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INS Sarvekshak Completes Hydrographic Survey

- INS Sarvekshak completed the final phase of the hydrographic survey of Mauritius covering an extensive area of over 25,000 sq. nautical miles.
- The creation of new nautical chart will enable Mauritius to develop its maritime infrastructure, resource management and coastal development planning.
- This milestone event reflects enduring partnership between India and Mauritius in fostering maritime development and regional cooperation.



Vikram Misri Will Begin His Two-day Visit to China

- The ministry of external affairs (MEA) on Thursday said that foreign secretary Vikram Misri will begin his two-day visit to China starting Sunday.
- The MEA said that Misri's visit from January 26 to January 27 is centred around attending the foreign secretary-vice minister mechanism meeting.

- The MEA further said that this bilateral mechanism's revival is due to a leadership-level agreement to explore future directions for India-China relations, including political, economic, and people-to-people interactions.
- Misri will be discussing visas issue, resumption of direct flights and an inclusive economic partnership besides early de-escalation of the border standoff.
- Ajit Doval's visited Beijing, where he engaged in discussions with Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi within the Special Representatives (SR) dialogue framework regarding boundary matters.



Indian JV Emerges Contender for Submarine Deal

- German shipbuilder ThyssenKrupp and its Indian partner have cleared field trials for building six advanced conventional submarines for the Indian Navy, according to an exchange filing, emerging as the sole contender for the \$5 billion project.
- Their potential rival, Spanish state-held shipbuilder Navantia, which partnered with India's Larsen & Toubro (L&T), could not meet the navy's requirements in trials held in 2024 for testing key technologies, an Indian defence source said.
- ThyssenKrupp's Indian partner, state-owned Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd, said in an exchange filing on Thursday that its field trials for the project were successful and the Indian defence ministry had invited the company for commercial negotiations next week.
- Currently, the **17 conventional submarines** operated by the Indian Navy do not have AIP technology, which India's neighbours China and Pakistan have, according to nonprofit Nuclear Threat Initiative.



Rolls-Royce Wins \$11 billion UK Nuclear Submarine Contract

- Britain said on Friday it had awarded Rolls-Royce a 9-billion-pound (\$11 billion) contract to design, make and provide support services to nuclear reactors that power its fleet of submarines.
- The eight-year deal will strengthen the Royal Navy's continuous at-sea deterrent - under which at least one nuclear-armed ballistic missile submarine patrols the seas at all times - while also boosting the **AUKUS defence pact** with the **United States and Australia**, Britain's ministry of defence said.
- The new contract, called Unity, streamlines previous ones, incentivises cost-efficient production, and would support work on the Dreadnought class of nuclear submarines, it added.



Union Budget 2025: India, get ready for the modern warfare of tomorrow

- As India turns the corner and moves to another Budget, the most pressing question for those within the defence industry is whether the new budget will meet the growing demands of its armed forces. The main issue is the pace at which the defence ministry is progressing toward establishing an armed force capable of addressing the modern challenges of the war chessboard. India was the fourth-largest defence spender globally in fiscal 2024. Yet, despite this, efforts to modernise our armed forces have made limited headway over the past five years, according to some experts.
- This is especially crucial as we step into another year marked by contentious and unstable global security scenarios. While the 2024-2025 defence budget, with allocation of Rs 6.22 lakh crore, 4.79% higher than FY 2023-24, represents some progress, experts argue that it falls short in addressing the significant gaps that continue to plague India's defence sector.
- India has made significant progress on its path to defence self-reliance, particularly in capital expenditure and domestic production. The DAP-2020, which prioritises indigenous procurement, has been instrumental in advancing schemes like Make in India.
- Despite advancements, India faces significant hurdles in modernising its armed forces. A major concern is the country's heavy reliance on imports of armaments, machine parts, and other defence equipment. As one of the largest global arms importers, India is vulnerable to supply chain disruptions, as seen in the delays affecting the S-400 missile systems due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **What topics are included in the discussions between India and China during Vikram Misri's visit?**
 - A. Climate Change Policies
 - B. Visa Issues, Direct Flights, and Economic Partnership
 - C. Arms Trade and Defense Deals
 - D. Space Exploration Collaboration

ANSWER: B

2. Which German company, along with its Indian partner, cleared field trials for submarines for the Indian Navy?

- A. ThyssenKrupp
- B. BAE Systems
- C. Siemens
- D. Rheinmetall

ANSWER: A

3. What is the primary goal of the AUKUS security partnership?

- A. Promoting global trade routes
- B. Enhancing cooperation in space exploration
- C. Promoting a free and open Indo-Pacific that is secure and stable
- D. Establishing economic trade agreements

ANSWER: C

4. Which three countries are part of the AUKUS security partnership?

- A. Australia, India, and the United Kingdom
- B. Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States
- C. Australia, Japan, and the United States
- D. Australia, Canada, and the United Kingdom

ANSWER: B

5. Which company announced plans to establish India's first multi-sensor, all-weather Earth Observation Satellite Constellation?

- A. Bharat Electronics Ltd.
- B. Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.
- C. Nibe Space Pvt. Ltd.
- D. Larsen & Toubro

ANSWER: C

6. Hambantota Port Is In

- A. Indonesia
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. India
- D. China

ANSWER: B

7. The Indian Government Plans To Construct A 2,500-metre-long Airstrip On Minicoy Island In

- A. Goa
- B. Mumbai
- C. Lakshadweep
- D. Kochi

ANSWER: C

8. Pakyong Airport is located in -

- A. Sikkim
- B. Assam
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Nagaland

ANSWER: A

9. Which port is also known as the New Mangalore Port?

- A. Mormugao Port
- B. Panambur Port
- C. Kandla Port
- D. Tuticorin Port

ANSWER: B

10. Port Blair Is Located On Which Island?

- A.** The Little Andaman
- B.** The Great Nicobar
- C.** The South Andaman
- D.** The North Andaman

ANSWER: C

11. Author Of The Book 'Kerala: God's Own Country'

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Jeet Thayil
- C. Sudha Murthy
- D. Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai

ANSWER: A

12. AUSINDEX Ex Conducts B/W

- A. India & Indonesia
- B. India & Australia

- C. India & Sri Lanka
- D. India & Thailand

ANSWER: B

13. "Poverty and Un-British Rule in India" Written By

- A. Mahadevi Verma
- B. Premchand
- C. Dadabhai Naoroji
- D. Ratan Tata

ANSWER: C

14. Havana Is The Capital Of

- A. Cuba
- B. Qatar
- C. UAE
- D. Cyprus

ANSWER: A

15. Who Was The Prime Minister Of India During Indo-PAK War In 1965?

- A. Jawaharlal Nehru
- B. Indira Gandhi
- C. Lal Bahadur Shastri
- D. Rajiv Gandhi

ANSWER: C

16. Who Was The PM Of India During The Indo-Pak War In 1999?

- A. Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- B. Indira Gandhi
- C. Lal Bahadur Shastri
- D. Rajiv Gandhi

ANSWER: A

17. Amar Jawan Jyoti Is For To Commemorate India's Victory In

- A. Indo-Pak war 1948
- B. Indo-Sino war 1962
- C. Indo-Pak war 1971
- D. Indo-Pak war 1999

ANSWER: C

18. Operation Pawan Conducted By India In

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Maldives
- C. Pakistan
- D. Nepal

ANSWER: A

19. "One Arranged Murder" Book Written By

- A. Taslima Nasrin
- B. Chetan Bhagat
- C. Dadabhai Naoroji
- D. Ratan Tata

ANSWER: B

20. Exercise Zair-Al-Bahr Conducted B/w

- A. India- Uzbekistan
- B. India- Uganda
- C. India- Qatar
- D. India- UAE

ANSWER: C