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Indian Navy Signs Contract with BEL

- The Indian Navy has signed a contract with a major defence PSU for the implementation of the National Maritime Domain Awareness (NMDA) Project towards strengthening maritime and coastal security, the defence ministry said.
- The contract was signed in the presence of Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti, and Chairman and Managing Director, Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Bengaluru, Manoj Jain.
- The project will bring in an integrated approach to data collation, analysis and information sharing among the various maritime stakeholders.
- The project entails the upgrade of the existing National Command, Control, Communication and Intelligence (NC3I) Network to the NMDA Network along with the incorporation of AI-enabled software, the ministry said.
- The existing Information Management and Analysis Centre (IMAC) at Gurugram, which is the nodal centre of NC3I Network, will also be upgraded into a multi-agency NMDA Centre hosting representatives from various national agencies



Made-in-India Anti-submarine Rocket ERASR Successfully Tested

- The user trials of the made-in-India anti-submarine Extended Range Anti-Submarine Rocket (ERASR) have been successfully conducted from INS Kavaratti, marking a significant milestone in India's naval defence capabilities.
- Defence Minister Rajnath congratulated the DRDO the Indian Navy, and the associated industry partners for the successful development and testing of the indigenous system.
- INS Kavaratti (P31) is an anti-submarine warfare corvette of the Indian Navy built under Project 28. It is the last of four Kamorta-class corvettes. The ship was built by the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata, and launched on 19 May 2015.



Peace time is nothing but 'illusion': Rajnath

- Peace time is nothing but an "**illusion**", and India must remain prepared for uncertainty even during periods of relative calm, Rajnath Singh said while hailing the armed forces for the valour they displayed during Operation Sindoor.
- The defence minister was addressing the **Controllers' Conference of the Defence Accounts Department (DAD)**.

- The defence minister praised the DAD's new motto "**Alert, Agile, Adaptive**" and noted that these are not mere words, but a reflection of the work culture required in today's rapidly evolving defence environment.
- The Defence Accounts Department (DAD) is a crucial organization under the Government of India's Ministry of Defence, responsible for financial advice, payment, accounting, and internal audit for the Indian Armed Forces and related organizations. It's one of the oldest departments in India, tracing its origins back to the East India Company's Military Pay Masters. The DAD is headed by the Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA).



Indian Ocean Region With Six Stealth Frigates

- The Indian Navy will sharpen its edge in the Indian Ocean region with the induction of six locally made warships in around a year, a step towards strengthening its hold on the vast maritime expanse where China is steadily boosting its influence, officials aware of the matter said.
- The Project 17A stealth frigates that the navy will commission into service by August-September 2026 are **Udaygiri, Taragiri, Mahendragiri, Himgiri, Dunagiri and Vindhyagiri** --- platforms that will showcase the country's warship building prowess.
- Have an indigenous content of 75% and come with modern weapons, sensors and systems to dominate the sea battlespace
- The navy inducted the first P-17A warship **INS Nilgiri** in January and is expected to commission **Udaygiri in August**. The **₹45,000-crore P-17A** is a follow-on of the **Shivalik-class (P-17) stealth frigates** and represents a significant upgrade over the previous warships.

- **Taragiri and Mahendragiri** are being built at **MDL** and **Himgiri, Dunagiri and Vindhyagiri** are in different stages of construction at **GRSE Limited**.
- **Taragiri and Mahendragiri** will be delivered to the navy after the completion of necessary trials in October 2025 and February 2026,
- The navy usually commissions a warship one or two months after its delivery. MDL delivered Udaygiri to the navy on July 1. The weapons on the P-17A warships include **BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles** and the medium-range surface-to-air missile system.
- **Himgiri, Dunagiri and Vindhyagiri** are expected to be delivered to the navy in July-end, early next year and August 2026, people aware of the matter said.
- The P-17A stealth frigates have a displacement of 6,670 tonnes, are 149 metres long, can reach a top speed of 28 knots and carry 225 personnel.



Commander of UAE Naval Forces on India visit; meets CDS, Navy Chief

- UAE Naval Forces Commander Major General Humaid Mohammed Abdullah Alremeithi on Tuesday held talks with India's top military brass for bolstering maritime cooperation, naval engagements and overall ties between the two countries.
- He is on an official visit to India from July 7 to 9.
- Maj Gen Alremeithi met Chief of the Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan and Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi in New Delhi.

- "The visit of Maj Gen Humaid Mohammed Abdullah Alremeithi marks a key milestone in India-UAE naval relations, aimed at deepening cooperation and promoting shared interests in the Indian Ocean Region," the Indian defence ministry said in a statement.
- The visit of the Commander of the UAE Naval Forces (UAEN) is aimed at strengthening maritime cooperation and India-UAE ties, officials said.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which of the following is the first Project 17A stealth frigate inducted by the Indian Navy?

- A. INS Udaygiri
- B. INS Taragiri
- C. INS Nilgiri
- D. INS Himgiri

ANSWER: C

2. Which two Project 17A warships are being built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)?

- A. Taragiri and Mahendragiri
- B. Dunagiri and Vindhyaagiri
- C. Udaygiri and Himgiri
- D. Nilgiri and Dunagiri

ANSWER: A

3. What percentage of indigenous content do the Project 17A stealth frigates possess?

- A. 50%
- B. 60%
- C. 75%
- D. 90%

ANSWER: C

4. From which ship were user trials of the Extended Range Anti-Submarine Rocket (ERASR) conducted?

- A. INS Taragiri
- B. INS Nilgiri
- C. INS Mahendragiri
- D. INS Kavaratti

ANSWER: D

5. What is the main purpose of the National Maritime Domain Awareness Project signed by the Indian Navy?

- A. Expanding shipbuilding capacity
- B. Enhancing deep-sea mining
- C. Strengthening maritime and coastal security
- D. Modernizing submarine fleet

ANSWER: C

6. What is the highest commissioned rank awarded in the Navy?

- A. Commodore
- B. Captain
- C. Wing Commander
- D. Admiral

ANSWER: D

7. 'Varuna' is a multilateral Defence Exercise b/w India &

- A. Japan
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. France
- D. Australia

ANSWER: C

8. Super Hornet Is Made By

- A. Dassault
- B. Boeing
- C. Airbus
- D. HAL

ANSWER: B

9. Heron Is A

- A. Tank
- B. Rifle
- C. UAV
- D. Helicopter

ANSWER: C

10. Exercises B/w India And Nepal Lanka Is Called:

- A. Vayu
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Surya Kiran

ANSWER: D

11. AEW&CS Stands For

- A. Airborne Early Warning and Center System
- B. Airborne East Warning and Control System
- C. Airborne Early Warning and Control System
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

12. Air Marshal Rank of IAF Is Equivalent to which rank of Indian Navy?

- A. Commodore
- B. Captain
- C. Commander
- D. Vice Admiral

ANSWER: D

13. 'CORPS' In Indian Army Headed By__

- A. General Officer Commanding (GOC)

- B. General Officer Commanding-in-chief (GOC-in-C)
- C. Major General
- D. Brigadier

ANSWER: A

14. Which Is/Are The Combat Arms of The Indian Army?

- A. Infantry
- B. The Armoured Corp
- C. The Mechanized Infantry
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: D

15. Bugatti Car Manufactured By

- A. Germany
- B. France
- C. Mexico
- D. USA

ANSWER: B

16. India Purchased Dragunov SVD from

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. USSR

ANSWER: D

17. Oslo Is The Capital Of

- A. Norway
- B. Palau
- C. Philippines
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

18. "Mind-Master" Book Is Written By

- A. Roopa Pai
- B. Neha J Hiranandani
- C. M Venkaiah Naidu
- D. Viswanathan Anand and Susan Ninan

ANSWER: D

19. Heckler & Koch MP5 Is A

- A. Submachine gun
- B. Machine pistol
- C. Sniper rifle
- D. Anti-material rifle

ANSWER: A

20. Lt Gen. Rank Of Indian Army Is To Which Rank Of IAF?

- A. Vice Admiral
- B. Air Commodore
- C. Commodore
- D. Air Marshal

ANSWER: D

