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Indian Army Inducts 40 Heavy Duty Hydraulic Mobile Cranes

- The Indian Army inducted 40 heavy-duty hydraulic mobile cranes from Tractor India Limited to undertake operations during disaster management with better efficiency.
- "#Indian Army inducts 40 Heavy Duty Hydraulic Mobile Cranes from M/s Tractor India Limited. These versatile, new age and high-tech cranes will enhance the operational preparedness of Combat #Engineers and also enable them to undertake arduous tasks during disaster management," ADG PI Indian Army informed on social media platform X.
- In a separate event, the Indian Army expressed their condolences to the families of the soldiers who lost their lives in the Doda encounter on Tuesday and said that the Army stands firm with the bereaved families in this hour of grief.
- The encounter broke out between security forces and terrorists in the Desa Forest area on Monday evening. The soldiers killed in action have been identified as Captain Brijesh Thapa, Naik D Rajesh, Sepoy Bijendra and Sepoy Ajay.



Lockheed Martin CEO Jim Taiclet Meets PM Narendra Modi

- US aerospace major Lockheed Martin CEO Jim Taiclet held a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi here and agreed to strengthen the defence and industrial ties between the two nations.
- National Security Advisor Ajit Doval was also present at the meeting on Thursday.
- In June last year, India Vice-President of Lockheed Martin, William Blair, said that Lockheed Martin exported nearly USD 650 million worth of defence products from India to the US.
- US aerospace major Lockheed Martin, headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland, is a global security and aerospace company that is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services.



Govt Clears Plan For Two Military Airfields In Lakshadweep

- The government has approved plans to construct two military airfields in Lakshadweep islands, in a move that will expand the reach of the armed forces in the region.
- The tri-services proposal, that got clearance, is to build an airbase in Minicoy and extend the existing facility on the Agatti island. These airfields can be used both by the military and civil airliners to boost tourism in the island chain.

- The Minicoy airfield will come up at naval base 'INS Jatayu' in the Lakshadweep islands that was commissioned in March. It is the nearest major military installation to the Maldives.
- The closest land to Minicoy is Thuraakunu Island in Maldives, which is located at a distance of about 100 km to the south, across the Vangaaru Channel.



Budget 2024: All Eyes On Defence Allocation

- Agnipath, the scheme aimed at slashing India's ballooning defence salary and pension bills, has turned into a hot potato for the BJP, drawing a barrage of criticism not only from the Opposition but also from its own allies like the Janata Dal (United) and the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) in the past couple of years.
- Adding more fuel to the fire, military officers and veterans have alleged that the defence scheme now under review will “degrade” combat effectiveness and operational efficiency at a time when threats posed by neighbours China and Pakistan are on the rise.
- India’s defence budget allocation has steadily increased over the past four years. Starting at Rs 4.71 lakh crore in 2020, it rose to Rs 4.78 lakh crore in 2021, Rs 5.25 lakh crore in 2022, and Rs 5.94 lakh crore in 2023. The projected budget for 2024 is expected to surpass Rs 6 lakh crore, emphasizing a sustained upward trajectory.
- Growing economic heft over the years has given a boost to India’s military spending, which has risen to become the fourth largest in the world, as of 2022.

Over the past 10 years, MoD's expenditure has more than doubled, albeit with a highly uneven annual growth, says an Observer Research Foundation (ORF) report.

- Now, with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman set to present the Union Budget on July 23, all eyes are on the defence allocation, which is expected to maintain its lion's share among various expense heads.



Indian Naval Ship Tabar Arrives In Hamburg

- Indian Navy's frontline frigate, INS Tabar arrived at Hamburg, Germany on 17 July 24 for a three-day visit. Activities during the visit include professional interactions between the Indian Navy and German Navy, visit of ship's crews to the German Naval Academy and ship open to visitors.
- The visit by INS Tabar further aims to strengthen these bonds and also explore newer avenues of bolstering the relationship between the two Navies.
- INS Tabar is the third of the Talwar-class frigate of the Indian Navy. The frigate was commissioned on 19 April 2004 in Kaliningrad, Russia with Captain Biswajit Dasgupta. The current Commanding Officer of INS Tabar is Captain Mahesh Mangipudi. INS Tabar reached her home-port of Mumbai on 31 July 2004.
- INS Tabar, is a stealth frigate built for the Indian Navy in Russia. The ship is commanded by Captain MR Harish. The ship is equipped with a versatile range of weapons and sensors and is among the earliest stealth frigates of the Indian Navy. The ship is part of the Indian Navy's Western Fleet which is based at Mumbai under the Western Naval Command.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which INS arrived in Hamburg, Germany?

- A. INS Vikrant
- B. INS Shivalik
- C. INS Tabar
- D. INS Kamorta

ANSWER: C

2. Where has the gov approved the construction of two military airfields to expand the reach of the armed forces?

- A. Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- B. Lakshadweep Islands
- C. Sikkim
- D. Arunachal Pradesh

ANSWER: B

3. How many heavy-duty hydraulic mobile cranes did the Indian Army induct from Tractor India Limited?

- A. 20

- B. 30
- C. 40
- D. 50

ANSWER: C

2. Marine Engineering Training Establishment of the Indian Navy located at

- A. Noida
- B. Kochi
- C. Pune
- D. Wayanad

ANSWER: C

3. Ex 'Nomadic Elephant' conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: B

4. RIMPAC Stands For

- A. Rim of the Pacific Exercise
- B. Rim of the Perfect Exercise
- C. Rim of the Pacific Economy
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

5. Which Edition Of Maitree 2024 Ex Conduced In 2024?

- A. 13th
- B. 19th
- C. 20th
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

6. Recently IAF celebrates 60 years of Glorious Service Of

- A. INS Hansa
- B. INS Parundu
- C. Chetak
- D. Dhruv

ANSWER: C

7. 'Iron Beam' New Laser-based Air Defence System Made By

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

ANSWER: C

8. INS Ranjit Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Tank

ANSWER: A

9. Which Country Is Not The Member Of G-7?

- A. Germany
- B. France
- C. Russia
- D. USA

ANSWER: A

10. Berlin Is The Capital Of

- A. France

- B. Qatar
- C. Germany
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

11. "Not Just A Nightwatchman: My Innings in the BCCI" Book Is Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Vinod Rai
- D. Anurag Thakur

ANSWER: C

12. Where Is The Hq Of The Southern Western Command of The Indian Army?

- A. Jaipur
- B. Jabalpur
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

13. Sea Dragon Exercise Hosted By

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

14. India Purchased C 130 J from

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

15. Ex KHANJAR Conducted B/W India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. Kazakhstan
- D. Kyrgyzstan

ANSWER: D

16. OPEC Hq Is In

- A. Vienna
- B. New York
- C. Chennai
- D. Abu Dhabi

ANSWER: A

17. Gangtok Is The Capital Of

- A. Sikkim
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Telangana
- D. Tripura

ANSWER: A

18. What Is The Full Form Of JCB?

- A. Joseph Cyril Bamford
- B. Joseph Cyrus Bamford
- C. Joseph Cyril Bofors
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

19. Lt Gen. Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of IAF?

- A. Vice Admiral

B. Air Commodore

C. Commodore

D. Air Marshal

ANSWER: D