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Naval Chief Flags Surge In Drone And Piracy Attacks

- “Since November 19, 2023, there have been a total of 30 drone or piracy attacks. So, in about 35 days, it roughly translates into one attack a day,” said Naval Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar.
- Kumar was addressing a press briefing held at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai on Tuesday after the commissioning of the latest stealth-guided missile destroyer ‘INS Imphal’. He expressed deep concern over the increasing number of drone and piracy attacks.
- Whenever there is a disturbance at sea, we have observed a subsequent increase in insurance rates. The Joint War Committee in London, comprising shipping and insurance companies, has collaboratively decided to raise insurance and freight charges. So, our effort is now to make sure that this area gets pushed away from our coastlines, safeguarding our ships from any adverse impact,” he explained.

India To Match China In Infrastructure Development Along Borders Within 2 Years

- Eastern Army Commander Lt Gen Rana Pratap Kalita said within a couple of years, India will be able to match China in terms of infrastructure development along the borders between the two countries.
- He said the Chinese have an advantage in some areas because they started infrastructure development in these places early.
- "In the last five to 10 years, a lot of focus has been on infrastructure development and I am sure in another couple of years, we will be able to match the capability of the PLA (People's Liberation Army of China)," General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Army Command, Lt General R P Kalita said in a media interaction at Fort William here.



Pakistan Conducts Successful Flight Test Of Fatah-II

- Pakistan on Wednesday conducted a successful flight test of indigenously developed guided multi-launch rocket system 'Fatah-II', which is capable of engaging targets with high precision up to a range of 400 km, the army said.
- The 'Fatah-II' is "equipped with state-of-the-art avionics, sophisticated navigation system and unique flight trajectory," the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the media wing of the military, said in a statement.
- In October end, Pakistan successfully conducted a training launch of the Ghauri Weapon System, a week after holding the flight test of the ballistic missile Ababeel Weapon System.
- In August 2021, Pakistan had conducted a successful test of indigenously developed Fatah-1 guided multi-launch rocket system (MLRS).



Russia, India Closer To Joint Military Equipment Production : Minister Lavrov

- Russia and India have made tangible progress in talks on plans to jointly produce military equipment, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Wednesday, after talks with his Indian counterpart Subrahmanyam Jaishankar in Moscow.
- Speaking at a news conference, Lavrov said such cooperation was of a strategic nature and was in both countries' interests and would help ensure security on the Eurasian continent.
- Jaishankar said he and Lavrov had discussed the conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza, as well as bilateral trade and investment.
- India has become one of Russia's core economic partners since the West in 2022 imposed sweeping sanctions on Moscow over the war in Ukraine.



Muslim League Jammu Kashmir (Masarat Alam) declared Unlawful Association

- The Muslim League Jammu Kashmir (Masarat Alam faction) (MLJK-MA), which has been involved in anti-national and secessionist activities in Jammu and Kashmir and supporting terrorist activities, was on Wednesday declared a banned organisation.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah said Prime Minister Narendra Modi government's message is loud and clear that anyone acting against the unity, sovereignty, and integrity of the nation will not be spared and face the full wrath of the law.



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Indian Navy Commissions INS Imphal

- The Indian Navy commissioned its latest stealth guided missile destroyer, 'INS Imphal,' on Tuesday in Mumbai, with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh presiding over the ceremony. This event marks the formal induction of the third vessel in the indigenous 'Visakhapatnam' class destroyers.
- Designed by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau and constructed by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, INS Imphal represents a cutting-edge warship with significant contributions from public and private sectors, including MSMEs, & the DRDO.
- INS Imphal, measuring 163m in length, 17m in breadth, and with a displacement of 7,400 tonnes, stands as one of the most formidable warships built in India. Propelled by four powerful gas turbines, it can achieve speeds in excess of 30 knots.



Review Questions

1. Houthi's Attacker Belongs To

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Yemen
- C. Egypt
- D. Oman

ANSWER: B

2. Pakistan Conducts Successful Flight Test Of

- A. Fatah-II
- B. Shahin
- C. Babar
- D. None

ANSWER: A

3. Recently Which Group Declared As Unlawful Association By MHA?

- A. SIMI
- B. PFA
- C. Muslim League Jammu Kashmir
- D. None

ANSWER: C

4. Atal Tunnel Is A Highway Tunnel Built Under The

- A. Rohtang Pass
- B. Zilip La
- C. Zoji La
- D. Jelep La

ANSWER: A

5. Joint Exercises B/w India And Japan Is Called: India &

- A. SHINYUU Maitri
- B. Garuda
- C. Varuna
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: A

6. Accuracy International Arctic Warfare Is A

- A. Grande
- B. Machine Pistol
- C. Sniper Rifle
- D. Rocket

ANSWER: C

7. Where Is the Hq Of The SNC Of The Indian Navy?

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Gandhi Nagar
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

8. Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust Is In

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Gandhi Nagar
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: D

9. Assam Rifles Come Under the Administrative Control Of

- A. MHA
- B. MoD
- C. MEA
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: B

10. Exercise Bold Kurukshetra Conducted B/w India &

- A. Singapore

- B. Nepal
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Bhutan

ANSWER: A

11. GSVL Stands For

- A. Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Velocity
- B. Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle
- C. Geosynchronous Solar Launch Vehicle
- D. Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle

ANSWER: D

12. NAVIC Stands For

- A. India Regional Navigation Satellite System
- B. Indian Regional Navigator Satellite System
- C. Indian Regional Navigation Satellite Source
- D. Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System

ANSWER: D

13. The Motto of The Indian National Army (INA) Was

- A. Unity and Discipline
- B. Unity, Faith, Sacrifice
- C. Do or Die
- D. Service before self

ANSWER: B

14. SSB Interview Board Is Not Located At

- A. Bhopal
- B. Prayagraj
- C. Kapurthala
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: D

15. DRDL Is A Unit Of

- A. ISRO
- B. DRDO
- C. HAL
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: B

16. Vaduz Is the Capital Of

- A. Liechtenstein
- B. Qatar
- C. Lithuania
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

17. 'Fearless Governance' Book Is Written By

- A. Richa Mishra
- B. K Shyam Prasad
- C. Dr. Kiran Bedi
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: C

18. DF-41 ICBM Is A Missile Of

- A. India
- B. Russia
- C. China
- D. North Korea

ANSWER: C

19. Northern Army Command Headquarters Is in

- A. Jaipur
- B. Udhampur
- C. Pune
- D. Lucknow

ANSWER: B

20. Infantry School of Indian Army Is At

- A. Mhow
- B. Bhopal
- C. Gwalior
- D. Jammu

ANSWER: A