

Defence Current Affairs

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Taiwan detects 103 Chinese warplanes Around Island

- More than 100 Chinese warplanes and nine navy ships were detected around Taiwan, authorities in Taipei said Monday, describing the number as a "recent high".
- Beijing claims Taiwan as its own territory to be seized one day, by force if necessary, and has ramped up diplomatic and military pressure in recent years as relations have soured.
- "Between the morning of September 17th to 18th, the Ministry of National Defence had detected a total of 103 Chinese aircraft which was a recent high and has posed severe challenges to the security across the Taiwan Strait and in the region," it said in a statement.
- Beijing's "continued military harassment can easily lead to a sharp spike in tension and worsen regional security," the ministry said, as it called on China to "immediately stop such destructive unilateral actions."



BrahMos Manufacturing in Lucknow likely to begin from March: Rajnath Singh

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday said the work on the BrahMos missile manufacturing site in Lucknow is likely to be completed by March next year. Singh was speaking in Gomti Nagar here on the second day of the tour of his parliamentary constituency.
- The work on the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) lab will also be completed soon, Singh said.
- He said there were 11 other projects in Lucknow that have been undertaken. "Though they will take some time to complete, I can say that people will see a completely different Lucknow in the next few years," the minister said.
- During his visit in June, Singh had said that "everything from nuts and bolts to BrahMos missiles would be manufactured in the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC)".
- "We have created a conducive environment for defence manufacturing through the defence corridors in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. UPDIC has told me that there is a plan to acquire about 1,700 hectares of land for this corridor, of which more than 95 per cent of the land has already been acquired," he had said.



Defence Ministry Clears Proposal To Buy 'Pralay' Ballistic Missiles For Indian Army

- In a major boost to its firepower, the Defence Ministry has approved the procurement of a regiment of 'Pralay' ballistic missiles for the Indian Army for

deployment along the LAC and LoC, that is, borders with China and Pakistan respectively.

- “This is a major decision for the Indian Army as the proposal to acquire a regiment of the Pralay ballistic missiles which can hit targets between 150-500 Km, was cleared by the recent Defence Acquisition Council meeting,” defence officials told.
- 'Pralay' is a quasi-ballistic surface-to-surface missile. The advanced missile has been developed in a way to be able to defeat interceptor missiles. It has the ability to change its path after covering a certain range in midair.



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International Coastal Clean-up Day – 2023

- ICG conducted ICC-2023 across all Coastal States and Union Territories on 16 Sep 2023. The International Coastal Clean-up day is held worldwide on the third Saturday of September every year under the aegis of UNEP and **South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme** in the South Asian Region.
- The campaign was also dedicated to the ongoing efforts of Government for the ‘Swachh Bharat Abhiyan’ and PM Narendra Modi’s clarion call for mass cleanliness and sanitation campaign, through “Swachhta Hi Seva”.
- This year, Maharashtra witnessed the highest participation of 11,425 volunteers followed by Tamil Nadu which had 5,166 volunteers. Nationwide, a total of 25,245 volunteers participated in the ICC-2023 campaign.



Coast Guard ship Samudra Prahari On Overseas Deployment to ASEAN countries

- ICG ship **Samudra Prahari**, a specialised pollution control vessel, is currently on an overseas deployment to ASEAN countries, officials said. The deployment is from September 11 to October 4.
- This deployment is part of India's ASEAN initiatives for marine pollution response, showcasing the pollution response capabilities of the ICG and its commitment to addressing marine pollution issues and enhancing capacity in the region, the statement said.
- The visit holds significance in strengthening bilateral relationships with key maritime agencies, including the **Thai Maritime Enforcement Command Centre** and **BAKAMLA** (Indonesia Maritime Security Agency).



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Ex 'GARUDA SHAKTI' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Iraq
- B. Oman
- C. Indonesia
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

2. __ Edition of India-US Joint Exercise Yudh Abhyas Commenced At Foreign Training Node, Auli.

- A. 16th
- B. 17th
- C. 18th
- D. 19th

ANSWER: C

3. INS Khukri Is A Type Of

- A. Frigate
- B. Submarine
- C. Destroyer
- D. Missile Corvette

ANSWER: D

4. 'Ex Zapad' Conducted B/W India &

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

ANSWER: B

5. North-West Region Center Of ICG Is In

- A. Gandhinagar
- B. Port Blair
- C. Kolkata
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: A

6. AAI Stands For

- A. Airport Author of India
- B. Air Authority of India
- C. Airport Authority of India
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

7. MIM-104 Patriot Is A

- A. Air to Air missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Anti-tank Guided missile
- D. Air Defence System

ANSWER: D

8. Joint Exercises B/w The India And UK Is Called:

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. INDRADHANUSH

ANSWER: D

9. Which Of The Following Is The Capital Of Greece?

- A. Athens
- B. Prague
- C. Bogota
- D. Budapest

ANSWER: A

10. "The Third Pillar" Book Is Written By

- A. Raghuram Rajan
- B. Ruchir Sharma
- C. Saba Naqvi
- D. Vinit Goenka

ANSWER: A

11. What Is The Full Form Of SDSC?

- A. Satish Development Space Centre
- B. Scientific Development Space Centre
- C. Satish Dhawan Space Centre
- D. Static Development Space Centre

ANSWER: C

12. Accuracy International Arctic Warfare Magnum Is A

- A. UAV
- B. Sniper Rifles
- C. Tank
- D. Transport Aircraft

ANSWER: B

13. Which Is Not A/Are USA Defence Company?

- A. Lockheed Martin
- B. Northrop Grumman
- C. Boeing
- D. Thales

ANSWER: D

14. Name The Largest Nuclear Power Station Of India By Capacity?

- A. Tarapur
- B. Kakrapar
- C. Kaiga

D. Kudankulam

ANSWER: D

15. Which Port Is Located In Western Coast of India?

A. Kandla

B. Kolkata

C. Mangalore

D. Visakhapatnam

ANSWER: A

16. NGARM Stands For

A. Next-generator Anti-radiation Missiles

B. New-generation Anti-radiation Missiles

C. Next-generation Anti-radiation Memo

D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

17. Which Group Or Organization Established The New Development Bank?

A. UNO

B. IMF

C. BRICS

D. WTO

ANSWER: C

18. Which Country Isn't The Signatory Of CTBT?

A. USA

B. UK

C. Australia

D. India

ANSWER: D

19. Where Is The Hq Of The Eastern Command of The Indian Army?

A. Kochi

B. Vishakhapatnam

C. Pune

D. Kolkata

ANSWER: D

20. IAI Harpy Is A

- A. Drone
- B. Tank
- C. Submarine
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

