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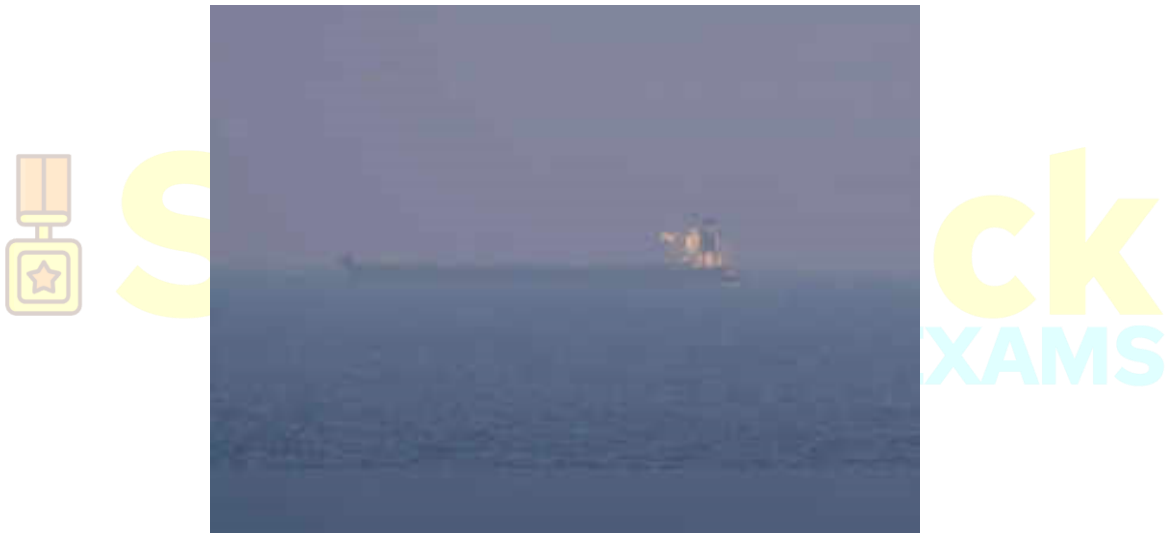
Indian Navy To Get Missile Destroyer INS Imphal

- In a significant boost to India's naval capabilities, the Indian Navy is gearing up to commission its latest stealth-guided missile destroyer, 'INS Imphal,' at the naval dockyard in Mumbai on Tuesday, in presence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- The INS Imphal holds historical significance as the first warship named after a city from the northeast, emphasizing the pivotal role of Imphal, Manipur, and the broader northeastern region in national security, sovereignty, and prosperity.
- The Defence Ministry notes that this commissioning is a fitting tribute to Manipur's sacrifices and contributions to India's freedom struggle. After its commissioning, INS Imphal will join the Western Naval Command.
- The Indian Navy currently operates 132 warships, including 11 guided missile destroyers from the Kolkata Class, Delhi Class, and Rajput Class. With 67 ships under construction, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral R Hari Kumar envisions a fleet of 170-175 ships by 2035.



Indian Navy Deploys Warships In Arabian Sea

- In view of recent attacks on commercial vessels in Arabian Sea, the Indian Navy on Monday deployed three warships to maintain a deterrent presence, said officials.
- The Indian Navy has already launched an investigation into the drone strike on a Mangalore-bound cargo vessel off India's west coast in the Arabian Sea even as the merchant ship is set to reach Mumbai escorted by an ICG.
- The Navy and the Indian Coast Guard swung into action on Saturday by swiftly deploying their assets, including a warship and maritime patrol aircraft, soon after the UK Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) reported the drone "attack" on MV Chem Pluto that has 21 Indian crew members.



Army To Deploy More Troops In Poonch Belt

- The Army is moving in additional troops to the Rajouri-Poonch sector after a spate of attacks on security personnel and increased activity by Pakistan origin terrorists who have created hideouts in thick forests close to the LoC.
- Sources said that troop deployments on the China border will not be impacted and additional forces will be moved to the terror impacted region, even from outside of Jammu and Kashmir if required.
- The Army is looking to crack down on terror modules that have scaled up attacks in Poonch-Rajouri sector, with forces suspecting a nexus between

Pakistan and China to revive terrorism in the sector to pressurize removal of troops from Ladakh.

- Troops with the **Rashtriya Rifles - a specialist counter insurgency force** - were moved to Ladakh after China brought in thousands of troops to disputed areas along the Line of Actual Control in 2020.



Year-ender: 2023 Witnesses Record Defence Exports, All-time High Productions

- As a result of the government's shift from viewing India as a net importer to a net exporter over the past few years, the defence sector has seen a quantum jump.
- The year 2023 was a landmark year for the Ministry of Defence as it witnessed defence exports reaching an all-time high--almost Rs 3,000 crore more than the previous financial year--and defence productions crossing the figure of Rs one lakh crore for the first time.
- The Fifth Positive Indigenisation List (PIL) of the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) comprising 98 items was released by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during the plenary session of 'Swavlamban 2.0'.
- In FY 2023-24, the Ministry of Defence was allocated a total budget of Rs 5.94 lakh crore, which is 13.18 percent of the total budget (Rs 45.03 lakh crore). The capital outlay of modernisation and infrastructure development was increased to Rs 1.63 lakh crore.



Macron At R-Day

- President Emmanuel Macron's acceptance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's last-minute invite, after US President Joe Biden conveyed his unavailability, signals a high point for India-France ties.
- Prime Minister Modi was the guest of honour at the Bastille Day Parade in Paris in July. It will be the sixth time a French leader will be the chief guest at the R-Day celebrations. India and France elevated their diplomatic relationship to 'strategic partnership' in 1998. This year marks its 25th anniversary.
- France has emerged as one of India's closest partners in Europe. A standout feature has been the eagerness on both sides for a mutually beneficial convergence. The bilateral talks will give the two leaders an opportunity to review the progress made on the key pillars of the strategic partnership, including space, climate change, security, civil nuclear technology and resilient supply chains.



Review Questions

1. 'Veer Bal Diwas' Is Observed On

- A. 24 December
- B. 25 December
- C. 26 December
- D. 27 December

ANSWER: C

2. Which Of The Following Is The Destroyer?

- A. INS Arihant
- B. INS Vagsheer
- C. INS Imphal
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: C

3. MCEME Stands For

- A. Military College of Element and Mechanical Engineering
- B. Military College of Electronics and Mechanical Engineering
- C. Military College of Electronics and Mechanical Entry
- D. None

ANSWER: B

4. MCEME Situated In

- A. Secunderabad
- B. Pune
- C. Lucknow
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: A

5. IAC VIKRANT Is Constructed By

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

ANSWER: B

6. Air Force Technical College (AFTC) Located At

- A. Bangalore
- B. Noida
- C. Jaipur
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: A

7. Institute of National Integration Is In

- A. Pune
- B. Noida
- C. Jaipur
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

8. Ajeya Warrior Ex Conducts B/W

- A. India & Indonesia
- B. India & UK
- C. India & Sri Lanka
- D. India & Thailand

ANSWER: B

9. Which Is Not The Member Of SAARC?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Myanmar
- C. India
- D. Pakistan

ANSWER: B

10. National Crime Records Bureau Was Set up In

- A. 1986
- B. 1987
- C. 1988
- D. 1989

ANSWER: A

11. AUKUS Stands For

- A. Azerbaijan, the United Kingdom, & the United States
- B. Australia, the United Kingdom, & the United States
- C. Australia, the United Kingdom, & Uganda

D. Argentina, the United Kingdom, & the United States

ANSWER: B

12. Army Sports Institute Is In

- A. Pune
- B. Noida
- C. Jaipur
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

13. OPEC Hq Is In

- A. Budapest, Hungary
- B. New York, USA
- C. Luanda, Angola
- D. Vienna, Austria

ANSWER: D

14. Chairman Of The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) Is

- A. PM
- B. NSA
- C. CDS
- D. Home Minister

ANSWER: A

15. Baghdad Is The Capital Of GUARDS

- A. Iraq
- B. Iran
- C. UAE
- D. Saudi Arabia

ANSWER: A

16. "The Sikh History of East India" Book Is Written By

- A. Abinash Mohapatra
- B. Avinash Khemka
- C. Rajesh Talwar
- D. Vinod Rai

ANSWER: A

17. International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Hq Is At

- A. London, United Kingdom
- B. Vienna, Austria
- C. Paris, France
- D. Geneva, Switzerland

ANSWER: A

18. The Army Training Command Of The Indian Army Is In

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

ANSWER: D

19. Commodore Rank Of Indian Navy Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Army?

- A. Brigadier
- B. Lt. Gen
- C. Captain
- D. Major General

ANSWER: A

20. Air Commodore Rank of IAF Is Equivalent To Which Rank of Indian Army?

- A. Brigadier
- B. Colonel
- C. Major
- D. General

ANSWER: A