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INS Nipun Commissioned

- The Indian Navy commissioned INS Nipun, the second Diving Support Vessel (DSV) of the Nistar Class, at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, on 31 Aug 2026, marking a significant enhancement of the Navy's deep-sea diving, underwater intervention and submarine rescue capabilities.
- Indigenously designed and constructed by Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam, INS Nipun is a significant addition to the Indian Navy's specialist underwater capability.
- INS Nipun is a purpose-built platform designed primarily for deep-sea diving and underwater operations. The ship is capable of supporting saturation, air and heliox diving and is equipped with remotely operated underwater systems for inspection and intervention.
- INS Nipun is also capable of supporting submarine rescue operations, significantly strengthening the Indian Navy's ability to respond to underwater contingencies.
- The motto, '**Far Beneath, Few Beyond**', reflects the resolve, skill and endurance required to operate in one of the most challenging domains of the maritime environment.



IAF International Squash Championship 2026

- IAF International Squash Championship 2026 commenced at Base Repair Depot, Air Force Station Chandigarh marking the beginning of a prestigious international sporting event that brings together the finest squash talent from India and abroad.
- The opening ceremony was graced by Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, Chief of the Air Staff as the Chief Guest.
- The championship will culminate on 04 September 2026, and will feature six teams, including two international teams from The United Kingdom & Sri Lanka along with the veterans.
- The Championship features both team events and open singles category bringing together elite National and International squash players.



Bhoomi Pujan For 14 Development Projects

- Rajnath Singh and UP CM Yogi Adityanath performed the Bhoomi Pujan for 14 development projects, including 02 projects being implemented in collaboration with the state government, worth over **Rs 100 crore** at Lucknow Cantonment in Uttar Pradesh.
- These projects are: Artificial Intelligence based Solid Waste Management Plant; Multi-Utility Sports Complex; Modern Crematorium; 1500 KL Underground Reservoir; Replacement of old/outlived water supply pipeline; Construction of 08 Tubewells with SCADA Automation; Overhead Tanks with SCADA; Special School for Differently Abled Children in Lucknow Cantt; Construction of Additional Classrooms & Toilet at RA Bazar Madhyamik Vidyalaya; Construction of Additional Classrooms & Toilet at Rainbow Model School; Multi-Level Robotic Car Parking & Commercial Complex; and Legacy Waste-Bio-Mining & Bio-Remediation.
- The two projects being implemented in collaboration with the state government are: RA Bazar City Polyclinic and Mukhyamantri Abhyudaya Coaching Centre. Raksha Mantri and the UP Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath also listened to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's 'Mann ki Baat' programme along with around 4,000 people.
- In his address, Raksha Mantri stated that the initiatives reflect a comprehensive effort to improve civic amenities, education, healthcare, sports facilities, sanitation, cleanliness, water supply and urban infrastructure in the Cantonment. "The development of Lucknow Cantonment is closely linked with the progress of Lucknow. Coordinated efforts by the Centre and the State can accelerate development and good governance," he added.
- Crediting the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Raksha Mantri asserted that India is moving forward with the resolve to become a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047. He emphasised that Viksit Bharat does not merely mean grand projects and modern buildings; but also means children receiving quality education, clean water reaching every household, youth getting opportunities to play and showcase their talent, and a differently-abled child never feeling left behind by society. He reiterated the Government's commitment towards ensuring that development directly improves the people's quality of life.



SCO Summit 2026

- Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in Bishkek for the annual Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit, with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian also attending the two-day gathering.
- The summit began on Monday in the Kyrgyz capital and marks 25 years of the SCO. It comes as the US-Israel war on Iran has disrupted global energy and financial markets, while the Russia-Ukraine war continues.
- The meeting is being held under the theme “Together for Sustainable Peace, Development and Prosperity”.
- Alongside Xi, Putin, Modi and Pezeshkian, leaders from Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Belarus and Kazakhstan, among others, are attending. Xi has also met Putin on the sidelines of the summit.
- Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretary-General Kao Kim Hourn are also expected to attend.
- PM Modi met President Putin on the sidelines of the summit in Kyrgyzstan, with the two leaders discussing bilateral relations, the Russia-Ukraine war and major regional developments.
- Calling for an end to the prolonged conflict, PM Modi said, “We must move away from endless war towards an end to the war. This is essential for the well-being of humanity. A peaceful resolution to all issues at the earliest is the call of humanity, and this is India’s message.”
- Reiterating India’s emphasis on peace and diplomacy, PM Modi said, “The land of Gandhi and the land of Buddha share a single message: the path of peace.”
- Earlier, PM Modi was in Uzbekistan for a two-day visit. During his state visit to Uzbekistan, PM Modi and President Shavkat Mirziyoyev met to reflect on the

full spectrum of bilateral relations, rooted in civilisational ties built over centuries and strengthened by strong people-to-people ties, the Ministry of External Affairs said.



India Does Not Recognise Court of Arbitration

- The Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague has ruled that the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) between India and Pakistan remains fully in force, and asked India to continue to “observe its obligations under the Treaty”.
- It interpreted India’s decision to hold the Treaty in “abeyance” as a move to “suspend or terminate” the Treaty and ruled that the Treaty did not provide for any one party to “terminate or suspend” the operation of the Treaty, or for “abeyance”.
- The Court also directed India to temporarily restrict some construction work on the Ratle hydro-electric plant in Jammu and Kashmir.
- India, however, does not recognise this Court of Arbitration, formalised in 2023 on Pakistan’s request. It has never participated in its proceedings and has repeatedly rejected its pronouncements as null and void.
- The PCA also backed Pakistan’s request to restrict construction of the dam wall and power intake structure at the Ratle project beyond specified levels until 90 days after a neutral expert, appointed by the World Bank, rules on whether the projects comply with the treaty.
- The expert is expected to give a decision by July 2027.
- India suspended the treaty in April 2025 following the Pahalgam terror attack, in which 26 people were killed. Pakistan has denied involvement in the attack. The move marked a major escalation in tensions over the water-sharing agreement, which has remained operational through wars and repeated crises since 1960.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. INS Nipun belongs to which class of vessels?

- A. Nilgiri Class
- B. Nistar Class
- C. Shivalik Class
- D. Sandhayak Class

Answer: B. Nistar Class

2. Which organisation indigenously designed and constructed INS Nipun?

- A. Cochin Shipyard Limited
- B. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
- C. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers
- D. Hindustan Shipyard Limited

Answer: D. Hindustan Shipyard Limited

3. What is the motto of INS Nipun?

- A. Service Before Self
- B. Shaam, Dam, Dand, Bhed
- C. Far Beneath, Few Beyond
- D. Shano Varuna

Answer: C. Far Beneath, Few Beyond

4. Where was the IAF International Squash Championship 2026 inaugurated?

- A. Air Force Station Pune
- B. Air Force Station Chandigarh
- C. Air Force Station Jodhpur
- D. Air Force Station Delhi

Answer: B. Air Force Station Chandigarh

5. The 2026 SCO Summit mentioned in the article was held in which city?

- A. Tashkent
- B. Astana
- C. Bishkek
- D. Dushanbe

Answer: C. Bishkek

6. In which year was the Indus Waters Treaty signed?

- A. 1956
- B. 1960
- C. 1962
- D. 1965

Answer: B. 1960

7. Institute of National Integration Is In

- A. Pune
- B. Noida
- C. Jaipur
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

8. Ajeya Warrior Ex Conducts B/W

- A. India & Indonesia
- B. India & UK
- C. India & Sri Lanka
- D. India & Thailand

ANSWER: B

9. Which Is Not The Member Of SAARC?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Myanmar

- C. India
- D. Pakistan

ANSWER: B

10. National Crime Records Bureau Was Set up In

- A. 1986
- B. 1987
- C. 1988
- D. 1989

ANSWER: A

11. AUKUS Stands For

- A. Azerbaijan, the United Kingdom, & the United States
- B. Australia, the United Kingdom, & the United States
- C. Australia, the United Kingdom, & Uganda
- D. Argentina, the United Kingdom, & the United States

ANSWER: B

12. Army Sports Institute Is In

- A. Pune
- B. Noida
- C. Jaipur
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

13. OPEC Hq Is In

- A. Budapest, Hungary
- B. New York, USA
- C. Luanda, Angola
- D. Vienna, Austria

ANSWER: D

14. Chairman Of The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) Is

- A. PM
- B. NSA
- C. CDS
- D. Home Minister

ANSWER: A

15. Baghdad Is The Capital Of GUARDS

- A. Iraq
- B. Iran
- C. UAE
- D. Saudi Arabia

ANSWER: A

16. "The Sikh History of East India" Book Is Written By

- A. Abinash Mohapatra
- B. Avinash Khemka
- C. Rajesh Talwar
- D. Vinod Rai

ANSWER: A

17. International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Hq Is At

- A. London, United Kingdom
- B. Vienna, Austria
- C. Paris, France
- D. Geneva, Switzerland

ANSWER: A

18. The Army Training Command Of The Indian Army Is In

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

ANSWER: D

19. Commodore Rank Of Indian Navy Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Army?

- A. Brigadier
- B. Lt. Gen
- C. Captain
- D. Major General

ANSWER: A

20. Air Commodore Rank of IAF Is Equivalent To Which Rank of Indian Army?

- A. Brigadier

- B. Colonel
- C. Major
- D. General

ANSWER: A