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Indian Navy Commissions Mangrol

- The Indian Navy commissioned INS Mangrol (P82), the third Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), at the Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, on 12 Oct 2026.
- Indigenously designed and constructed by **Cochin Shipyard Limited**, Kochi, INS Mangrol represents India's growing capabilities in warship design, construction and systems integration.
- With over 80 percent indigenous content, the ship reflects the nation's commitment to **Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India**, while highlighting the contribution of Indian defence industries and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) towards strengthening indigenous naval capabilities.
- Designed for operations in coastal and shallow waters, INS Mangrol is equipped to undertake Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW), underwater surveillance and Low-Intensity Maritime Operations (LIMO), along with mine warfare-related tasks.
- INS Mangrol derives its name from the coastal town and prominent fishing harbour of Mangrol in Junagadh district of Gujarat.
- The commissioning of INS Mangrol marks another significant milestone in strengthening the Indian Navy's anti-submarine warfare capabilities and coastal defence preparedness.



IBSAMAR IX 2026

- Indian Naval Ship Tarkash, a frontline guided missile stealth frigate of the Indian Navy, is on an overseas deployment to South Africa to participate in the ninth edition of **India-Brazil-South Africa Maritime (IBSAMAR) Exercise 2026**.
- The trilateral maritime exercise brings together the Indian, Brazilian and South African Navies with the aim of enhancing interoperability, strengthening maritime cooperation and promoting mutual understanding amongst the participating forces.
- IBSAMAR has been conducted biennially since 2008 under the **India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) framework** and has emerged as an important platform for collective training and exchange of operational best practices amongst the three Navies.
- The exercise encompasses a broad spectrum of maritime operations, which include surface warfare, anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare, naval air operations, maritime interdiction, Visit Board Search and Seizure (VBSS), anti-piracy operations, Search and Rescue, Damage Control and Firefighting, as well as professional interactions.
- The current edition IBSAMAR IX holds significance in the context of furthering maritime cooperation and security in Indian Ocean Region.

- The theme of IBSAMAR IX is Stronger Together Towards a Shared Future in the Maritime Domain. It aims to promote collective maritime security and preparedness to address maritime challenges.



ICG Completes High-Altitude Expedition

- Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami flagged-in the 17-member Indian Coast Guard (ICG) mountaineering team at a grand ceremony on October 12, 2026 in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
- The team successfully scaled Mount Mukut, a 7,045-metre peak, on October 07, 2026, under the expert guidance of the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (HMI), Darjeeling.
- The expedition marked Phase V and the final milestone of an intensive 18-month preparatory training programme, aimed at preparing the team for the ultimate challenge of scaling Mount Everest during the ICG's Swarnim Jayanti celebrations in 2027.
- It commenced on September 15, 2026, with the team establishing Base Camp-I on October 1 before overcoming extreme weather conditions to reach the summit.
- The operational experience and valuable lessons gained during the successful expedition will serve as a crucial foundation for the team's final preparations for the historic Mount Everest expedition in 2027.



Indian Army Launches 'Bharat Rice' for Troops

- The Indian Army launched 'Bharat Rice' for the defence forces, at a ceremony graced by Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh and Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution Shri Pralhad Joshi in New Delhi on October 12, 2026.
- The event also featured the signing of an MoU between the Indian Army and Food Corporation of India (FCI) for utilisation of its infrastructure during operational contingencies.
- This superior quality rice will be delivered directly to Army Supply Depots, including those in far-flung areas of Ladakh and the North East, instead of being collected by Army depots from local FCI facilities.
- Raksha Mantri described 'Bharat Rice' as a bond of trust that begins in the farmer's field and extends to the soldier's plate.
- He stated that the initiative provides a tangible form to the spirit of 'Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan' as it embodies a collective resolve where the hard work of a farmer transforms into the strength of a soldier.



France Accelerates Sixth-Generation Fighter Development

- France is moving ahead with plans to develop its own next-generation combat aircraft after definitively parting ways with Germany on the Future Combat Air System (FCAS) project.
- The French Air and Space Force has confirmed that work is now accelerating on a national programme centred on the ACF (Avion de Combat du Futur), a future fighter aircraft intended to succeed the Rafale F4 standard and replace the previous NGF (New Generation Fighter) concept.
- At the same time, France's Ministry of the Armed Forces and Veterans Affairs is expected to formally launch the development phase of the **Rafale F5**, often described as the '**Super Rafale**', in December.
- The Rafale F5 will incorporate a new generation of engines, advanced artificial intelligence capabilities, enhanced electro-optical systems and a hypersonic missile designed to strengthen France's airborne nuclear deterrent.
- Development of the ACF demonstrator is scheduled to begin in 2027, while work on the production-standard aircraft is expected to commence in 2029.
- The program forms part of a broader effort by France to maintain national sovereignty in combat aviation and reduce dependence on multinational defence projects, while preserving the expertise of its domestic aerospace industry.

- To support the integration of combat artificial intelligence, the French Air and Space Force is launching the HypAIRion initiative. Under the project, two Mirage 2000 aircraft will be converted into flying test laboratories for advanced autonomous and human-machine teaming technologies.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

Q1. INS Mangrol (P82), commissioned by the Indian Navy on 12 October 2026, belongs to which class of vessels?

- A) Kolkata-class Destroyer
- B) Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft
- C) Talwar-class Frigate
- D) Kamorta-class Corvette

Answer: B) Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft

Q2. Which shipyard indigenously designed and constructed INS Mangrol?

- A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
- B) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers
- C) Cochin Shipyard Limited
- D) Goa Shipyard Limited

Answer: C) Cochin Shipyard Limited

Q3. IBSAMAR is a trilateral maritime exercise involving which three countries?

- A) India, Brazil and South Africa
- B) India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka
- C) India, Singapore and Malaysia
- D) Brazil, Russia and South Africa

Answer: A) India, Brazil and South Africa

Q4. Which Indian Navy vessel participated in IBSAMAR IX 2026?

- A) INS Vikrant
- B) INS Tarkash
- C) INS Arihant
- D) INS Chennai

Answer: B) INS Tarkash

Q5. The Indian Coast Guard's 2026 mountaineering expedition successfully scaled which peak?

- A) Mount Trishul
- B) Mount Kamet
- C) Mount Mukut
- D) Mount Nanda Devi

Answer: C) Mount Mukut

Q6. The Indian Coast Guard team is preparing for a planned Mount Everest expedition in which year?

- A) 2026
- B) 2027
- C) 2028
- D) 2029

Answer: B) 2027

Q7. The Indian Army signed an MoU related to the Bharat Rice initiative with which organisation?

- A) National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)
- B) Food Corporation of India (FCI)
- C) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)
- D) National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF)

Answer: B) Food Corporation of India (FCI)

Q8. What is the name of France's future combat aircraft programme described in the article?

- A) AMCA
- B) Tempest
- C) ACF (Avion de Combat du Futur)
- D) FC-31

Answer: C) ACF (Avion de Combat du Futur)

Q9. Under France's HypAIRion initiative, which aircraft will be converted into flying test laboratories?

- A) Rafale F4
- B) Mirage 2000
- C) Eurofighter Typhoon
- D) Dassault Falcon 7X

Answer: B) Mirage 2000

10. Who Becomes First Woman Subedar Of Indian Army?

- A. Havildar Preeti Rajak
- B. Havildar Sucheta
- C. Havildar Neha Tyagi
- D. None

ANSWER: A

11. Exercise 'SADA TANSEEQ' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. SAUDI ARABIA

ANSWER: D

12. INS Karmuk Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. Missile Corvette
- C. Submarine
- D. Tank

ANSWER: B

13. Combat Air Teaming System (CATS) Is An Indian Unmanned & Manned Combat Aircraft Air Teaming System Developed By

- A. HAL**
- B. DRDO**
- C. JAXA**
- D. Boeing**

ANSWER: A

14. Ex 'Ekuverin' Conducted B/W India &

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

ANSWER: D

15. Safran Manufactures Aircraft Engines, Rocket Engines MNC Comes From

- A. Germany**
- B. France**
- C. Nepal**
- D. UK**

ANSWER: B

16. 'Praia' Is The Capital Of

- A. Costa Rica**
- B. Comoros**
- C. Cameroon**
- D. Cape Verde**

ANSWER: D

17. "Roller Coaster: An Affair with Banking" Book Is Written By

- A. Tamal Bandyopadhyay**
- B. Ranjan Gogoi**
- C. Manish Tiwari**
- D. Neha Sharma**

ANSWER: A

18. UNDP Was Established In

- A. 1965
- B. 1975
- C. 1985
- D. 1995

ANSWER: A

19. Lamitye Exercise Held B/W India And____?

- A. Thailand
- B. USA
- C. Qatar
- D. Seychelles

ANSWER: D

20. War Cry of THE MAHAR REGIMENT

- A. Bharat Mata ki Jai
- B. Bolo Hindustan Ki Jay
- C. Jai Hind
- D. Durga Mata Ki Jai

ANSWER: B