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Indigenous Pollution Control Vessel 'Samudra Prachet'

- 'Samudra Prachet', the last of the two indigenous Pollution Control Vessels (PCVs) constructed by Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL) was launched for Indian Coast Guard (ICG) in Goa on July 23, 2025.
- With 72% indigenous content, the project has significantly contributed to national capability-building, employment generation, and skills enhancement, through active engagement of the local industry and MSMEs.
- These ships have been fitted with state-of-art Response Equipment and these vessels will help ICG in quick and effective response to any oil spill in the Exclusive Economic Zone.
- With a length of 114.5 metres, a breadth of 16.5 metres, and a displacement of 4,170 tonnes, the ship will be manned by 14 officers and 115 sailors.
- The First Pollution Control Vessel was launched on August 29, 2024 and is expected to be delivered soon.



Defence Secretary holds bilateral meeting with DG Israel Ministry of Defence

- Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh held a bilateral meeting with Director General, Israel Ministry of Defence Major General (Res) Amir Baram in New Delhi on July 23, 2025.
- The two sides agreed to further strengthen bilateral defence cooperation with a long-term perspective. They concurred to work towards developing an institutional framework for further deepening of defence ties.
- The Israel DG condemned the terrorist attack in Pahalgam and conveyed full support for India's fight against terrorism.
- Defence Secretary reiterated India's zero tolerance approach to terrorism and condemned the October 07, 2023 terrorist attacks in Israel and called for the release of all hostages.
- The two sides also reviewed the progress of the ongoing defence collaboration activities since last Joint Working Group meeting held in July 2024 in India.
- This visit by DG Israel MoD marks a pivotal step in India-Israel defence relations and reinforces both sides' commitment to enhance their strategic partnership.



PM Modi's Upcoming Visit To The Maldives

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi's imminent visit to the Maldives, scheduled for July 25–26, 2025, is poised to significantly bolster bilateral ties between India and the Maldives, with a special emphasis on tourism, economic cooperation, and strategic partnership.
- This high-level visit, at the invitation of President Dr Mohamed Muizzu, coincides with the **Maldives' 60th Independence Day celebrations**, marking a milestone in the diplomatic relations of the two nations.
- A critical project at the heart of recent India-Maldives cooperation is the **Hanimadu Airport**, currently nearing completion with significant Indian financial assistance.
- The strategic importance of this project, noting that the improved air connectivity—just a little over an hour from southern Indian cities to northern Maldives—holds great potential for both countries.



PM Modi Departs For United Kingdom

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi departed for the United Kingdom on July 23, 2025, to begin a two-nation visit that will subsequently include the Maldives.
- The UK visit, spanning July 23-24, primarily focuses on enhancing bilateral relations, highlighted by the signing of the much-anticipated India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA) after three years of negotiations.
- This FTA is expected to eliminate tariffs on 99% of Indian exports to the UK and reduce tariffs on 90% of British imports to India. It aims to double bilateral trade from the current USD 60 billion to approximately USD 120 billion by 2030.
- The agreement will also ease export processes for British products such as whisky and cars.

- A significant aspect of the visit will be India raising concerns about **Khalistani extremists** based in the UK, which have long been a source of tension. The UK government has assured India of taking necessary actions against such extremist groups.



Turkey Now Has A Hypersonic Missile

- Turkey has unveiled its first hypersonic missile, the **Tayfun Block-4**, at the International Defence Industry Fair (IDEF) 2025 in Istanbul, marking a significant milestone in its defence capabilities.
- Developed indigenously by **the Turkish defence firm Roketsan**, the Tayfun Block 4 is a hypersonic ballistic missile weighing approximately 2,300 kilograms (about 7 tons according to some reports) and measuring around 6.5 to 10 meters in length.
- It boasts a range of about 800 kilometres, with plans to extend this to over 1,000 kilometres in future variants, enabling it to strike strategic targets deep inside enemy territory with high accuracy (within 5 to 10 meters) and high speed (estimated at Mach 5 or above) .
- This hypersonic weapon places Turkey in the ranks of a select group of nations—alongside the **United States, Russia, and China**—that have developed and deployed hypersonic missile technology, underlining the country's growing military technological independence and regional strategic power .



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is the name of the high-intensity annual security exercise launched by the Indian Army to protect the Shri Amarnath Yatra in 2025?
A. Operation Shiva
B. Operation Trident
C. Operation Rakshak
D. Operation Vajra
ANSWER: A
2. Which country hosted the multinational military exercise Talisman Sabre 2025, marking India's first participation?
A. Japan
B. United States
C. Germany
D. Australia
ANSWER: D
3. In which city did the Indian Army conduct the 'Prachand Shakti' military drill?
A. Meerut
B. Lucknow
C. Jodhpur

D. Pune

ANSWER: A

4. With which country did India conduct the PASSEX naval exercise near Mumbai in July 2025?

- A. Italy
- B. Greece
- C. France
- D. Japan

ANSWER: B

5. Mission Shakti Was Launched In The Year Of

- A. 2019
- B. 2020
- C. 2021
- D. 2022

ANSWER: A

6. Who is the chairman of the National Command Authority of India?

- A. PM
- B. NSA
- C. Cabinet Secretary
- D. Defence Minister

ANSWER: A

7. Which is the longest-range missile in India?

- A. Agni III
- B. Agni I
- C. Agni V
- D. None of these

ANSWER: C

8. A hypersonic speed cruise missile would travel at least _____ the speed of sound.

- A. four times
- B. five times
- C. Three times
- D. None of these

ANSWER: B

9. 'No First Use Policy of Nuclear' Is Related To Which Nation Policy?

- A. USA
- B. India
- C. UK
- D. Pakistan

ANSWER: B

10. Annual Hydrographic Conference Held At

- A. Dehradun
- B. Ranikhet
- C. Jaipur
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

11. How Many Countries Are In BRICS?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 6

ANSWER: C

12. 'Ex KOMODO' Hosted By

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

ANSWER: D

13. Hiroshima Day Observed Every Year

- A. 4 August
- B. 5 August
- C. 6 August
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

14. India Meteorological Department Comes Under The Ministry Of__.

- A. MHA
- B. Ministry of Earth Sciences

- C. Ministry of I&T
- D. MOD

ANSWER: B

15. INS Kumbhir Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Landing Ship Tank

ANSWER: D

16. Operational Range of Rudram-1 Is

- A. 150 km
- B. 250 km
- C. 350 km
- D. 450 km

ANSWER: B

17. Which One Of The Following Countries Does Not Border With Lithuania?

- A. Latvia
- B. Belarus
- C. Poland
- D. Ukraine

ANSWER: D

18. "Tiger of Drass: Capt. Anuj Nayyar, 23, Kargil Hero" Book Is Written By

- A. Rajesh Talwar
- B. Roger Faligot
- C. Mithilesh Tiwari
- D. Meena Nayyar & Himmat Singh Shekhawat

ANSWER: D

19. Army Air Defence College Is In

- A. Gopalpur, Odisha
- B. Pune, M.H.
- C. Chennai, T.N.
- D. None

ANSWER: A

20. Joint Exercises B/w The India And UK Is Called:

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

ANSWER: B