

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### IAF's Tejas Crashes Near Jaisalmer

- A light combat aircraft Tejas crashed near Jaisalmer in Rajasthan on Tuesday during an operational training sortie, the first such incident involving the indigenously-built jet. However, the pilot was ejected safely and no casualties were reported.
- The LCA Tejas was part of the **18th Squadron** of the Indian Air Force and participated in the tri-services **exercise Bharat Shakti** in Pokharan before crashing in Jaisalmer city.
- Prima Facie, it is emerging that the **engine failure** caused the crash but more details would be known only after the detailed inquiry is completed, defence officials told ANI.
- The HAL Tejas is an Indian single engine, delta wing, light multirole fighter designed by the Aeronautical Development Agency in collaboration with Aircraft Research and Design Centre of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited for the Indian Air Force and Indian Navy.



## Iran, Russia And China Show Off Their Ships In A Joint Naval Drill

- United Arab Emirates - China, Iran and Russia have begun a joint naval drill in the Gulf of Oman, a crucial waterway near the mouth of the Persian Gulf, officials said.
- Footage aired by Chinese state television and a video released by the Russian navy showed the ongoing drill, known as "Marine Security Belt 2024."
- China sent the guided-missile destroyer Urumqi and the guided-missile frigate Linyi to the exercise. Russia's forces are being led by the Varyag, a Slava-class cruiser.
- More than 20 ships, support vessels and combat boats from the three countries, as well as naval helicopters, are involved in the exercise.
- A report by Iranian state television quoted the drill's spokesperson, Adm. Mostafa Tajaddini, as saying the drill will take place in 17,000 square kilometers (6,600 square miles) of water.



## ICG Apprehends Pakistani Boat In Arabian Sea Near Porbandar

- In an overnight joint operation during intervening nights of 11 & 12 Mar 2024, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), based on intelligence inputs, apprehended a Pakistani Boat with 06 crew and narcotics onboard, worth approx Rs 480Cr.

- The Boat was apprehended about 350 Km from Porbandar into Arabian Sea in a sea-air coordinated operation involving ICG ships and Dornier Aircraft. The operation exhibited well-coordinated efforts between ICG, NCB and ATS Gujrat.
- The boat was found to be a Pakistani boat with six crew. Investigation by the joint boarding team and rummaging of boat revealed approx. 80 Kg of drugs worth approx. Rs 480 Cr.
- The boat along with crew has been apprehended and is being brought to Porbandar for further investigation. This is the tenth apprehension by ICG, jointly with ATS Gujarat and NCB, in last three years, amounting to 517Kg Narcotics worth Rs 3135 Crores.



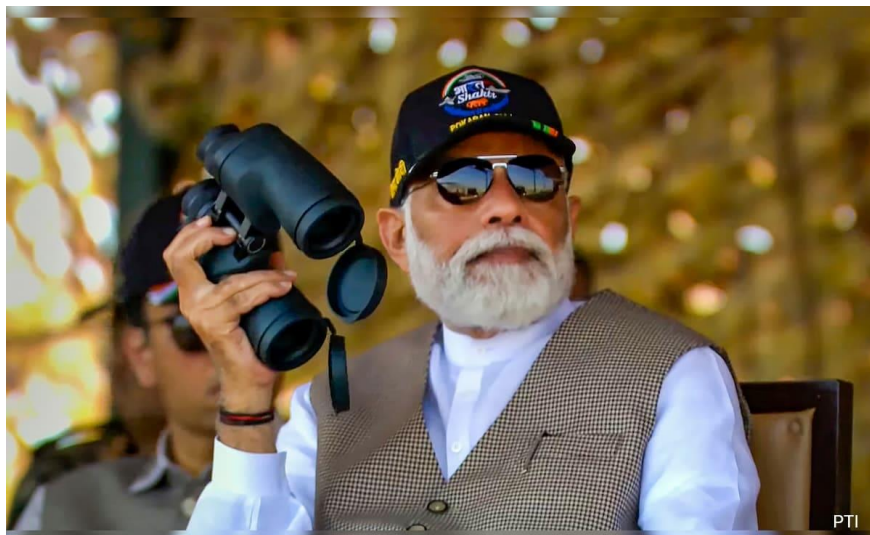
## Launch And Keel Laying Of 25t Bollard Pull Tug Bahubali And Yuvan At

- Second 25T Bollard Pull Tug, Bahubali was launched and Keel for the 4th 25T BP Tug, Yuvan was laid by Cmde Atul Maini, President SSB (Kolkata) on 12 Mar 24 at M/s Titagarh Rail Systems Limited, Kolkata. This Tug is a proud flag bearer of “Make in India” initiative of Govt of India.
- Contract for construction and delivery of six 25T BP Tugs was concluded with M/s **Titagarh Rail Systems Limited** (M/s TRSL), in consonance with “Aatmanirbhar Bharat” initiative of the Government of India.



## 'Atmanirbhar' India in defence sector is guarantee of 'Atmavishwas' : PM Modi

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi who witnessed the tri-service exercise 'Bharat Shakti' in Rajasthan's Pokhran on Tuesday said that self-reliant India in defence sector is guarantee of 'atmavishwas' (self-confidence) in the forces.
- The Prime Minister, while speaking at the Exercise Bharat Shakti in Pokhran, said that the first successful flight test of an indigenously developed Agni-5 missile with MIRV technology, which took place on Monday, is a huge step towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat in the defence sector.
- As per the government, the exercise 'Bharat Shakti' displays an array of indigenous weapon systems and platforms as a demonstration of the prowess of the country, premised on the nation's Aatmanirbharata initiative.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Where was the Second 25T Bollard Pull Tug, Bahubali, launched?**

- A. Bharuch, Gujarat
- B. Pokhran, Rajasthan
- C. Kolkata, West Bengal
- D. Odisha

**ANSWER: C**

**2. Manufacturer of LCA Tejas Is**

- A. Boeing
- B. HAL
- C. Lockheed Martin
- D. None

**ANSWER: B**

**3. India Had Signed A \_\_ Deal With Russia To Buy Five Units Of The S-400 Air Defence Missile Systems.**

- A. USD 5 billion
- B. USD 6 billion
- C. USD 7 billion
- D. USD 8 billion

**ANSWER: A**

**4. INS Baratang Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Tank

**ANSWER: B**

**5. Ex CYCLONE Conducted b/w India &**

- A. France
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Egypt

**ANSWER: D**

**6. Deputy National Security Adviser of India Is**

- A. Ajit Doval
- B. Pankaj Kumar Singh
- C. S. Jaishankar
- D. Rajiv Kumar

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Infantry Day of Indian Army In India Is Observed On**

- A. 13 Sep
- B. 14 Sep
- C. 27 Oct
- D. 16 Sep

**ANSWER: C**

**8. India's Largest Floating Solar Power Project Commissioned In**

- A. Pune, M.H.
- B. Chennai, T.N
- C. Ranikhet, UK
- D. Ramagundam, Telangana

**ANSWER: D**

**9. Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) Is Located In**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**10. Central Air Command of IAF Is Located In**

- A. Shillong
- B. Gandhinagar
- C. Prayagraj
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**11. The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) motto is**

- A. Always be there

- B. Service for Nation
- C. 24\*7
- D. Disaster Service Forever

**ANSWER: D**

**12. Third-generation anti-tank missile is \_\_\_\_\_?**

- A. Prithvi
- B. Akash
- C. Trishul
- D. Nag

**ANSWER: D**

**13. Range of the K-15 Sagarika missile is-**

- A. 700 km
- B. 500 km
- C. 400 km
- D. 200 km

**ANSWER: A**

**14. SLNS Sayurala Is A Ship Of**

- A. Oman
- B. Qatar
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Maldives

**ANSWER: C**

**15. The Headquarters and Secretariat of the SAARC Is In**

- A. Kathmandu
- B. Dhaka
- C. New Delhi
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**16. Bangui Is The Capital Of**

- A. Cape Verde
- B. Qatar
- C. Central African Republic
- D. Maldives

**ANSWER: C**

**17. "Arms and the Man" Book Is Written By**

- A. George Bernard Shaw
- B. Jules Verne
- C. Gunnar Myrdal
- D. Lewis Wallace

**ANSWER: A**

**18. The Port Duqm is in**

- A. Yemen
- B. Iran
- C. Iraq
- D. Oman

**ANSWER: D**

**19. Regimental Centre Of THE BRIGADE OF THE GUARDS**

- A. Kamptee, Maharashtra
- B. Ahmednagar, Maharashtra
- C. Delhi Cantonment
- D. Fatehgarh, Uttar Pradesh

**ANSWER: A**

**20. Range of K-9 Vajra Howitzer is**

- A. 40km
- B. 38km
- C. 20km
- D. 55km

**ANSWER: B**