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Delivery of DSC A21 (YARD 326)

- 'DSC A21' of the Diving Support Craft (DSC) project, was delivered to the Indian Navy on 20 Nov 2026 at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai. The vessel has been indigenously designed and constructed by M/s Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL), Kolkata.
- Featuring a catamaran-hull form, DSC A21 is equipped with state-of-the-art diving equipment. The ship's superior design offers enhanced stability, enlarged deck area and improved sea-keeping characteristics, which makes it suitable for its specialist role.
- The ship is indigenously designed and built under relevant Naval Rules and Regulations of Indian Register of Shipping (IRS), whose hydrodynamic analysis/ model testing during design stage was undertaken by Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam.
- With induction of these ships, the Indian Navy's capabilities in diving support, underwater inspection, salvage assistance and coastal operational deployment will be augmented.
- DSC A21 is a proud flag bearer of Make in India initiative of Government of India (GoI)/ Ministry of Defence (MoD).



Pakistan Tests China Supplied HD-1C (FATAH-3)

- Pakistan successfully test-fired the Fatah-3 supersonic cruise missile on 18 November 2026. The launch was conducted by the Pakistan Army's Army Rocket Force Command. Pakistan's military media wing, the Inter-Services Public Relations, announced the test on the same day.
- The ISPR described the launch as another significant milestone in strengthening Pakistan's national defence capabilities.
- It said the weapon system is equipped with advanced navigation and propulsion systems. It said the system is capable of engaging targets at long range with high precision and lethality at supersonic speed.
- It said the missile would significantly enhance the operational flexibility and strike range of the Army Rocket Force Command. It said the test would further strengthen Pakistan's overall conventional deterrence and defence posture.
- The launch was witnessed by the commander of the Army Rocket Force Command. Senior officers from the armed forces also witnessed the launch. Scientists and engineers involved in the missile's development were present as well. President Asif Ali Zardari congratulated the team on the successful launch.
- The Fatah family now covers several missile types. Fatah-1 is a guided artillery rocket system. Fatah-2 is a conventional ballistic missile system. Fatah-2 extended-range is described as a hypersonic ballistic missile.
- Fatah-4 is a subsonic ground-launched cruise missile. Fatah-4 extended-range is a longer-range cruise missile variant. Fatah-3 is the family's supersonic cruise missile.
- The Fatah-3 was first revealed publicly in March 2024. Its existence was announced during Pakistan's National Day Parade. At that parade, the event announcer stated that the missile would have a range of 450 km.
- Analysts estimate its cruise speed at Mach 2.2 to Mach 3.5. Some other analyst estimates place its speed at Mach 3 to Mach 4. Analysts commonly estimate its range at 290 km to 450 km. These figures remain provisional assessments rather than officially released specifications.



Exercise Sahayata Setu 2026

- The Indian Air Force, under the aegis of Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS) and Headquarters Southwestern Air Command (HQ SWAC), successfully conducted the multinational Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise Sahayata Setu 2026 at Air Force Station Jamnagar from 17 to 19 November 2026. The exercise was undertaken in coordination with participating national agencies and Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs).
- The exercise culminated with a Multi-Agency Capability Demonstration (MACD), showcasing coordinated disaster response capabilities, followed by interactions with delegates from participating Friendly Foreign Countries.
- General N S Raja Subramani, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, Chief of Defence Staff graced the occasion as the Chief Guest accompanied by esteemed dignitaries including Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, PVSM, AVSM, VM, VSM, Chief of Air Staff, Shri Arjun Modhwadia, Minister of Forest & Environment, Govt of Gujarat, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, South Western Air Command and other senior military and civil dignitaries, media personnel and school children.
- Exercise Sahayata Setu 2026 adopted a multi-faceted approach to enhance collective preparedness and foster mutual learning. The seminar facilitated knowledge sharing and exchange of expertise; the Tabletop Exercise (TTX) provided a collaborative platform for decision-making and response planning in simulated disaster scenarios; the static display enabled technical familiarisation with equipment and capabilities; while the Multi Agency Capability

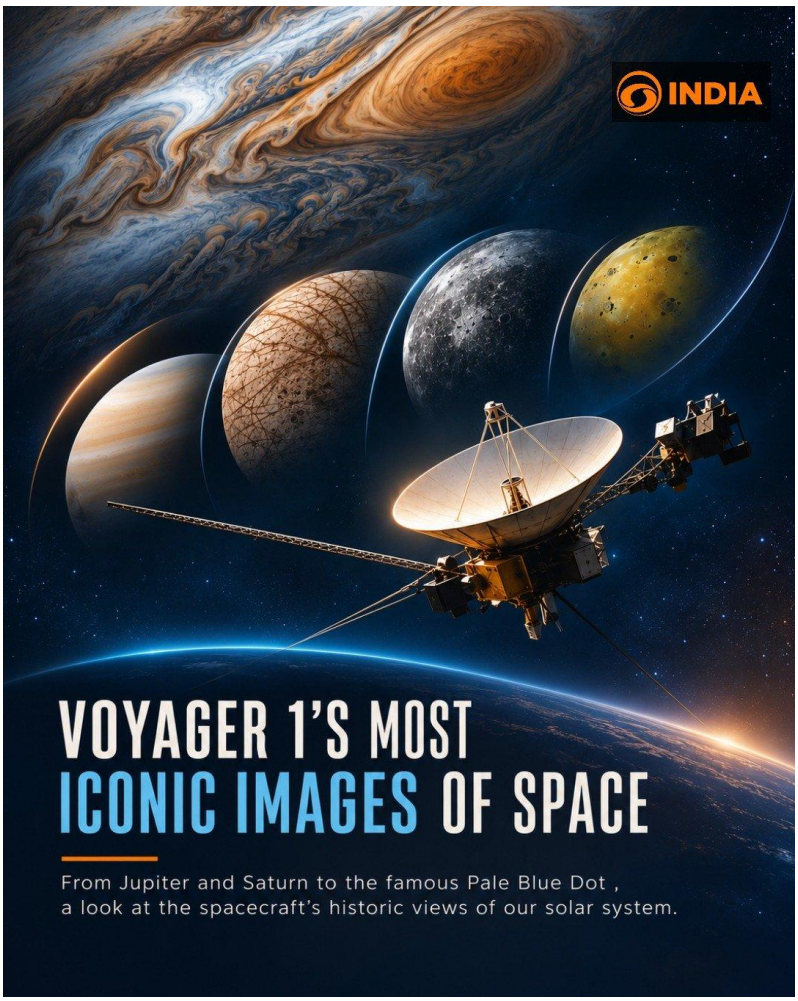
Demonstration (MACD) offered a practical demonstration of selected operational capabilities and inter-agency coordination across land, air and maritime domains. Together, the MACD provided a comprehensive platform for strengthening cooperation, enhancing understanding and building collective response capacity.

- The exercise also witnessed a meeting of the QUAD HADR Working Group, reaffirming the shared commitment of participating nations towards advancing coordinated disaster response mechanisms and strengthening regional capacity building under the QUAD HADR partnership.
- Speaking to the media, CDS emphasised that Disaster Relief required a coordinated "whole - of - nation" approach. He also highlighted that India acts as a dependable first responder in the Indo - Pacific and IOR, guided by its "Neighborhood First" policy and the vision of 'Mahasagar.'



Voyager 1

- Voyager 1 gave humanity some of its most remarkable views of the solar system. From Jupiter and Saturn to the iconic Pale Blue Dot, these images remain a lasting record of its historic journey.
- Launched on September 5, 1977, NASA's Voyager 1 is the farthest human-made object from Earth, reaching a distance of one light-day—over 16 billion miles (about 25.9 billion kilometers)—on November 18, 2026.
- Current Status & Milestone
- One Light-Day Away: At this distance, a radio signal traveling at the speed of light takes about 24 hours to reach Earth (48 hours for a round-trip message).
- Speed & Position: Moving at roughly 37,844 mph (around 61,000 km/h) relative to the Sun, it travels through interstellar space beyond the Sun's heliosphere.
- Power & Operations: Powered by three radioisotope thermoelectric generators (RTGs), the probe has gradually shut down instruments to conserve dwindling power and currently runs with two active science instruments. Engineers are also investigating a recent interruption in its science and engineering data transmission.
- Mission Highlights
- Planetary Flybys: Visited Jupiter in 1979 and Saturn (including its moon Titan) in 1980, discovering new rings and moons and capturing detailed views of the gas giants.
- Interstellar Space: Crossed the heliopause on August 25, 2012, becoming the first spacecraft to enter interstellar space.
- Pale Blue Dot & Golden Record: Captured the famous 1990 "Pale Blue Dot" portrait of Earth and carries a gold-plated copper Golden Record featuring sounds, music, and images of Earth.



"Indian Navy Has 49 Ships on Order, All Being Made In India," Says Navy Chief

- Asserting that the Indian Navy transitioned from a "buyers' navy" to a "builders' navy" many years ago, Navy Chief Admiral Krishna Swaminathan on Monday said that around 49 ships are currently on order and all of them are being built indigenously in India.
- Speaking at the National Security Summit 3.0 in the national capital, the Navy Chief said the Indian Navy stopped relying on foreign countries to build its ships long ago and now operates over a hundred indigenous vessels, having commissioned its 100th indigenously designed and constructed ship a few months back.
- Responding to a question on the theme of Aatmanirbharta (self-reliance) regarding when India would start building its own aircraft carriers and warships and stop relying on foreign companies, Navy Chief Admiral Krishna

Swaminathan said, "Firstly, the Indian Navy has stopped relying on any foreign country for building its own ships many, many, many, many years back... We have commissioned our 100th ship that we have designed and constructed in this country a few months back. So, we have stopped being a buyers' navy many, many years back. We are a builders' navy; we build ourselves."

- Tracing the history of domestic warship construction, the Navy Chief noted, "We built our first indigenous warship-a small one, a very modest one-in 1960. We set up something called the Central Design Office in 1964... We used to import aircraft carriers, but we've built one of our own. We commissioned it in 2022.
- It's called INS Vikrant. We are extremely, extremely proud of it. We are one among a small handful of nations that can build an aircraft carrier to its own design, and a nuclear-propelled ballistic missile submarine of its own design in its country itself. We are one among a small group of countries that can do that. We have built our aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant; it's completely indigenous in design."
- "But I see that changing very fast. The Indian Navy has gone on record and said that by 2047, we want to be completely an Aatmanirbhar Navy. Which means that we are trying to set up an ecosystem in partnership-of course, under the direction of the Ministry of Defence, but in partnership with the Indian public sector industry and the private industry-to create an ecosystem wherein we are able to build all the systems that we want here," he further added.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. DSC A21 (Yard 326), recently delivered to the Indian Navy, has been indigenously constructed by which company?

A. Cochin Shipyard Limited
B. Titagarh Rail Systems Limited
C. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers
D. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited

Correct Answer: B. Titagarh Rail Systems Limited

2. The Fatah-3 missile, recently test-fired by Pakistan, belongs to which category?

A. Subsonic cruise missile
B. Intercontinental ballistic missile
C. Supersonic cruise missile
D. Hypersonic glide vehicle

Correct Answer: C. Supersonic cruise missile

3. Exercise Sahayata Setu 2026 was conducted at which of the following locations?

A. Air Force Station Hindon
B. Air Force Station Jamnagar
C. Air Force Station Jodhpur
D. Air Force Station Gwalior

Correct Answer: B. Air Force Station Jamnagar

4. The QUAD HADR Working Group meeting was an important feature of which exercise?

A. Exercise Malabar 2026
B. Exercise Sahayata Setu 2026
C. Exercise Tiger Triumph 2026
D. Exercise Mitra Shakti 2026

Correct Answer: B. Exercise Sahayata Setu 2026

5. Voyager 1 crossed the heliopause and entered interstellar space on which date?

A. 5 September 1977
B. 20 August 2010

C. 25 August 2012
D. 18 November 2026

Correct Answer: C. 25 August 2012

6. Which famous photograph of Earth was captured by Voyager 1 in 1990?

A. Earthrise
B. Blue Marble
C. Pale Blue Dot
D. The Blue Planet

Correct Answer: C. Pale Blue Dot

7. What is the approximate number of Indian Navy ships currently on order, all of which are being constructed in India, according to the Navy Chief?

A. 29
B. 39
C. 49
D. 59

Correct Answer: C. 49

8. In which year was India's first indigenously designed and constructed aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant, commissioned?

A. 2018
B. 2020
C. 2022
D. 2024

Correct Answer: C. 2022

9. What is the target year for the Indian Navy to become a completely Aatmanirbhar Navy?

A. 2030
B. 2035
C. 2040
D. 2047

Correct Answer: D. 2047

10. Hitler was the dictator of which country?

A. Russia
B. Egypt

C. France
D. Germany
ANSWER: D

11. What was the name given to World war I by historians?
A. First War
B. European war
C. The Great war
D. Seven-year War
ANSWER: C

12. Cairo Is The Capital Of
A. Egypt
B. Qatar
C. UAE
D. Maldives
ANSWER: A

13. Indian Army Has How Many Operational Commands?
A. 3
B. 4
C. 5
D. 6
ANSWER: D

14. SALVEX (Salvage) Ex Conducted B/W India And
A. USA
B. UK
C. Uganda
D. European Union
ANSWER: A

15. Mil Mi-35 Is A
A. Attack Helicopter
B. Fighter Jet
C. Tank
D. UAV
ANSWER: A

16. The Training Command of The IAF Is In

A. Bengaluru
B. New Delhi
C. Pune
D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

17. “Good Economics for Hard Times" Book Is Written By

A. Abhijit V. Banerjee
B. Thomas Sowell
C. Hew Strachan
D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

18. Germany Borders With The

A. Netherlands
B. Belgium
C. Czech Republic
D. All of the above

ANSWER: D

19. “Jat balwan, jai bhagwan” Is The War Cry Of

A. JKRIF
B. RR
C. CORPS OF ENGINEERS
D. JAT REGIMENT

ANSWER: D

19. Sub Lieutenant Rank of Indian Navy Is Equivalent to which rank of Indian Army?

A. Commodore
B. Captain
C. Commander
D. Lieutenant

ANSWER: D

20. On which dates did the US drop atom bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki respectively?

A. Aug 6, 1945 & Aug 9, 1945
B. Aug 6, 1945 & Sept 12,1945
C. Aug 5, 1946 & Aug 8, 1946
D. Aug 9, 1946 & Aug 12, 1946

ANSWER: A