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# Defence Current Affairs

## 25 May 2023

### South Korea Conducted Satellite Launch

- South Korea launched its first commercial-grade satellite Wednesday as rival North Korea pushed plans forward to place its first military spy satellite into orbit. The South Korean satellite will be launched by a domestically made rocket under the country's space development program.
- Seoul officials say its launch has no military purpose, but many experts say it will eventually help South Korea acquire technologies and knowhow required to operate military surveillance satellites and build more powerful missiles.
- The Nuri space launch vehicle was scheduled to lift off early Wednesday evening from a launch facility on a southern South Korean Island, if no unexpected weather or other problems occur at the last minute, according to the Science Ministry.
- Aboard the rocket are the main satellite, called "**Next Generation Small Satellite 2**," and seven other smaller, cube-shaped satellites. The main one is tasked with verifying imaging radar technology and observing cosmic radiation in near-Earth orbit, a ministry statement said.



## FLAGGING IN OF INSV TARINI

- In yet another historic event in the maritime calendar of India, INSV Tarini touched the Indian shores as she entered Goa harbour and secured alongside the INS Mandovi jetty on successful completion of a 17000nm trans-ocean inter-continental voyage, after 188 days.
- The six-member crew was received at the jetty by Dr. Pramod Sawant, Chief Minister of Goa, Smt Smriti Irani, Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Adm R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff.
- The 'Flag In' ceremony commenced with a magnificent display of yachting skills by young and promising yachtsman of the Navy Boys Sports Company. This was followed by a marvellous flypast by versatile naval aviation platforms such as the **Chetak, Kamov 31, Hawks, IL 38, Dornier and MiG 29K aircraft.**



## Vice Admiral Of The Sri Lanka Navy Visit To India

- VAdm Priyantha Perera, Commander of the Sri Lanka Navy is on a five day official visit to India from 23 - 27 May 23. During the visit, VAdm Priyantha Perera will be presiding over the Passing Out Parade of the Spring Term 23 at **Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala**.
- India and Sri Lanka share a close and historically significant relationship, and both the countries have engaged closely towards reinforcing the existing relations.
- India and Sri Lanka have enhanced their interactions in the maritime domain substantially in accordance with India's 'Neighbourhood First Policy' and the maritime outlook of 'Security and Growth for All in Region'.



## US Aircraft Carrier Arrives In NATO Member Norway, To Take Part In Drills

- A U.S. aircraft carrier arrived Wednesday in Oslo with the Norwegian armed forces saying it gives them "a unique opportunity to further develop cooperation and work more closely with our most important ally, the United States."
- The nuclear-powered ship **USS Gerald R. Ford** entered the Oslo fjord escorted by a rapid dinghy-type boat with armed personnel on board. The Norwegian armed forces has said any boats must stay a half-kilometer (half-mile) away from the aircraft carrier and a no-fly zone was created over the area where the aircraft carrier was.
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## Satellite Images Show 'Unusual' Level Of Aircraft Maintenance In N. Korea

- Recent satellite imagery shows an "unusual" level of aircraft maintenance at North Korea's main airport, a monitoring group said, a possible sign Pyongyang is moving to resume international flights.
- North Korea has effectively sealed its borders since early 2020 as part of its drive to deal with the coronavirus pandemic, with all flights cancelled.
- It has resumed some cross-border trade with China by train, and recently allowed Beijing's new ambassador to Pyongyang into the country, but has not yet resumed regular international travel.
- Several passenger jets operated by North Korea's Air Koryo have "cycled through maintenance hangars" at Sunan International Airport since early May, the respected North Korea-monitoring 38North website said, citing satellite images.



## Review Questions

**1. Homeport of the INS Tarkash In**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**2. EX EKATHA Conducted b/w India &**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**3. Port Al-Shuwaikh Is Located At**

- A. Kuwait
- B. Oman
- C. Iran
- D. Pakistan

**ANSWER: A**

**4. Varuna Is A**

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. Drone
- D. Fighter Jet

**ANSWER: C**

**5. Varuna Has Been Developed By The \_\_\_\_.**

- A. Sagar Defence Engineering Private Limited
- B. DRDO
- C. IIT Kanpur

D. HAL

**ANSWER: A**

**6. INS Sujata Is A**

A. Destroyer

B. OPV

C. Submarine

D. Tank

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Port Gqeberha Is Located At**

A. South Africa

B. Australia

C. USA

D. Sri Lanka

**ANSWER: A**

**8. Ex 'IBSAMAR' Conducted b/w India &**

**A.** South Africa, Oman

**B.** South Africa, Brazil

**C.** Sri Lanka, Oman

**D.** None

**ANSWER: A**

**9. 'Zoom' Was A**

A. Indian Navy Dog

B. Indian Army Dog

C. IAF Dog

D. ICG Dog

**ANSWER: B**

**10. Boeing India To Collaborate With \_\_\_\_ To Develop Aerospace Parts And Defence Components.**

A. MIDHANI

B. Adani

C. Reliance

D. Airbus

**ANSWER: A**



**11. ECIL Stands For**

- A. Electronics Corporation of India Limited
- B. Electronics Corporate of India Limited
- C. Electrical Corporation of India Limited
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**12. INTERPOL Stands For**

- A. International Criminal Pole Organization
- B. International Create Police Organization
- C. International Criminal Police Organization
- D. None

**ANSWER: C**

**13. The World's Biggest Employer of The World Is**

- A. Walmart
- B. Amazon
- C. Ministry of Defence
- D. Foxconn

**ANSWER: C**

**14. ISRO Is Ramping Up Its Efforts To Build Its Own Space Station By\_\_.**

- A. 2022
- B. 2025
- C. 2027
- D. 2035

**ANSWER: D**

**15. "MADE IN INDIA :75 Years of Business and Enterprise" Book Written By**

- A. Adm R Hari Kumar
- B. Pramod Sawant
- C. Smriti Irani
- D. Amitabh Kant

**ANSWER: D**

**16. Exercise Bison Conducted B/w India &**

- A. USA
- B. UK

- C. Australia
- D. Indonesia

**ANSWER: C**

**17. The Indian Government Plans To Construct A 2,500-metre-long Airstrip On Minicoy Island In**

- A. Goa
- B. Mumbai
- C. Lakshadweep
- D. Kochi

**ANSWER: C**

**18. The Theme of India's G20 Presidency Is**

- A. 21st Century
- B. Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam
- C. Make In India
- D. Save Earth

**ANSWER: B**

**19. \_\_\_ Has Been Awarded An Export Order For A 155mm Artillery Gun Platform.**

- A. BEL
- B. Kalyani Strategic Systems Limited
- C. TATA
- D. DRDO

**ANSWER: B**

**20. Malabar Exercise Conducted In**

- A. Yokosuka
- B. Bay of Bengal
- C. California
- D. Darwin

**ANSWER: A**

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