

# Defence Current Affairs

## 04 December 2023

### INS Sandhayak Delivered To Indian Navy

- Sandhayak (Yard 3025), the first of four Survey Vessel (Large) ships, being built at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata, was delivered to the Indian Navy on 04 Dec 23. The Contract for four Survey Vessel (Large) was signed on 30 Oct 18.
- The Keel for ship was laid on 12 Mar 19 and the ship was launched on 05 Dec 21. The ship has undergone a comprehensive schedule of trials in harbour and at sea, leading up to its delivery to Indian Navy on 04 Dec 23.
- Sandhayak has an indigenous content of over 80% by cost. The delivery of Sandhayak is an affirmation of the impetus being given by the Government of India and the Indian Navy towards 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat'.



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### INS Kadmatt At Yokosuka, Japan

- INS Kadmatt, on a Long-Range Operational Deployment to the North Pacific Ocean entered Yokosuka, Japan on Dec 02, 2023, for an Operational Turnaround (OTR).
- Onboard visits including professional interactions and community welfare activities are planned during the stay. Interactions with the Japan Maritime Self

Defence Force will include cross-ship visits, professional exchange of ideas, Joint Yoga Camp, and coordination meeting for the MPX.

- Recently, INS Kadmatt has also undertaken fuelling with JMSDF Fast Combat Support Ship, JS Towada on 28 Nov 2023, off Okinawa, under the tenets of the Reciprocal Provisioning of Supply and Services signed between both navies.



## Major Reshuffle In Navy Top Brass

- A major reshuffle will be taking place in the Indian Navy top brass as a series of new appointments have been made. **WNC Vice Admiral Dinesh Tripathi** will be taking over as the **new Vice Chief of the force** on January 4 next month.
- The Vice Chief of Naval Staff is responsible for the modernisation of the force and Vice Admiral Tripathi would be taking over the charge of the office when critical acquisitions including that of MQ-9B Predator drones and Rafale fighter jets are taking place.
- **Vice Admiral Tripathi** would be replacing **Vice Admiral SJ Singh** who is now being moved to command the Western Navy headquartered in Mumbai after being in the Vice Chief office for around 9 months.
- The Southern Naval Command will also get a new chief as the incumbent **Vice Admiral Admiral Hampiholi** is retiring at the end of this month and will be repacked by **Vice Admiral Srinivas**.



## **13 Killed In Gunfight Between Two Groups Of Militants In Manipur**

- Around 13 people have died in fresh clashes in the Tengnoupal district of Manipur on Monday. A senior police officer, who did not want to be named, told ET, “Information was received that a gun battle had broken out between two groups of militants at Leithu village near Saibol in Tengnoupal district. Once security forces reached there, they found 13 bodies in Leithu village. There were no weapons.”
- The site of the incident is about 10 km from the international boundary with Myanmar. Police recovered the bodies but have not found any weapons next to the bodies.
- The source said early morning, a group of about 24 members first fought suspected cadres of Myanmar’s pro-democratic People’s Defence Force on the border.
- “As a result, the infiltrating group split into two parties. Half the rebel party managed to safely return into Myanmar, and the other party managed to infiltrate into India and entered Indian village Namlee located on the international border,” the source said.





## IAF Officer Manisha Padhi Appointed India's First Woman Aide De Camp

- Squadron leader Manisha Padhi, a 2015 batch IAF officer, became the first woman in the country to ascend to the post of Aide-de-Camp (ADC).
- Mizoram Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati, on November 29, appointed Squadron Leader Padhi as the ADC from the armed forces at a brief ceremony held at the Raj Bhawan in the state capital, Aizawl.
- Squadron Leader Padhi formally joined her post and reported to the Governor on November 29. She was introduced to the officers and staff of the Raj Bhavan at Aizawl.



## Cyclone Michaung: IAF Chetak Helicopters Deployed For Cyclone

- As Cyclone Michaung continues to wreak havoc in Tamil Nadu, IAF Chetak helicopters have been deployed for flood relief operations in Tamil Nadu's Chennai.
- These included food packets and rations for people stranded in cyclone-hit areas in Chennai that were cut off due to flooding. More sorties would be launched to distribute relief supplies in other affected areas, they added.
- The entire operation is being conducted in close liaison with the Tamil Nadu state government and Air Force Station Tambaram.
- Meanwhile, Tamil Nadu Government Chief Secretary Shiv Das Meena said the transport and the main roads--the public transport--are operating. And, hopefully, very soon, the situation will return to normalcy.



### Review Questions

1. Why did ICG Ship Sajag make a port call at King Abdul Aziz Port in Saudi Arabia on December 5, 2023?
  - A. To participate in a naval exercise
  - B. To attend Navy Day celebrations
  - C. To strengthen diplomatic ties and engage in professional exchanges.
  - D. To deliver relief supplies

**ANSWER: C**

**2. Where did PM Modi witness the 'Operational Demonstrations' by Indian Navy's ships, submarines, aircraft, and special forces?**

- A. Mumbai
- B. Tarkarli beach, Sindhudurg
- C. Chennai
- D. Dammam, Saudi Arabia

**ANSWER: B**

**3. Which city saw the delivery of the first Survey Vessel (Large) ship, Sandhayak (Yard 3025)?**

- A. Kolkata
- B. Mumbai
- C. Delhi
- D. Chennai

**ANSWER: A**

**4. What role have IAF Chetak helicopters played in response to 'Michaung' in Tamil Nadu?**

- A. Conducting aerial surveillance
- B. Evacuating civilians
- C. Participating in a naval exercise
- D. Deployed for flood relief operations.

**ANSWER: D**

**5. During the Kargil War Who Was The COAS of the Indian Army?**

- A. V.K Singh
- B. J.J Singh
- C. V. P. Malik
- D. SHF Manekshaw

**ANSWER: C**

**6. Current Defence Secretary of India Is**

- A. V. S Pathania
- B. Sandeep Deo
- C. Rajiv Gauba
- D. Ajay Kumar

**ANSWER: D**

**7. QRFV Stands For**

- A. Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle
- B. Query Reaction Fighting Vehicle
- C. Quick Reaction Fighter Vehicle
- D. Quick Reactive Fighting Vehicle

**ANSWER: A**

**8. International Space Station is a multinational collaborative project involving**

- A. NASA, Roscosmos, JAXA, ESA, ISRO
- B. NASA, Roscosmos, JAXA, CSA
- C. NASA, Roscosmos, JAXA, ESA, CSA
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**9. Ex 'Ajeya Warrior' conducted b/w India &**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**10. Dhanush (howitzer) Manufactured By**

- A. L & T
- B. Boeing
- C. ISRO
- D. Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited

**ANSWER: D**

**11. What Is LGM-30 Minuteman III Is A**

- A. ICBM
- B. IRBM
- C. MRBM
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**12. Which is the highest rank of the Indian Army?**

- A. Major General
- B. Lt Colonel
- C. Major

D. Captain

**ANSWER: A**

**13. Which country is NOT included in the Quad Group?**

A. United States of America

B. Australia

C. Russia

D. India

**ANSWER: C**

**14. Which Countries Are Divided By The Nine Dash Line?**

A. People's Republic of China and PRC Taiwan

B. Afghanistan and Pakistan

C. Afghanistan and Iran

D. India and Myanmar

**ANSWER: A**

**15. Kakrapar Atomic Power Station is in\_\_\_\_\_.**

A. Tamil Nadu

B. Gujarat

C. Madhya Pradesh

D. Uttarakhand

**ANSWER: B**

**16. In Nuclear Power Station, Moderator Is Used To,**

A. absorb neutrons

B. reduce the speed of neutrons

C. accelerate the speed of neutrons

D. stop chain reactions

**ANSWER: B**

**17. Pristina Is The Capital Of**

A. Kiribati

B. Kuwait

C. Kosovo

D. Maldives

**ANSWER: C**



**18. Who Is The Author Of The Book Long Walk To Freedom?**

- A. Louis Fischer
- B. Mao Tse Tung
- C. Nelson Mandela
- D. Aung Sang Su Kyi

**ANSWER: C**

**19. Which Is/Are Military Honour?**

- A. Mahavir Chakra
- B. Kirti Chakra
- C. Vir Chakra
- D. All of the above

**ANSWER: D**

**20. Which Corps Of Indian Army Handles Military Communications?**

- A. Army Service Corps
- B. Army Aviation Corps
- C. Corps of Signals
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

