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PIB: GS 3 - Defence

Ministry of Defence



Indian Army and Air Force Contingent Departs for India-Kazakhstan Joint Military Exercise KAZIND-2023

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Indian Army and Indian Air Force contingent comprising 120 personnel departed for Kazakhstan today to take part in the 7th edition of Joint Military 'Exercise KAZIND-2023'. The Exercise will be conducted at Otar, Kazakhstan from 30th October to 11th November 2023.

Indian Army contingent comprises 90 personnel led by a Battalion from the DOGRA Regiment. The Kazakhstan contingent is mainly represented by personnel from Regional Command South of Kazakh Ground Forces. 30 personnel of Air Force from both sides will also participate in the current edition of the Exercise alongside the Army contingents.

The Joint Exercise between India and Kazakhstan was instituted as 'Exercise PRABAL DOSTYK' in the year 2016. After the second edition, the Exercise was upgraded to a company-level exercise and renamed as 'Exercise KAZIND'. The Exercise has been further upgraded as a Bi-service Exercise this year by including the Air Force component.



In this edition of the Exercise, both sides will practice conduct of Counter Terrorism operations in a sub-conventional environment under United Nations mandate. The contingents will jointly rehearse various tactical drills to include Raid, Search and Destroy Operations, Small Team Insertion and Extraction Operations etc. The scope of the Exercise also includes conduct of Counter Unmanned Aerial System Operations.

- Indian Army and Indian Air Force Contingent departs for India-Kazakhstan Joint Military Exercise **KAZIND-2023**.
- The Exercise will be conducted at Otar, Kazakhstan from 30th October to 11th November 2023.
- The joint training will develop the necessary skills, resilience and coordination to conduct joint military operations in Semi-Urban and Urban environments.
- Kazakhstan is a landlocked country. It borders Russia to the north and west, China to the east, Kyrgyzstan to the southeast, Uzbekistan to the south, and Turkmenistan to the southwest, with a coastline along the Caspian Sea.
- Its capital is Astana.

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PIB : GS 3-Infrastructure

Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs

16th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Exhibition 2023 concludes today

Secretary MoHUA highlights importance of smart cards as a convenient and efficient means of payment for commuters

Awards for “Excellence/ best practice projects in Urban Transport” distributed

Srinagar Smart City Limited receives award for Best Public Transport System

Jabalpur City Transport Services Limited awarded for its Innovative Financing Mechanism

City with Best Green Transport Initiative is Kochi Metro Rail Limited for their Kochi Water Metro project

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- **16th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Exhibition 2023.**
- It was organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs through the Institute of Urban Transport (India) and with the support of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. from 27th – 29th October, 2023 at the Manekshaw Centre, Parade Road, Delhi Cantt., New Delhi.
- It brought together leaders, experts, and stakeholders from across the globe to discuss and collaborate on the future of urban transportation.
- Awards for “Excellence/ best practice projects in Urban Transport” were distributed.

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The Hindu: GS 2-Indian Polity (Page 6)

Give up impropriety, demonstrate impartiality

The Speakers of the Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies must carry out their functions in consonance with sound democratic practices

As the presiding officer of the Lok Sabha at the Centre and the Legislative Assembly in the States, the Speaker is required to act in an impartial manner.

- Under the Indian Constitution, the Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies elect two of its members to be the Speaker and Deputy Speaker, respectively.
- Apart from the traditional roles with respect to the conduct of business, the Speakers perform two important functions:
 - of certifying a Bill to be a Money Bill (over which the Rajya Sabha/Legislative Council have a limited role), and
 - deciding on disqualification under the Tenth Schedule for defection.
- The Lok Sabha and Legislative Assembly rules provide for suspension of members for misconduct in the House.

It has been noticed that the Speakers and the Houses misuse these provisions more often than not against the Opposition members.

The Hindu :GS 3- Economy (Page 10)

Government preparing to release Vision India 2047 document

Focus is on making India a developed nation by 2047 and ensuring that the country doesn't slip into a middle-income trap

The NITI Aayog is in the midst of finalising a national vision plan to make India a developed nation by 2047 It includes:

- An outline of reforms and outcomes to be achieved by 2030.
- Structural changes in governance that will be critical to make India a \$30 trillion economy by 2047 with a per-capita income of \$18,000-20,000.
- It will also ensure that the country doesn't slip into a middle-income trap that several countries have fallen into at similar stages of development.

The Hindu: GS 3- Environment (Page 12)

Developed countries to overshoot carbon emissions goal: study

The U.S., Russia and EU will be responsible for 83% of the projected overshoot, according to a CEEW study; developed countries were able to meet their 2020 targets largely due to COVID-19 lockdowns

A study was published last week by the Council for Energy Environment and Water (CEEW), a Delhi-based thinktank. According to the study:

- Developed countries — responsible for three-fourths of existing carbon emissions in the atmosphere — will end up emitting 38% more carbon in 2030 than they have committed to, going by current trajectories.
- In fact, 83% of this overshoot will be caused by the United States, Russia, and the European Union.

Indian Express : Environment (GS III) - Page 4

Delhi's air most polluted since 2020 even after farm fires in Punjab see sharp dip

Pollutants accumulating due to less rain and calm winds aren't getting dispersed in low temperatures, says official

- The Delhi's air is the most polluted it has been since 2020. According to data maintained by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), the average AQI in the city stands at 210 between October 1 and October 29, lower only than the 257 recorded in October 2020.
- **What is Air Pollution?** Air pollution is the presence of substances in the atmosphere that are harmful to the health of humans and other living beings, or cause damage to the climate or to materials.
- **Source of Pollution:** crop burning, automobile, low rainfall or wind velocity etc.
- **Consequences of Air Pollution:** Large number of deaths, Health issues, productivity loss.
- Steps Taken: **The National Clean Air Plan (NCAP)**, expansion of electric bus fleet, etc.

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Indian Express: GS II/IR (Page 7)

News / World / PM Modi dials Egypt's El-Sisi over Gaza, both agree on early peace

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Modi and El-Sisi spoke Saturday and shared concern over terrorism, violence and loss of civilian lives. They emphasised on facilitating humanitarian assistance to those in need.

- Indian PM held a telephonic conversation with the Egyptian President over the ongoing military operations conducted by Israel in Gaza Strip.
- Both sides discussed their shared concerns towards terrorism, violence and loss of lives in the West Asia.
- **Why Egypt Is So Important in the Israel-Hamas War?**
- Egypt controls the Rafah crossing, the only official entry point into the Gaza Strip not controlled by Israel. In the past, Egypt has opened and shut this crossing to put pressure on Hamas.