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Matsya-6000

- India is preparing to take a major leap in deep-sea exploration, with two scientists from the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) set to pilot the country's first manned submersible early next year.
- The 28-tonne indigenous craft, Matsya-6000, will initially descend 500 metres off the Chennai coast, a precursor to India's plan to send humans 6,000 metres below the surface and join a select global cohort capable of such missions.
- The aquanauts, Ramesh Raju and Jatinder Pal Singh, will form the core crew of Samudrayaan, the human-rated arm of India's Deep Ocean Mission under the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- Only a handful of nations -- including the US, Russia, China, Japan and France -- currently possess crewed deep-sea capabilities. With Samudrayaan, India aims to join this strategic club even as it moves to harness its 11,098-km coastline and accelerate blue-economy initiatives.
- Inside NIOT's Chennai campus, the Matsya-6000 is steadily taking shape. Its 2.25-metre boiler-steel personnel sphere is fitted into an external frame housing high-density Li-Po batteries, ballast systems, drop-weight escape mechanisms, propellers and emergency buoys integral to its drag-anchor rescue system.



ITBP's 27th Battalion Honoured As Best Anti-naxal Unit

- The Indo-Tibetan Border Police's (ITBP) 27th battalion clinched the best anti-naxal battalion honour for delivering outstanding operational results and leading impactful community initiatives in Chhattisgarh.
- ITBP Director General Praveen Kumar honoured the prestigious award to the battalion's Commandant Vivek Kumar Pandey and BP Badaya during the force's Raising Day Director General's Parade held today in Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir.
- Shattering the red corridor deployed in the challenging Mohla-Manpur area near the borders of Maharashtra's Gadchiroli and Kanker, the Kerala-based 27th Battalion has been at the forefront of the campaign against Maoists.
- The unit's most significant victory came in August 2025, when it successfully eliminated two senior Naxal commanders--Vijay Reddy (State Zonal Committee member) and Lokesh Salame (Rajnandgaon Kanker Border, RKB, Division Secretary)--during a major encounter.
- The 27th Battalion established a Field Hospital and the area's first-ever Veterinary Field Hospital. These facilities provided essential medical care to over 6,000 villagers and thousands of livestock across nearly 35 surrounding LWE-affected tribal villages.



India-Russia Annual Summit

- The India-Russia annual summit scheduled here for December 5 could boost bilateral naval cooperation including additional joint exercises, military-technical cooperation and stability in the Indo-Pacific region, including the Indian Ocean region.
- Ahead of the summit, aide to the Russian president and chairman of the Maritime Board of Russia Nikolai Patrushev met defence secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh as well as top officers of the Indian Navy.
- The two sides discussed plans for joint exercises and matters related to strengthening military-technical cooperation, it has been learnt.
- "The foreign ministers reaffirmed Russia and India's commitment to building a just, multipolar world order and ensuring global security. They agreed to continue coordinating their approaches to cooperation between Russia and India in key multilateral formats— the UN , SCO, BRICS, and the G20," read a statement issued by the Russian Foreign Ministry.



Israel Plans To Seize Historical Site in the West Bank

- Israel plans to seize parts of a major West Bank historic site, according to a government document, and settlers put up a new outpost overnight, even as the country faces pressure to crack down on settler violence in the Palestinian territory.
- Israel's Civil Administration announced its intention to expropriate large swaths of Sebastia, a major archaeological site in the West Bank, in the document obtained by The Associated Press.
- Peace Now, an anti-settlement watchdog group, said the site is around 1,800 dunams (450 acres) - Israel's largest seizure of archeologically important land.
- The move came as Israeli settlers celebrated the creation of a new, unauthorized settlement near Bethlehem, and a Palestinian lawyer said a West Bank activist has been detained and hospitalized.
- Meanwhile, Human Rights Watch said Israel may have committed war crimes when it forcibly expelled 32,000 Palestinians from three West Bank refugee camps this year.
- The Israeli order released Nov. 12 lists parcels of land it intends to seize in the Sebastia area. Peace Now, which provided the document to AP, said the popular archeological site, where thousands of olive trees grow, belongs to the Palestinians.
- The capital of the ancient Israelite kingdom Samaria is thought to be beneath the ruins of Sebastia, and Christians and Muslims believe it's where John the Baptist was buried.
- Israel announced plans to develop the site into a tourist attraction in 2023. Excavations have already begun and the government has allocated more than

30 million shekels (\$9.24 million) to develop the site, according to Peace Now and another rights group.



Indian, Tanzania Navy Officials Discuss

- The maiden edition of Indian Navy - Tanzania People's Defence Force Navy Staff Talks was successfully concluded at Dar es Salaam, in Tanzania, an official said.
- Maiden Edition of #IndianNavy - Tanzania People's Defence Force Navy Staff Talks were successfully concluded on #18Nov 25 at Dar es Salaam. Co-Chaired by RAdm Srinivas Maddula, ACNS (FCI) & Cmde FJ Mwasikolile, Naval Operations & Training Officer #TPDF Navy," the post added.
- Meanwhile, indigenously designed and constructed, the Indian Navy's Guided Missile Stealth Frigate, Indian Naval Ship (INS) Sahyadri, participated in the sea phase of Exercise Malabar 2025 from November 13 to November 17 during which operations such as Anti-Submarine Warfare, Visit Board Search and Seizure (VBSS), gunnery firing, underway replenishment, and cross-deck helicopter operations were conducted.
- "INS Sahyadri participated in the sea phase of Exercise Malabar 2025 from 13 to 17 November. The four-day high-tempo sea phase included Anti-Submarine Warfare, Visit Board Search and Seizure (VBSS), gunnery firing, underway replenishment, and cross-deck helicopter operations.
- INS Sahyadri was at Guam in the Northern Pacific for participation in the multilateral Exercise Malabar-2025.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Matsya-6000 is associated with which Indian initiative?

- A. Gaganyaan Mission
- B. Deep Ocean Mission
- C. National Clean Seas Programme
- D. Atal Innovation Mission

ANSWER: B

2. The ITBP's 27th Battalion received recognition primarily for its operations in which region?

- A. Baramulla
- B. Mohla- Manpur region
- C. Arunachal Frontier
- D. Sikkim Plateau

ANSWER: B

3. Who is the Russian official who met Indian defence leaders ahead of the India-Russia Annual Summit?

- A. Sergei Shoigu
- B. Nikolai Patrushev
- C. Dmitry Rogozin
- D. Mikhail Mishustin

ANSWER: B

4. Sebastia, the region Israel plans to seize, is historically linked to which figure?

- A. Prophet Moses
- B. King Solomon
- C. John the Baptist
- D. Prophet Ezekiel

ANSWER: C

5. INS Sahyadri recently participated in which major naval exercise?

- A. Varuna
- B. MILAN
- C. Malabar 2025
- D. RIMPAC

ANSWER: C

6. Ugram Is A

- A. Assault Rifle
- B. Tank
- C. Helicopter
- D. Destroyer

ANSWER: A

7. Which port is also known as the New Mangalore Port?

- A. Mormugao Port
- B. Panambur Port
- C. Kandla Port
- D. Tuticorin Port

ANSWER: B

8. Which State Of India Has The 2nd Longest Coastline?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Kerala

ANSWER: B

9. "Freedom is not given, It. Is taken". Said By__

- A. Pandit Nehru
- B. Mahatma Gandhi
- C. Subhas Chandra Bose
- D. Bhagat Singh

ANSWER: C

10. DESERT EAGLE Exercise Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: C

11. War Cry Of THE INDIAN ARMY

- A. Bharat Mata ki Jai
- B. Vande Mataram
- C. Jai Hind
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: D

12. Major General Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank Of IAF Is

- A. Commander
- B. Squadron Leader
- C. Group Captain
- D. Air Vice Marshal

ANSWER: D

13. The India-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement (LBA) came into force in

- A. 2015
- B. 2016
- C. 2017
- D. 2018

ANSWER: A

14. Mitra Shakti Ex Held B/w India &

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. USA

- C. UK
- D. Nepal

ANSWER: A

15. __Himalayan pass is situated b/w India and China.

- A. Shenkora
- B. Thalghat
- C. Bhorghat
- D. Shipki La

ANSWER: D

16. AMCA Stands For

- A. Advanced Medium Cockpit Aircraft
- B. Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft
- C. Advanced Motor Combat Aircraft
- D. Advanced Machine Combat Aircraft

ANSWER: B

17. Wartime Gallantry Award Is/Are

- A. Param Vir Chakra
- B. Maha Vir Chakra
- C. Ashok Chakra
- D. Both a & b

ANSWER: D

18. Military College of Telecommunication Engineering Is At

- A. Gopalpur
- B. Mhow
- C. Pune
- D. Haridwar

ANSWER: B

19. “Bolo Hindustan Ki Jay” Is The War Cry Of

- A. JKRIF
- B. RR
- C. MAHAR REGIMENT
- D. JKLIR

ANSWER: C

20. "The Earth spinner" Book Written By

- A. Brisha Jain
- B. Sanjay Gubbi
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Anuradha Roy

ANSWER: D