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1. IGLA-S Defense System

India is all set to procure a powerful anti-aircraft missile system from Russia, India's top arm supplier. It will boost India's defense capabilities alongside the China, Pakistan border.

The IGLA-s is a man-portable air defense system (MANPADS)- which is capable of taking down an enemy aircraft. Interestingly, the weapon can be fired by an individual or crew.



Some facts about IGLA-S

The IGLA-S is a man portable air defense system (MANPADS) that can be fired by an individual or crew to bring down an enemy aircraft.

- The hand-held defense system has a capability of bringing down low flying aircraft; it can also identify and neutralize air targets such as cruise missiles and drones.
- The report said that MANPADS became popular after being successfully deployed by Ukraine to thwart the Russian air superiority in the ongoing war.
- The igla-s entered into service in Russia in 2004.
- According to the Stockholm international peace research institute (SIPRI), Moscow supplied almost 45% of India's defense requirement between 2018 and 2022, with France providing 29% and the United States 11%.

2. Foundation day of Jharkhand (November 15)

- Jharkhand foundation is celebrated on 15th November every year to mark the laying of foundation stone in Jharkhand. Jharkhand was established as 28th state of India by virtue of Bihar reorganisation act, 2000.
- November 15 is also celebrated as the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda. He is also known as "Dharti Abba" or "father of earth." He led the rebellion that came to be known as **Ulgulan (revolt) or the munda rebellion** against the British government-imposed feudal state system.
- Jharkhand is also known as 'land of jungle' or 'bushland'.

- Chau dance will be performed by the tribal on the Jharkhand foundation day 2023.
- The day is also celebrated as Janjatiya Gaurav divas.
- Prime Minister Modi arrived in Jharkhand on the evening of 14th of November. He launched a ₹ 24,000-crore scheme for the welfare of the particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTGS) on Wednesday. The scheme is being launched to mark the birth anniversary of revered tribal warrior Birsa Munda.

3. Grammy Nomination For Falguni Phatak

Falguni Shah, a Grammy award-winning Indian vocalist and songwriter, has been nominated for the best global music performance category at the 2024 Grammy awards for her song "abundance in millets", which features a speech written and delivered by prime minister Narendra Modi.



- Sitar maestro Pandit Ravi Shankar was the first Indian to receive a Grammy in 1968.
- 2023 is the international year of millets, it was proposed by India and accepted by Unga.

4. Virat Kohli Modern Day God Of ODI Cricket

- Virat Kohli breaks Sachin's record for most centuries in 50 over format. He achieved this feat in his 279th innings.
- He has now scored most runs in a single world cup edition 711*. He broke master blaster's record.
- He also becomes first batsman in the world to score 50 centuries in ODIs.



- Mohammad Shami records best figures (7/57) by an Indian bowler in ODI cricket history. He broke Ashish Nehra's record. And he is the quickest bowler to take 50 wickets in ODI World cup.

5. Cricket World Cup

Australia clinches their 6th world cup title defeating India by 6 wickets in world cup final 2023 held at Narendra Modi international cricket stadium.

Some facts about cricket world cup 2023

Host: India

Edition: 13th

Man of the tournament: Virat Kohli (765 runs); most no. Of 4s

Most wickets: Mohammad Shami (24 wickets); he has best bowling average in the tournament.

Player of the match in world cup final: Travis Head

Total no. Of matches- 48



6. 42nd India International Trade Fair

- The 42nd India international trade fair (litf) commenced on November 14 at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi and will run until November 27, 2023.
- Minister of state for commerce and industry, Anupriya Patel, inaugurated the fair, noting the significant participation of over 3500 exhibitors, showcasing global confidence in India.
- The fair's theme, "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam," underscores the importance of interconnectedness and cooperation in trade for sustainable growth and well-being.

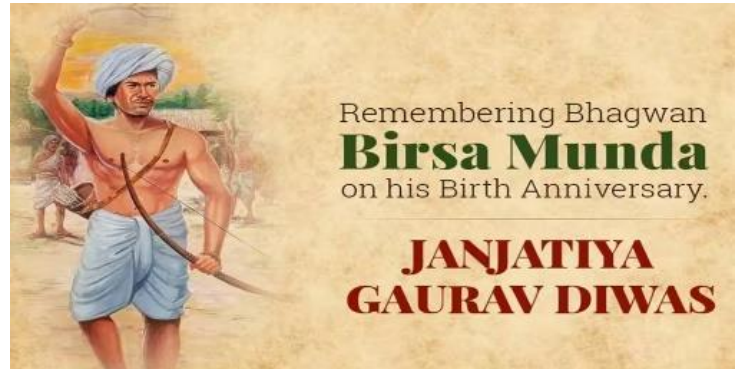


- Partner states are Bihar and Kerala, and focus states include Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, and Uttar Pradesh.

7. Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) Development

Mission

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Pradhan Mantri particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTG) development mission, a scheme with a budget of 24,000 crore rupees.



- The launch took place on November 15, 2023, during the third Janjaatiya Gaurav Diwas in the Khunti district of Jharkhand.
- The PVTG development mission aims to benefit 75 particularly vulnerable tribal groups in 18 states and union territories, residing in 22,544 villages across 220 districts, with a total population of approximately 28 lakhs.
- Janjatiya Gaurav divas is celebrated on 15 November to remember the contribution of tribal freedom fighters in Indian independence. November 15 is the birthday of the great tribal warrior Birsa Munda.

8. India supported a United Nations resolution on November 12, 2023,

Condemning settlement activities in the “occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan.”

global support: the resolution received overwhelming support, with 145 nations, including India, voting in favor, seven against (Canada, Hungary, Israel, Marshall islands, federated states of Micronesia, Nauru, united states), and 18 abstaining.

9. The Dubai Air Show

The Dubai airshow 2023 will take place from November 13th to 17th at the Dubai world central (DWC), also known as the Dubai airshow site. This prestigious event is held under the patronage of his highness sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum, vice president and prime minister of the UAE, ruler of Dubai, and UAE minister of defense.



10. 33rd Conference Of (WOAH)

The 33rd conference of the world organization for animal health (WOAH) regional commission for Asia and Pacific will commence on November 13, 2023, in New Delhi.

- Delegates from 36 member countries, including India, along with senior officers from regional and international organizations, representatives from the private sector and private veterinary organizations, will be present at the conference.
- The conference will address the challenges posed by the pandemic and emphasize the crucial role of veterinary services in building resilience and capacity for future challenges.
- Purshottam Rupala, the union minister of fisheries, animal husbandry, and dairying, will inaugurate the four-day conference.
- The decision to host the event in New Delhi was made during the 90th general session of the world assembly of delegates of the (WOAH) in Paris in May of the same year.



11. Shital Mahajan, a renowned Indian skydiver:

Achieved a significant milestone by becoming the first woman in the world to jump off a helicopter from the height of 21,500 ft in front of Mt Everest on November 13, 2023. She landed at kala Patthar peak, the highest altitude at 17,444 ft, marking the highest altitude skydiving landing accomplished by a woman.



Shital Mahajan, aged 41, holds several skydiving records and is a recipient of the Padma Shri, the fourth highest Indian civilian award in 2001.

12. The Cambridge dictionary has chosen “hallucinate” as its word of the year for 2023

Citing the additional meaning gained in the context of generative AI tools, such as ChatGPT and bard that use large language models (LLMS).

13. The United States and the Philippines signed a landmark deal allowing Washington to export nuclear technology and materials to manila. The agreement is a significant step in supporting the Philippines’ exploration of nuclear power to enhance Decarbonization and energy independence.

14. NISAR MISSION

The Nasa-ISRO Synthetic Aperture radar (NISAR) mission, a collaborative effort between NASA and ISRO, is making significant progress as it prepares for its scheduled launch in the first quarter of 2024.



Scientists and engineers working on the mission have successfully completed critical tests, including thermal vacuum testing, bringing them one step closer to their mission goals.

NISAR, a low earth orbit observatory jointly developed by NASA and ISRO, is set to launch from the Satish Dhawan space Centre in Sriharikota aboard ISRO’S Gslv

mark-ii launch vehicle. Once operational, NISAR will play a vital role in monitoring a wide range of changes on earth's surface in unprecedented detail.

One of the key milestones recently achieved is the completion of thermal vacuum testing in Bengaluru. Phil Barela, NASA NISAR project manager from the jet propulsion laboratory (JPL), expressed his satisfaction with this accomplishment.

15. India - Sri Lanka Joint Exercise Mitra Shakti – 2023

The ninth edition of joint military exercise "exercise Mitra shakti-2023" commenced today in Aundh (Pune). The exercise is being conducted from 16th to 29th November 2023. The Indian contingent, of 120 personnel, is being represented mainly by troops from the Maratha light infantry regiment. The Sri Lankan side is being represented by personnel from 53 infantry division. 15 personnel from the Indian air force and five personnel from Sri Lankan air force are also participating in the exercise.



16. Certification Initiative 'nest'

In a move to promote sustainable and environmentally friendly construction practices in the domestic housing sector, the Indian green building council (IGBC), a part of the confederation of Indian industry, has launched a new rating and certification initiative called 'nest.'

AJIT Kumar Chordia, chairman of the IGBC Chennai chapter, unveiled the eco-friendly rating and certification initiative 'nest' during the announcement of the annual conference. The conference is scheduled to take place at the Chennai trade Centre, Nandambakkam, from November 23 to 25.

17. The 25t bollard pull (BP) tug, 'MAHABALI' was launched recently at Shoft shipyard Pvt Ltd, Bharuch, Gujarat, under the "make in India" initiative of the ministry of

defense. This aligns with the “Atma NIRBHAR Bharat” initiative of the government of India, promoting self-reliance and indigenous production.

18. The international cricket council (ICC) recently announced the induction of three cricketing maestros into the coveted ICC cricket hall of fame. The latest additions to this prestigious list include the explosive opener **Virender Sehwag**, Indian trailblazer **Diana Edulji**, and Sri Lankan superstar **Aravinda De Silva**. Each of these cricketing icons has left an indelible mark on the game, making them worthy recipients of this esteemed honor.
19. In a significant recognition of Uttarakhand’s rich and diverse heritage, the geographical indications (Gi) registry has bestowed the coveted GI tags upon more than 15 products from the state. These products, ranging from traditional teas to textiles and pulses, not only reflect the cultural tapestry of Uttarakhand but also hold immense economic potential.
20. The United Nations has designated November 18 as the “world day for the prevention of and healing from child sexual exploitation, abuse, and violence.” This day serves as a global initiative to address the pervasive issue of child sexual exploitation, abuse, and violence that affects countless young individuals worldwide. The violations cut across all nations and societal strata, posing a significant threat to the well-being of children, especially girls.