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Defence Current Affairs

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Steel Cutting off BY 528 and BY 529 for ASW SWC Project

- Steel Cutting of 6th and 7th ships (BY 528 and BY 529) of Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Craft (ASW SWC) project under construction by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi, was undertaken on 30 Aug 22.
- The steel cutting event and commencement of fabrication of any warship signifies an important milestone, as this occasion is a culmination of preparatory process and kick starts the construction phase of the ships. The construction of these vessels at CSL, Kochi, is a major boost for the 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat' and 'Make in India'.
- Being a potent anti-submarine platform, the ships will further enhance anti-submarine warfare capabilities of Indian Navy and will serve the nation in safeguarding Maritime interests.
- Cochin Shipyard Ltd is the largest shipbuilding and maintenance facility in India. It is part of a line of maritime-related facilities in the port-city of Kochi, in the state of Kerala, India. Of the services provided by the shipyard are building platform supply vessels and double-hulled oil tankers.



Indian and French Navies Exercise in The Atlantic

- Keel laying of the first warship (BY 523, Mahe) of Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Craft (ASW SWC) project under construction by CSL, Kochi, was undertaken on 30 Aug 22 by VAdm Kiran Deshmukh, CWP&A in presence of Shri Madhu S Nair, CMD, CSL, Commodore V Ganapathy, WPS (Koc), CSL, Directors and other senior officials of CSL and Indian Navy.
- INS Tarkash, on her long-range overseas deployment, conducted a Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) with French Naval Ships in the North Atlantic Ocean Speaking on the occasion, VAdm Kiran Deshmukh, CWP&A, appreciated CSL efforts in achieving the milestone despite Covid constraints and resultant lockdowns. He called it a noteworthy achievement by the shipyard and commended professionalism displayed by all. Further, he highlighted that construction of these vessels is a major boost for the 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat' and India's 'Make in India' commitment. The Chief Guest indicated that keel laying is a major milestone activity in the shipbuilding process and paves way for amalgamation of various blocks towards fully constructed ship.
- CWP&A further added that these platforms will undertake sub-surface surveillance in coastal areas with the purpose of detecting and neutralizing underwater threats.
- During the address, CMD-CSL, highlighted that despite several challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic during execution of this complex shipbuilding project, the shipyard has ensured continuous production of ships through innovative solutions. He thanked the Indian Navy for their unstinted support and reiterated the shipyard's commitment to deliver quality ships on time.



Japan Plans To Develop Longer-range Missiles To Counter China, Russia

- Japan will develop and mass produce a cruise missile and a high-velocity ballistic missile, it said on Wednesday, as it seeks the ability to strike more distant targets as part of a military expansion aimed at meeting threats from China and Russia.
- Alarm about China's regional ambitions grew this month after it fired five ballistic missiles into waters less than 160 km (100 miles) from Japan in a show of force after U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visited Taiwan.
- Japan has already ordered air-launched missiles, including the Joint Strike Missile (JSM) made by Norway's Kongsberg, and Lockheed Martin Corp's Joint Air-to-Surface Stand-Off Missile (JASSM) with a range of up to 1,000 km (620 miles).
- The ministry asked for a 3.6 percent increase in spending to 5.6 trillion yen (\$39.78 billion) for the year starting on April 1 but said the figure would rise after it calculated the cost of new procurement programs.
- Prime Minister Fumio Kishida's government will approve that increased request at the end of the year when it will also unveil a major defense strategy overhaul and new midterm military buildup plan.



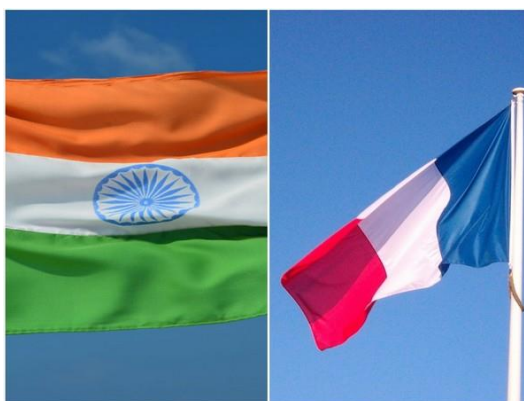
IAF Seeks Details From Boeing On Grounding of US Army's Chinook Chopper Fleet

- The Indian Air Force has sought details from American defence manufacturer Boeing about the reasons behind the grounding of the US Army's entire fleet of Chinook helicopters. The IAF operates its fleet of 15 of Boeing-made Chinook helicopters which were acquired from the US and inducted into the service in March 2019.
- "Indian Air Force Chinook helicopter fleet is still operational. India has sought details of the reasons which have led to the grounding of the entire fleet of US Army's Chinook CH-47 helicopters because of a risk of engine fires“.
- As per reports from the US media, the American Army grounded its entire fleet of CH-47 Chinook helicopters because of a risk of engine fires. The Indian fleet of Chinook choppers is based out of Chandigarh for operations in the north while another unit is located in Assam for taking care of the northeastern areas.



India-France Dialogue On UNSC, Multilateral Issues Held In Paris

- India and France on Tuesday held the consultations on UN Security Council and agreed to strengthen ongoing cooperation at the multilateral platform on issues of mutual interest, according to the statement released by the Ministry of External Affairs.
- " In keeping with India-France Strategic Partnership, both sides had an in-depth exchange of views on various thematic and country-specific issues on the agenda of the UN Security Council. Both sides agreed to strengthen their ongoing cooperation at the multilateral platform on issues of mutual interest, including on Counter Terrorism, UN Peacekeeping and Reformed Multilateralism".
- Both sides had briefed each other about their priorities during France and India's upcoming Presidencies of the UNSC in September and December 2022, respectively.
- France is the 7th largest foreign investor in India with a cumulative FDI stock of USD 9 billion from April 2, 2000, to December 2020, which represents 2 percent of the total FDI inflows into India.



PM Modi To Unveil New Ensign of The Indian Navy At Aircraft Carrier Vikrant Commissioning Event

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be unveiling a new ensign of the Indian Navy at the aircraft carrier Vikrant Commissioning event on September 2.

- "The Indian Navy would get a new insignia without the Saint George's cross which has been there on its flag ever since the British put it on it during the pre-independence era“.
- It was removed from the flag during the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government between 2001 to 2004 but soon after Sonia Gandhi-led UPA came back to power, they brought it back citing certain issues raised by the then Navy officials.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. India Isn't A Member Of Which Of The Following Groups?**
- A. Nuclear Suppliers Group
 - B. Australia Group
 - C. Missile Technology Control Regime
 - D. Wassenaar Arrangement

ANSWER: A

2. Udarshakti Is A Exercise Held B/W India And Which Other Country?

- A. Malaysia
- B. Singapore
- C. Russia
- D. Japan

ANSWER: A

3. Indian Navy Conducted An Exercise In The Atlantic Ocean Along With Which Country?

- A. Germany
- B. France
- C. Australia
- D. Russia

ANSWER: B

4. What Is The Name Of The Submarine Which Has been Decommissioned From The Indian Navy?

- A. INS Rajput
- B. INS Nishank
- C. INS Sindhudhvaj
- D. INS Ranjit

ANSWER: C

5. Chinook Helicopter Is Manufactured By

- A. IAI
- B. Airbus
- C. Boeing
- D. Lockheed Martin

ANSWER: C

6. The India-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement (LBA) came into force in

- A. 2015
- B. 2016
- C. 2017
- D. 2018

ANSWER: A

7. __Himalayan pass is situated b/w India and China.

- A. Shenkota
- B. Thalghat
- C. Bhorghat
- D. Shipki La

ANSWER: D

8. AMCA Stands For

- A. Advanced Medium Cockpit Aircraft
- B. Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft
- C. Advanced Motor Combat Aircraft
- D. Advanced Machine Combat Aircraft

ANSWER: B

9. Wartime Gallantry Award Is/Are

- A. Param Vir Chakra
- B. Maha Vir Chakra
- C. Ashok Chakra
- D. Both a & b

ANSWER: D

10. Motto Of Territorial Army Is

- A. Rhino Charge
- B. Duty Unto Death
- C. Valour
- D. Savdhani Va Shoorta

ANSWER: D

11. Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre Is Located At

- A. Mumbai
- B. Chennai
- C. Kochi
- D. Thiruvananthapuram

ANSWER: D

12. Major Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of The Indian Navy?

- A. Captain
- B. Inspector

- C. Lt Commander
- D. Vice-admiral

ANSWER: C

13. "Freedom Is Not Given, It. Is Taken". Said By__

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

ANSWER: C

14. JERUSALEM Is The Capital Of

- A. ISRAEL
- B. ITALY
- C. IRELAND
- D. IRAQ

ANSWER: A

15. "Rajtarangini" Book Is Written By

- A. Jay Prakash Narayan
- B. Jane Austen
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Kalhana

ANSWER: D

16. Prithvi Defence Vehicle Mark 2 Is A

- A. MRBM
- B. IRBM
- C. ICBM
- D. Anti-satellite Missile Test

ANSWER: D

17. Duncan Passage separates:-

- A. Rutland Island and Little Andaman
- B. Andaman and Nicobar
- C. North and South Andaman
- D. South Andaman and little Andaman

ANSWER: A

18. Motto of THE MARATHA LIGHT INFANTRY REGIMENT

- A. Parakramo Vijayate
- B. Assam Vikram
- C. Yudhaya Krit Nishchaya
- D. Duty, Honour, courage

ANSWER: D

19. Joint Exercises B/w The India And Sri Lanka Is Called:

- A. SAMVEDNA
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Both A&B

ANSWER: D

20. Joint Exercises B/w The India And Bangladesh Is Called:

- A. Table-Top Ex
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: A

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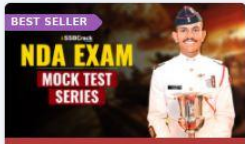
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