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INS Sandhayak Visits Port Klang

- Indian Navy's indigenously designed and constructed Survey Vessel Large (SVL) INS Sandhayak made her maiden port call at Port Klang, Malaysia, for hydrographic cooperation, from 16 - 19 Jul 2025.
- This visit demonstrates India's growing role in regional hydrographic capacity building under the Indian Naval Hydrographic Department (INHD) and the National Hydrographic Office framework.
- INS Sandhayak, the first of the indigenously designed and built Sandhayak-class hydrographic survey ship, was commissioned in Feb 2024
- The key activities during the visit include in-depth knowledge exchange sessions, official receptions and events designed to foster international goodwill and elevate awareness of the **MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions)** vision.



Italy And France Compete To Supply Heavy Weight Torpedoes

- The Indian Navy's critical requirement for 48 submarine-launched heavy weight torpedoes has evolved into a fascinating strategic competition between Italy's Black Shark and France's F21 torpedo systems, with both nations vying to equip India's advanced Kalvari-class submarines.
- This tender, expected to be finalised soon, represents more than just a weapons acquisition—it symbolizes India's complex defence procurement dynamics and the evolving geopolitical relationships in the Indo-Pacific region.
- The competition has taken an unexpected turn with Germany's ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems (TKMS) with explanation withdrawing from the race in April 2025, leaving the Italian Black Shark as the frontrunner against France's Naval Group F21 torpedo.



RRP Defence And CYGR Joint Venture

- RRP Defence, an Indian defence technology firm, has entered into a strategic partnership with French company CYGR to establish a state-of-the-art drone manufacturing facility in Navi Mumbai.
- The alliance will begin with an initial investment of USD 50 million (approximately ₹430 crore), with plans to scale up the capital outlay to USD 100 million as operations expand.

- Boosting aerospace exports: With a contract already lined up for global defence exports valued at over USD 20 million, hundreds of units are expected to be produced annually for both domestic and international markets.



Lakshadweep Govt Plans To Takeover Bitra Island For Defence Needs

- The government of Lakshadweep is set to take over Bitra island, an atoll in the Union Territory, to make use of it for defence purposes. However, the move has been met with resistance with local MP Hamdullah Sayeed vowing to raise the issue in Parliament.
- A government notification, issued on July 11, outlined the proposal for Lakshadweep's Department of Revenue to take over the entire land area of Bitra island and transfer it to relevant Central defense and strategic agencies.
- With 271 residents, as per the Census 2011, Bitra is the least populated among the 10 inhabited islands in the Lakshadweep UT.
- With this move, Bitra would become the third island in the archipelago with a defence establishment – two Indian naval bases in the archipelago are INS Dweeprakashak in Kavaratti, the capital of the UT, and INS Jatayu in Minicoy, the southernmost island.



Russia Launches New Barrage of Drones

- Russia launched a new barrage of drones and missiles at Ukraine in an overnight attack on Monday, killing at least one person and causing multiple fires in the capital Kyiv, city officials said.
- Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said rescuers and medics were working on sites across four districts of the capital. A subway station in central Kyiv, commercial property, shops, houses and a kindergarten were damaged, city officials said.
- Oleh Synehubov, the governor of the Kharkiv region, reported multiple explosions in Kharkiv, the country's second-largest city, but gave no immediate details on the damage.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Where did INS Sandhayak make its maiden foreign port call in July 2025?

- A. Colombo, Sri Lanka
- B. Port Klang, Malaysia
- C. Chattogram, Bangladesh
- D. Singapore Naval Base

ANSWER: B

2. Which two countries are competing to supply heavyweight torpedoes for India's Kalvari-class submarines?

- A. Germany and Italy
- B. Italy and France
- C. France and the United Kingdom
- D. Russia and France

ANSWER: B

3. What is the initial investment announced for the RRP Defence and CYGR joint venture in drone manufacturing?

- A. USD 25 million
- B. USD 100 million
- C. USD 50 million
- D. USD 10 million

ANSWER: C

4. What is the significance of Bitra Island in the Lakshadweep archipelago?

- A. It hosts the largest naval base
- B. It is the most developed island
- C. It is the least populated inhabited island
- D. It is the capital of Lakshadweep

ANSWER: C

5. What type of attack did Russia launch on Ukraine, according to the July 2025 report?

- A. Naval blockade
- B. Cyber warfare attack
- C. Drone and missile barrage
- D. Ground offensive

ANSWER: C

6. प्रहार से सुरक्षा Is The Motto Of

- A. Garud Commando Force
- B. MARCOS
- C. PARA SF
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

7. Indian Army Flag Consist Colors of ____ Colors.

- A. Gold, Red And Black
- B. Gold, Red And Blue
- C. Gold, Rose Black And Black
- D. Green, Red And Black

ANSWER: A

8. Which Country Has the Maximum Nuclear Warheads?

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

ANSWER: B

9. “Naam Namak Nishaan” Is The War Cry Of

- A. THE GRENADIERS
- B. RR
- C. Sikh Regiment
- D. Gorkha Regiment

ANSWER: A

10. IPCC Stands For

- A. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Challenge
- B. Intergovernmental Panel on Cloud Change
- C. Intergovernmental Pan on Climate Change
- D. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

ANSWER: D

11. Operational Range of Rudram-1 Is

- A. 150 km

- B. 250 km
- C. 350 km
- D. 450 km

ANSWER: B

12. Where Is The Hq Of The Eastern Command of The Indian Army?

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Pune
- D. Kolkata

ANSWER: D

13. Joint Exercises B/w The India And Sri Lanka Is Called:

- A. Yama
- B. VINBAX
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: B

14. Luanda Is The Capital Of

- A. Andorra
- B. Algiers
- C. Angola
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

15. "Sea of Tranquility" Book Is Written By

- A. Emily St. John Mandel
- B. Barak Obama
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. S. Jenifer

ANSWER: A

16. Ex KAZIND Conducted B/W India And

- A. France
- B. China
- C. Kazakhstan
- D. Kyrgyzstan

ANSWER: C

17. Group Captain Rank Of IAF Is Equivalent to Which Rank of Indian Navy?

- A. Colonel
- B. Captain
- C. Commander
- D. Major

ANSWER: B

18. What Is The Ranking Of The IAF In The World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA)?

- A. 1st
- B. 2nd
- C. 3rd
- D. 4th

ANSWER: C

19. “Balidanam Vir Lakshanam” Is The Motto Of

- A. JKLI
- B. THE MAHAR REGIMENT
- C. THE BIHAR REGIMENT
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

20. F 18 Super Hornet Fighter Aircraft Manufactured By

- A. Boeing
- B. Lockheed Martin
- C. Airbus
- D. HAL

ANSWER: A