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Keel Laying Of The First NG OPV

- Keel laying ceremony of the first NGOPV (ex-GSL) was held at M/s Goa Shipyard Ltd, Goa on 03 May 24. The ceremony was presided by VAdm B Siva Kumar, Controller Warship Production & Acquisition in presence of Shri B K Upadhyay, CMD, GSL and other senior officials from Indian Navy and M/s GSL.
- The contracts for indigenous design and construction of 11 Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels were concluded on 30 Mar 23 between MoD and M/s GSL Goa and M/s GRSE, Kolkata, with seven ships to be constructed by Lead Shipyard M/s GSL and four ships by Follow Shipyard M/s GRSE.
- The NGOPVs will be utilised for performing missions such as Anti-Piracy, Coastal Defence & Surveillance, Search & Rescue and Protection of Offshore Assets. These ships will enable Indian Navy to maintain its combat capability to protect the economic and geopolitical interests of the nation in the Indian Ocean Region.



Poonch ambush: IAF mourns Corporal Vikky Pahade

- Amid aerial surveillance in Poonch as the forces continued the massive manhunt to trace the terrorists behind the ambush of its convoy, the Indian Air Force on Sunday mourned Corporal Vikky Pahade, who succumbed to injuries sustained in the attack on Saturday evening.
- Earlier, on Sunday, security personnel launched a massive manhunt following a terrorist attack on an Indian Air Force convoy a day before, in which one personnel was killed. Security forces have laid down nakas and checking is going on in the area.
- In the immediate aftermath of the attack, the local Rashtriya Rifles unit initiated a cordon and search operations in the vicinity, with support from the Army and police, to track down the perpetrators.
- The IAF confirmed the incident through a tweet, stating that the targeted convoy was secured and an investigation was underway.
- The IAF vehicles were secured inside the air base in the general area near Shahsitar.



Indian Army, IAF To Jointly Deploy Predator Drones In Gorakhpur

- The Indian Army and the Air Force are planning to jointly deploy MQ-9B Predator drones at air bases in Sarsawa and Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh, for upgrading their surveillance capabilities all along the Line of Actual Control with China from Ladakh to Arunachal Pradesh.

- The drone deal, expected to be worth around USD 4 billion is being done at tri services level with the Indian Navy leading the negotiations for it with the American side.
- As per of the drone deal with the US, 31 MQ-9B drones are being acquired of which 15 would be for coverage of the maritime zone and would be deployed by the Indian Navy.
- The Predator drones are expected to significantly enhance India's ability to conduct unmanned surveillance and reconnaissance patrols, particularly in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) and along its land borders with China and Pakistan.



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Israel Attacks Rafah

- Three Israeli soldiers were killed in a rocket attack claimed by Hamas armed wing, near the southern Gaza Strip city of Rafah, where Palestinian health officials said at least 19 people were killed by Israeli fire on Sunday.
- Hamas's armed wing claimed responsibility on Sunday for an attack on the Kerem Shalom crossing into Gaza that Israel said killed three of its soldiers.
- Three Israeli soldiers were killed and 11 more were wounded in a Hamas-claimed rocket attack on a staging ground near the Gaza Strip on Sunday, prompting the military to shutter a key border crossing.
- The Hamas terror group said it had launched a barrage of short-range rockets at a gathering of Israeli troops on the border, near the southern community of Kerem Shalom.

- Most of the rockets struck an area where troops were gathered on the border, not far from the Kerem Shalom border crossing, which has been used to deliver thousands of truckloads of humanitarian aid to Gaza amid the war.
- The soldiers had been guarding military equipment that was brought to the area for the IDF's planned offensive in Rafah.



India's First Indigenous Bomber UAV Unveiled In Bengaluru

- India has marked a significant milestone in its defence and aerospace capabilities with the unveiling of the FWD-200B, the country's first indigenous bomber unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV), during a ceremony in Bangalore.
- The UAV, developed by Flying Wedge Defence and Aerospace Technologies, is a medium-altitude, long-endurance (MALE) combat vehicle designed and manufactured entirely within India.
- The FWD-200B stands out for its cost-efficiency and indigenous development, highlighting India's move towards self-reliance in strategic defence equipment. It boasts a payload capacity of **100 kgs**, capable of carrying both optical surveillance payloads and precision air-strike weapons.
- The UAV can operate at a maximum speed of **370 kmph** (200 knots), with an endurance of **12-20 hours** and a ground control station range of **200 km**.
- This achievement is particularly notable as it comes after years of efforts and is a significant reduction in cost compared to imported alternatives. While an imported US Predator drone might cost around **₹ 250 crore**, the FWD-200B is priced at just **₹25 crore** — a tenth of the cost.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Where was the keel laying ceremony of the first NGOPV (ex-GSL) held?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Goa
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Ladakh

ANSWER: B

2. Which country has agreed to boost its security cooperation with the United States, Japan, and the Philippines in response to China's actions in the South China Sea?

- A. India
- B. Australia
- C. China
- D. Philippines

ANSWER: B

3. What is the price tag for the MQ-9B Predator drones that the Indian Army and IAF are planning to jointly deploy?

- A. USD 2 billion
- B. USD 4 billion
- C. USD 6 billion
- D. USD 8 billion

ANSWER: B

4. Which Indian Air Force personnel was mourned due to injuries sustained in an attack?

- A. Corporal Vikky Pahade
- B. Sargent B Siva Kumar
- C. Naik B K Upadhyay
- D. None

ANSWER: A

5. Which is the 6th largest Submarine Under P75?

- A. INS Karanj
- B. INS Vagsheer
- C. INS Kirpan
- D. INS Vela

ANSWER: B

6. National College for Policing and Law Enforcement is one of India's largest funded projects in

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Maldives
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

7. The MiG-29 Is A

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

ANSWER: D

8. “Naam Namak Nishaan” Is The Motto Of

- A. THE GRENADIERS
- B. Rajputana Rifles
- C. Gorkha
- D. None

ANSWER: A

9. IATA Stands For

- A. International Air Transport Associate

- B. International Apex Transport Association
- C. International Air Transport Association
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

10. K2 Black Panther Tank Belongs To

- A. Oman
- B. Qatar
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. South Korea

ANSWER: D

11. Ankara Is The Capital Of

- A. Oman
- B. Qatar
- C. Turkey
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

12. "India 2020: A Vision for the New Millennium" Book Is Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Rabindra Nath Tagore
- C. M K Gandhi
- D. Dr A P J Abdul Kalam & Dr Y S Rajan

ANSWER: D

13. North-West Region Of ICG Located In

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Gandhinagar
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: C

14. AH-64 Apache Is A

- A. Transport Helicopter
- B. Attack Helicopter
- C. Light Utility Helicopter

D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

15. Operation Ganga Was Conducted By IAF In

A. UK

B. USA

C. Ukraine

D. Afghanistan

ANSWER: C

16. Department of Defence Production Comes Under

A. Ministry of Culture

B. MHA

C. MOD

D. MEA

ANSWER: C

17. Defence Institute of High-Altitude Research Is In

A. New Delhi

B. Jammu

C. Ladakh

D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

18. Dhanush (howitzer) Manufactured By

A. L & T

B. Boeing

C. ISRO

D. Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited

ANSWER: D

19. BRICS Stands For

A. Brazil Russia India China And South Africa

B. Brazil Russia India China And South Asia

C. Brazil Russia Indonesia China And South Africa

D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

20. F-2000 Is A

- A. Grenade
- B. Submarine
- C. Tank
- D. Assault Rifle

ANSWER: D

