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India Protests Against China's New Counties

- India on Friday said it had lodged a protest with China over its creation of new counties which includes parts of Aksai Chin in northeast Ladakh in India.
- MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, “We have lodged a solemn protest with the Chinese side through diplomatic channels.”
- “India has never accepted the illegal Chinese occupation of Indian territory in this area,” Jaiswal added.
- In a strong reaction, the MEA said creation of new counties would neither have a bearing on India’s long-standing and consistent position regarding its sovereignty over the area nor lend legitimacy to China’s “illegal and forcible” occupation of the same.
- “Last week, China announced creation of two new counties—**Hean and Hekang**—carved out of the restive **Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region**. Parts of jurisdiction of these **so-called counties fall in India’s Union Territory of Ladakh**,” Jaiswal said.
- Aksai Chin is under illegal Chinese control since **1950s**. India claims it as its own. The 1962 war between the two countries included major battles on the western edge of Aksai Chin.
- The more recent flashpoint of **Depsang** is located just 40 km west of Aksai Chin.



Garuda Aerospace and REIL to Set Up Remote Pilot Training Organisation

- Drone manufacturer Garuda Aerospace has signed an agreement with Rajasthan Electronics and Instruments Ltd (REIL) to establish a **Remote Pilot Training Organisation in Jaipur.**
- The training facility aims to meet the growing demand for skilled drone operators across sectors by offering comprehensive, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)-compliant training programmes.
- The agreement marks a strategic collaboration between Garuda Aerospace's expertise in drone technology and training, and REIL's infrastructure and reach in Rajasthan.
- By combining Garuda Aerospace's capabilities with REIL's established infrastructure and presence, the Regional Pilot Training Organisation will provide a strong platform for effective training delivery.



UK Lab Develops 'Groundbreaking' Atomic Clock

- A "groundbreaking" atomic clock built at a top-secret UK lab will make military operations more secure through experimental quantum technology over the years, the country's Ministry of Defence (MoD) has claimed.
- Developed at the **Defence Science and Technology Laboratory** (DSTL), the quantum clock has been dubbed a leap forward in improving intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance by decreasing the reliance on GPS technology, which can be disrupted and blocked by adversaries.
- It claims that the clock's precision is so refined that it will lose less than one second over billions of years, allowing scientists to measure time at an unprecedented scale.
- The MoD, via DSTL, claims to have invested more than **GBP 28 million** to shape the UK's research and development to achieve early adopter advantage of such technologies.



US Approves \$3.6 Billion Missile Sale to Japan

- The United States announced the approval of a **\$3.6 billion** sale of up to 1,200 advanced air-to-air missiles and related equipment to Japan, one of Washington's closest allies in Asia.
- China's increasingly assertive presence around disputed territories in the Pacific has sparked Japan's ire in recent years, leading Tokyo to boost security ties with the United States and other countries.
- "The proposed sale will improve Japan's capability to meet current and future threats by defending its homeland and US personnel stationed there," it said, adding that "Japan will have no difficulty absorbing these articles and services into its armed forces."



US Plans \$8 Billion Arms Sale to Israel

- The Biden administration has informally notified the U.S. Congress of a proposed **\$8 billion** arms sale to Israel that includes munitions for fighter jets and attack helicopters, Axios reported.
- The package also includes **small-diameter bombs and warheads**, according to Axios. Diplomatic efforts have so far failed to end the 15-month-old Israeli war in Gaza. President Joe Biden is due to leave office on Jan. 20, when Donald Trump will succeed him.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is the value of the proposed arms sale by the Biden administration to Israel?
 - A. \$6 billion
 - B. \$8 billion
 - C. \$7 billion
 - D. \$9 billion

ANSWER: B

2. Which country received U.S. approval for the sale of \$3.6 billion worth of advanced air-to-air missiles?

- A. South Korea
- B. Japan
- C. Australia
- D. India

ANSWER: B

3. What technology is the UK's Ministry of Defence promoting with the development of a groundbreaking atomic clock?

- A. Cybersecurity
- B. Quantum Technology
- C. Artificial Intelligence
- D. Hypersonic Technology

ANSWER: B

4. Which drone manufacturer signed an agreement with REIL to establish a Remote Pilot Training Organisation?

- A. Idea Forge
- B. Garuda Aerospace
- C. DJI
- D. Skylark Drones

ANSWER: B

5. Which region has been under illegal Chinese control since the 1950s, leading to conflict during the 1962 war?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Ladakh
- C. Aksai Chin
- D. Sikkim

ANSWER: C

6. Home Port of The INS Satpura Is In Joint Exercises B/w

- A. ENC
- B. WNC
- C. SNC
- D. None

ANSWER: A

7. INS Satpura Is A

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

ANSWER: D

8. INS Satpura Is Manufactured By

- A. DRDO & ISRO
- B. DRDO & Israel Aerospace Industries
- C. CSL
- D. MDL

ANSWER: D

9. Cho La Incident Was Done In

- A. 1967
- B. 1988
- C. 1998
- D. 1980

ANSWER: A

10. VL-SRSAM Is A Quick Reaction Surface-to-air Missile Developed By

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

ANSWER: C

11. Peacetime Gallantry Award Is/Are

- A. Param Vir Chakra
- B. Maha Vir Chakra
- C. Vir Chakra
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: D

12. WNC Is In

- A. Mumbai
- B. Kochi

- C. Chennai
- D. Panaji

ANSWER: A

13. Mitra Shakti Ex Held B/w India &

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

ANSWER: A

14. SLNS Sayurala Is A Ship Of

- A. Oman
- B. Qatar
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

15. "The Blue Book: A Writer's Journal" Book Is Written By

- A. Amitava Kumar
- B. Vikas Kumar Jha
- C. Usha Uthup
- D. Richa Mishra

ANSWER: A

16. CONAKRY Is The Capital Of

- A. GUINEA
- B. GUATEMALA
- C. GRENADA
- D. GREECE

ANSWER: A

17. IRBM Stands For

- A. Intermediate Resource Ballistic Missile
- B. Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile
- C. Intermediate Range of Ballistic Missile
- D. Intermediated Range Ballistic Missile

ANSWER: B

18. BEL HQ Is In

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

ANSWER: A

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

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

ANSWER: C

20. War Cry of ASSAM REGIMENT

- A. Parakramo Vijayate
- B. Rhino Charge
- C. Jai Bajrangbali
- D. Duty, Honour, courage

ANSWER: B