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Indian Army Gets 'Tank In The Air'

- The Indian Army has announced that it has received the first batch of three AH-64E Apache attack helicopters from the United States, marking a significant enhancement to its combat capabilities. The helicopters were formally inducted on July 22, 2025, following their arrival at Hindon Air Force Station near Delhi.
- The delivery had been delayed by over 15 months due to global supply chain disruptions and shifting geopolitical conditions.
- These helicopters were originally scheduled to arrive between May and June 2024 under a \$600 million deal signed in 2020 to acquire six Apaches for the Army.
- The Apache squadron based in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, was established more than 15 months ago, but deployment was postponed awaiting these deliveries.
- It carries a 30mm chain gun, Hellfire missiles, rocket pods, and Longbow radar, enabling precision strikes in day, night, and adverse weather conditions.



Keel Laid for First Next Generation OPV

- The keel-laying ceremony of Yard 16401, the first of six Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels (NGOPVs) for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), was held at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL), Mumbai on July 22, 2025.
- The 117-meter-long vessel will have a range of 5,000 nautical miles, a crew capacity of 11 officers & 110 personnel, and a top speed of 23 knots.
- They will be equipped with advanced technologies such as AI-based predictive maintenance, Remote Piloted Drones, Integrated Bridge System (IBS), and Integrated Platform Management System (IPMS).



Indian Air Force to Phase Out MiG-21 Fighter Jets

- The Indian Air Force will be phasing out its MiG 21 fighter jet aircraft by September 2025 and replace them with the Tejas Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Mark 1A.
- First inducted in 1963, these jets will be retired after 62 years of service with the indigenously developed Tejas aircraft replacing them in all the current squadrons. The squadrons operating the MiG 21 plane are currently in Rajasthan's Nal Air Force base.
- The MiG 21 is India's first ever supersonic jet, acquired as part of a deal with the erstwhile Soviet Union in 1963. The aircraft has had limited use in the 1965 Indo-Pakistan war, but was subsequently used multiple military conflicts since, including the 1999 Kargil War, 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War.

- Notably, the aircraft was also used during **the 2019 Balakot airstrike** against terrorist camps in Pakistan. During the operation, one MiG 21 was downed, leading to the capture of **Wing Commander Abhinandan**.



BSF Raises 'Drone Squadron'

- The BSF is raising a maiden "**drone squadron**" for deployment along the India-Pakistan border even as it has begun "hardening" its defences and posts against lethal UAV attacks in the wake of lessons drawn during Operation Sindoor.
- The squadron, to be based in specific border outposts (BoPs) at this front, will comprise an assortment of reconnaissance, surveillance and attack drones or UAVs and specially-trained personnel who can operate these machines.
- The squadron will be navigated by a control room based in the western command headquarters of the BSF in Chandigarh, the sources said. The BSF is primarily tasked to guard the India-Pakistan international border (IB).



Indian Navy To Host Shipbuilding Seminar

- The Warship Design Bureau a premier warship design organization under Naval Headquarters in New Delhi, is hosting a one-day **'Shipbuilding Seminar on Nation Building Through Shipbuilding'** on 23 July 2025 at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.
- WDB, which began its journey as the Central Design Office in 1964 to achieve self-sufficiency in warship design, evolved into the Directorate of Naval Design in 1970.
- Over the past six decades, WDB has played a pivotal role in the design and construction of 20 types of warships, ranging from Seaward Defence Boats to Aircraft Carriers.
- The recent delivery of Y12652 (Udaygiri) on 01 July 2025 marked a historic milestone as the 100th warship delivered to the nation by the Indian Navy and WDB.
- To commemorate this landmark achievement, the seminar will bring together key stakeholders from the Government of India, Indian Navy, shipyards, industry, classification societies, and academia.
- The delivery of the 100th indigenously designed warship is a significant accomplishment for WDB.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **Where was the keel-laying ceremony of Yard 16401 held?**

- A. Cochin Shipyard, Kochi
- B. Garden Reach Shipbuilders, Kolkata
- C. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd, Mumbai
- D. Hindustan Shipyard Ltd, Visakhapatnam

ANSWER: C

2. **What is Yard 16401 the first of?**

- A. Submarine Fleet of Indian Navy
- B. Anti-Submarine Warfare Ships for Indian Navy
- C. Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels for Indian Coast Guard
- D. High-Speed Interceptor Boats for Coastal Police

ANSWER: C

3. **What is the theme of the one-day seminar hosted by the Warship Design Bureau?**

- A. Enhancing Maritime Trade
- B. Naval Power and Regional Stability
- C. Nation Building Through Shipbuilding

D. Future Technologies in Warship Design

ANSWER: C

4. What new initiative is the Border Security Force (BSF) undertaking along the India-Pakistan border?

- A. Launching naval patrols
- B. Raising a drone squadron
- C. Building underground bunkers
- D. Constructing smart fences

ANSWER: B

5. In which year was the MiG 21 acquired by India from the Soviet Union?

- A. 1961
- B. 1963
- C. 1965
- D. 1971

ANSWER: B

6. India's First Aircraft Carrier Was

- A. INS Chakra
- B. INS Arihant
- C. INS Virant
- D. INS Virat

ANSWER: C

7. Ex 'NASEEM-AL-BAHR' Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: B

8. NISTAR & NIPUN Is A

- A. Diving Support Vessels
- B. OPV
- C. Tank
- D. Frigate

ANSWER: A

9. NISTAR & NIPUN Is Manufactured By

- A. CSL
- B. HSL
- C. MDL
- D. GRSE

ANSWER: B

10. __ Launched 'Puneet Sagar Abhiyan', A Nationwide Flagship Campaign.

- A. DRDO
- B. NCC
- C. IAF
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

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

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

ANSWER: B

12. F 18 Super Hornet Fighter Aircraft Manufactured By

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

ANSWER: A

13. Which of the following is the Parent Agency of MOD?

- A. DRDO
- B. Delhi Police
- C. NIA
- D. NHRC

ANSWER: A

14. Defence Electronics Research Laboratory (DLRL) Centre Is Located In

- A. Hyderabad, Telangana
- B. Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh

- C. Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
- D. Tezpur, Assam

ANSWER: A

15. IAI Harpy Is A

- A. Drone
- B. Tank
- C. Submarine
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

16.INS Kadamba Is An Indian Navy Base Located At

- A. Karwar in Karnataka
- B. Mumbai, M.H.
- C. Marmugao, Goa
- D. Kochi, Kerala

ANSWER: A

17. CID Stands For

- A. Crime Investigation Depo
- B. Crime Investigate Department
- C. Crime Investigation Department
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

18. Aizawl Is The Capital Of

- A. Mizoram
- B. Manipur
- C. Odisha
- D. Punjab

ANSWER: A

19. "Search of the Divine: Living Histories of Sufism in India" Book Is Written By

- A. Supriya Sule
- B. Amit Singh
- C. Rana Safvi
- D. Akash Jain

ANSWER: C

20. India Meteorological Department Comes Under The Ministry Of__.

- A. MHA
- B. Ministry of Earth Sciences
- C. Ministry of I&T
- D. MOD

ANSWER: B

