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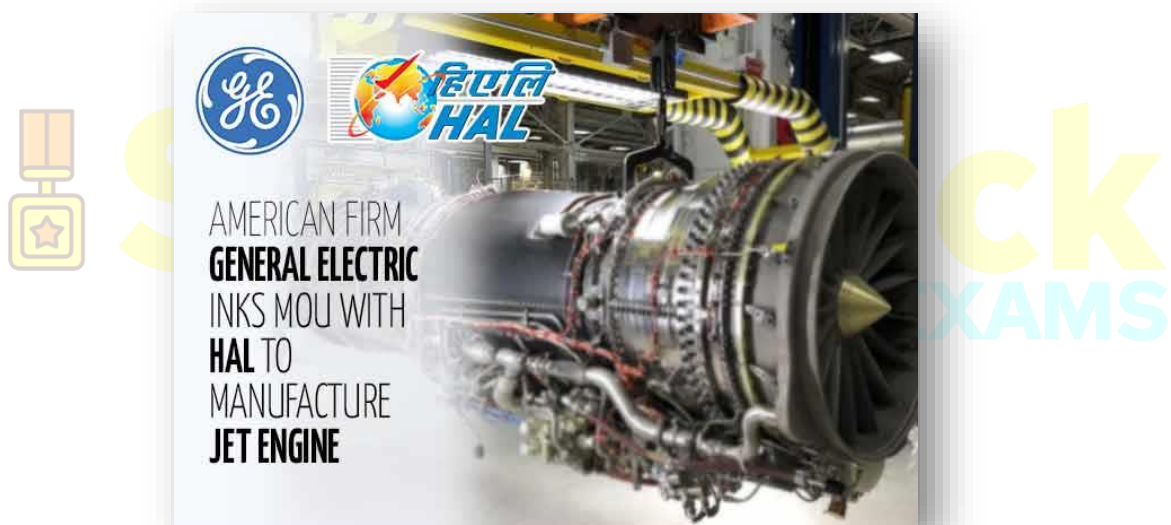
First US Navy Ship Arrives At Kattupalli Port For Repairs

- USNS Salvor, a Safeguard-class rescue and salvage ship arrived at Kattupalli ship building yard near here for repairs under the Master Ship Repair Agreement between India and the US, a senior official of L&T said. The five-year agreement will see the India's leading private defence company repair the US vessels, said Arun Ramachandran, executive vice-president and head, L&T.
- The Military Sealift Command's rescue and salvage ship USNS Salvor (T-ARS 52) arrived at L&T Kattupalli shipyard, for voyage repairs on July 9. It is the third US Navy ship visiting the L&T shipyard for voyage repairs, after USNS Charles Drew and USNS Matthew Perry.
- "This Master Shipyard Repair Agreement is yet another milestone in our ever-expanding U.S.-India partnership. This historic agreement is a direct outcome of the 2022 US- India 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue and demonstrates US' commitment to utilise repair facilities on a regular basis at the L&T shipyard in Kattupalli".



Godrej Aerospace Eyes Share Of GE Engine Manufacturing

- Godrej Aerospace said it will pitch to manufacture modules of GE 414 engines and become part of the supply chain to manufacture engines that will power the country's next generation indigenous fighter jets.
- Under the deal announced during PM Narendra Modi's state visit to the U.S. last month, the engines will be made jointly by **GE and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited** .
- The company is planning to invest **2.50 billion Indian rupees** (\$30.26 million) to build a facility in Khalapur in Maharashtra for advanced manufacturing and assembly and integration facilities, Godrej Aerospace said.



L&T, Navantia Sign Teaming Agreement For Project 75

- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) said it has signed a teaming agreement with Spain-based Navantia for submission of a techno-commercial bid for the Indian Navy's prestigious P75 (India) submarine programme.
- P75 (India) Submarine Project is expected to be valued at €4.8 billion (over Rs 43,500 crore) and is India's largest defence acquisition project.
- The Navy's Project 75 (I) requires the Indian bidder to tie up with a foreign collaborator and execute the programme for delivery of six conventional submarines equipped with Air-Independent Propulsion, while achieving targeted

Indigenous Content. This would also be followed by a 30-year life-cycle sustenance contract of similar value.



Sweden Moves Closer to NATO Membership

- Sweden's membership of NATO took a big step forward on Monday after Turkey agreed to remove one of the last major roadblocks in return for help in reviving Turkey's own chances of joining the European Union.
- At talks in the Lithuanian capital Vilnius, where U.S. President Joe Biden and his NATO counterparts are meeting for a two-day summit starting, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan committed to put the Nordic country's accession protocol before Parliament "as soon as possible," the head of NATO said.
- The Biden administration has backed Turkey's desire to buy 40 new F-16s as well as modernization kits from the U.S. It's a move some in Congress, most notably Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Bob Menendez, D-N.J, have opposed over Turkey blocking NATO membership for Sweden, its human rights record, its relations with Greece and other concerns.



Israeli, US Air Forces launch joint 'Juniper Oak' exercise

- The air forces of the US and Israel started a new round of their bilateral "Juniper Oak" training exercise on Sunday night, the Israel Defense Forces announced.
- The drill simulates aerial combat scenarios including attacks deep into enemy territory, achieving air superiority in space and cyber defence against a variety of threats.
- In March, the IAF participated in the two-week "Red Flag" training exercise with the USAF over the skies of the U.S. state of Nevada. The U.S. and Israeli air forces conduct daily drills involving nearly 100 aircraft.



Review Questions

1. L&T Signs Pact With Spain Firm ___ To Build Navy Submarines.

- A. Boeing
- B. Naina
- C. BHEL
- D. Navantia

ANSWER: D

2. Ex 'Juniper Oak' Conducted b/w Israel &

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

ANSWER: D

3. Ex 'Red Flag' conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: D

4. Captain Rank of Indian Navy Equivalent to Which rank of IAF?

- A. Flying Officer
- B. Flight Lieutenant
- C. Group Captain
- D. None

ANSWER: C

5. AH-64 Apache Is A

- A. Transport Helicopter
- B. Attack Helicopter
- C. Light Utility Helicopter
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

6. Ankara Is The Capital Of

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

ANSWER: C

7. Who Among The Following Has Become The First Ever Woman Pilot Of The Indian Navy?

- A. Chhavi Rajawat
- B. Shubhangi Swaroop
- C. Sita Sahu
- D. Asha Roy

ANSWER: D

8. With reference to the CISF, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is one of the seven Central Armed Police Forces in India.**
- 2. It consists of an air wing, a marine wing, an artillery regiment, and commando units.**

Which of the following statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only**
- B. 2 only**
- C. Both 1 and 2**
- D. Neither 1 nor 2**

ANSWER: A

9. AUKUS Stands For

- A. Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States
- B. Austria, the United Kingdom and the United States
- C. Australia, the Uganda and the United States

D. None

ANSWER: A

10. Consider the following pairs of joint military exercises with other countries:

Military Exercise	Country
1. Maritime Partnership Exercise	France
2. Vajra Prahar	UK
3. Garuda Shakti	Indonesia

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

A. 1 only

B. 1 and 2 only

C. 1 and 3 only

D. 1, 2 and 3

ANSWER: C

11. The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Is Located At

A. Paradip

B. Cochin

C. Kolkata

D. Mumbai

ANSWER: D

12. Ex SHAKTI, Ex VARUNA, GARUDA India Conducted With

A. USA

B. Sweden

C. France

D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

13. "The Oath of the Vayuputras" Book Written By

A. Amish Tripathi

B. Issac Newton

C. Mahashweta Devi

D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

14. __ Is India's 3rd Highest Military Decoration Award.

A. PVC

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

ANSWER: C

15. "Colours of devotion" Book Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Anita Bharat Shah
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Nil Kamal

ANSWER: B

16. Air Force Station Digaru Comes Under Which Command Of IAF?

- A. WAC
- B. EAC
- C. SAC
- D. CAC

ANSWER: B

17. ASRAAM Stands For

- A. Attack Short Range Air-to-Air Missile
- B. Advanced Semi Range Air-to-Air Missile
- C. Advanced Short Range Air-to-Air Missile
- D. Advanced Short Ranger Air-to-Air Missile

ANSWER: C

18. College of Defence Management Is At

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

ANSWER: D

19. Varuna Is A

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

ANSWER: C

20. Ex 'KONKAN, INDRADHANUSH' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: D



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