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INSV Tarini Arrives At Fremantle, Australia

- On 09 Nov 24 after a challenging 39-day voyage at sea, **Indian Naval Sailing Vessel Tarini**, which is undertaking a global circumnavigation expedition christened Navika Sagar Parikrama II, arrived at its first port of call in Fremantle, Australia.
- The vessel has covered a distance of 4900 nm from Goa, crossing the Equator on 16 Oct 24 and the Tropic of Capricorn on 27 Oct 24.
- Navika Sagar Parikrama II is an ambitious circumnavigation voyage that includes stops at four major ports worldwide. The two-women crew expedition continues the Navy's legacy of INSV Tarini's first circumnavigation, promoting gender equality, sustainability, and global maritime cooperation.



Indian Navy Operational Demonstration 2024

- The Indian Navy is set to demonstrate its formidable maritime capabilities and operational strength at the '**Operational Demonstration**' (Op Demo) scheduled at Blue Flag Beach, Puri, Odisha, on Navy Day (04 Dec) this year.

- The 2024 Op Demo to be held against the backdrop of the pristine Blue Flag Beach, symbolises the connection between the Indian Navy and the maritime legacy of the State of Odisha.
- The Indian Navy is working closely with the Odisha State Government and local authorities to ensure the smooth execution of the event.



Handing Over Two Interceptors To Mozambique

- Government of India **gifted two water-jet propelled Fast Interceptor Craft (FIC)** to the **Government of Mozambique** on 08 Nov 24. The FICs were transshipped from India by **INS Gharial**.
- These water-jet-propelled boats have a top speed of **45 knots** and a **range of 200 nautical miles at 12 knots**. They can carry a crew of five personnel and are equipped with machine guns and bullet-resistant cabins.
- The two FICs will significantly aid the Government of Mozambique in its effort to combat maritime terrorism and ongoing insurgency in the Cabo Delgado province.



India Set To Test Over 1,000 Km Strike Range Anti-ship Ballistic Missile

- At a time when defence forces are looking at creating a rocket force, India is all set to soon test fire a new long-range anti-ship ballistic missile which would be able to hit moving warships or aircraft carriers at distances of over 1,000 kms.
- The anti-ship ballistic missile would be capable of being launched from both warships and shore-based locations.
- The missile system is being developed for the Indian Navy and would give it the capability to take out enemy vessels from a long-range.



France Evaluating Pinaka MBRL System

- A top French Army officer said that they were evaluating the Indian Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launcher systems for their requirements.
- The Pinaka MBRL is **developed by the DRDO** and produced by agencies including Solar Industries, Larsen and Toubro, Tata and Ordnance Factory Board companies.
- The rocket system which can hit targets at 75 kilometres and beyond with its multiple variants has already been an export success as it has been ordered by Armenia and many other countries are showing interest in it.
- He said that for the **25th edition of the war games**, the French Army would be inviting a strong detachment of the Indian Army to their country.
- France is the 2nd largest importer of Indian defence equipment after the US with a lot of electronics items going there from India.



Project 'Shaurya Gatha'

- CDS General Anil Chauhan launched **Project 'Shaurya Gatha,'** a joint initiative by the Department of Military Affairs and the United Service Institution (USI) of India.
- The project aims to preserve and promote India's military heritage through educational programmes and tourism.
- The Indian Military Heritage Festival seeks to bridge this gap in national discourse and the nation's cultural calendar.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **What is the main objective of Project 'Shaurya Gatha'?**
 - A. To recruit new personnel for the armed forces
 - B. To preserve and promote India's military heritage
 - C. To develop new military technologies
 - D. To strengthen India's defense partnerships with other countries

ANSWER: B

2. **Which country is the second largest importer of Indian defense equipment?**
 - A. United States
 - B. France
 - C. Russia
 - D. United Kingdom

ANSWER: B

3. **What is the range of the Pinaka Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL) system?**

- A. 50 kilometers
- B. 100 kilometers
- C. 75 kilometers
- D. 150 kilometers

ANSWER: C

4. Where will the Indian Navy's 'Operational Demonstration' take place on Navy Day this year?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Goa
- C. Visakhapatnam
- D. Puri, Odisha

ANSWER: D

5. Crystal Maze 2 Missile Is A

- A. Air to surface
- B. Surface to Air
- C. Sea to Sea
- D. None

ANSWER: A

6. What is the major focus area for the 'Year of Naval Civilians' in 2024?

- A. Digital Initiatives
- B. Defence Pensions
- C. CRPF Spending
- D. Civil HR Management

ANSWER: D

7. Which ministry has been allocated ₹2.03 lakh crore in the interim budget, with a majority for CAPF?

- A. Ministry of Defence
- B. Union Home Ministry
- C. Ministry of Finance
- D. None

ANSWER: B

8. ICGS Saksham Is A

- A, Destroyer

- B. Aircraft Carrier
- C. OPV
- D. Refueling Ship

ANSWER: C

9. "Nuclearization of Asia" Book Written By

- A.** Rene Naba
- B.** VR Chaudhari
- C.** Gen Parvez Musharraf
- D.** APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

10. Indian Coast Guard Formed On

- A. August 18, 1978
- B. September 18, 1978
- C. March 18, 1976
- D. April 18, 1976

ANSWER: A

11. 'MBT Bhishma' Is The Name Of :

- A. Fighter aircraft
- B. Tank
- C. Armoured vehicles
- D. Infantry regiments

ANSWER: B

12. Barak Is A

- A. Surface-to-air Missile
- B. Surface-to-Surface Missile
- C. Air-to-air Missile
- D. Surface-to-Sea Missile

ANSWER: A

13. "Ordnance Factory Day" in India Is Observed On

- A. 14 March
- B. 15 March
- C. 16 March
- D. 18 March

ANSWER: D

14. INS Valsura Located At

- A. Jamnagar, Gujrat
- B. Mumbai, M.H
- C. Kochi, Kerala
- D. A & NC

ANSWER: A

15. Exercise Maitree Conducted B/w India &

- A. Thailand
- B. Nepal
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Bhutan

ANSWER: A

16. Infantry School Of Indian Army Is At

- A. Mhow
- B. Bhopal
- C. Gwalior
- D. Jammu

ANSWER: A

17. Officers Training Academy Is At

- A. Chennai
- B. Bhopal
- C. Gaya
- D. Both A & C

ANSWER: D

18. Northern Army Command headquarters Is in

- A. Jaipur
- B. Udhampur
- C. Pune
- D. Lucknow

ANSWER: B

19. DF-41 ICBM Is A Missile Of

- A. India

- B. Russia
- C. China
- D. North Korea

ANSWER: C

20. The IAI Heron UAV Developed By

- A. USA
- B. South Korea
- C. Israel
- D. China

ANSWER: C