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BRO Connects Strategic Nimmu- Padam- Darcha Road In Ladakh

- BRO connected the strategic Nimmu-Padam-Darcha road in Ladakh on March 25, 2024. This 298-km road will connect Manali to Leh through Darcha and Nimmu on Kargil – Leh Highway. The road is now the third axis apart from Manali-Leh and Srinagar-Leh which connects Ladakh to the hinterland.
- The Nimmu-Padam-Darcha road derives its strategic importance from the fact that it is not only shorter vis-a-vis the other two axes, but crosses only one pass; Shinkun La (16,558 feet) on which tunnel work is about to commence by the BRO.
- This will result in the road having all weather connectivity to the Ladakh region. The connectivity will strengthen the defence preparedness and provide a boost to the economic development in the Zaskar valley.
- DG Border Roads Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan said that in January, when the River Zaskar was frozen, the equipment and personnel were mobilised and the work of establishing the connectivity was completed.



ICG Ship Samudra Paheredar Arrives At Manila Bay

- Indian Coast Guard ship Samudra Paheredar, a specialized Pollution Control Vessel, arrived at Manila Bay, Philippines on 25 March 2024 on a three-day visit.
- The visit of specialized Pollution Control Vessels is part of a broader initiative aimed at demonstration of ICG Marine Pollution Response capabilities and shared concern & resolve towards Marine Pollution in the ASEAN region, besides bolstering bilateral cooperation with the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG).
- The ICG ship is on an overseas deployment to ASEAN countries namely the Philippines, Vietnam, and Brunei from 25 March to 12 April 2024. The deployment is the third in a row by the Indian Coast Guard to ASEAN countries. Earlier in the year 2023, ICG Pollution Control Vessels visited Cambodia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, and Indonesia as part of the initiative.



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France Will Soon Deliver 78 Howitzers To Ukraine

- France will soon be able to deliver 78 Caesar howitzers to Ukraine and will boost its supply of shells to meet Kyiv's urgent needs for ammunition to fight Russia's two-year invasion, the defense minister said.
- Defense Minister Sebastien Lecornu said at a news conference that an agreement was reached among France, Ukraine and Denmark to finance the Caesar self-propelled 155 mm howitzers, which will enable France to "quickly deliver" them.

- France has also set a goal to deliver 80,000 shells for 155 mm guns to Ukraine this year - up from 30,000 delivered since the beginning of the war in February 2022, he said.



Indian Army Provides Logistic Support To IAF

- The Indian Army is providing logistic support to the Indian Air Force (IAF) for its upcoming mega Exercise Gagan Shakti 2024, showcasing the spirit of synergy between the divisions of armed forces.
- The 10-day exercise is scheduled to take place from April 1-10.
- The exercise will be organised at different parts of the country, encompassing both the western and northern fronts.
- The Indian Army has facilitated a comprehensive pan India move of approximately 10,000 IAF personnel and ammunition in order to validate the Operational Rail Mobilisation Plan (ORMP) aspects of the IAF.
- Indian Army is providing 12 passenger trains, time tabled, with all amenities, including meals and bedding, provided at Bangalore, Chennai, Chandigarh, Delhi and Kanpur; to various destinations across the length and breadth of the country, within a span of three days, with effect from March 25.
- The passenger trains have been named '**Sanyukta Express**' trains to denote the interservice camaraderie. Their return journeys have been planned for the month of April 2024.



"We firmly support Philippines in upholding its national sovereignty": EAM Jaishankar

- External Affairs Minister, S Jaishankar, who is on a formal visit to Manila, said on Tuesday that India firmly supports the Philippines in upholding its national sovereignty and will continue to further enhance cooperation in various fields, including defence and security.
- "In my own statement, we make three points very clear on that. We regard Clause 1982 as very important; we regarded it as the constitution of the seas. Two, we believe that all parties must adhere to it as I said its entirety, both in the letter and spirit," he added.
- EAM Jaishankar also stressed India's focus on maritime security and highlighted that the Philippines and India are both important maritime nations and are making exceptional commitments to global shipping.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is the significance of the Nimmu-Padam-Darcha road in Ladakh?

- A. It connects Manali to Srinagar
- B. It connects Manali to Leh through Darcha and Nimmu
- C. It connects Delhi to Leh
- D. It connects Ladakh to Rajasthan

ANSWER: B

2. Where did the Indian Coast Guard ship Samudra Paheredar arrive on March 25, 2024?

- A. Mumbai, India
- B. Manila Bay, Philippines
- C. Colombo, Sri Lanka
- D. Singapore Harbor

ANSWER: B

3. What is the Indian Army's role in Exercise Gagan Shakti 2024?

- A. Providing medical support
- B. Providing logistic support to the Indian Navy
- C. Providing logistic support to the Indian Air Force
- D. Providing intelligence support

ANSWER: C

4. Ex 'GARUDA SHAKTI' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Iraq
- B. Oman
- C. Indonesia
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

5. ___ Edition of India-US Joint Exercise Yudh Abhyas Commenced At Foreign Training Node, Auli.

- A. 16th
- B. 17th
- C. 18th
- D. 19th

ANSWER: C

6. INS Khukri Is A Type Of

- A. Frigate
- B. Submarine
- C. Destroyer
- D. Missile Corvette

ANSWER: D

7. 'Ex Zapad' Conducted B/W India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Russia
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: B

8. North-West Region Center Of ICG Is In

- A. Gandhinagar
- B. Port Blair
- C. Kolkata
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: A

9. AAI Stands For

- A. Airport Author of India
- B. Air Authority of India
- C. Airport Authority of India
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

10. MIM-104 Patriot Is A

- A. Air to Air missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Anti-tank Guided missile
- D. Air Defence System

ANSWER: D

11. Joint Exercises B/w The India And UK Is Called:

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. INDRADHANUSH

ANSWER: D

12. Which Of The Following Is The Capital Of Greece?

- A. Athens
- B. Prague
- C. Bogota
- D. Budapest

ANSWER: A

13. "The Third Pillar" Book Is Written By

- A. Raghuram Rajan
- B. Ruchir Sharma
- C. Saba Naqvi
- D. Vinit Goenka

ANSWER: A

14. What Is The Full Form Of SDSC?

- A. Satish Development Space Centre
- B. Scientific Development Space Centre

- C. Satish Dhawan Space Centre
- D. Static Development Space Centre

ANSWER: C

15. Which Is Not A/Are USA Defence Company?

- A. Lockheed Martin
- B. Northrop Grumman
- C. Boeing
- D. Thales

ANSWER: D

16. Name The Largest Nuclear Power Station Of India By Capacity?

- A. Tarapur
- B. Kakrapar
- C. Kaiga
- D. Kudankulam

ANSWER: D

17. Which Port Is Located In Western Coast of India?

- A. Kandla
- B. Kolkata
- C. Mangalore
- D. Visakhapatnam

ANSWER: A

18. NGARM Stands For

- A. Next-generator Anti-radiation Missiles
- B. New-generation Anti-radiation Missiles
- C. Next-generation Anti-radiation Memo
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

19. Which Group Or Organization Established The New Development Bank?

- A. UNO
- B. IMF
- C. BRICS
- D. WTO

ANSWER: C

20. Which Country Isn't The Signatory Of CTBT?

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Australia
- D. India

ANSWER: D

