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DEFENCE UPDATES

24 & 25 JUNE 2021

Raksha Mantri reviews development works at Karwar Naval Base under 'Project Seabird'

- RM says it will be Asia's largest Naval Base and further strengthen the operational readiness of the Armed Forces.
- Project Sea bird is the largest naval infrastructure project for India in Karwar, Karnataka.
- It involves creation of a naval base at Karwar on the west coast of India.
- Upon completion, the program will provide Indian Navy with its largest naval base on the west coast and also the largest naval base east of the Suez Canal.
- Accompanied by Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Karambir Singh, Shri Rajnath Singh undertook an aerial survey of the Project Area and Sites before arriving at the INS Kadamba Heli Pad.
- He also visited the newly-constructed Sailors Married Accommodation areas too.
- On the efforts to boost self-reliance in Indian Navy, Shri Rajnath Singh said **more than two-thirds of Navy's modernisation budget has been spent on indigenous procurement in the last five financial years**. Lauding Navy's commitment towards 'Atmanirbhar Bharat', he stated that **out of the 48 ships and submarines, 46 are being inducted through indigenous construction**.

9th Moscow Conference on International Security

- Defence Secretary participated in this on the topic 'Role of Military Agencies in fighting against COVID-19', in Moscow, Russia on June 23, 2021.
- Defence Ministers of Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Zimbabwe, Sudan and UN Under Secretary General for Peacekeeping among others participated in the session.

Indian Navy, Indian Air Force – US Navy Carrier Strike Group Passage Exercise (23 – 24 June)

- **Indian Naval Assets:** INS Kochi, INS Teg, P8I and MiG 29K aircraft.
- **Indian Air Force Assets:** Jaguars & Su-30 MKI fighters, AWACS, AEW&C and Air to Air Refueller aircraft.
- **US Assets:** Nimitz class aircraft carrier Ronald Reagan, Arleigh Burke class guided missile destroyer USS Halsey and Ticonderoga class guided missile cruiser USS Shiloh.
- High tempo operations during the exercise include advanced air defence exercises, cross deck helicopter operations and anti-submarine exercises. The participating forces will endeavour to hone their war-fighting skills and enhance their interoperability as an integrated force to promote peace, security and stability in the maritime domain.

Andaman & Nicobar Command celebrated World Hydrography Day at Port Blair

- On 21 Jun 2021, Hydrographic fraternity of the Indian Navy celebrates this day every year through a series of coordinated events at the respective Commands to spread awareness of hydrography and its importance.
- Achievements and contributions of the Indian Naval Hydrographic Organisation will also be showcased.
- The theme for the event this year is "100 years of International Cooperation in Hydrography".

DRDO to test 'Agni Prime' soon

- 'Agni Prime' is the advanced version of the 'Agni-1' missile.
- It is a surface-to-surface short-range ballistic missile that will have a range of 1000 km to 1500 km and will have advanced features in agility and road mobility.
- Last year, DRDO launched 12 missiles in a span of 6 weeks between September and October.

DRDO initiates trials of advanced stealth SWiFT drone

- SWiFT (Stealth Wing Flying Testbed) is a 1-ton All Up Weight (AUW) Technological Demonstrator for the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (Stealth Bomber).
- SWiFT has been powered by an NPO Saturn 36MT turbofan engine, which is manufactured in Russia, that will be later replaced by Gas Turbine Research Establishment's (GTRE) Small Turbo Fan Engine (STFE).
- SWiFT will be extensively used for DRDO Ghatak.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Raksha Mantri recently reviewed development works at which Naval Base under 'Project Seabird'?

- A. Goa
- B. Karwar
- C. Andaman
- D. Kavaratti

ANSWER: B

2. Upon completion of Project Seabird, the program will provide Indian Navy with and also the.

- A. Largest naval base on the west coast
- B. Largest naval base east of the Suez Canal
- C. Both A and B
- D. Neither A nor B

ANSWER: C

3. On the efforts to boost self reliance in Indian Navy, Shri Rajnath Singh said ___ of Navy's modernisation budget has been spent on indigenous procurement in the last five financial years.

- A. more than two-thirds
- B. more than one-thirds
- C. more than three-fourths
- D. more than four-fifths

ANSWER: A

4. Which aircraft carrier of US Navy participated in the recently done Indian Navy, Indian Air Force – US Navy Carrier Strike Group Passage Exercise (23 – 24 June)?

- A. USS Nimitz
- B. USS Dwight D. Eisenhower
- C. USS Ronald Reagan
- D. USS Theodore Roosevelt

ANSWER: C

5. World Hydrography Day

- A. 12 June
- B. 21 June
- C. 22 June
- D. 24 June

ANSWER: B

6. 'Agni Prime' is the advanced version of the __ missile.

- A. Agni-1
- B. Agni-2
- C. Agni-3
- D. Agni-4

ANSWER: A

7. SWiFT full form:

- A. Stealth Wing Flying Testbed
- B. Stealth Wing Flying Test-course
- C. Special Wing Flying Testbed
- D. Special Wing Flying Test-course

ANSWER: A

8. SWiFT will be extensively used for

- A. DRDO Ghatak
- B. DRDO Abhyas
- C. DRDO Rustom
- D. DRDO Fluffy

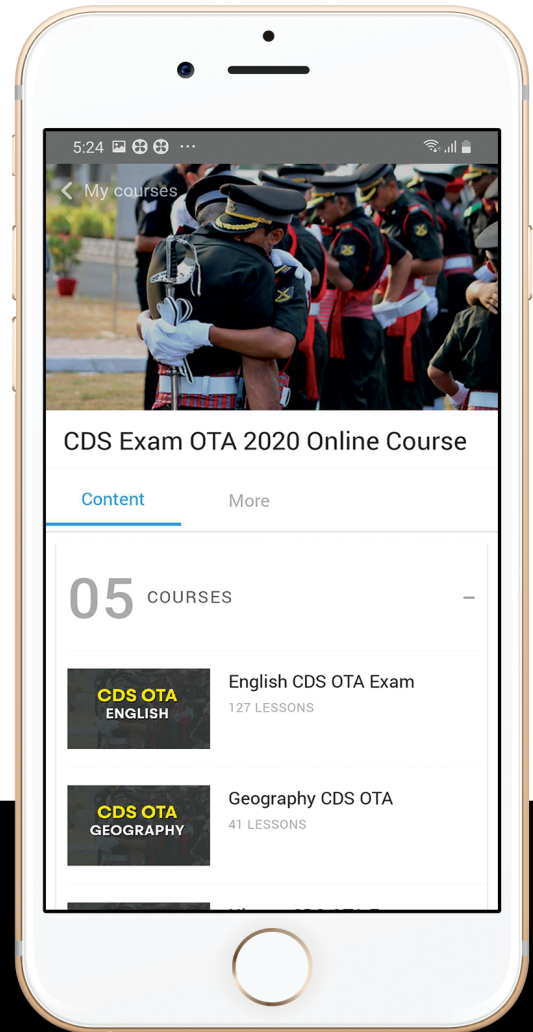
ANSWER: A



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