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Defence Current Affairs

11-12 September 2022

Indian Navy Launches Stealth Frigate 'Taragiri'

- 'Taragiri', the third stealth frigate of the Indian Navy's Project 17A, was launched in Mumbai on Sunday, the MDL said. This ship has been built using an integrated construction methodology which involves hull block construction in different geographical locations and integration and erection on the slipway at the MDL.
- The vessel is being launched with an approximate launch weight of 3,510 tons. The frigate is designed by the Indian Navy's in-house design organization, the Bureau of Naval Design. The total value of **Project 17A** is around **Rs 25,700 crores**.
- The first ship of **Project 17A**, 'Nilgiri', the second ship of the 'Udaygiri' class under the project was launched on May 17 this year. It is expected to start sea trials during the second half of 2024.
- 'Taragiri' will have state-of-the-art weapons, sensors, an advanced action information system, an integrated platform management system, world-class modular living spaces, a sophisticated power distribution system, and a host of other advanced features. "It will be fitted with a supersonic surface-to-surface missile system and the ship's air defence capability is designed to counter the threat of enemy aircraft and anti-ship cruise missiles will revolve around the vertical launch and long-range surface air missile system".
- Two 30 mm rapid-fire guns will provide the ship with close-in-defence capability while an SRGM Gun will enable her to provide effective naval gunfire support. And indigenously developed triple tube lightweight torpedo launchers and rocket launchers will add punch to the ship's anti-submarine capability.



Seminar On Financial Prudence And Awareness For Air Warriors

- In an endeavour to educate and familiarise all Air Warriors on the finer aspects of financial planning on the personal front, the Indian Air Force on 09 September 2022 organised a day-long Seminar on all relevant current financial issues. The seminar titled "FINANCIAL PRUDENCE AND AWARENESS FOR AIR WARRIORS" was organised by IAF in collaboration with RBI at Air Force Auditorium, New Delhi.
- The Seminar sought to empower the Air Warriors in a manner so as to enable them to take sound and informed financial decisions in their personal lives. The RBI officials conducted talks on diverse topics ranging from financial awareness, bank frauds, the role of ombudsmen etc. Officials from SBI and other financial professionals also contributed to this endeavour, giving a multi-faceted exposure to the Air Warriors.
- Approximately 400 Air Warriors across all ranks attended the seminar. It was also live-streamed across all Air Force Units and Formations to ensure maximum outreach irrespective of location.



Exercise Parvat Prahar

- Amid the ongoing disengagement with China in the Gogra Heights-Hot Springs area on the LAC, Army chief Gen Manoj Pande on Saturday witnessed wargames in eastern Ladakh on the first day of his two-day visit to the region.
- The visit by the Army chief to the Ladakh sector is taking place on the third day of the disengagement process between India and China at the Gogra Heights-Hot Springs area, which was the last of friction points created after the May 2020 aggression by the Chinese troops that was yet to resolved by the two sides.
- The exercise, which was held in the Ladakh plateau at an altitude of 14,000 feet, used newly inducted all-terrain vehicles transported by Chinook heavy lift helicopters and K9-Vajra howitzers, among others.
- The exercise comes as India and China are undertaking disengagement from Patrolling Point-15 in eastern Ladakh, as announced on September 8. Gen. Pande is scheduled to visit Siachen on Sunday.
- Simultaneously on the western front, Exercise Gagan Strike culminated with a fire power display of attack helicopters supporting deep operations by Strike Corps. Western Army Commander Lt. Gen. Nav K. Khanduri, who witnessed the culmination, lauded the professional readiness of combat forces for contingencies on the western front



Army Chief Flies Sortie In IAF's Apache Attack Chopper In Ladakh

- Indian Army chief General Manoj Pande, who is on a two-day visit to the Ladakh sector, on Sunday flew in an Indian Air Force Apache attack helicopter. The request for a sortie from the Ladakh air base was received yesterday and today the Army chief flew in the chopper over the area.
- The Apache has been deployed in the Ladakh sector since the beginning of the military standoff with China along the Line of Actual Control in eastern Ladakh. The IAF has 22 of these American-origin attack helicopters while the Indian Army is soon going to get six of its own.
- The Boeing AH-64 Apache is an American twin-turboshaft attack helicopter with a tailwheel-type landing gear arrangement and a tandem cockpit for a crew of two. It features a nose-mounted sensor suite for target acquisition and night vision systems.
- It is armed with a 30 mm (1.18 in) M230 chain gun carried between the main landing gear, under the aircraft's forward fuselage, and four hardpoints mounted on stub-wing pylons for carrying armament and stores, typically a mixture of AGM-114 Hellfire missiles and Hydra 70 rocket pods. The AH-64 has significant systems redundancy to improve combat survivability.
- **Role** : Attack helicopter

- **National origin:** United States
- **Top speed:** 365 km/h
- **Range:** 476 km



Army's Kibithu Base In Arunachal Named After First CDS Late Gen Bipin Rawat

- To honour the country's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) late General Bipin Rawat, the Kibithu military garrison in Arunachal was named after him.
- The event to rename the military station was attended by state Governor Brig BD Mishra (Retd) and Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu, senior military and civilian dignitaries along with daughters of the late CDS.
- Gen Rawat died in a chopper crash last year in December along with his wife Madhulika Rawat and 12 other military personnel.
- Khandu pledged ₹10 crores for a facelift of the garrison, and to transform it into "one of the best forward army bases in the country".
- As a colonel, Rawat commanded his battalion - 5/11 Gorkha Rifles - at Kibithu in 1999-2000. He was known to fondly recall his tenure as the commanding officer in Kibithu, his other postings in the northeast, and believed that the region and its people held tremendous potential - Mishra and Khandu spoke at length about the special place the northeast held in the general's heart.
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- In his address, the governor even recalled how the late CDS stepped in to help the state two years ago when it was struggling to repay dues amounting to over ₹320 crores to the Indian Air Force for the use of its assets.
- Hundreds of locals from Kibithu and Walong turned up the ceremony and broke into spontaneous applause when the dignitaries recalled Rawat's contribution to the northeast.
- The General Rawat army base is not too far from the stunning Namti plains that the Chinese called 'Tiger's Mouth' because of the heavy losses they suffered there 60 years ago in the Battle of Walong - considered to be one of the few glorious chapters for India in the 1962 war.
- The government is yet to appoint his successor. His demise was seen as a setback to the ongoing military reforms.
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- Rawat was posthumously awarded Padma Vibhushan, India's second-highest civilian honour, in March 2022.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Taragiri, a Project 17A Frigate Made By
 - A. MDL
 - B. CSL
 - C. GRSE
 - D. DRDO

ANSWER: A

2. Exercise Parvat Prahar Conducted In

- A. Leh
- B. Ladakh
- C. Jammu
- D. Pune

ANSWER: B

3. Exercise Parvat Prahar Conducted By

- A. Eastern Army Command
- B. Northern Army Command
- C. Western Army Command
- D. Southern Army Command

ANSWER: B

4. Exercise AI NAJAH-IV is Conducted in

- A. Rajasthan
- B. U.P.
- C. Kerala
- D. Uttarakhand

ANSWER: A

5. 'EX VINBAX 2022' conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. Vietnam
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

6. Naib Subedar Jeremy Lalrinnunga is related with

- A. Table Tennis
- B. Cricket
- C. Boxing
- D. Weightlifting

ANSWER: D

7. The Jawaharlal Nehru Port is located at

- A. Paradip
- B. Cochin
- C. Kolkata
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: D

8. 'Iron Beam' new laser-based air defence system Made By

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Israel
- D. Russia

ANSWER: C

9. First Submarine Developed Under P-75 Is

- A. INS Kalvari
- B. INS Khanderi
- C. INS Karanj
- D. INS Vela

ANSWER: A

10. Who Wrote The Book New Dimensions Of India's Foreign Policy?

- A. Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- B. Abdul Kalam Azad
- C. Amit Chaudhuri
- D. Raghuram Rajan

ANSWER: A

11. Mechanical Training Institute (MTI) Of IAF Is In

- A. Yelahanka, Bengaluru
- B. Jalahalli, Bengaluru
- C. Tambaram Chennai
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

12. Central Statistical Organization Hq Is In

- A. New Delhi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

13. Ex SHAKTI, Ex VARUNA, GARUDA India conducted with

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

14. Yaounde Is The Capital Of

- A. Cameroon
- B. Canada
- C. UAE
- D. Burundi

ANSWER: A

15. "The Oath of the Vayuputras" Book Is Written By

- A. Amish Tripathi
- B. Issac Newton
- C. Mahashweta Devi
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

16. SITMEX Ex Is Done Among

- A. India, Singapore, and Thailand
- B. India, Sri Lanka and Thailand
- C. Indonesia, Singapore, and Thailand
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

17. Commander Rank Of Indian Navy Is Equivalent To Rank Of IAF Is

- A. Wing Commander
- B. Squadron Leader
- C. Group Captain
- D. Flying Officer

ANSWER: A

18. INS Visakhapatnam (D66) Manufactured By

- A. GRSE
- B. MDL
- C. CSL
- D. Boeing

ANSWER: B

19. War Cry of the BIHAR REGIMENT

- A. Parakramo Vijayate
- B. Rhino Charge
- C. Jai Bajrangbali
- D. Duty, Honour, courage

ANSWER: C

20. __Is India's 3rd Highest Military Decoration Award.

- A. PVC
- B. MVC
- C. Veer Chakra
- D. Kirti Chakra

ANSWER: C



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