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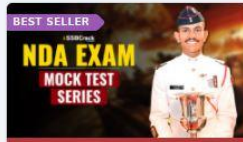
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Daily Defence Current Affairs

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Keel Laying Ceremony Of Fourth Ship Of SVL & Second And Third Ships Of ASW SWC

- Keel for the fourth ship of Survey Vessel (Large) and second & third ships of ASW SWC for the Indian Navy was ceremoniously laid on 17 Jun 2022 by VAdm SN Ghormade, Vice Chief of Naval Staff at M/s L&T, Kattupalli in the presence of RAdm GK Harish, DGND (SSG), RAdm Sandeep S Sandhu, ACWP&A, Cmde P R Hari (Retd), CMD, GRSE, Cmde Ashok Khetan (Retd), Head L&T shipbuilding, Directors, and other senior officials of the Indian Navy, GRSE and L&T.
- The Contract for construction of four SVL and eight ASW SWC for the Indian Navy was awarded to M/s GRSE as part of indigenous shipbuilding programme in Oct 18 and Apr 22 respectively. As part of the yard's build strategy, GRSE has subcontracted part construction of three ships of SVL and four ships of ASW SWC to M/s L&T, Kattupalli.
- VCNS also highlighted that construction of these vessels is a major boost for AatmaNirbhar Bharat and India's Make in India commitment with over 80% of equipment and systems being indigenous. The Chief Guest highlighted 39 out of 41 warships under order by Indian Navy today are being built indigenously.
- Survey Vessel Large (SVL) ships are capable for full scale coastal survey, deep-water Hydrographic survey and determination of Navigational channels/ routes. In addition, these platforms collect Oceanographic and Geophysical data for Defence applications. State of art equipment such as Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV), Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), Single/ Multi Beam Echo Sounders and Data Acquisition and Processing System (DAPS) are fitted onboard SVL vessels to increase the ocean research capability.
- VCNS during the event highlighted that the ASW SWC platforms will augment the Navy's ASW capability and serve as a deterrent against submarine threats. Armed with torpedoes, rockets, state of the art Hull Mounted Sonar (HMS) and

Low Frequency Variable Depth Sonar (LFVDS), the ASW SWC ships will significantly enhance Indian Navy ASW capability.



India Calls On EU To Fight Against Terrorism, Resolve Ukraine Conflict

- India on Friday called on the EU to collectively fight against terrorism and emphasised the need to resolve the Ukraine conflict in order to resolve the peace and security challenges at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).
- India's deputy envoy to United Nations, R Ravindra said, "The EU has an important role to play in our continued fight against terrorism and other new and emerging challenges.
- India is the chair of the counter-terrorism committee and 1988 sanctions committee. In this capacity, India would like the EU to step up its support to make our fight against terrorism a collective fight and one fought with "zero tolerance", without any double-speak."
- **Need For UNSC Reforms**
- The UN Security Council (UNSC), one of the main six organs of the United Nations, was established during the World War era. The organisation gives excessive powers to its five permanent members (P-5) which emerged as supreme powers of that era.
- **About UNSC:** The UNSC, with a mandate to maintain international peace and security, is the centerpiece of global multilateralism.

- It selects the UN Secretary-General and plays a co-terminus role with the UN General Assembly in electing judges to the International Court of Justice.
- Its resolutions, adopted under chapter VII of the UN charter, are binding on all countries.
- The UNSC is composed of 15 members, 5 permanent and 10 non-permanent.
- **Five permanent members:** China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, and the United States.
- Ten non-permanent members: Elected for **two-year** terms by the General Assembly.
- **India's Membership:** India has served **seven times** in the UN Security Council as a non-permanent member and in January 2021, India entered the UNSC for **the eighth time**.
- India has been advocating a permanent seat in UNSC.



Army To Start Formal Recruitment Process Under Agnipath Scheme In Two Days

- The Army will formally kick-start the process for recruitment under the Agnipath scheme within two days by coming out with an initial notification for the enrolment.
- After issuance of the initial notification, various agencies and establishments of the Army will subsequently come out with details of the induction process such as the number of vacancies, location of recruitment rallies and test schedules.

- The officials said the Army has set its target of starting the training of new recruits under the Agnipath scheme by December.
- The plan is to deploy the initial batches of recruits under the new scheme in operational and non-operational roles by around June next year.
- Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande said the government's decision to raise the upper age limit to 23 years from 21 for recruitment under the Agnipath scheme in 2022 will provide an opportunity to the youths preparing to join the force but couldn't do so due to the COVID-19 pandemic in the last two years.



MoU Signed b/w Indian Navy and NCMRWF for cooperation on Numerical Model

- National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF), Ministry of Earth Sciences, signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Navy, Ministry of Defence for 'Cooperation on Numerical Model Based Applications in Meteorology and Oceanology'. MoU was signed by Dr. Ashis K. Mitra, Head NCMRWF and Commodore G Rambabu, Head of Indian Navy's Directorate of Naval Oceanology and Meteorology (DNOM), Integrated Headquarters, Ministry of Defence (Navy) during the ceremony held at NCMRWF, Noida.
- The purpose of this collaboration would be to share the expertise with the aim of keeping both organisations in step with rapid development in the field of weather/ ocean modelling, coupled modelling, data assimilation, ensemble forecasting and satellite data use. In addition, this would also facilitate meaningful interactions that is drawn on the professional strengths of two organisations.
- NCMRWF with highly skilled scientists and state of the Art infrastructure would provide support to two of the premier establishments of Indian Navy located at

Kochi, i.e., Naval Operations Data Processing and Analysis Centre (NODPAC) and Indian Naval Meteorological Analysis Centre (INMAC) in developing advanced numerical weather prediction systems including coupled models, with increased reliability and accuracy over the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) and global regions.



IAF Chief Visited Six Forward Bases Address Troops Explaining Details Of Agnipath Scheme

- Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari will be visiting six forward bases on Friday where he would address the troops and discuss the details of the Agnipath entry scheme.
- Notably, the Air Force currently has over 60 air stations all over India. These are grouped into seven commands: Western Air Command at New Delhi, Eastern Air Command at Shillong, Central Air Command at Prayagraj, and Southern Air Command at Thiruvananthapuram (Trivandrum), South Western Air Command at Gandhinagar, Training Command at Bengaluru and Maintenance Command at Nagpur. The largest airbase is in Hindon, Uttar Pradesh.
- Indian Air Force on Friday appreciated the government for increasing the upper age limit to 23 from 21 for recruitment under the Agnipath scheme for the year 2022.
- In a virtual address, the Indian Air Force chief, Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari said, "Happy to announce that the upper age limit (for recruitment) has been revised to 23 years. This will benefit the youth. The recruitment process for Indian Air Force will begin on June 24."



India, China Help Lift Russia's Post-war Crude Oil Exports

- In 2022, despite severe sanctions, Russia's crude oil exports have been higher than the 2021 levels. While the European countries have continued to source their oil from Russia at levels recorded in 2021, exports were markedly higher to non-EU and non-G7 countries such as India.
- The chart shows weekly exports of Russian crude oil for 2021 and 2022. Following the invasion, Russia's crude exports have been, in general, higher than 2021 despite sanctions imposed by many countries.
- **India's crude dependency**
- Traditionally, India sources its oil from West Asian countries such as Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and UAE. Between 2017 and 2021, India sourced only 1% of its crude oil needs from Russia – which ranked 14th among India's suppliers



BDL, MBDA sign MoU to manufacture Mistral in India

- Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) and European missile manufacturer MBDA have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the ongoing EURO Saturday

2022 International Exhibition of Defence and Security in Paris for the manufacture of Mistral air-to-air missile system for helicopters.

- The Mistral has a maximum intercept range of 6.5 kilometers and can be used to take out hostile Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and helicopters.
- The Mistral has two launchers each carrying two missiles and it is already integrated into India's Rudra helicopter and Light Combat Helicopter.
- Under the licensing agreement MBDA will transfer the equipment and knowledge to Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) for establishing the facility that will start operation in the current fiscal year.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Ex Sampriti X Held In

- A. Jashore, Bangladesh
- B. Ranikhet, UK
- C. Dhaka, Bangladesh
- D. None

ANSWER: A

2. Air Commodore Rank of IAF Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Army?

- A. Brigadier
- B. Lt. Gen
- C. Captain
- D. Major General

ANSWER: A

3. International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Hq Is At

- A. London, United Kingdom
- B. Vienna, Austria
- C. Paris, France
- D. Geneva, Switzerland

ANSWER: A

4. Chairman Of The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) Is

- A. PM
- B. NSA
- C. CDS
- D. Home Minister

ANSWER: A

5. CBI Hq Is In

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: A

6. ___ Is The Largest Defense Contractors in the World.

- A. Lockheed Martin
- B. Boeing
- C. Raytheon Technologies
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

7. "If you win, you need not have to explain...If you lose, you should not be there to explain!" Said By___

- A. Winston Churchill
- B. Adolf Hitler
- C. Subhas Chandra Bose
- D. Bhagat Singh

ANSWER: B

8. Air Marshal Rank Of IAF Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Army?

- A. Brigadier
- B. Lt. Gen
- C. Captain
- D. Major General

ANSWER: B

9. Current Secretary-General Of NATO Is__.

- A. Jens Stoltenberg
- B. Admiral Rob Bauer
- C. General Tod D. Wolters
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

10. How Many States In India Have A Coastline?

- A. Seven
- B. Eight
- C. Nine
- D. Ten

ANSWER: C

11. "It Is Our Duty To Pay For Our Liberty With Our Own Blood." Said By__

- A. Pandit Nehru
- B. Mahatma Gandhi
- C. Subhas Chandra Bose
- D. Bhagat Singh

ANSWER: C

12. 'The Communist Manifesto' Book Written By__.

- A. Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels
- B. Alexis
- C. Thomas Paine
- D. Niccolo Machiavelli

ANSWER: A

13. OPEC Hq Is In

- A. Budapest, Hungary
- B. New York, USA
- C. Luanda, Angola
- D. Vienna, Austria

ANSWER: D

14. AUKUS Stands For

- A. Azerbaijan, the United Kingdom, & the United States
- B. Australia, the United Kingdom, & the United States
- C. Australia, the United Kingdom, & Uganda
- D. Argentina, the United Kingdom, & the United States

ANSWER: B

15. IPCC Was Created By

- A. WMO & UNEP
- B. IMO& UNESCO
- C. IMF& WTO
- D. UNO& UNFCCC

ANSWER: A

16. Madagascar Is In

- A. Pacific Ocean
- B. Indian Ocean
- C. Black Sea
- D. Arctic Ocean

ANSWER: B

17. Which Is Not The Member Of SAARC?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Myanmar
- C. India
- D. Pakistan

ANSWER: B

18. With reference to MILAN Exercise, consider the following statements:

1. It is a multilateral Naval Exercise conducted by the members of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).
2. MILAN 2022 conducted in the East China Sea.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: D

19. The President Of India Has The Power Of Pardoning Under _____.

- A. Article 72
- B. Article 73
- C. Article 74
- D. Article 76

ANSWER: A

20. Mitra Shakti Ex Conducts B/W

- A. India & Indonesia
- B. India & UK
- C. India & Sri Lanka
- D. India & Thailand

ANSWER: C



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