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INS Sharda Awarded On The Spot Unit Citation For Anti Piracy Operations

- Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff, during his visit to Southern Naval Command, Kochi, awarded '**On the Spot Unit Citation**' to **INS Sharda** for successful conduct of anti-piracy operations.
- The ship was involved in the safe release of all 19 crew members (11 Iranian & 08 Pakistani) of Iranian fishing vessel Omari which was held hostage by pirates off East coast of Somalia.
- The ship was tasked to investigate the Iranian fishing vessel Omari that was likely hijacked by pirates. Based on surveillance inputs of naval RPA, the ship intercepted the vessel and maintained a covert trail throughout the night. During early morning hours of 02 Feb 24, the ship's integral helo and subsequently Prahar team was launched.



CDS To Chair Parivartan Chintan

- Parivartan Chintan, a pioneering Tri-Service Conference aimed at generating new and fresh ideas, initiatives and reforms to propel Jointness and Integration efforts, is being held in New Delhi on 08 Apr 2024. A day long discussions will be chaired by Chief of Defence Staff, General Anil Chauhan.
- With the Indian Armed Forces having embarked on a major transformative change in their quest to be ready for the envisaged future wars, initiatives are being undertaken to promote Jointness and Integration as structures are modified to enable Tri- Service multi domain operations.
- The 'Chintan' will be the first ever conference of the Heads of all Tri- Services Institutions, the Department of Military Affairs, Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff and the three Services, with officers from varied service brackets, through their diverse understanding and experience, recommending measures to achieve the desired "Joint and Integrated" end state with celerity.



Two Indian Navy Warships Being Built In Russia

- Two Indian Navy warships being built in Russia are likely to be commissioned by the end of this year, after getting delayed due to the Russia-Ukraine war there.
- The first warship would be known as **INS Tushil**, while the other one would be **INS Tamal** after commissioning.
- The stealth frigates are being built as part of the Tushil class warships, which are follow-ons of the six warships of the Talwar class and its follow-on frigates.

- The **GSL** is expected to launch the first warship for trials in the near future and the delivery is planned to be completed by the middle of 2026.



India Receives Fresh Batch Of Igla-S Air Defence System From Russia

- The Indian Army has received the first batch of 24 Russia-made **Igla-S Man Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS)**, along with 100 missiles, as part of a larger deal which will see the rest being made in India.
- The system is being procured to shore up Indian Army's **Very Short Range Air Defence (VSHORAD) capabilities**.
- Sources in the defence establishment said that while the Army did induct a very small number (24 launchers and 216 missiles) of Igla-S as part of emergency procurement in 2021, this is a larger order.
- MANPADS are portable **surface-to-air missile systems** and air defence units in high mountainous regions use MANPADS to neutralise low-altitude aerial threats such as aircraft, drones, and missiles.



Empowering India's Defence: The ASMI Revolution

- Amidst growing expectation, India gears up to equip its Special Forces with the indigenous **ASMI pistol**, a groundbreaking development in the nation's defence industry.
- **Lokesh Machine Limited** has secured the contract to supply 550 units of the 9x19mm Submachine Pistol "ASMI" to the Special Forces of the Indian Army, emerging victorious over competitors PLR Systems and Jindal Defence.
- The mastermind behind this revolutionary pistol is **Col Prasad Bansod** from the Infantry School, Mhow, supported by the DRDO Armament Research & Development Establishment (ARDE) in Pune.
- With an estimated production cost of under **Rs 50,000 per unit**, ASMI holds promise not only for domestic security forces but also for potential export markets, reflecting India's strides towards self-sufficiency in defence manufacturing.
- Sporting an 8-inch barrel and a high-capacity 33-round magazine, ASMI weighs under 2 kgs when empty, offering versatility with its full-length integral Picatinny rail and M-Lok slots for accessories.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Igla-S Is A

- A. ATGM
- B. MANPAD
- C. Submarine
- D. Rifle

ANSWER: B

2. ASMI Pistol Designed By

- A. Col Prasad Bansod
- B. Col Prakash Bansod
- C. Col Manpreet Singh
- D. None

ANSWER: A

3. ___ Awarded On The Spot Unit Citation For Anti Piracy Operations.

- A. INS Sharda
- B. INS Arjun
- C. INS Delhi
- D. None

ANSWER: A

4. Drishti 10 Starliner Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: A

5. Current Executive Of Defence Planning Committee

- A. Rajnath Singh
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Nirmala Sitaraman
- D. Ajit Doval

ANSWER: D

6. Field Marshal Of Indian Army Is A

- A. 2 Star General
- B. 3 Star General
- C. 4 Star General
- D. 5 Star General

ANSWER: D

7. Defence Space Agency Hq Is Located At

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

ANSWER: B

8. INS Kochi Is A

- A. Guided-missile destroyers
- B. Landing ship tank
- C. Submarine
- D. Frigates

ANSWER: A

9. _ Is Not A G7 member.

- A. China
- B. USA
- C. UK
- D. France

ANSWER: A

10. The Standard Meridian Of India Is

- A. 82 degrees 30' E
- B. 84 degrees 30' E

C. 72 degrees 30' E

D. 92 degrees 30' E

ANSWER: A

11. Army Medical Corps Motto Is

A. Courage and Valor

B. Sarve santu niramaya

C. Service Before Self

D. Lethal

ANSWER: B

12. Glock 18 Is A

A. Destroyer

B. Machine Pistol

C. Assault rifle

D. Submachine gun

ANSWER: B

13. Which Is The Largest Uranium-producing Country In The World?

A. USA

B. India

C. Kazakhstan

D. Uzbekistan

ANSWER: C

14. Kaiga Atomic Power Plant Is In

A. Karnataka

B. Gujarat

C. Madhya Pradesh

D. Uttarakhand

ANSWER: A

15. Who established the Atomic Energy Commission of India in 1948?

- A. P.K. Iyengar
- B. M.R. Srinivasan
- C. Vikram Sarabhai
- D. Homi Bhabha

ANSWER: D

16. Nay Pyi Taw Is The Capital Of

- A. Bhutan
- B. Nepal
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Myanmar

ANSWER: D

17. "India's Women Unsung Heroes" Book Is Written By

- A. Chandrachur Ghose
- B. Ruskin Bond
- C. Dr. Thomas Matthew
- D. Meenakshi Lekhi

ANSWER: D

18. Ex 'Konkan Shakti' conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. UK
- C. UAE
- D. Japan

ANSWER: B

19. "Kartavyam Anvatma" (Duty before death) Is The Motto Of

- A. RAJPUT REGIMENT
- B. DOGRA REGIMENT

C. SIKH REGIMENT

D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

20. Which Country Isn't the member of NSG?

A. USA

B. China

C. Pakistan

D. France

ANSWER: C

