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INS Sandhayak Commissioned

- **INS Sandhayak** (Yard 3025), the **first Survey Vessel Large (SVL) ship**, was commissioned into the Indian Navy in the presence of Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh at an impressive ceremony held at the Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam on February 03, 2024.
- The primary role of the ship is to carry out full scale hydrographic surveys of ports, harbours, navigational channels/routes, coastal areas and deep seas, towards enabling safe marine navigation. In its secondary role, the ship will be capable of undertaking a range of naval operations.
- The commissioning ceremony marked the formal induction of the first of the four ships of the SVL Project under construction at **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata**. The project has been steered by the **Warship Design Bureau of the Indian Navy**.
- The keel was laid on March 12, 2019, and the ship was launched on December 05, 2021. It has undergone a comprehensive schedule of trials in harbour and at sea, leading up to commissioning. The ship has a displacement of **3,400 tons** and an overall length of **110 meters** with a beam of **16m**.
- It is equipped with state-of-the-art hydrographic equipment including Deep & Shallow Water Multi-Beam Echo-Sounders, Autonomous Underwater Vehicle, Remotely Operated Vehicle, Side scan sonars, Data Acquisition and Processing System, satellite-based positioning systems and terrestrial survey equipment.
- The ship is propelled by **two Diesel Engines** and is capable of achieving speeds in excess of **18 knots**.



Delivery Of 25t Bollard Pull Tug, Mahabali

- 25T Bollard Pull (BP) Tug, Mahabali has been delivered to Indian Navy on 02 Feb 24 in presence of Rear Admiral Subir Mukherjee, NM, ASY(Kochi). This Tug is a proud flag bearer of "Make in India" initiative of Govt of India.
- Contract for construction and delivery of three 25T BP Tugs was concluded with **M/s Shoft Shipyard Pvt Ltd** (M/s SSPL), an MSME, in consonance with "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" initiative of the Government of India. These Tugs are being built under the classification rules of Indian Register of Shipping (IRS).
- The availability of Tugs will provide impetus to Operational commitments of IN by facilitating assistance to Naval ships and submarines during berthing and unberthing, turning and maneuvering in confined waters.



Indian Navy's 'Operational Turn Around'

- Indian Navy's submarine **INS Karanj** is in Colombo for a two-day visit from February 3-5 for **Operational Turn Around** with the purpose of replenishing soil and provisions, the Indian High Commission in Sri Lanka said in a statement.
- "The visit is an Operational Turn Around, wherein the submarine will replenish fuel and provisions. The crew will recuperate and have the opportunity of visiting places of interest in Colombo and Galle. The submarine will depart the island on February 5, 2024," the Indian High Commission added.
- Notably, INS Karanj is the third of the **Kalveri class submarines** commissioned into the Indian Navy on March 10, 2021.
- This is the **first foreign port call** for INS Karanj since its commissioning. Previously, another Kalveri class submarine, INS Vagir, visited Colombo in relation to the **International Day of Yoga** in June 2023.



UP ATS Arrests Pakistani Spy

- The Uttar Pradesh Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) said it has arrested an employee of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) posted in Moscow for allegedly spying for **Pakistan's intelligence agency ISI**.
- According to the ATS, the accused has been identified as Satyendra Siwal, who was working as Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS) at the MEA. Siwal was arrested in Meerut.
- ATS said, "The UP ATS had received inputs from several confidential sources that the Pakistani spy agency ISI's handlers had used money to influence some people working at the Foreign Ministry of India to leak top secret information regarding the Indian Army and its strategies.
- The ATS developed this information and through electronic surveillance and evidence collection, and it was found that Satendra Siwal, a native of the Hapur district of UP, who works at the Foreign Ministry as an MTS and is currently posted at the Indian Embassy in Moscow, Russia was involved in this."



Woman Robot Astronaut "Vyommitra" will fly into Space

- Woman Robot Astronaut "Vyommitra" will fly into Space ahead of ISRO's ambitious "Gaganyaan" mission, which will be India's first human manned Space Flight carrying Indian Astronauts into Space.
- Disclosing this in New Delhi during an interaction with media, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh said, the uncrewed "**Vyommitra**" Mission is scheduled for the **third quarter of this year** while a manned mission "**Gaganyaan**" is scheduled to be **launched next year, that is 2025**.

- “Vyommitra” is a name derived from two Sanskrit words namely, “**Vyoma**” (meaning Space) and “**Mitra**” (meaning Friend). This Female Robot Astronaut, is equipped with the capability to monitor Module Parameters, issue Alerts and execute Life Support operations. It can perform tasks such as operating six panels and responding to queries.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

EXAMS

1. Which Shipyard Is Responsible For The Construction Of The Four Survey Vessel Large (SVL) Ships?

- A. GRSE
- B. GSL
- C. HSL
- D. MDL

ANSWER: A

2. Which Company Delivered The 25T Bollard Pull Tug, Mahabali, To The Indian Navy?

- A. GRSE
- B. GSL
- C. HSL
- D. Shoft Shipyard Pvt Ltd (SSPL)

ANSWER: D

3. Which Military Force Is Scheduled To Conduct Exercise Vayu Shakti-24 On 17 February 2024?

- A. Indian Air Force
- B. Indian Navy
- C. Indian Army
- D. Coast Guard

ANSWER: A

4. Recently, the US State Department approved the sale of MQ-9B Sky Guardian drones to which country?

- A. Ukraine
- B. Taiwan
- C. Australia
- D. Bharat

ANSWER: D

5. When Has The Indian Navy Declared The 'Year of Naval Civilians'?

- A. 2025
- B. 2023
- C. 2022
- D. 2024

ANSWER: D

6. What Is SARVATRA In The Context Of The Indian Army's Defence Capabilities?

- A. Special Operations Force
- B. Tactical Reconnaissance System
- C. Rapid Deployment Platform
- D. Mobile Bridging System

ANSWER: D

7. C295 Aircraft Manufactured By

- A. Boeing
- B. Airbus
- C. HAL
- D. None

ANSWER: B

8. Indian Space Science Data Centre Is Located At

- A. Chennai
- B. Bengaluru
- C. New Delhi
- D. Kochi

ANSWER: B

9. __ Becomes Indian Army's First Woman Sky Diver

- A. Roop Rai
- B. Lance Naik Manju
- C. Corporal Manju
- D. None

ANSWER: B

10. __ Plans To Establish The National Government Cloud To Store Sensitive Data.

- A. MOD
- B. MEA
- C. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

11. The Hawker Siddeley HS 748 Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Transport Aircraft

ANSWER: D

12. 'Swift and Sure' Is The Motto Of

- A.** Army Aviation Corps
- B.** Sikh Regiment
- C.** Rajput Regiment
- D.** Gorkha

ANSWER: A

13. Which Regiment Has Motto: "Veer Bhogya Vasundhara"?

- A. RAJPUTANA RIFLES
- B. RAJPUT REGIMENT
- C. DOGRA REGIMENT

D. SIKH REGIMENT

ANSWER: A

14. ICMF Stands For

- A. Integrated Cryogenic Engine Manufacturing Facility
- B. Integrated Cry Engine Manufacturing Facility
- C. Integrated Cryogenic Engine Make Facility
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

15. "Bolo Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj ki jai" Is The War Cry Of

- A. Maratha Light Infantry Regiment
- B. Grenadiers
- C. Punjab Regiment
- D. Parachute Regiment

ANSWER: A

16. Rabat Is The Capital Of

- A. Morocco
- B. Montenegro
- C. Monaco
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

17. "Without Fear or Favour" Book Written By

- A. R K Narayan
- B. Khushwant Singh
- C. Neelam Sanjiva Reddy
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: C

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

- A. GARUDA SHAKTI
- B. SLINEX
- C. SAMPRITI
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: C

19. __Is The Legal Branch Of The Indian Army.

- A. Army Court
- B. Supreme Court
- C. Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Department
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

20. Exercises B/w India And Kyrgyzstan Is Called:

- A. KHANJAR
- B. SLINEX
- C. NOMADIC ELEPHANT
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: A