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Village Defence Guard member killed in encounter with gunmen in J&K

- A Village Defence Guard member was killed in an exchange of fire with unidentified gunmen on Sunday morning in Panara village of Basantgarh in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir.
- The incident took place around 7:45 am, when armed forces accompanied by VDG member Muhammad Shareef, intercepted some of the individuals moving suspiciously in the area.
- The exchange of fire was reported from Panara village of Basantgarh when a patrolling party of police and VDGs confronted the suspected terrorists around 7:45 am, the officials said.
- According to them, following an initial exchange of fire that last over half an hour, the terrorists fled deep into the forest area and were being chased by the security forces.
- VDG member Mohd Sharief, a resident of Khaned, was critically injured in the firing and later succumbed to injuries, the officials stated.



Indian Navy Rescues Panama-flagged Crude Oil Tanker

- The Indian Navy has successfully rescued the crew of a Panama-flagged crude oil tanker, MV Andromeda Star, after it came under a missile attack by Houthi militants. The vessel was attacked in the Red Sea on April 26, prompting a rapid response from the Indian Navy's destroyer, INS Kochi.
- The attack resulted in minor damage to the vessel, which is operated by a company based in Seychelles.
- According to the US Central Command, Iranian-backed Houthi militants launched three anti-ship ballistic missiles from Yemen into the Red Sea, targeting the merchant vessel Maisha and MV Andromeda Star.
- All 30 crew members, including 22 Indian nationals, were reported safe, and the vessel proceeded with its scheduled journey to the next port.



ICG Foils Pakistan's Drug Smuggling Attempt; Seizes Narcotics

- ICG intercepted 86 kg of narcotics worth Rs 600 crore from a Pakistani boat off the Gujarat coast on Sunday. The 14 crew members who were attempting to smuggle the drugs into India were arrested and brought to Porbandar for further investigations.
- "In a breathtaking overnight operation, Indian Coast Guard undertook an intelligence-based anti-narcotics operation at sea on 28 Apr 24. Approx 86 kg of narcotics worth Rs 600 crore has been apprehended along with 14 crew from the Pakistani boat," the ICG said.

- "The jointness of ICG and ATS, which has led to eleven such successful law enforcement operations in the last three years, itself reaffirms the synergy for national objectives," it added.



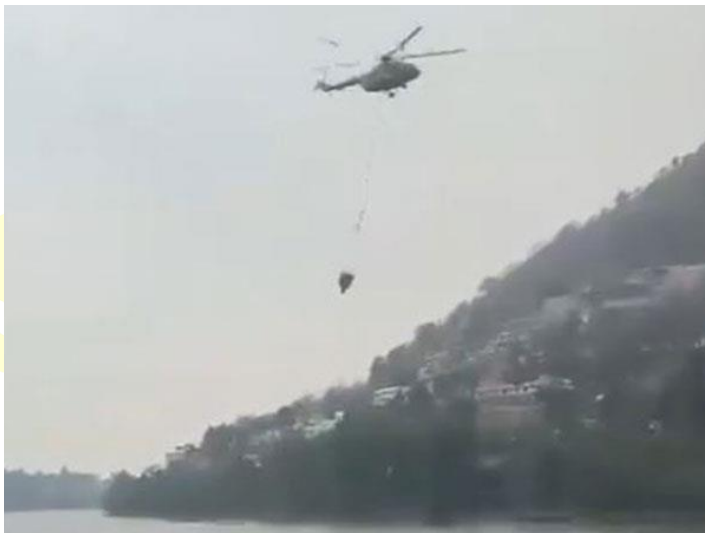
Houthi strike again: Oil tanker damaged, US drone shot down

- Yemen's Houthis have struck again, with reports emerging of an oil tanker damaged and a US drone shot down amid escalating tensions over Israel's offensive in Gaza.
- In his latest televised address, the Houthis' military spokesman, Yahya Saree, claimed responsibility for targeting the "British oil ship Andromeda Star" in the Red Sea with naval missiles. The vessel sustained minor damage, according to the US Central Command (CENTCOM), but is continuing its journey unimpeded.



Nainital Forest Fire

- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said on Saturday that the Indian Army and Air Force helicopters are assisting in controlling forest fires in the state that have reached Nainital after raging for over 36 hours and burning several hectares of green cover.
- A massive fire broke out in Ladiyakata area of the Nainital Air Force Centre on Friday. The blaze has been burning for over 36 hours, sweeping through dense forests in the mountainous region.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) has deployed MI-17 helicopters to assist in the firefighting efforts. These helicopters are pulling water from Nainital Lake to douse the flames, resulting in a temporary halt to boating activities on the lake.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. In 2023, what position did India secure in global military spending?
 - A. Sixth
 - B. Second
 - C. Fourth
 - D. Fifth

ANSWER: C

2. With which country does India concluded the joint military exercise DUSTLIK?

- A. Oman
- B. Uzbekistan
- C. Kazakhstan
- D. Turkmenistan

ANSWER: B

3. 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

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