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Indian Navy To Commission Anjadip

- The Indian Navy is set to enhance its Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) capabilities with the commissioning of Anjadip, the third vessel of the eight-ship Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) project. The warship will be formally commissioned into the Eastern Naval Command at Chennai Port on 27 Feb 2026.
- The commissioning ceremony highlights the nation's accelerated progress towards achieving 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' in defence, as the ASW-SWC project exemplifies the triumph of indigenous warship design and construction.
- The vessel is engineered to act as a '**Dolphin Hunter**', focused on the detection, tracking, and neutralisation of enemy submarines in coastal areas. The ship is packed with an indigenous, cutting-edge Anti-Submarine Warfare weapons and sensor package, including the Hull Mounted Sonar Abhay, and armed with Lightweight Torpedoes and ASW Rockets.
- In addition to its primary ASW role, the agile and highly manoeuvrable warship is also equipped to undertake Coastal Surveillance, Low-Intensity Maritime Operations (LIMO) and Search & Rescue operations.
- The 77 meter-long ship, features a high-speed Water-Jet Propulsion system, enabling it to achieve a top speed of 25 knots for rapid response and sustained operations.



India's First Anti-terror & Cybersecurity Policy PRAHAAR

- The Union Home Ministry has released the National Counter-Terrorism Policy and Strategy, a comprehensive framework outlining India's approach to preventing, responding to, and mitigating terrorism.
- Named PRAHAAR, the strategy provides a holistic roadmap for counter-terrorism, emphasizing intelligence-led operations, multi-agency coordination, respect for human rights and rule of law, international collaboration, and societal resilience.
- Objectives of the PRAHAAR strategy
- PRAHAAR seeks to achieve multiple objectives across the spectrum of counter-terrorism activities. The primary goals include:
 - Preventing terror attacks to protect citizens and national interests
 - Ensuring swift, proportionate, and coordinated responses to terrorist threats
 - Aggregating internal capacities to create synergy among central, state, and local agencies
 - Conducting operations under human rights and rule of law frameworks
 - Addressing conditions conducive to radicalization and extremist violence
 - Shaping and aligning international counter-terrorism efforts with national interests
 - Promoting recovery and resilience through a whole-of-society approach
- The strategy emphasizes a multi-layered approach where intelligence, operational readiness, legal measures, technology, and societal engagement work together to counter both domestic and transnational terrorism.



IAF Grounds Entire Tejas fleet

- The Indian Air Force has grounded its entire fleet of around 30 single-seat Tejas light combat aircraft for detailed technical checks after one of the jets sustained significant damage when it overshot a runway at a frontline airbase earlier this month, news agency PTI reported on Sunday, citing authoritative sources.
- According to PTI, the incident occurred on February 7 and is suspected to have been triggered by a brake failure. The pilot ejected safely and did not suffer injuries, the sources said.
- The aircraft was returning to base after a training sortie when the incident took place, PTI reported. There has been no official statement from the IAF on the accident so far.
- Why has the fleet been grounded?
- Sources told PTI that following the runway overshoot, the IAF decided to ground the entire fleet of single-seat Tejas jets to undertake an “extensive technical scrutiny”.
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- Such fleet-wide checks are typically ordered to rule out systemic faults, especially when a potential technical failure--such as a brake malfunction--is suspected.
- HAL disputes ‘major damage’ reports

- Responding to media reports, state-run aerospace manufacturer Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) on Monday pushed back against claims that the aircraft had suffered major damage.
- In a statement, HAL said: “HAL acknowledges the recent media reports on the LCA Tejas incident and wishes to provide factual clarification. There has been no reported crash of the LCA Tejas. The event in question was a minor technical incident on ground.”
- What is the Tejas programme?
- Tejas is a single-engine, multi-role light combat aircraft designed for operations in high-threat environments. It is capable of carrying out air defence, maritime reconnaissance and strike missions.



Op Trashi

- After 40 days of hot pursuit and six encounters, the Army has eliminated three terrorists, including top Jaish-e-Mohammed commander Saifullah. They were part of a seven-member group active in the Chenab Valley since May 2024. With the latest operation, all seven have now been killed.
- The final engagement on February 22 was triggered when Tyson, a four-year-old army dog from 2 Para Special Forces, was sent into a dhok - a wood-and-mud hutment used by nomads in the mountains. On detecting armed occupants, Tyson attacked them as per his training. He was injured in the process.
- In the 326-day-long operation, the security forces eliminated seven Pakistani terrorists in Kishtwar. Trained by the Pakistani military, the terrorists used the difficult terrain and dense forests to hide or scoot.

- The security forces remained at the mountainous operation site for nearly a year. Encounters broke out frequently, but the terrorists would run back into the forests. The area had no open grounds and roads, which made the operation challenging.
- When winter came, the security forces braved the severe cold conditions and did not leave the operation site. A burning resolve to wipe out the terrorists in a symbolic way kept them warm.
- The Indian Army's White Knight Corps led the difficult operation in the high-altitude Chhatru region amid rain and snow, and sometimes both. The excellent coordination between the army, police special operations group (SOG), and the CRPF in addition to the valour and determination of the soldiers contributed to the operation's success. Support from local residents and accurate military intelligence played a pivotal role.

TERROR'S ENDGAME

Operation Trashi-1: 326 days

Location: Jammu and Kashmir

Forces: Indian Army, J&K Special Operations Group, CRPF

Terrorists: 7 eliminated, all trained by Pakistan, includes Jaish-e-Mohammed poster boy Saifullah

Terrain: Extremely difficult, high altitude, dense forests, harsh weather

Tech: FPV drones, satellite imagery, UAVs, and advanced communication systems

India, Israel to Renew Pact On Security Amid Regional Churn

- India and Israel are expected to renew their security pact amid fast changing geopolitical realities and West Asian dynamics during PM Narendra Modi's two-day Israel visit beginning Wednesday.
- The negotiations for renewing the bilateral security pact are ongoing and are expected to be concluded during the PM's trip, ET has learnt. India and Israel have been cooperating closely to counter international terror.

- The visit follows UAE president's India's trip that witnessed the launch of a bilateral defence pact in the backdrop of a Saudi Arabia-Pakistan defence agreement and growing tensions between Abu Dhabi and Riyadh.
- The renewal of the India-Israel security pact and India-UAE defence pact must be viewed in the backdrop of growing strategic convergence in West Asia between New Delhi-Abu Dhabi-Jerusalem amid threats from extremism and possibilities of high-tech collaboration.
- Announcing Modi's visit, Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday referred to an evolution of a bigger alliance in the wider West Asian region comprising India, some Arab states, Greece and Cyprus. This alliance is in the backdrop of growing strategic partnership between India and Greece and trilateral relations between India, Greece and Cyprus in the Mediterranean region. The context is growing ambitions of Turkey that have alarmed countries in the region and beyond.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **INS Anjadip has been commissioned under which project of the Indian Navy?**
 - A. Project 75
 - B. Project Nilgiri
 - C. Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) Project
 - D. Project Arihant

ANSWER: C

2. **What is the primary role of INS Anjadip?**
 - A. Aircraft carrier operations
 - B. Anti-Submarine Warfare in shallow waters

- C. Ballistic missile defence
- D. Amphibious assault operations

ANSWER: B

3. India's first comprehensive National Counter-Terrorism Policy is named:

- A. SHAKTI
- B. PRAHAAR
- C. SURAKSHA
- D. VIJAY

ANSWER: B

4. Why did the Indian Air Force ground its Tejas fleet?

- A. Engine failure during combat
- B. Radar malfunction in multiple aircraft
- C. Runway overshoot incident due to suspected brake failure
- D. Software upgrade requirements

ANSWER: C

5. Operation Trashi was conducted primarily in which region?

- A. Rajasthan Desert
- B. Punjab Border
- C. Chenab Valley (Jammu & Kashmir region)
- D. Northeast India

ANSWER: C

6. Ex 'SPITTING COBRA' Conducted b/w India &

- A. USA
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Russia

ANSWER: A

7. Hq Of Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL) Is In

- A. Kochi
- B. Chennai
- C. Mumbai
- D. Marmugao

ANSWER: A

8. First & Largest Defence Equipment Manufacturer In India Is

- A. BDL
- B. HAL
- C. BEL
- D. AMPL

ANSWER: B

9. V. O. Chidambaranar Port Trust Is Located In

- A. T.N
- B. M.H
- C. Goa
- D. A.P

ANSWER: A

10. Where Is The Hq Of The Central Command of The Indian Army?

- A. Lucknow
- B. Agra
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

11. "Prashata Ranvirta" Is A Motto Of

- A. Jammu And Kashmir Rifles
- B. Gorkha Regiment
- C. Punjab Regiment
- D. None

ANSWER: A

12. Bongosagar Ex Conducted B/W Bangladesh And

- A. UK
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Nepal
- D. None

ANSWER: D

13. Heron TP Is a

- A. Air to Air missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Anti-tank Guided missile

D. Drone

ANSWER: D

14. "Balidanam Vir Lakshanam" Is The Motto Of

A. Corps of Signals

B. RR

C. AAD

D. JKLI

ANSWER: D

15. Vice Admiral Rank of Indian Navy Is Equivalent To Which Rank of Indian Army?

A. Air Marshal

B. Flight Lt.

C. Captain

D. Lt. General

ANSWER: D

16. Range of Astra Missile Mk 2 Is

A. 110 km

B. 160 km

C. 170 km

D. 250 km

ANSWER: B

17. Ex Samudra Shakti Is Held B/W India &

A. Italy

B. Indonesia

C. Sri Lanka

D. None

ANSWER: B

18. Tirana Is The Capital Of

A. Qatar

B. UAE

C. Maldives

D. Albania

ANSWER: D

19. 'Paradise Lost' Book Is Written By

- A. John Milton
- B. Jane Austen
- C. Issac Newton
- D. Daniel Defoe

ANSWER: A

20. South-Western Air Command Hq Is In

- A. Gandhinagar
- B. New Delhi
- C. Prayagraj
- D. Nagpur

ANSWER: D

