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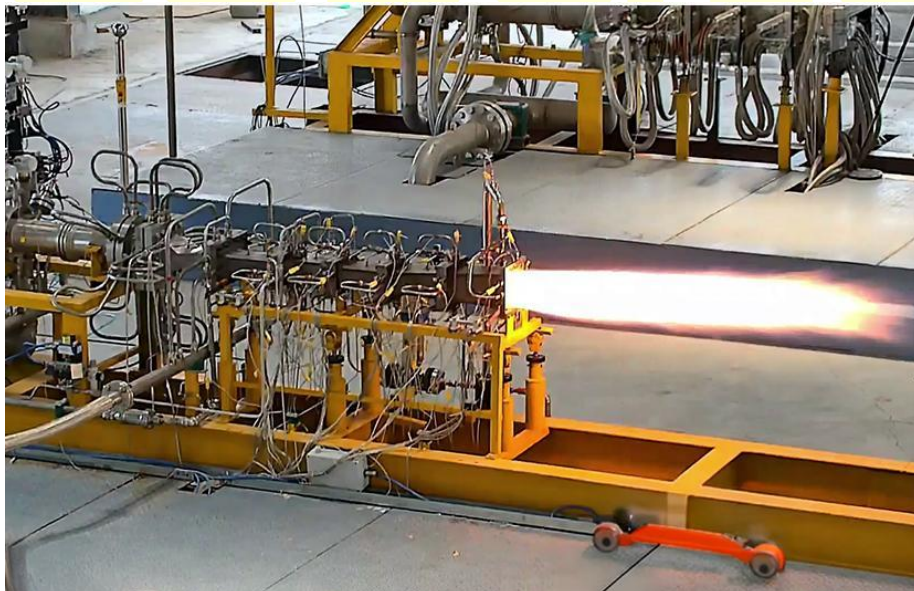
Keel Laying of Fourth NGOPV

- Keel laying ceremony for Yard 3040, the fourth (ex-GRSE) Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV), was held at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE) in Kolkata, on 24 Apr 25.
- The contracts for indigenous design and construction of eleven Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels (NGOPV) were concluded on 30 Mar 23 with Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL), Goa and Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE),
- Kolkata, with seven ships to be constructed by Lead Shipyard GSL and four ships by Follow Shipyard GRSE.
- The NGOPVs, with an approximate **tonnage of 3000T**, are designed for Coastal Defence & Surveillance, Search & Rescue operations, Protection of Offshore Assets and Anti-Piracy missions.



DRDO Achieves Milestone In Scramjet Engine

- Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL), a Hyderabad-based laboratory of DRDO has achieved a significant milestone in the field of **Hypersonic Weapon Technology**.
- DRDL conducted long-duration **Active Cooled Scramjet Subscale Combustor** ground testing for more than 1,000 seconds at the newly built state-of-the-art Scramjet Connect Test Facility at Hyderabad on April 25, 2025.
- The ground-test is in continuation of the earlier test reported for 120 seconds in January 2025. With the successful test, the system will be soon ready for full scale flight worthy combustor testing.
- Hypersonic Cruise Missile is a class of weapons that can travel more than five times the speed of sound (> 6100 Kmph) for long duration and is powered by Air breathing engine.
- Air breathing propulsion systems, having supersonic combustion, plays a critical role for long-duration cruise conditions. This test validates the design of long duration scramjet combustor as well as test facility.

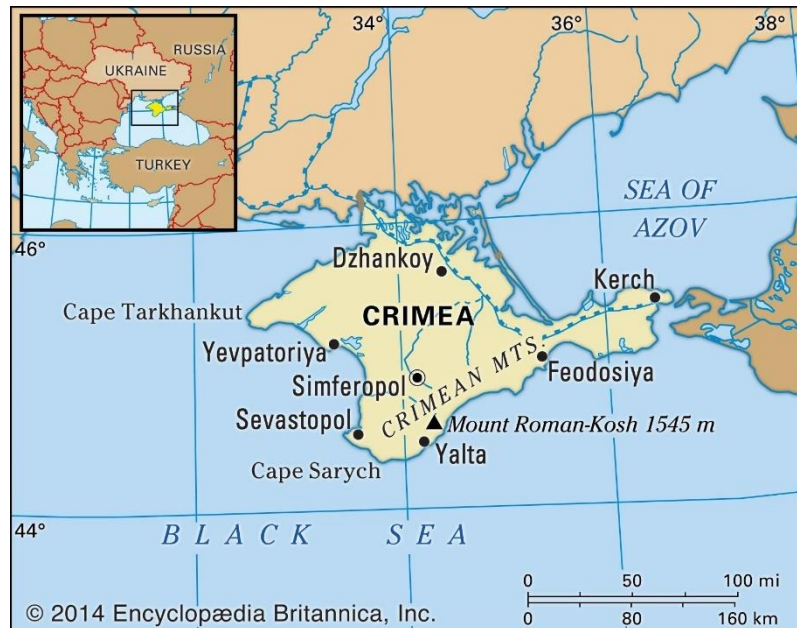


Crimea Will Remain With Russia, Donald Trump

- US President Donald Trump has said that Crimea “will stay with Russia”.

- In an interview with Time Magazine to mark 100 days in office, the US President said that Crimea would not have been annexed by Russian President Vladimir Putin in 2014 had he (Trump) been in the White House at the time.
- "It was handed to them by Barack Hussein Obama (the then US President), and not by me..." he said adding, "Crimea, if I were president, it would not have been taken."
- Crimea is a peninsula in Eastern Europe, on the northern coast of the Black Sea, almost entirely surrounded by the Black Sea and the smaller Sea of Azov. The Isthmus of Perekop connects the peninsula to Kherson Oblast in mainland Ukraine.
- Crimea's significance is rooted in its history and strategic geography. The Black Sea peninsula has long been a coveted asset for both Russia and Ukraine. First annexed by the Russian Empire in the 18th century, it saw significant demographic and political shifts over centuries.
- In 1954, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev transferred Crimea from Russia to Ukraine — both part of the USSR at the time — to mark the 300th anniversary of the unification of Moscow and Kyiv. Upon the Soviet Union's collapse in 1991, Crimea became part of newly independent Ukraine.
- From the perspective of Ukraine, Crimea holds immense strategic and security value. It enables control over maritime activity in the Black Sea and had become an integral part of Ukraine's national identity over six decades.





India, Saudi Arabia hold Inaugural Army-to-Army Staff Talks

- The Inaugural Army-to-Army Staff Talks between the **Indian Army** and the **Royal Saudi Land Forces (RSLF)** took place in New Delhi from April 23-24, with the discussions centered around strengthening defence ties through the Annual Defence Cooperation Plan, which included plans for **Joint Exercise Sada Tanseeq**, military training and education, domain expert exchanges, and collaborative efforts in operational logistics.
- The post added, "Both sides also explored avenues of collaboration in operational logistics, battlefield management systems and niche technologies to enhance interoperability and capability development."
- Earlier, following the State Visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Saudi Arabia, both sides appreciated the deepening of the defence ties as a key pillar of the Strategic Partnership, and welcomed the creation of a Ministerial Committee on Defence Cooperation under the Strategic Partnership Council.
- "They noted with satisfaction the growth of their joint defence cooperation, including numerous 'firsts' like the first ever Land Forces exercise **SADA TANSEEQ**, two rounds of the **Naval Exercises AL MOHED AL HINDI**, many high-level visits, and training exchanges



Border Bristles: Pakistan violates ceasefire, India responds

- The situation along the Line of Control (LoC) with Pakistan heated up on Friday, with ceasefire violations and multiple incidents of 'speculative firing' on the other side, a move that's typically carried out in fear of an incoming assault.
- On the night of April 25-26, unprovoked small firing was carried out by multiple Pakistan Army posts all across the Line of Control (LoC) in Kashmir," the Srinagar-based defence official said.
- He said army troops responded to the ceasefire violations appropriately with small arms.
- "No casualties have been reported," he added.
- Speculative firing took place on 25th April as well, with military sources indicating that Pakistani troops may be testing the readiness of Indian soldiers amidst growing calls in India for decisive action against terrorist hotspots along the LoC.
- These ceasefire violations are a response to the recent Pahalgam terror attack, where five terrorists shot and killed at least 26 civilians who were vacationing in Baisaran meadow, often referred to as "Mini Switzerland."

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is the name of the first-ever Land Forces exercise mentioned in the joint statement by the Ministry of External Affairs?

- A. DESERT STRIKE
- B. AL MOHED AL HINDI
- C. SADA TANSEEQ
- D. SURYA KIRAN

ANSWER: C

2. What achievement was recently made by the Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL)?

- A. Development of a stealth submarine
- B. Test of an underwater missile
- C. Long-duration scramjet combustor ground testing
- D. Launch of a hypersonic glide vehicle

ANSWER: C

3. Where is the DRDO's Scramjet Connect Test Facility located?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Pune
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Visakhapatnam

ANSWER: C

4. What is the designed purpose of the Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels (NGOPVs)?

- A. Air defence operations
- B. Nuclear deterrence
- C. Coastal defence, surveillance, and anti-piracy
- D. Strategic missile launch

ANSWER: C

5. Which Of The Following Helicopters Did Not Operate By The Indian Army?

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- B. HAL LANCER
- C. HAL Rudra
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ANSWER: D

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7. Which Regiment Of The Indian Army Is Called As 'The Gods Of War'?

- A. Mechanised Infantry
- B. Gorkha Regiment
- C. Regiment Of Artillery
- D. Rajput Regiment

ANSWER: C

8. Department Executive Of The Department Of Military Affairs Is

- A. Defence Minister
- B. NSA
- C. CDS
- D. Prime Minister

ANSWER: C

9. Rapid Action Force Hq Is In

- A. Mumbai
- B. Lucknow
- C. Surat
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: D

10. Baku Is In Which Continent

- A. Africa
- B. Asia
- C. Australia
- D. North America

ANSWER: B

11. ISRO Hq Is In

- A. Mumbai
- B. Kochi
- C. Chennai
- D. Bangalore

ANSWER: D

12. India Purchased Bofors Gun from

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

13. “Naam Namak Nishaan” Is The Motto Of

- A. THE GRENADIERS
- B. Rajputana Rifles
- C. Gorkha
- D. None

ANSWER: A

14. Civil Services Day Every Year Observed On

- A. 20 April
- B. 21 April
- C. 22 April
- D. 23 April

ANSWER: B

15. The SAMHO Is An

- A. Anti-tank Guided Missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Ballistic missile
- D. Communication satellite

ANSWER: A

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

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

ANSWER: D

17. AH-64 Apache Is A

- A. Transport Helicopter
- B. Attack Helicopter
- C. Light Utility Helicopter
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

18. Dhanush (howitzer) Manufactured By

- A. L & T
- B. Boeing
- C. ISRO
- D. Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited

ANSWER: D

19. INS Arihant Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Ballistic missile submarine
- D. Tank

ANSWER: C

20. Operation Vijay Was Conducted In

- A. 1978
- B. 1988
- C. 1999
- D. 1980

ANSWER: C