MTI) Of IAF Is In

- A. Yelahanka, Bengaluru
- B. Jalahalli, Bengaluru
- C. Tambaram Chennai
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

13. Central Statistical Organization Hq Is In

- A. New Delhi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

14. Ex SHAKTI, Ex VARUNA, GARUDA India conducted with

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France

D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

15. Yaounde Is The Capital Of

A. Cameroon

B. Canada

C. UAE

D. Burundi

ANSWER: A

16. "The Oath of the Vayuputras" Book Is Written By

A. Amish Tripathi

B. Issac Newton

C. Mahashweta Devi

D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

17. 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

18. Commander Rank of Indian Navy Is Equivalent To Rank Of IAF Is

A. Wing Commander

B. Squadron Leader

C. Group Captain

D. Flying Officer

ANSWER: A

19. INS Visakhapatnam (D66) Manufactured By

A. GRSE

B. MDL

C. CSL

D. Boeing

ANSWER: B

20. War Cry of the BIHAR REGIMENT

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

ANSWER: C