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India's Biggest Ever Fighter Aircraft Projects Worth Rs 1.3 L Cr

- The Defence Ministry is scheduled to take up two of India's biggest-ever fighter aircraft projects worth Rs 1.3 lakh crore for discussion in a crucial meeting this week including buying 97 new LCA Mark 1A fighter aircraft and indigenously upgrading 84 Su-30 MKI combat planes.
- "The projects are scheduled to come up for discussion at the Defence Ministry meeting scheduled on November 30," defence sources told ANI.
- Sources said the 97 LCA Mark1A project would help the country to build a strong fighter aircraft manufacturing ecosystem across the country and also help the Indian Air Force to replace its MiG-21 fleet which is being phased out.
- The two projects are listed for discussion at the Defence Acquisition Council meeting planned on November 30.
- The Indian Air Force has already ordered 83 LCA Mark1A fighter planes and their deliveries are expected to start in February-March 2024.
- The value of the 97 aircraft is expected to be around Rs 65,000 crore which would be the largest ever fighter aircraft deal in the country.



Tata Betting Big On High- Resolution Imagery Satellites For Military

- Tata Advanced Systems Ltd (TASL) has set up a facility to manufacture highresolution imagery satellites that will help the armed forces keep a closer eye on border areas, betting big on the military space sector.
- The Bengaluru-based facility will manufacture sub-metre resolution satellites and will have a ground station that can control their movement and process imagery required by the armed forces to monitor infrastructure or acquire military targets.
- Currently, India has only two dedicated military satellites the GSAT-7
 (Rukmini) and GSAT-7A (Angry Bird) used by the Indian Navy and Air Force,
 respectively. Till now, the Indian Army has been dependent on GSAT-7A and
 other surveillance satellites like RISAT 2BR1 imaging satellite for communication
 and surveillance operations.
- With this approval for a military-grade satellite, the Army will get a new "eye in the sky' in getting fail-safe communication support.



Rajnath Singh Unveils Crest of Project 15B Imphal

 The crest of Yard 12706 (Imphal), the third amongst the four Project 15B stealth guided missile destroyers, was unveiled by Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh, in the presence of Manipur Chief Minister Shri N Biren Singh, in New Delhi on November 28, 2023.

- The unveiling of Imphal's crest, adorned with the Kangla Palace and 'Kangla-Sa' is a befitting tribute to the sacrifice made by the people of Manipur towards India's independence, sovereignty and security.
- Designed by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau and built by MDL Mumbai, this ship is a hallmark of indigenous shipbuilding and is amongst the most technologically advanced warships in the world. The ship was delivered by the MDL to the Indian Navy on October 20, 2023.
- A guided missile destroyer with a displacement of 7,400 tons and overall length
 of 164 meters, Imphal is a potent and versatile platform equipped with state-ofthe-art weapons and sensors, including surface-to-air missiles, anti-ship missiles
 and torpedoes. Powered by Combined Gas and Gas propulsion, she is capable of
 achieving speeds in excess of 30 knots (56 km/hr).



NDA Expo Autumn Term 2023

- The NDA Expo Autumn Term- 2023 was inaugurated on 27 Nov 2023 by Mrs Reyman Kochhar, President, Family Welfare Organisation, National Defence Academy.
- The event represents the culmination of various club activities at NDA. The Expo comprised displays from 23 indoor and outdoor hobby clubs of which the NDA cadets are part and will be open for visitors on 27 - 29 Nov 2023.
- The expo also gives a glimpse of the 75 Glorious Years of this unique Academy which has been inculcating joint Manship and military ethos in the young

military leaders in making whilst providing them with these opportunities of self- expression, creative use of their time and simultaneously honing their soft skills.



Assets Of Those Named By UNSC For Terror Funding To Be Frozen Within 24 Hours

- Financial sanctions against entities named by the UNSC for their links to terrorism and terror financing should be imposed "without delay" and within 24 hours under the UAPA and a law against use of weapons of mass destruction, the government has directed regulatory and probe agencies.
- The Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU), the federal agency tasked to detect money laundering and black money in the country's economic channels, has been made the nodal agency for identifying, notifying and initiating legal action against such entities under section 12A of The Weapons of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Act, 2005, also known as the WMD Act.
- India, as per official records, enacted the law as per its commitment to the country specific efforts under UNSC resolution 1718 (2006) and 2231 (2015), and their successor resolutions, as mandated under section 2 of United Nations (Security Council) Act, 1947.



Review Questions

- 1. INS Imphal Made Under
- A. P 15A
- B. P 15B
- C. P 17A
- D. P 75

ANSWER: B

- 2. National Defence Academy Is In
- A. Mumbai
- B. Pune
- C. Chennai
- D. Panaji

ANSWER: B

- 3. Ex KAZIND & KHANJAR Conducted B/W India &
- A. Kazakhstan
- B. Kyrgyzstan
- C. UAE
- D. Both A&B

ANSWER: D

- 4. President of the United Nations General Assembly Is
- A. Antonio Guterres
- B. Abdulla Shahid
- C. Donald Trump

D. Ban ki Moon ANSWER: B

5. IACCS Stands For

- A. Integrated Air Command & Control System
- B. Integrated Air Command & Control Source
- C. Integrated Air Command & Counter System
- D. None

ANSWER: A

6. ATAGS Developed By

- A. DRDO
- B. Israel Aerospace Industries
- C. NASA
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

7. India's Buys P8I Aircraft From

- A. Iran
- B. USA
- C. UK
- D. Uganda

ANSWER: B

8. Which Is The Type Of A LUH?

- A. Chetak
- B. Apache
- C. Chinook
- D. Rafale

ANSWER: A

9. Hq of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited Is In

- A. Bangalore
- B. New Delhi
- C. Chennai
- D. Karachi

ANSWER: A

10. Current Vice Chief of the Air Staff Is

- A. Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh
- B. Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari
- C. Air Marshal Narmdeshwar Tiwari
- D. Air Marshal Vibhas Pande

ANSWER: A

11. Iran Boundary Doesn't Touch With

- A. Iraq
- B. Afghanistan
- C. Pakistan
- D. Russia

ANSWER: D

12. Wing Commander Rank Of IAF Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Army?

- A. Lieutenant
- B. Captain
- C. Lieutenant Colonel
- D. Colonel

ANSWER: C



13. "A Place Called Home" Book Is Written By

- A. Rizwan Khan
- B. Priya Sharma
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Preeti Shenoy

ANSWER: D

14. HELSINKI Is The Capital Of

- A. FINLAND
- B. FIJI
- C. FRANCE
- D. GABON

ANSWER: A

15. "Comedy of Errors" Book Is Written By

- A. William Shakespeare
- B. Rabindranath Tagore
- C. Geoffrey Chaucer

D. Karl Marx

ANSWER: A

16. Hq United Nations Institute for Training and Research Is In

- A. Geneva, Switzerland
- B. Berlin, Germany
- C. Turin, Italy
- D. Tokyo, Japan

ANSWER: A

17. Where Is The Hq Of The Central Command of The Indian Army?

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Pune
- D. Lucknow

ANSWER: D

18. Exercises B/w The India And Vietnam Is Called:

- A. VINBAX
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Vajra Prahar

ANSWER: A

19. War Cry of THE BIHAR REGIMENT

- A. Parakramo Vijayate
- B. Rhino Charge
- C. Jai Bajrangbali
- D. Duty, Honour, courage

ANSWER: C

20. Amogha Is A

- A. Anti-tank guided missile
- B. Surface-to-surface tactical ballistic missile
- C. Quick reaction surface to air missile
- D. Multiple rocket launcher

ANSWER: A

