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Induction of Third 25t Bollard Pull Tug Ashva

- Induction ceremony for third 25T Bollard Pull (BP) Tug Ashva was held on 12 Feb 25 at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam in presence of Rear Admiral K Srinivas, ASD(V) as the Chief Guest.
- These Tugs are a part of the contract for construction of six (06) 25T BP Tugs concluded with **M/s Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL)**, Kolkata on 12 Nov 21.
- The Shipyard had successfully delivered two of these Tugs which are utilised by Indian Navy to provide assistance to Naval ships and submarines during berthing, un-berthing and manoeuvring in confined waters. The Tugs will also provide afloat fire fighting support to ships alongside or at anchorage and will also have the capability to conduct limited Search and Rescue Operations.



India Offers Pinaka Rocket System To France

- Amid growing defence collaboration between India and France, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has invited the French Army to take a closer look at the DRDO-developed Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launcher.

- He emphasized that an acquisition of this system by France would be another milestone in Indo-French defence ties. PM Modi concluded his three-day visit to France on Wednesday.
- India's Defence Ministry has inked contracts with **Economic Explosive Limited (EEL)** and **Munitions India Limited (MIL)** for the procurement of Area Denial Munition (ADM) Type-1 (DPICM) and High Explosive Pre Fragmented (HEPF) Mk-1 (Enhanced) rockets respectively for Pinaka Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) at a total cost of **Rs 10,147 crore**.



PM Modi, President Macron launch India-France Roadmap on AI

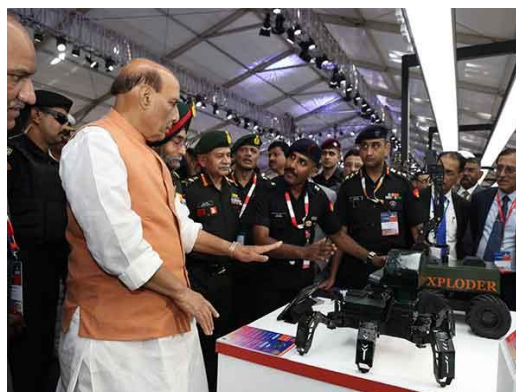
- India and France signed a declaration of Intent on establishing a partnership on Advanced Modular Reactors and Small Modular Reactors, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Emmanuel Macron also launching an India-France Roadmap on Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- The two leaders stressed the urgent need for reforming the United Nations Security Council and agreed to coordinate closely in multilateral forums, including on UNSC matters.
- President Macron and Prime Minister Modi announced the grand inauguration of the **India-France Year of Innovation** in New Delhi in March 2026 by launching its Logo.
- The two leaders welcomed the launch of **FRIND-X (France-India Defence Startup Excellence)** in Paris on 5-6 December 2024, involving the DGA and the

Defence Innovation Agency, in line with the vision enshrined in **HORIZON 2047** and the **India-France Defence Industrial Roadmap**.



Aero India: Army officer's Kamikaze UGVs to be inducted under emergency procurement

- Two innovations developed by Major Rajprasad RS of the Indian Army including the "Xploder -Kamikaze and IED Disposal remotely operated vehicles" and "Mobile Reactive Muniton System" were unveiled at Aero India 2025 in Bengaluru.
- The innovations have been developed in-house by the officer from the **7 Engineer Regiment** and have been showcased at India Pavilion to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, in the presence of Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi.
- The Mobile Reactive Muniton System is seen as an advancement in the domain of mine warfare, designed for remote deployment via aerial platforms such as UAVs or **Vehicle-Based Mine Delivery Systems (VBMS)**.



BEL Delivers 7,000th Transmit Module to Thales

- In line with the 'Make in India' policy, Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) has manufactured its 7,000th transmit/receive (T/R) module for the RBE2 radar onboard the Dassault Aviation Rafale and delivered it to Thales.
- Headquartered in **Noida**, Thales has reinforced its commitment to the '**Make in India**' policy through technology transfers and local production, the statement said.
- According to BEL, its cooperation with Thales has expanded with the commencement of production of advanced microwave modules for **Rafale's SPECTRA Electronic Warfare (EW) suite**.



I am just not confident of HAL: IAF Chief

- Indian Air Force chief Air Chief Marshal AP Singh has said his confidence in defence **PSU HAL** continues to erode over its failure to fix delays in delivery and upgrades to the light combat aircraft Tejas.
- "You have to alleviate (our) worries and make us more confident. At the moment, I am just not confident of HAL, which is a very wrong thing to happen," Singh said, coinciding with the start of Aero India 2025 in Bengaluru.
- "I can tell you (HAL) what our requirements and worries are," he can be heard saying, purportedly referring to the PSU. His remarks questioning the PSU's efficiency have stirred a row.

CHIEFSPEAK

Feb 10, 2025: “HAL is just not in mission mode...I was promised that when I come here in Feb, 11 Tejas Mk1As would be ready. Not a single one is ready...”



– ACM Amar Preet Singh | IAF CHIEF

Oct 4, 2024: “We were better than them (China) in technology also sometime back, but we have lagged in that and we need to catch up

July 19, 2024: “Atmanirbharta is what we’re riding on.... But this can’t be at the cost of nation’s defence – Singh as IAF vice-chief

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. How many surveillance helicopters does the government plan to procure as per the recent RFI?

- A. 500
- B. 750
- C. 1,000
- D. 1,500

ANSWER: C

2. Which defence PSU has manufactured its 7,000th transmit/receive (T/R) module for the RBE2 radar used in Rafale jets?

- A. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- B. Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)
- C. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- D. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)

ANSWER: C

3. What is the name of the remotely operated vehicle designed for IED disposal and Kamikaze operations by Major Rajprasad RS?

- A. MRMS-X
- B. Xploder-Kamikaze
- C. Reactive Warbot
- D. Mine Eliminator

ANSWER: B

4. Which system is designed for remote deployment via UAVs or Vehicle-Based Mine Delivery Systems?

- A. Mobile Reactive Munition System (MRMS)
- B. Smart Mine Deployment Unit (SMDU)
- C. Advanced Warfare Mine System (AWMS)
- D. Autonomous Bomb Neutralizer (ABN)

ANSWER: A

5. Where was the induction ceremony for the third 25T Bollard Pull (BP) Tug 'Ashva' held?

- A. Cochin Shipyard
- B. Mumbai Naval Dockyard
- C. Goa Shipyard
- D. Visakhapatnam Naval Dockyard

ANSWER: D

6. Who has been appointed as the new chief of the Indian Coast Guard in October 2024?

- A. K Natarajan
- B. Rajendra Singh
- C. S Paramesh
- D. M V Baduria

ANSWER: C

7. Ex 'SURYA KIRAN' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Nepal

ANSWER: D

8. Pinaka Is Developed By

- A. JAXA
- B. DRDO
- C. Boeing
- D. CSL

ANSWER: B

9. Ex 'IBSMAR' Conducted b/w India &

- E. Brazil
- F. South Africa
- G. UAE
- H. Both A&B

ANSWER: D

10. "High Altitude Warfare School" Comes Under Which Command?

- A. Eastern Command
- B. Northern Command
- C. Western Command
- D. Army Training Command

ANSWER: B

11. PATRIOT Guidance Missile System Developed By B/W

- A. USA
- B. China
- C. Germany
- D. Russia

ANSWER: A

12. 'Konkan - Shakti' conducted b/w India &

- A. Singapore
- B. Oman
- C. Indonesia
- D. United Kingdom

ANSWER: D

13. The Karakoram Range covers parts of

- A. Afghanistan, China, Indonesia
- B. Afghanistan, China, India
- C. Afghanistan, China, India, Pakistan, and Tajikistan
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

14. Sarvatra Vijay Is The Motto Of

- A. RAJPUT REGIMENT
- B. DOGRA REGIMENT
- C. SIKH REGIMENT

D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

15. "Kartavyam Anvatma" (Duty before death) Is The Motto Of

A. RAJPUT REGIMENT

B. DOGRA REGIMENT

C. SIKH REGIMENT

D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

16. Which of the following is NOT a landlocked country?

A. Laos

B. Serbia

C. Ethiopia

D. Cambodia

ANSWER: D

17. QRFV Stands For

A. Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle

B. Query Reaction Fighting Vehicle

C. Quick Reaction Fighter Vehicle

D. Quick Reactive Fighting Vehicle

ANSWER: A

18. Which Is The 3rd Highest Rank of The Indian Army?

A. Major General

B. Lt Colonel

C. Major

D. Captain

ANSWER: A

19. Which Countries Are Divided By The Nine Dash Line?

A. People's Republic of China and PRC Taiwan

B. Afghanistan and Pakistan

C. Afghanistan and Iran

D. India and Myanmar

ANSWER: A

20. Kakrapar Atomic Power Station is located in_____.

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Gujarat
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Uttarakhand

ANSWER: B