



## Rapid Fire Current Affairs

### 13<sup>th</sup> edition of Exercise Bold Kurukshetra



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The Singapore Army and Indian Army **participated in the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of Exercise Bold Kurukshetra**, a bilateral armour exercise at Jodhpur Military Station, India. The exercise was hosted by the Indian army.

For the first time in the exercise series, **both armies participated in a command post Exercise**, which involved Battalion and Brigade level planning elements and computer wargaming.

Exercise **Bold Kurukshetra is conducted under the ambit of the bilateral arrangement for the joint Army Training and exercises between the Singapore Army and the Indian Army**. The exercise was first conducted in 2005. **Other exercise between India and Singapore includes Joint Military Training** (Air Force), [Trilateral Maritime Exercise SIMTEX](#) (With Thailand) and [Exercise Agni Warrior](#) (Army).

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### No More Compensation for the Victims of Bhopal Gas Tragedy: SC

Recently, **the Supreme Court of India dismissed the Centre's curative petition seeking more compensation from the Union Carbide Company (UCC)** for the victims of the gas tragedy that struck Bhopal in 1984.

On December 3, 1989, **the highly dangerous and toxic gas, methyl isocyanate (MIC)** (Chemical formula-  $\text{CH}_3\text{NCO}$  or  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{NO}$ ), leaked from the Union Carbide India Limited (UCIL) in Bhopal. **The tragedy resulted in the death of 5,295 people and injuries to almost 5,68,292 persons** besides substantial loss of livestock and property.

**Read More:** [Bhopal Gas Tragedy](#)

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## Nuclear-powered Attack Submarines & AUKUS

The United States, Australia and Britain unveiled details of a plan to **provide Australia with nuclear-powered attack submarines from the early 2030s to counter China's ambitions in the Indo-Pacific.**

The agreement **is included under the 2021 AUKUS partnership** as part of a shared commitment to a free-and-open Indo-Pacific region.

In September 2021, **the US announced a new trilateral security partnership for the Indo-Pacific, between Australia, the UK and the US (AUKUS).** The major highlight of this arrangement is the **sharing of US nuclear submarine technology to Australia.** Its Indo-pacific orientation makes it an alliance against China's assertive actions in the [South China Sea](#).

**Read More:** [AUKUS, China's Expansion in Indo-Pacific Region](#)

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## Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS)

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted two consecutive **successful flight tests of the Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) missile** at the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.

VSHORADS is a **Man Portable Air Defence System (MANPAD) meant for neutralising low-altitude aerial threats at short ranges.** It has been designed and developed indigenously by Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad in collaboration with other DRDO laboratories and Indian Industry Partners. **The missile incorporates many novel technologies.**

**Read More:** [Defence Research and Development Organisation \(DRDO\), VSHORADS & MANPAD](#)

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