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India Unveils Light Battle Tank 'Zorawar'

- India has unveiled its first indigenously designed and developed light battle tank that will be capable of delivering devastating firepower at high altitude battlefields and operating in all-weather conditions.
- Developed in a record time of under two years in response to Chinese armoured deployments in Eastern Ladakh, the 25 ton tank named 'Zorawar' is the result of a public-private partnership between DRDO and L&T.
- Named Zorawar by the Army the tank has more mobility and higher accuracy fire power than the Chinese Type 15 tanks that have been deployed on the Ladakh border.
- The weight of the tank has been kept at 25 tons for higher mobility at extreme altitudes and will feature a 105 mm gun made by John Cockerill, which will also be produced in India.



Centre to ban 'Sikhs For Justice' for another 5 years

- The Centre is all set to ban '**Sikhs For Justice**' (SFJ) for another five years under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, citing "fresh evidence" from the investigation carried out by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), against SFJ and its patron Gurupatwant Singh Pannun, said officials.
- The NIA is investigating half a dozen cases against SFJ and Pannun, a US national. The agency last year attached his properties in Punjab and Chandigarh UT. SFJ was banned for the first time on July 10, 2019, under UAPA for five years.
- NIA investigations stated that Pannu was the main handler and controller of the SFJ. He has been actively exhorting Punjab-based gangsters and youth over social media to fight for the cause of an independent state of Khalistan, challenging the sovereignty, integrity and security of the country. NIA probe has shown Pannun has been in the news for issuing blatant threats to senior Indian diplomats and government functionaries in public forums.



Indian Submarines Set For Indigenous Edge In Open Seas

- An indigenously developed air-independent propulsion (AIP) system that will significantly increase underwater endurance of conventional submarines is ready and will be fitted onboard the first submarine next year, a senior DRDO scientist in charge of the project has said.
- An AIP system adds significant stealth to conventional submarines, greatly enhancing operational effectiveness. It increases the ability of a submarine to

stay underwater from a matter of a few days to almost two weeks, giving it a big edge in the open seas.

- The Kalvari is the first of the Scorpene line of submarines made by MDL and has been selected for the complex procedure that will involve cutting the boat into two halves and inserting a new AIP section.
- The section will increase the length and weight of the submarines, requiring a procedure that will be done with the assistance of its original manufacturer, France's Naval Group.



Soldier Injured As Terrorists Open Fire On Army Camp In Rajouri District

- An Army personnel was injured when terrorists opened fire on a security post in a village in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir early Sunday, officials said. The terrorists fired on a sentry post of Territorial Army at village Galuthi in Manjakote area around 4 am, prompting retaliation by troops, they said.
- They said the soldier was injured in the exchange of fire that continued for nearly half-an-hour between the two sides but the terrorists managed to flee into the nearby forest. A massive search operation was launched to track down the terrorists.



'West Watching With Jealousy': Kremlin

- Russia is expecting a "very important and full-fledged visit" by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Moscow for summit-level talks with President Vladimir Putin, with the Kremlin saying the West was watching the trip with "jealousy".
- Prime Minister Modi will be in Moscow from July 8 to 9 at the invitation of President Putin for the 22nd India-Russia Annual Summit. It will be PM Modi's first visit to Russia since its invasion of Ukraine in February 2022.
- The two leaders will review the entire range of multifaceted relations between the two countries and exchange views on contemporary regional and global issues of mutual interest, the MEA said in New Delhi on Thursday while announcing the high-level visit starting on Monday.
- India's import of discounted Russian crude oil has also gone up significantly notwithstanding the G7 price cap and increasing disquiet over the procurement in many Western capitals.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is the name of India's first indigenously designed and developed light battle tank?

- A. Arjun
- B. Bhishma
- C. Zorawar
- D. Vijayanta

ANSWER: C

2. For how many more years is the Centre set to ban 'Sikhs For Justice' (SFJ) under the UAPA, 1967?

- A. 3 years
- B. 4 years
- C. 5 years
- D. 6 years

ANSWER: C

3. Which organization signed a MoU with JSP for the supply of indigenous marine grade steel?

- A. Indian Navy
- B. Indian Army
- C. Indian Coast Guard (ICG)
- D. Ordnance Factory Medak

ANSWER: D

4. What was the year-on-year growth rate in India's defence production from fiscal year 2022-23 to 2023-24?

- A. 10.5%
- B. 16.7%
- C. 20%
- D. 25%

ANSWER: B

5. Who assumed charge as the Chief of Personnel of the Indian Navy?

- A. Vice Admiral Sanjay Bhalla
- B. Rear Admiral Manoj Kumar
- C. Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan
- D. Rear Admiral Rajesh Dhankhar

ANSWER: A

6. Which organization signed a MoU with ICG for the supply of indigenous marine-grade aluminium?

- A. Tata Steel
- B. Hindalco Industries
- C. Reliance Industries
- D. JSW Steel

ANSWER: B

7. Deesa Airbase Of IAF Is Located In Which District Of Gujrat?

- A. Surat
- B. Banaskantha
- C. Vapi
- D. None

ANSWER: B

8. ___ Is The Largest Air Command Of The IAF?

- A. Eastern
- B. Western
- C. Southern
- D. Northern

ANSWER: B

9. Indian Navy Sailing Championship Organised By

- A. IMA
- B. SNC
- C. INA
- D. NDA

ANSWER: C

10. Kamikaze Drones Developed By

- A. India
- B. Russia
- C. Ukraine
- D. Iran

ANSWER: B

11. Tapas-BH Stands For

- A. Tactical Airborne Platform for Advanced Surveillance- Beyond Horizon
- B. Tactical Airborne Platform for Aerial Surveillance- Beyond Horizon
- C. Tactical Airborne Prime for Aerial Surveillance- Beyond Horizon
- D. None

ANSWER: B

12. Which Indian Navy Ship Participated In IBSAMAR Exercise?

- A. INS Utkrosh
- B. INS Kochi
- C. INS Tarkash
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

13. Newly Created 'Weapon System Branch' Is Made Up For

- A. IAF
- B. BSF
- C. Indian Army
- D. ICG

ANSWER: A

14. M777 Ultra-Light Howitzer Have A Range Of Up To

- A. 20 km

- B. 25 km
- C. 30 km
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

15. Recently QRSAM Missile Was Tested By

- A. Indian Navy & ISRO
- B. Indian Army & ISRO
- C. Indian Army & DRDO
- D. ICG & ISRO

ANSWER: C

16. Bogota Is The Capital Of

- A. BAHRAIN
- B. BANGLADESH
- C. BARBADOS
- D. Colombia

ANSWER: D

17. "Lal Salam" Book Written By

- A. Smriti Irani
- B. JK Rowling
- C. Jhumpa Lahiri
- D. Amitav Ghosh

ANSWER: A

18. Vajra Prahar Exercise Conducted B/W Bharat And?

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Israel
- D. Qatar

ANSWER: A

19. VL-SRSAM Developed By

- A. ISRO
- B. DRDO
- C. NASA
- D. JAXA

ANSWER: B

20. Hq Of The MOD Is In

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

ANSWER: B

