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Launch Of 'Malpe And Mulki'

- **Malpe and Mulki**, fourth and fifth ships of the Eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Watercraft project, being built by **M/s Cochin Shipyard Ltd**, for the Indian Navy, were launched on 09 Sep 24 at **CSL, Kochi**.
- The Mahe class ASW Shallow Watercrafts have been named after ports of strategic importance along the coast of India and will look to carry forward the glorious legacy of the erstwhile minesweepers which were their namesake.
- The Mahe class of ships will be equipped with indigenously developed, state-of-the-art underwater sensors, and are envisaged to undertake anti-submarine operations in coastal waters as well as **Low Intensity Maritime Operations and Mine Laying Operations**.
- The ASW SWC ships can achieve a **maximum speed of 25 knots** with endurance of up to **1800 nautical miles**.



5th India-Philippines Joint Defence Cooperation Committee Meeting

- Defence Secretary Shri Giridhar Aramane will undertake a visit to Manila to co-chair the fifth meeting of India-Philippines Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) on September 11, 2024.
- During the visit, the Defence Secretary will discuss ways to further consolidate defence cooperation between the two countries. He will also meet with other dignitaries of the government of Philippines.
- This visit assumes significance as **India and Philippines celebrate 75 years of diplomatic relations** and **10 years of India's Act East Policy**. Both the countries have a vigorous and multifaceted relationship which have expanded into several strategic areas, including defence and security.
- The JDCC construct has been established under the ambit of the Memorandum of Understanding on defence cooperation signed between the two countries in 2006.
- The fourth edition of JDCC meeting was held in March 2023 in New Delhi at the Joint Secretary-level. The fifth edition marks the elevation of the co-chair to Secretary-level.



Indian Navy Looking To Conclude 3 Mega Deals Worth Rs 1.25 Lakh Crore

- In a move towards boosting its surveillance and fighting capabilities, the Indian Navy is looking towards concluding three major defence deals this financial year,

including the **31 MQ-9B drone deal**, **3 additional Scorpene submarines** and the **26 Rafale-M fighter aircraft project**.

- The Indian Navy has also been provided full support by the government for its urgent modernisation requirements, as it has been provided the highest ever capital budget of **Rs 61,000 crore** this year.
- Under the defence contracts, the government pays around 15 percent in advance for the projects. The Navy will get 15 of these drones, while the other two services will get eight each for their requirements.
- The second project which is in priority is the deal for building three additional Scorpene submarines in collaboration with **French Naval Group** and **Indian Mazagaon Dockyards Limited**.
- The deal is making progress, with MDL having submitted its revised bids for building the submarines at a cost of around **Rs 40,000 crores**.
- The sources said that Indian government companies like **Bharat Electronics Limited** will have a significant share in the **Rs 40,000 crore project**.
- The third project that the Indian Navy would be looking to complete in 2024-25 fiscal is for buying **26 Rafale M marine fighter jets** for the **INS Vikrant aircraft carrier**.
- The deal is being done as per the last deal of buying **36 Rafale fighters** for the Indian Air Force, with only the agreed rate of inflation being taken into account for detecting the price for the **Rs 50,000 crore deal**.



Tata, Lockheed Martin Aim To Make C-130J Super Hercules Aircraft

- Leading aerospace manufacturer **Tata Advanced Systems (TASL)** will set up a maintenance hub for the **C-130J Super Hercules tactical lift aircraft** in India and offer production of the planes locally as well in response to an upcoming air force requirement.
- The maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facility will be the largest of its kind being set up by the private sector and will cater for the fleet of 12 aircraft currently in service with the IAF as well as other transporters operating in the region.
- The Lockheed Martin C-130J Super Hercules is a four-engine turboprop military transport aircraft. The C-130J is a comprehensive update of the Lockheed C-130 Hercules, with new engines, flight deck, and other systems. The C-130J is the newest version of the C-130 Hercules, and the only model currently in production.
- **Top speed:** 670 km/h
- **Engine type:** Rolls-Royce AE 2100
- **Manufacturers:** Lockheed Martin, British Aerospace
- **Range:** 3,334 km
- **Wingspan:** 40 m
- **Weight:** 34,270 kg



‘Situation In Gaza Foremost Concern, India Supports Ceasefire’: Jaishankar

- External affairs minister S Jaishankar called for a ceasefire in conflict zone Gaza “as soon as possible”. Addressing the **First India-Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Foreign Ministers' Meeting**, Jaishankar said that the situation in Gaza is the foremost concern.
- “India’s position in this regard has been principled and consistent. While we condemn acts of terrorism and hostage-taking, we are deeply pained by the continuing death of innocent civilians. Any response must take into account the principles of humanitarian law. We support a ceasefire as soon as possible,” the minister said.
- GCC is a union of six countries in the Gulf region — **Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman and Bahrain**. The council is the largest trading bloc of India.
- India shares good relations with most of the countries in the Gulf.
- The two most important reasons for the relationship are oil and gas, and trade.
- Qatar accounts for **41%** of India’s total natural gas imports.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which of the following countries is NOT a member of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)?

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Oman
- C. Iran
- D. Qatar

ANSWER: C

2. What is the name of the 4th ship of the ASW Shallow Watercraft project being built for the Indian Navy?

- A. Mahe
- B. Malpe
- C. Mulki
- D. Minesweeper

ANSWER: B

3. Tata Advanced Systems (TASL) plans to set up a maintenance hub for which aircraft in India?

- A. Su-30MKI
- B. C-130J Super Hercules
- C. Rafale-M
- D. MiG-29

ANSWER: B

4. Which of the following major defence deals is the Indian Navy looking to conclude this financial year?

- A. 5 Rafale-M fighter aircraft
- B. 31 MQ-9B drones
- C. 2 additional Scorpene submarines
- D. 10 Apache helicopters

ANSWER: B

5. ADMM Plus Stands For

- A. ASEAN-Defence Ministers Meeting
- B. ASEAN-Defence Ministers Mega Meeting
- C. ASEAN-Defence Ministers Meeta

D. None

ANSWER: A

6. MRO Stands For

- A. Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul
- B. Maintenance, Repair and Overtake
- C. Maintenance, Repair and Over
- D. None

ANSWER: A

7. Ex 'SIAM BHARAT' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. Thailand
- D. Russia

ANSWER: C

8. COP Stands For

- A. Creator of Parties
- B. Conference of Parties
- C. Conference of Programme
- D. None

ANSWER: B

9. Indian Economy Is Worth Of

- A. \$3.7 Trillion Dollar
- B. \$3 Trillion Dollar
- C. \$10 Trillion Dollar
- D. \$25 Trillion Dollar

ANSWER: A

10. Akash Prime Is A

- A.** Rocket
- B.** Air Defence Missile System
- C.** Sniper Rifle
- D.** Tank

ANSWER: B

11. Major Rank Of the Indian Army Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of The Indian Navy?

- A. Captain
- B. Inspector
- C. Lt Commander
- D. Vice-admiral

ANSWER: C

12. Training Command of IAF is located at

- A. New Delhi
- B. Bangalore
- C. Gurugram
- D. Lucknow

ANSWER: B

13. Captain Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank Of IAF Is

- A. Wing Commander
- B. Squadron Leader
- C. Flight Lt.
- D. Air Chief Marshal

ANSWER: C

14. Colonel Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank Of Indian Navy Is

- A. Commander
- B. Captain
- C. Group Captain
- D. Lieutenant

ANSWER: B

15. Warsaw Is The Capital Of

- A. Oman
- B. Germany
- C. Ukraine
- D. Poland

ANSWER: D

16. "Indian Fiscal Federalism" Book Is Written By

- A. Dr. Bibek Debroy
- B. Dr. Krishna Saksena
- C. Dr. Y.V. Reddy
- D. Jairam Ramesh

ANSWER: C

17. Tangail Airdrop Was Done At Which War

- A. 1948
- B. 1962
- C. 1965
- D. 1971

ANSWER: D

18. War Cry of NAGA REGIMENT

- A. Bharat Mata ki Jai
- B. Ki ki so so Lhargyalo
- C. Jai Durga Naga
- D. Durga Mata Ki Jai

ANSWER: C

19. Which State Of India Has The Longest Coastline?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Kerala

ANSWER: A

20. Mitra Shakti Ex Held B/w India &

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. USA
- C. UK
- D. Nepal

ANSWER: A