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Delivery of Vindhyagiri

- Vindhyagiri (Yard 3024), the seventh and final ship of Nilgiri class (Project 17A) and the third of the class built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE), was delivered to the Indian Navy on 27 Nov 26 at GRSE, Kolkata.
- Marking the successful culmination of **Project 17A ship** deliveries and a major milestone in achieving self-reliance in warship design and construction.
- Project 17A frigates are versatile multi-mission platforms, designed to address current and future challenges in the maritime domain.
- Named after the Vindhyagiri mountain range in Karnataka, the ship is a reincarnation of the erstwhile INS Vindhyagiri, a Leander-class frigate, that was part of the Indian Navy fleet from 08 Jul 1981 to 11 Jun 2012, rendering 31 years of glorious service to the nation.
- Designed by the Warship Design Bureau (WDB) and overseen by the Warship Overseeing Team (Kolkata), P17A frigates reflect a generational leap in indigenous ship design, stealth, survivability and combat capability.
- These ships feature an advanced suite of weapons and sensors compared to the P17 (Shivalik) class.
- With an indigenisation content of 75%, the project has involved over 200 MSMEs and has enabled employment generation of approx. 4000 personnel directly and more than 10000 personnel indirectly.



Institute of Aerospace Medicine Hosts 65th Annual Conference

- The 65th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine (ISAM) was held at the Institute of Aerospace Medicine (IAM), Bengaluru on 26 - 27 November 2026.
- Themed **'One Airspace - One Mission: Aeromedical Support from Runway to Orbit**', the conference portrayed a unified vision of Aerospace Medicine that seamlessly spans military aviation, civil aviation and human spaceflight and the pivotal role of aeromedical support in ensuring safety, performance and mission success from runway operations to orbital missions.
- The event served as a melting pot of expertise, bringing together Defence Forces personnel, IAF aircrew and scientific stalwarts from ISRO, DRDO and HAL.
- The scientific agenda was both rigorous and diverse, exploring everything from altered gravity and spaceflight medicine to the psychological rigours of civil aviation.
- Key discussions revolved around crew performance optimization, indigenous aircraft design and the critical safety window from ejection to environmental extremes.



BrahMos Missile Test Off Andaman Coast

- India conducted another test of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile off the Burmanallah coast near Brijgan Military Station in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands on 24 November, underlining the growing importance of the strategically located archipelago in the country's missile testing and military preparedness activities.
- The launch took place from a coastal area near Burmanallah and was witnessed by people travelling through the vicinity. The test demonstrated the operational capabilities of the BrahMos missile system, one of India's most significant strategic weapons platforms.
- The latest trial followed an earlier BrahMos launch conducted from the same area, reinforcing the increasing use of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands as a location for missile testing and related defence activities.
- Developed jointly by India and Russia, the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile remains a key component of India's military modernisation efforts. The missile is designed for precision strikes against both land and sea targets and has been inducted across multiple branches of the Indian Armed Forces.
- The test reflects India's continuing drive to strengthen its indigenous defence capabilities and enhance technological self-reliance in critical military systems. The BrahMos program has also become a major symbol of the country's expanding defence manufacturing and strategic deterrence capabilities.



India To Strengthen Pakistan Border

- India is preparing to further strengthen its air defence network along the western frontier by deploying its fifth Russian-made S-400 Triumf air defence system near Jammu and Kashmir.
- The deployment is intended to enhance protection along the approximately 740-kilometre Line of Control (LoC) with Pakistan amid evolving regional security challenges.
- The new S-400 unit will bolster India's layered defence posture against a wide spectrum of aerial threats, including fighter aircraft, ballistic missiles, unmanned combat aerial systems, kamikaze drones and loitering munitions.
- At present, three S-400 systems are positioned to protect Punjab, Rajasthan and Gujarat, providing coverage against potential threats from Pakistan.
- A fourth system has been deployed in Assam, where it supports the defence of the eastern sector and the Line of Actual Control (LAC) opposite China, including the Arunachal Pradesh region.
- Officials indicated that an Indian Air Force pre-dispatch inspection team is scheduled to visit Russia in December. Following the inspection process, Moscow is expected to deliver the fifth and final S-400 system under the existing contract by February 2027.
- The S-400 Triumf is widely regarded as one of the world's most capable long-range air defence platforms. Depending on the missile used, it can engage targets at ranges from around 40 kilometres to 400 kilometres and is designed

to intercept aircraft, cruise missiles, ballistic missiles and sophisticated drone threats.

- Pakistan has simultaneously been expanding its naval and unmanned warfare capabilities. Islamabad is acquiring eight Chinese-built Hangor-class air-independent propulsion diesel attack submarines in a deal valued at more than US$5 billion. Reports indicate that the Pakistan Navy has already inducted one of these submarines.
- The deployment of the fifth S-400 system is expected to complete India's current S-400 acquisition programme from Russia and further reinforce the country's ability to counter increasingly complex aerial and missile threats across multiple fronts.



BAE Systems Says European Combat Vehicle Order Totals $6 Billion

- Britain's BAE Systems said on Friday the value of a military combat vehicle order from five European countries, which was first announced on Thursday, amounts to $6 billion in total.
- NATO member nations have pledged to sharply raise their defence spending since Russia's 2022 full-scale invasion of Ukraine, and have resorted to joint procurements to streamline equipment and restrain costs.
- Finland on Thursday said it would together with Sweden, Norway, Lithuania and the Netherlands buy more than 430 CV90 combat vehicles

- "This landmark joint agreement for the CV9035 MkIV Nordic Edition is a world first, bringing five nations together under one deal and leading the way for the future of allied nation procurements," BAE Systems said in a statement
- The countries signed the joint procurement for the vehicle, made by subsidiary BAE Systems Hagglunds in Sweden, in Stockholm on Friday
- "They see this as a way forward to save money and speed up (procurement)," BAE Systems Hagglunds chief Tommy Gustafsson-Rask told Reuters
- The five countries and Estonia signed a statement of intent in 2025 to jointly procure CV90s, but Estonia later withdrew from the initiative.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Vindhyagiri, delivered to the Indian Navy on 27 November 2026, belongs to which project?

A) Project 15B
B) Project 17A
C) Project 75
D) Project 28

Correct Answer: B

2. Which organisation constructed Vindhyagiri (Yard 3024)?

A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
B) Cochin Shipyard Limited

C) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd
D) Hindustan Shipyard Limited

Correct Answer: C

3. What was the theme of the 65th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine?

A) Aerospace Medicine for a New India
B) One Airspace – One Mission: Aeromedical Support from Runway to Orbit
C) Aviation Safety and Space Exploration
D) Future of Military Aviation Medicine

Correct Answer: B

4. BrahMos is a supersonic cruise missile jointly developed by which two countries?

A) India and France
B) India and Israel
C) India and Russia
D) India and the United States

Correct Answer: C

5. The BrahMos missile test conducted on 24 November 2026 took place off which coast?

A) Karwar coast
B) Burmanallah coast
C) Visakhapatnam coast
D) Kochi coast

Correct Answer: B

Q6. The S-400 Triumf air defence system is manufactured by which country?

A) China
B) Russia
C) France
D) Germany

Correct Answer: B

7. Which of the following countries is NOT part of the reported joint procurement agreement for CV90 combat vehicles?

A) Finland
B) Sweden
C) Norway
D) Estonia

Correct Answer: D

8. The CV9035 MkIV Nordic Edition combat vehicles are manufactured by which company?

A) Airbus Defence and Space
B) BAE Systems Hägglunds
C) Rheinmetall
D) Leonardo S.p.A.

Correct Answer: B

9. Infantry Day Is Always Observed On

A. 26 Oct
B. 27 Oct
C. 28 Oct
D. 29 Oct

ANSWER: B

10. PBG The Oldest Regiment In The Indian Army, Having Been Raised In

A. 1773
B. 1774
C. 1779
D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

11. INSAS Rifle Manufactured By

A. ARDE
B. HAL
C. IAI
D. ISRO

ANSWER: A

12. ISRO Hq Is In

A. Mumbai
B. Kochi
C. Chennai

D. Bangalore
ANSWER: D

13. Brahmos Is A
A. Hypersonic Cruise Missile
B. Supersonic Cruise Missile
C. Subsonic Cruise Missile
D. Ballistic Missile
ANSWER: B

14. Where Is The Hq Of The Central Command of The Indian Army?
A. Kochi
B. Vishakhapatnam
C. Pune
D. Lucknow
ANSWER: D

15. 'Five S' Vision of Sammaan Coined By PM Modi Stands For
A. Samvaad –Sahyog –Shanti –and Suyog
B. Samvaad –Sahyog –Sahitya –and Samriddhi
C. Samvaad –Suknya –Shanti –and Samriddhi
D. Samvaad –Sahyog –Shanti –and Samriddhi
ANSWER: D

16. Sarmat Missile Is A
A. Nuclear-Capable Missile
B. Cruise Missile
C. Submarine Launched Ballistic Missiles
D. None
ANSWER: A

17. "The Broken Earth" Book Written By
A. Shashi Tharoor
B. N.K. Jemisin
C. Hew Strachan
D. Philip Pullman
ANSWER: B

18. What Is The Capital Of Nigeria?

A. Oslo
B. Abuja
C. Cape Town
D. Warsaw

ANSWER: B

19. Ex 'Ajeya Warrior' conducted b/w India &

A. Qatar
B. Oman
C. UAE
D. UK

ANSWER: D

20. Operation Ganga Was Conducted By IAF In

A. UK
B. USA
C. Ukraine
D. Afghanistan

ANSWER: C