

Warship 'Vindhyagiri'

Recently, President Draupadi Murmu will launch the Project 17A frigate Vindhyagiri at Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE) Kolkata on 17 August.





About Vindhyagiri





- Through which maritime surveillance, coastal patrolling and anti-piracy operations were carried out.
- It was decommissioned in 2011 after being damaged in an accident with a merchant vessel.





- Project 17A -

- Project 17A was launched by the Indian Navy in 2019 to build a series of stealth guided-missile frigates.
- The first stealth ship launched under this project in 2019 was Nilgiri.
- A total of four vessels are under construction by MDL and three by GRSE under the Project 17A programme.
- The Project 17A ships have been designed in-house by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau.





Naval Exercise Zayed Talwar

- bilateral naval exercise
- Venue Port Rashid, Dubai
- Host Country- United Arab Emirates
- Event date 8 11 August 2023
- Participants Indian Navy,United Arab Emirates Navy



- The bilateral naval exercise 'Zayed Talwar' between the Indian Navy and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Navy concluded at Port Rashid, Dubai from 8-11 August 2023.
- Two Indian Navy ships INS Visakhapatnam and INS Trikand participated in the bilateral exercise 'Zayed Talwar' with the UAE Navy.





Objective

- The bilateral naval exercise 'Zayed Talwar' aims to enhance interoperability and synergy between the two navies by crosstraining on strategic, technical and procedures.
- The exercise focused on combating challenges such as piracy, smuggling and human trafficking.
 - Also, the two navies emphasized on enhancing ties on enhancing maritime security, conducting joint humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations. Other Exercises between India and UAE:





Independence Day 2023 Speech

- On the 77th anniversary of independence, Prime Minister Narendra Modi hoisted the TIRANGA from the ramparts of the Red Fort for the 10th time and addressed the nation.
- In his 88-minute address, the Prime Minister addressed 140 crore people of the country as family members.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his speech on August 15 said that India is at a turning point and has the power to shape the new world order that is emerging after the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Prime Minister urged fellow citizens not to lose this opportunity to realize the country's potential as the decisions and sacrifices made during this period would impact the country for the next 1,000 years.



- "Today we have demography, democracy, diversity and this 'triveni' (three factors) has the potential to make India's dream come true," he said.
- The Prime Minister said that the government will launch 'Vishwakarma Yojana' with an allocation of 13,000 crores to 15,000 croresforpeople with traditional skills next month.
- This scheme is especially for skilled workers like barbers, goldsmiths, washermen etc. This scheme will be launched next month on Vishwakarma Jayanti. Vishwakarma Jayanti is on 17 September 2023.
- India's progress is fueled not only by Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai, but the youth of our Tier-2 cities are also making an equal impact in the progress of our country. He said that his policies of reform, performance and transformation are changing the country.





- Prime Minister Modi said that the government will soon launch a scheme to provide relief in bank loans to those who dream of owning their own homes in cities.
- Instead of addressing the people of India as "my fellow citizens", the Prime Minister addressed the country as his "family members".
- Today, India has got the opportunity to host the G20 Summit and the way many G20 events were held in every nook and corner of the country last year, the world has been introduced to the power of the common man of India and the diversity of India.
- He also urged to get rid of the three evils of corruption, nepotism and appeasement to take the country forward.





Lakhpati Didi

- Addressing the nation on the 77th Independence Day on August 15, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that his government is working with women's self-help groups (SHGs). The aim of the government is to make two crore 'Lakhpati Didi' in the villages.
- According to the PM, currently, 10 crore women are associated with women self-help groups'.
- He said that when you go to a village, you will find Bank wali didi,
 Anganwadi didi and Dawai wali (medicine) didi.





- The PM said that 15,000 women self-help groups will be given loans and training to operate and repair drones. The flying of the drones will be done by these women self-help groups.
- PM Modi said that with the help of these women, work will be done to connect the country's agricultural system with technology. For this, the government will give training to these women to operate drones and repair drones.
- He said that the government will also provide drones to thousands of such groups, which these women will be able to use. According to a senior official, the 'Lakhpati Didi' scheme is already implemented in some states.
- Now the government is planning to train two crore women under it.He said that women would be trained in skills like plumbing, making LED bulbs and operating and repairing drones.

