

Defence Current Affairs

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Army Soldier On Leave Abducted From His Manipur Home, Killed

- The body of an Indian Army soldier was found at Khuningthek village in Manipur's Imphal East district on Sunday, officials said. He was identified as Sepoy Serto Thangthang Kom of the Army's Defence Security Corps (DSC) platoon at Leimakhong in Kangpokpi district, they said.
- He hailed from Tarung in Imphal West, officials said.
- Kom's 10-year-old son was reportedly the only eyewitness to the abduction, and told police that three miscreants had entered their home while they were working on the porch. According to the boy's statement, his father was forced into a white-coloured vehicle at gunpoint, and driven away.
- According to officials, unidentified armed men abducted Sepoy Kom, who was on leave, from his home around 10am on Saturday.



Production of 40 C295 Transport Aircraft In India Will Be 'Game-changer'

- The production of 40 Airbus C295 medium tactical transport aircraft in India will be a "game changer" as it would facilitate the creation of a world-class aerospace ecosystem in the country that would help in manufacturing other planes in the long-run, Indian Ambassador to Spain Dinesh K Patnaik said here.
- The Indian Air Force received the first C295 aircraft on Wednesday, two years after New Delhi sealed a **Rs 21,935-crore deal** with Airbus Defence and Space to procure the planes.
- Under the deal, Airbus will deliver the first 16 aircraft in 'fly-away' condition from its final assembly line in Seville by 2025 and the subsequent 40 aircraft will be manufactured and assembled by Tata Advanced Systems (TASL) in India as part of an industrial partnership between the two companies.



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.



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