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### **1. India-Indonesia Joint Special Forces Exercise Garud Shakti 2022 commenced at Cilodong, Indonesia ( Nov. 24, 2022 )**

Exercise Garuda Shakti

A contingent of Indian Special Forces soldiers is currently participating in **Exercise Garuda Shakti**, a bilateral joint training exercise with Indonesian Special Forces at **Sanga Buana Training Area, Karawang, Indonesia**.

#### **Important facts**

- Garuda Shakti, the **eighth edition of the series of bilateral exercises**, is being conducted at Sangga Buana Training Area, Karawang.
- The exercise, which began on November 21, aims to enhance understanding, cooperation and interoperability between the special forces of both the armies.
- The scope of the joint exercise includes orientation, sharing of information on weapons, equipment, innovations, tactics, techniques and procedures to upgrade the skills of the Special Forces.
- The joint training will also focus on a high level of physical fitness, tactical drills, techniques and procedures, for which a comprehensive 13-day training program has been drawn up.

### **2. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh co chair the first India ASEAN defence ministers meeting in Cambodia ( Nov. 22, 2022 )**

first India ASEAN defence ministers meeting

Indian defence minister **Rajnath Singh** arrived in [Cambodia](#) on 21 November 2022 to participate in the to co-chair the **first India-ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting** and attend the **9th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM Plus)**. This year, India and Cambodia are celebrating 70 years of diplomatic ties.

On 22 November he along with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence of Cambodia General **TEA Banh** co-chaired the first **India-ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting** to commemorate the 30 years of ASEAN-India Dialogue Relations. Also the year 2022 is being celebrated as the **ASEAN-India Friendship Year** to commemorate the 30 years of ASEAN-India Dialogue Relations.

He will also attend the **9th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM Plus)** to be held on 23 November 2022.

Cambodia is the **current chairman of the ASEAN** (Association of South East Nation) and all ASEAN related summits and conferences are being hosted by it. Both the 9th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM Plus) and India-ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting will be held at **Siem Reap**, Cambodia. Siem Reap is the second largest city of Cambodia after its capital Phnom Penh.

## **Angkor Wat**

Siem Reap province of Cambodia is home to **Angkor Wat**. It is a world heritage site and is the world's **largest religious structure**, covering some 400 acres. It is dedicated to Hindu gods and goddesses. **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)** is helping in the preservation of the Temple.

## **ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM Plus)**

The ADMM-Plus is a platform for ASEAN and its eight Dialogue Partners **Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Russia** and the **United States** (collectively referred to as the "Plus Countries"), to strengthen security and defence cooperation for peace, stability, and development in the region.

The first ADMM-Plus was convened in **Ha Noi, Viet Nam**, on 12 October 2010.

## **Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)**

It is an association of 10 countries of SouthEast Asia. They are **Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam**. The headquarters of ASEAN: **Jakarta, Indonesia**.

## **3. 13th bilateral naval exercise Naseem Al Bahr-2022, between Indian and Omani navy start off the coast of Oman ( Nov. 21, 2022 )**

Naseem Al Bahr-2022

The 13th edition of bilateral exercise between the Indian and the Royal Oman navies, **Naseem Al Bahr-2022**, commenced off the **coast of Oman** on 20 November 2022. The exercise is being conducted in two phases: the Harbour Phase and the Sea Phase.

Naseem Al Bahr naval exercise was started in **1993**. The last edition was conducted off **Goa in 2019**.

The Indian Navy's guided missile frigate **Trikand** and Offshore Patrol Vessel **Sumitra**, with their integral helicopters, and the maritime patrol aircraft, Dornier, are participating in the exercise.

The exercise facilitates operational-level interaction between the two navies to foster mutual cooperation and enhance good order at sea.

The exercise also aims to strengthen the ancient maritime and cultural linkages between India and Oman.

## **4. Shtrunash exercise conducted by the South Western command of the Indian Army in Rajasthan ( Nov. 21, 2022 )**

Shtrunash exercise

The South Western [Command](#) of the Indian Army conducted an Integrated Fire Power Exercise, “**SHATRUNASH**” in **Thar desert** of Rajasthan on 21 November 2022.

The exercise witnessed use of multifarious firing platforms in an integrated manner involving both ground & aerial manoeuvres.

Various actions included insertion of troops, offensive ground actions involving comprehensive coordination incorporating contemporary technologies in a multi domain environment.

Real time communication and sharing of common operating pictures amongst various participants to overcome emerging threats were practiced & skills were honed.

South Western Command of Indian Army: **Jaipur**

General Officer Commanding In Chief of the South Western Command : **Lieutenant General A S Bhinder**

## **5. IAF Air Fest 2022 organised at Vayusena Nagar in Nagpur ( Nov. 19, 2022 )**

IAF Air Fest 2022

The Indian Air Force annual show, Air Fest 2022 commenced with a visually stunning and breath-taking performances of the Air Force's planes & helicopters at Headquarters Maintenance Command, **Vayusena Nagar in Nagpur** on 19 November 2022.

The Air Fest is being conducted as a part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. The objective of the Air Fest is to showcase various facets of the Indian Air Force and motivate the youth of Nagpur to choose the Indian Air Force for an exciting career.

### **Indian Air Force and its command structure**

It was set up on 8 October 1932. It comes under the Union Defence Ministry.

President of India is the Supreme Commander of the Air Force.

Every year October **8 is observed as [Air Force Day](#).**

Chief of Air Staff: **Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari**

### **Command structure of the Indian Air Force**

Serial No	Command	Headquarters
1	Western Air Command	Delhi
2	South-Western Air Command	Gandhinagar
3	Central Air Command	Prayagraj
4	Eastern Air Command	Shillong

5	Southern Air Command	Thiruvananthapuram
6	Training Command	Bengaluru
7	Maintenance Command	Nagpur

## **6. 20th National Maritime Search & Rescue Board meeting of the Coast Guard held in Gujarat ( Nov. 18, 2022 )**

20th National Maritime Search & Rescue Board meeting

The [Indian Coast Guard \(ICG\)](#) conducted the 20th National Maritime Search and Rescue (NMSAR) Board meeting at Kevadia, Gujarat on November 18, 2022. The apex level meeting was chaired by Director General of the Coast Guard **VS Pathania** who is also the Chairman of NMSAR Board.

During the meeting, Shri VS Pathania launched the National Maritime Search and Rescue Plan-2022. It serves as a policy document for all the participating agencies & stakeholders for directing an integrated and coordinated approach towards the functioning of the M-SAR system.

The NMSAR Board, comprising 31 members from various central ministries/agencies, members of the Armed Forces, all Coastal States & Union Territories, meets annually to discuss policy issues, formulate guidelines & procedures, and assess the efficacy of National Maritime Search and Rescue Plan and services for mariners and fishermen in the vast 4.6 million sq km of Indian Search and Rescue Region (ISRR).

**The Indian Coast Guard** which comes under the Union Ministry of Defence and Its main role is to prevent seaborne smuggling of goods, to ensure the safety and protection of the islands, and to provide protection and assistance to the Indian fishermen and mariners at the high seas.

## **7. Army Chief General Manoj Pandey received guard of honour at Les Invalides in Paris ( Nov. 18, 2022 )**

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Army Chief **General Manoj Pande** who is on a four-day visit to **France**, received a **Guard of Honour** at the **Les Invalides in Paris** on 17 November, 2022.

### **Important facts**

- General Manoj Pande held talks with his French counterpart **General Pierre Schille** and discussed issues of mutual interest during his visit to the European country.
- The Chief of Army Staff is on a visit to France from 14 to 17 November.

- Gen Pande left for France on November 14 on a four-day visit with an aim to further strengthen the "**bond of trust**" between the Indian and French armies amid the rapidly evolving security matrix and geopolitical situation.
- General Pande held extensive talks with the top military brass of France including the Chief of the Defence Staff, the Chief of the Army Staff and the Commander of the Land Combat Forces.

## **About France**

- France is located on the **western edge of Europe**
- Prime minister: **Élisabeth Borne**
- President: **Emmanuel Macron**
- Capital: **Paris**
- Currency: **euro**

## **8. For the first time, six women officers clear Defence Services Staff College examination ( Nov. 17, 2022 )**

six women officers cleared DSSC examination.

**For the first time** in the history of the Indian Army **six women officers** have cleared the **Defence Services Staff College (DSSC) examination**.

### **Important facts**

- Of the 15 women officers who appeared in this year's DSSC exam, six cleared it.
- Every year, 1,500-1,600 officers appear for this prestigious exam but only around 300 get selected.
- Six women officers will join the prestigious War College in Wellington, a move that comes after the Army granted permanent commission to women officers last year.
- They will start their academic session from April 2023.
- The DSSC course is run for Major and Lt Col equivalent ranks of the three Services.
- After the completion of the DSSC course, officers will be eligible for important staff appointments to higher ranks of the Indian Army as well as for foreign postings.

## **About Defence Services Staff College (DSSC)**

- It is one of the oldest military institutions in India. It was set up in India in 1905 as the Army Staff College at Deolali and was relocated to Quetta, now in Pak, in 1907.
- It was shifted to Wellington in 1947 after the partition of the subcontinent.

- Many army officers have done the DSSC course, including former Chief of Defense Staff
- General Bipin Rawat.

## **9. INDO - US Joint training Exercise "YUDH ABHYAS 2022" to commence in Uttarakhand ( Nov. 15, 2022 )**

Yudh Abhyas 22

The **18th edition** of Indo-US joint training exercise "**Yudh Abhyas 22**" will be held in **Auli, Uttarakhand** in November 2022.

### **Important facts**

- The 'Yudh Abhyas' between **India and the US** is held annually with the aim of exchanging best practices, strategies, techniques and procedures between the armies of the two countries.
- The previous edition of this exercise was conducted in **October 2021** at **Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, Alaska (USA)**.
- The US Army soldier from the **2nd Brigade** of the **11th Airborne Division** and **Indian Army soldier** from the **Assam Regiment** will participate in the exercise.
- The training schedule focuses on employment of an integrated battle group under **Chapter VII of the UN Mandate**.
- The training program will cover all functions related to **peacekeeping and peace enforcement**.
- Soldiers of both the countries will work together to achieve common objectives. The joint exercise will also focus on **Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR)** operations.
- Troops of both the countries will practise launching quick and coordinated relief efforts in the wake of any natural calamity.
- The exercise was **started in 2004** under the **US Army Pacific Partnership Program**.

### **Other Exercises between India and the USA**

- **Exercise Tiger Triumph** - Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief exercise
- **Exercise Vajra Prahar** - Special Forces' Exercise
- **Cope India** - Air Force
- **Malabar Exercise** - Quadrilateral naval exercise of India, USA, Japan and Australia
- **Red Flag** - US' multilateral air exercise

**10. The third edition of Coastal Defence Exercise 'Sea Vigil-22' began on 15 November ( Nov. 15, 2022 )**

The **third edition** of the two-day '**Sea Vigil-22**' is commencing on the **eastern seaboard** from November 15 as part of an all-India coastal defence exercise.

**Important facts**

- The exercise was conceptualised in the **year 2018** among various measures initiated to enhance maritime security since the **26/11 Mumbai attacks**.
- The exercise will be conducted along the country's 7,516 km long coastline covering India's **Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)**.
- The exercise will involve all coastal states, union territories and other maritime stakeholders including fishing and coastal communities.
- The exercise is being conducted by the **Indian Navy** in coordination with the **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** and the ministries tasked with maritime activities.
- This exercise is a build-up towards the major **Theatre Level Readiness Operational Exercise (TROPEX)**, which is conducted by the Indian Navy every two years.
- '**Sea Vigil**' and '**TROPEX**' together will cover the entire spectrum of maritime security challenges.
- Assets from the Indian Navy, Coast Guard, Customs and other maritime agencies will participate in the 'Sea Vigil' exercise.
- Apart from the Defense Ministry, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Customs and other Central/State agencies are also assisting in the conduct of this exercise.
- The exercise will provide a realistic assessment of **India's strengths and weaknesses**, which will help further strengthen maritime and national security.