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Delivery of Yard 80

- Induction ceremony of the sixth Missile Cum Ammunition Barge, LSAM 12 (Yard 80) was held on 22 Nov 24 at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai. The ceremony was presided over by Cmde Abhirup Majumdar, Headquarters Western Naval Command.
- The contract for construction of eight MCA Barges was concluded with M/s **SECON Engineering Projects Pvt. Ltd.**, Visakhapatnam, on 19 Feb 24, a MSME Shipyard.
- The shipyard indigenously designed these Barges in collaboration with an Indian ship designing firm and successfully model-tested them at the **Naval Science and Technological Laboratory, Visakhapatnam**, to ensure seaworthiness.



NCC Celebrated its 76th Raising Day

- The National Cadet Corps (NCC), the largest uniformed youth organization in the world raised in 1948, is celebrated its **76th raising on 24 Nov 2024** with traditional fervour.

- The National Cadet Corps is the youth wing of the Indian Armed Forces with its headquarters in New Delhi, India. It is open to school and college students on voluntary basis as a Tri-Services Organisation, comprising the Army, the Navy and the Air Force.
- Founded: 16 April 1948
- Founder: H. N. Kunzru
- Active: July 16, 1948; 76 years ago – present
- Director General: Lt. Gen. Gurbirpal Singh
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Motto(s): एकता और अनुशासन; Unity and Discipline
- Part of: Indian Armed Forces



Navy Education Society Conference – 2024

- The Annual Navy Education Society (NES) Conference 2024 took place at Headquarters Goa Naval Area, Vasco-da-Gama, Goa, from 20 to 22 Nov24.
- Discussions focused on the policy framework for Naval Schools, particularly the implementation of the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**.
- The Executive Committee Meeting on 22 Nov 24 was chaired by Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty, Controller Personnel Services and Chairperson of NES. The MAC and AAC meetings were chaired by Commodore SM Urooj Athar, Commodore

(Naval Education) and Vice Chairperson NES. The conference also saw participation of officers from Naval Headquarters as well as academic and administrative leadership from Naval Schools nationwide.

- During the conference, the Chairperson, NES presented Rolling Trophies to schools that had excelled academically in the previous year. In his address, Vice Admiral McCarty commended the significant role of Naval Schools in providing quality education to children of naval personnel. He emphasised the importance of implementing the NEP and other policy guidelines effectively, ensuring a deep understanding of their principles. He also urged school managements to foster a learning environment that motivates students to develop life skills and excel in both academics and co-curricular activities.



India's Defence MRO Sector Set To Take Off Over The Next Five Years

- India's defence maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) sector is poised for transformative expansion over the next five years, as global aerospace giants and domestic players collaborate to establish world-class facilities.
- With companies like **Lockheed Martin** and **Boeing** partnering with Indian firms like **Tata Advanced Systems Ltd (TASL)** and **AI Engineering Services Ltd (AIESL)**,

the foundation is being laid to establish India as a regional hub for military aviation maintenance.

- Backed by policy reforms and a maturing industrial base, the sector's transformation over the next five years will feature new MRO facilities, increased induction of defence platforms for in-country maintenance, and a growing role of local suppliers supporting global defence original equipment manufacturers (OEMs).
- **Lockheed, in partnership with TASL**, plans to establish an MRO facility for the **C-130J Super Hercules aircraft**, with the first induction for maintenance scheduled for 2027.



Trump To 'Sign Executive Order' Removing Transgender Troops

- As dozens of transgender Americans and parents of trans teens brace themselves for a second Trump administration, President-elect Donald Trump is reportedly preparing to sign an executive order aimed at removing transgender individuals from the U.S. military, according to The Sunday Times.
- Sources close to the situation have revealed that the new directive could affect approximately **15,000 transgender service members**, forcing them out of their posts. On November 5, the Republican reclaimed the White House, beating VP Kamala Harris, and is expected to take office in January.
- However, the new order might lead to the total removal of all transgender individuals from across the service, regardless of their age, health, service, or other concerns. A pro-Trump supporter on X wrote, "This is not a controversial decision. Transgender soldiers do not conform to the modern needs of the

military. They will absolutely get an honorable medical discharge and be thanked for their service to the country.”



India Starts Exporting Pinaka Weapon Systems To Armenia

- Amid growing global interest in the indigenous multi barrel rocket launchers (MBRL), India has started the supply of the highly capable Pinaka rockets to Armenia.
- The supplies of the DRDO-developed rocket launchers have started around the same time India has started deliveries of the Akash air defence missile system to that country.
- The first lot of the Pinaka multi barrel rocket launcher systems has been supplied to Armenia.
- The Pinaka rocket launchers are highly capable weapon system with variants which can strike targets over **80 Kms**.
- Pinaka (from Sanskrit: पिनाक, see Pinaka) is a multiple rocket launcher produced in India and developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for the Indian Army. It is also called India's Grad missile system as it's characteristics are derived from BM-21 Grad.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. When is the first induction for maintenance scheduled at the proposed MRO facility for the C-130J?

- A. 2024
- B. 2025
- C. 2026
- D. 2027

ANSWER: D

2. Where was the Annual Navy Education Society (NES) Conference 2024 held?

- A. Kochi, Kerala
- B. Mumbai, Maharashtra
- C. Vasco-da-Gama, Goa
- D. Chennai, Tamil Nadu

ANSWER: C

3. What milestone did the National Cadet Corps (NCC) celebrate on 24 November 2024?

- A. 50th Raising Day
- B. 60th Raising Day
- C. 75th Raising Day
- D. 76th Raising Day

ANSWER: D

4. What is the range of the Pinaka rocket launcher system?

- A. 50 kilometers
- B. 80 kilometers
- C. 100 kilometers
- D. 120 kilometers

ANSWER: B

5. Exercise 'Samudra Laksamana conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: C

6. North-West Region Of ICG Located In

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

ANSWER: C

7. Ex 'Nomadic Elephant' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: C

8. Joint Exercises B/w The India And USA Is Called:

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Tiger Triumph

ANSWER: D

9. Which Country Is Not The Member Of QUAD And?

- A. USA
- B. India

- C. Japan
- D. Russia

ANSWER: D

10. Where Is The Hq Of The Central Command of The IAF?

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

ANSWER: C

11. Which is Not Correctly Matched:

- A. IAF Day: 8 Oct
- B. Indian Navy Day: 4 Dec
- C. Indian Army Day: 26 Jan
- D. BSF Day: 1 Dec

ANSWER: C

12. "Sarvatra" (Everywhere) Is The Motto Of

- A. JKRIF
- B. RR
- C. CORPS OF ENGINEERS
- D. Madras Regiment

ANSWER: C

13. SLBM Stands For

- A. Submarine-launched Ballistic Misery
- B. Submarine-launched Ballistic Missile
- C. Submarine-launched Ballet Missile
- D. Solar-launched Ballistic Missile

ANSWER: B

14. Merkava Mk.4 Is The Tank Of

- A. Germany
- B. Israel
- C. USA
- D. India

ANSWER: B

15. Exercises B/w India And Egypt Is Called:

- A. SLINEX
- B. Indra
- C. Yudha Abhyas
- D. Ex CYCLONE

ANSWER: D

16. NAY PYI TAW Is The Capital Of

- A. Myanmar
- B. Mozambique
- C. Morocco
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

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

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

ANSWER: B

18. National Cadet Corps Was Established In

- A. July 16, 1948
- B. July 16, 1958
- C. July 16, 1968
- D. July 16, 1978

ANSWER: A

19. From Which Country Has India Purchased Its Apache Helicopters?

- A. U.K.
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. USA

ANSWER: D

20. Air Commodore of IAF Is Equivalent To The Which Rank Of Indian Army?

- A. Brigadier
- B. Captain

C. Lt. Colonel

D. Colonel

ANSWER: A



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