

Defence Current Affairs

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Russia Says Downed Three Ukraine Missiles Targeting Crimea

- Russian forces shot down three missiles on Sunday targeting the Crimean Peninsula, which Moscow annexed from Ukraine in 2014, a Russian official said.
- The peninsula is crucial to Russia's military offensive, both for supplying troops in southern Ukraine and for carrying out missile strikes from the sea.
- It is a regular target for Kyiv, and attacks on military installations there have intensified as Ukraine vows to recapture the peninsula.
- "Three enemy missiles heading toward Crimea were downed" in the Kherson region, the Moscow-installed official in the zone, Vladimir Saldo, said on Telegram.
- Last month, Ukraine launched an unprecedented missile strike on the naval headquarters on the peninsula.
- Moscow said one Russian serviceman missing after the attack, which heavily damaged the building, while Kyiv claimed that the strike killed more than thirty officers.



US Warns Iran Or Its Allies Against Any "escalation"

- The United States warned Iran or its allies against any "escalation" in the wake of Israel's war with Hamas, two top US officials said Sunday, hours after the Pentagon moved to step up military readiness in the region.
- "We are concerned at the possibility of Iranian proxies escalating their attacks against our own personnel, our own people," **Secretary of State Antony Blinken** said on CBS News. "We expect there is a likelihood of escalation."
- Blinken said the United States, which has sent two carrier groups to the eastern Mediterranean, was "taking every measure to make sure that we can defend them. And if necessary, respond decisively."
- Israel has since vowed to destroy Hamas and says around 1,500 of the group's fighters were killed in clashes before its army regained control of the area initially under attack.
- Austin said he had activated deployment of a **Terminal High Altitude Area Defense** battery and additional Patriot battalions "throughout the region."



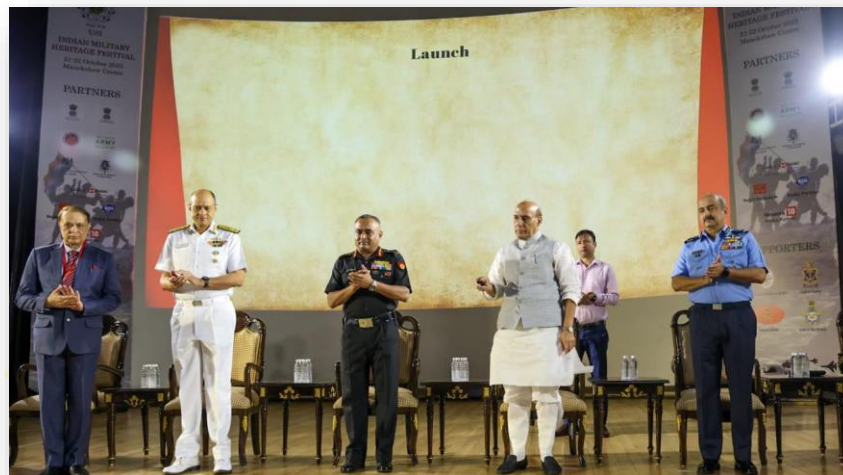
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Raksha Mantri Launched 'Project Udbhav'

- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh launched 'Project UDBHAV', during the inauguration of the Indian Military Heritage Festival, in presence of General Manoj Pande, Chief of the Army Staff, Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari.
- Project UDBHAV, a collaboration between the Indian Army and the USI, is an endeavour to revisit the roots of India's ancient military thoughts.

- 'Udbhav', which translates to 'origin' or 'genesis', acknowledges the vintage scriptures and writings of our Nation, that span centuries in the past and contain profound knowledge that can benefit modern military strategies.
- The two-day festival aims to celebrate India's rich military culture and heritage, through conversations, art, dance, drama, storytelling, and exhibitions. The festival seeks to create a benchmark in the domain of public engagement with military history and heritage through interaction while adhering to the goals for developing the Armed Forces in the 21st century. It also provides a platform for discussing various contemporary issues relating to India and the world pertaining to security, strategy, and international relations.



Mission Gaganyaan: Indian Navy Units Successfully Recover Crew Module

- The Crew Module, separated from the ISRO's test vehicle, which lifted off on Saturday for the Gaganyaan mission, has been successfully recovered by the units of the Indian Navy, officials said.
- The Crew Module has been prescribed by the Indian Space Research Organisation to be recovered using a dedicated vessel and diving team from the Indian Navy after touchdown in the Bay of Bengal.
- ISRO successfully conducted the first test flight of the '**TV-D1 (Test Vehicle Development Flight 1)**' in the Gaganyaan Mission from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Andhra Pradesh's Sriharikota after it was aborted at 8:45 am due to a problem in the engine ignition.



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Agniveer dies at Siachen Glacier, Indian Army pays Tribute

- An Agniveer died in the line of duty on the treacherous terrains of the Siachen glacier, the Indian Army's Fire and Fury Corps said on Sunday.
- The Agniveer has been identified as Operator Gawate Akshay Laxman, a resident of Maharashtra. The exact details behind Laxman's death are not immediately known.
- "Agniveer (Operator) Gawate Akshay Laxman is the first Agniveer to have laid down his life in operations. He was deployed in the world's highest battlefield Siachen glacier," an unidentified military official.
- The Indian Army's Leh-headquartered Fire and Fury Corps also offered condolences to the Laxam's family.

- "Quartered in snow silent to remain, when the bugle calls, they shall rise and march again. All ranks of Fire and Fury Corps salute the supreme sacrifice of #Agniveer (Operator) Gawate Akshay Laxman, in the line of duty, in the unforgiving heights of Siachen and offer deepest condolences to the family," the Fire and Fury Corps wrote on X, formerly known as Twitter.
- The Indian Army in a message on social media post also said that it stands firm with the Laxman's family in this hour of grief.
- "General Manoj Pande (COAS) and All Ranks of the Indian Army salute the supreme sacrifice of Agniveer (Operator) Gawate Akshay Laxman, in the line of duty, in the unforgiving heights of Siachen. The Indian Army stands firm with the bereaved family in this hour of grief," the Indian Army wrote.



Review Questions

1. Who launched 'Project UDBHAV' during the Indian Military Heritage Festival?
 - A. General Manoj Pande
 - B. Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari
 - C. Lieutenant General Tarun Kumar Aich
 - D. Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh

ANSWER: D

2. What is the meaning of 'Udbhav' in the context of 'Project UDBHAV'?
 - A. Innovation
 - B. Origin
 - C. Strategy

D. Military Power

ANSWER: B

3. What was the purpose of ISRO's unmanned test flight?

- A. To launch a human spaceflight mission
- B. To test a new rocket design
- C. To test the efficiency of the crew escape system
- D. To establish a space station

ANSWER: C

4. When is India scheduled to launch its human spaceflight mission, 'Gaganyaan'?

- A. 2022
- B. 2023
- C. 2024
- D. 2025

ANSWER: C

5. In Colonial Era CRPF Was Known As

- A. Crown Representative's Police
- B. Crown Response Force
- C. Queens Protection Force
- D. None

ANSWER: A

6. Elizabeth II was Queen Of The

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

ANSWER: B

7. Ex HARIMAU SHAKTI Conducted b/w India &

- A. Malaysia
- B. Maldives
- C. Mongolia
- D. Myanmar

ANSWER: A

8. INS Darshak Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Hydrographic Survey Ship

ANSWER: D

9. Pangong Tso lake Is Located In

- A. Kashmir
- B. Ladakh
- C. Odisha
- D. Kochi

ANSWER: B

10. INS Khukri Is A Type Of

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

ANSWER: D

11. Priyadarshini Is A Fast Patrol Vessel Of

- A. ICG
- B. IAF
- C. Indian Navy
- D. BSF

ANSWER: A

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ANSWER: B

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- D. BSF

ANSWER: A

14. INS Cheetah Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Landing ship tank

ANSWER: D

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

- A. Kandla
- B. Kolkata
- C. Mangalore
- D. Visakhapatnam

ANSWER: A

16. 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

17. India Purchased Boeing 737 from

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

ANSWER: A

18. Current DGMO Of Indian Army Is

- A. Lt Gen Manoj Kumar Katiyar
- B. Lt Gen Manjinder Singh
- C. Lt Gen Mukesh Kapoor
- D. None

ANSWER: A

19. Indian Army Flag Consist Colours of ___ Colours.

- A. Gold, Red And Black
- B. Gold, Red And Blue
- C. Gold, Rose Black And Black
- D. Green, Red And Black

ANSWER: A

20. Operation Talwar Was Conducted In

- A. 1978
- B. 1988
- C. 1998
- D. 1999

ANSWER: D