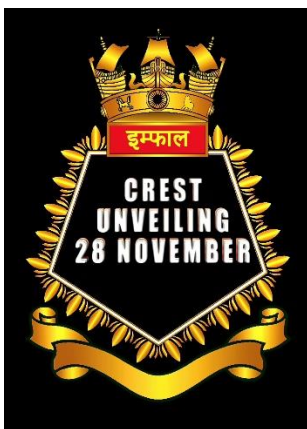


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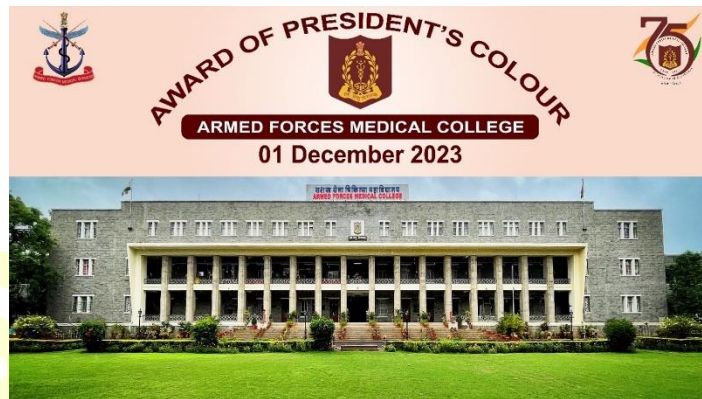
### CREST UNVEILING: Y – 12706 (IMPHAL)

- The crest of Yard 12706 (Imphal), the third amongst the four Project 15B guided missile stealth destroyers being built at **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited** (MDL), is scheduled to be unveiled in New Delhi on 28 Nov 23.
- The ship, which was named Imphal in Apr 2019 (at the time of its launching), was delivered by MDL to the Indian Navy on 20 Oct 23. As part of its pre-commissioning trials, the ship recently carried out successful firing of an Extended Range BrahMos missile – making it an ideal milestone for conducting the Crest Unveiling Event for the ship.
- This is also the first capital warship to be named after a city in the North-Eastern region of India, the approval for which was accorded by the President of India on 16 Apr 2019.
- **Imphal is also the first indigenous destroyer to have the shortest time taken to build and complete its sea trials.** The ship is scheduled to be commissioned into the Indian Navy in Dec 23.



## President To Confer President's Colour to AFMS

- The President of India and the Supreme Commander of Armed Forces, Smt Droupadi Murmu, will confer the President's Colour to Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Pune on Friday, 01 Dec 2023, in its **platinum jubilee year**.
- The AFMC is a premier Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) establishment and one of the leading medical colleges of the country. The award is a testament to the glorious 75 years of AFMC's exemplary service to the nation.
- President's Colour, also known as '**Rashtrapati ka Nishan**' is the highest honour that can be bestowed upon any military unit.



## Indian Army To Boost Firepower With 200 New Mounted Howitzers, 400 Towed Gun Systems

- In a bid to boost its mobile firepower in high-altitude border areas like Line of Actual Control with China the Indian Army is soon going to issue a tender for acquiring 200 new mounted howitzers equipped with 105 mm guns.
- A tender is set to be issued soon to Indian firms for this '**Make in India**' project to buy 200 new mounted howitzers equipped with **105 mm 37 calibre guns**, defence sources told ANI.
- This would be the first time that the Indian artillery would have these type of 105 mm mounted howitzers and would add to the strength of the formations deployed in forward positions, they said.
- The Indian Army has already issued a tender for buying 307 Advanced Towed Artillery Gun Systems (ATAGS) along with one for finding a mounted gun system for its requirements along borders with China and Pakistan.



## India, US Looking At Finalising MQ-9B Predator Drone Deal By Early Next Year

- India is looking at sealing a landmark deal to procure 31 MQ-9B Predator long-endurance armed drones from the US under a government-to-government framework by March with the US Congress expected to clear the supplies in the next few weeks, people familiar with the matter said.
- American and Indian government officials will hold the final series of negotiations on the procurement after Washington responds to India's Letter of Request (LoR) for the acquisition of drones from US defence major General Atomics (GA), they said.
- India is procuring the long-endurance 'hunter-killer' drones to crank up the surveillance apparatus of the armed forces, especially along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China.
- Though the price of the drones will be finalised in the negotiation process, it is estimated that the procurement would cost around **USD 3 billion**.



## Indian Navy Looking To Buy Scalp Long Range Cruise Missile

- India is inching towards the final steps of procuring a formidable armament, showcased compellingly in the Ukraine conflict.
- The French SCALP cruise missile – known as the Storm Shadow in England – that succeeded in annihilating a Russian submarine and made a significant impact on the Black Sea Fleet’s headquarters, is anticipated to equip the 26 Dassault Rafale-Marine [Rafale-M] fighter jets.
- The French Rafales boast the ability to carry two SCALP missiles. In contrast, the Rafale-M has a payload restriction, limiting it to a solitary SCALP unit. Despite this limitation, the use of an aircraft carrier as the launch pad for a Rafale-M extends its range, surpassing that of a Rafale on land.
- It has a length of approximately 5.1 meters and a wingspan of around 3 meters. The missile weighs about 1,300 kg and is powered by a turbojet engine, which allows it to reach speeds of up to Mach 0.8. It has a range of over 250 km, enabling it to engage targets at a significant distance from the launch aircraft.



## Review Questions

**1. Range of Scalp Missile Is**

- A. 250 kilometers
- B. 260 kilometers
- C. 270 kilometers
- D. 280 kilometers

**ANSWER: A**

**2. INS IMPHAL Is A**

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Destroyer

**ANSWER: D**

**3. 'Ex KOMODO' Hosted By**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**4. Zaporizhzhia Plant Is Located On Bank Of**

- A. Moskva River
- B. Volga River

- C. Dnieper River
- D. Thames River

**ANSWER: C**

**5. Yuan Wang 5 Is A**

- A. Indian Fighter Jet
- B. Chinese Spy Ship
- C. Korean Submarine
- D. None

**ANSWER: B**

**6. Motto of CISF Is**

- A. Protection and Security
- B. Duty unto Death
- C. We Protect
- D. Service Before Self

**ANSWER: A**

**7. In 2024 Which Nations Will Preside the Presidency of G 20?**

- A. India
- B. Russia
- C. Brazil
- D. UK & Uganda

**ANSWER: C**

**8. INS Imphal Manufactured By**

- A. CSL
- B. MDL
- C. HSL
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: B**

**9. INS Nishank Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Veer class corvette

**ANSWER: D**

**10. INS Shivaji Is An Indian Naval Station Located In**

- A. Nagpur
- B. Nashik
- C. Pune
- D. Lonavala

**ANSWER: D**

**11. Ex Samudra Shakti Is Held B/W India &**

- A. Italy
- B. Indonesia
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. None

**ANSWER: B**

**12. NIMAS Stands For**

- A. National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports
- B. National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Source
- C. National Indus of Mountaineering and Allied Sports
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**13. DIPR Stands For**

- A. Defence Institute of Psychological Research
- B. Disaster Institute of Psychological Research
- C. Defence Institute of Psychological Rate
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**14. MORONI Is The Capital Of**

- A. COMOROS
- B. Qatar
- C. UAE
- D. CROATIA

**ANSWER: A**

**15. "Blind Beauty" Book Is Written By**

- A. Boris Pasternak
- B. Habib Tanveer

- C. Jawaharlal Nehru
- D. J.K. Galbraith

**ANSWER: A**

**16. INS Rana Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Tank

**ANSWER: A**

**17. INS Utkrosh Naval Air Station Is Located At**

- A. A&N
- B. Lakshadweep
- C. Puducherry
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**18. Javelin Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Anti Tank Weapon System

**ANSWER: D**

**19. Regimental Centre of MADRAS REGIMENT Is In**

- A. Wellington, Tamil Nadu
- B. Kamptee, Maharashtra
- C. Ahmednagar, Maharashtra
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**20. SPARSH Stands For**

- A. System for Pension Administration (Rashtra)
- B. System for Pension Administration (Raksha)
- C. System for Pension Administration (Rajya)
- D. None

**ANSWER: B**



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