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## **1. DRDO And Indian Navy Test-Fire New NASM-SR Missile ( May 18, 2022 )**

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted the maiden flight test of the indigenously developed "Naval Anti-Ship Missile-Short Range" or NASM-SR.

- It was launched from Indian Navy helicopter Seaking 42B from DRDO's Interim Testing Range, Balasore in Odisha on 18 May 2022.
- According to DRDO, the NASM-SR would be a 380 kilogram projectile with a maximum range of 55 kilometres that will be deployed to replace the previous Sea Eagle missiles on Indian Navy Sea King helicopters.
- In a tweet, Indian Navy said, this firing is a significant step towards achieving self-reliance in niche missile technology and reaffirms the Indian Navy's commitment to indigenization.
- The Naval Anti-Ship Missile-Short Range has been developed in association with Defence Research and Development Organisation,
- It is the first indigenous air-launched Anti-ship missile system for the Indian Navy.
- The missile employed many new technologies, including an indigenously developed launcher for the helicopter, state-of-the-art navigation system and integrated avionics.
- **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO):**
  - It is a premier defence research and development agency under the Ministry of Defence, Government of India.
  - It aims to make India self-reliant in critical defence technology and systems.
  - It was set up in 1958.
  - Headquarters: New Delhi
  - Chairman: G. Satheesh Reddy

## **2. Country's first '5G testbed' launched ( May 18, 2022 )**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the country's first 5G testbed, which will enable industry players and startups to test and validate their products locally.

- This testbed has been set up at a cost of Rs 220 crore.
- This 5G testbed has been developed as a multi-institution collaborative project by 8 institutes led by IIT Madras.
- Due to no 5G testbed till now, startups and industry players had to go abroad to test and validate their products.

- This testbed will create a supportive ecosystem for the Indian industry and startups to help them validate their products, prototypes, solutions and algorithms in 5G and next-gen technologies.
- Other institutes involved in the project are IIT Delhi, IIT Hyderabad, IIT Bombay, IIT Kanpur, IISc Bangalore, Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering and Research (SAMEER) and Centre of Excellence in Wireless Technology (CEWIT).

### **3. Village Unnati appointed former Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora as chairman ( May 18, 2022 )**

Former Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora has been named as the new non-executive chairman of the Village Unnati Board.

- **About Sunil Arora**

- He is a 1980 batch retired Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Rajasthan cadre.
- He has served as the secretary of two important ministries, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
- He was also the 23rd Chief Election Commissioner of India.

- **About Gram unnati**

- Gram Unnati is a social enterprise that helps farmers to increase their net income by realising value, increasing agricultural productivity and reducing the cost of cultivation.
- Gram Unnati provides physical and technical infrastructure support to agri-processors, banks, agri-input manufacturers, research institutes and others.
- Gram Unnati also provides institutional buyers with consultancy services, low cost high quality inputs and market connections to marginal farmers, as well as tailored production, logistics, and end-to-end quality control of agricultural products.
- Gram unnati is headquartered in Gurgaon with operations across 6 states currently.

### **4. Hassan Sheikh Mahmood appointed as the new President of Somalia ( May 18, 2022 )**

After a long-pending election in the troubled Horn of Africa nation, Somali legislators have elected former leader Hassan Sheikh Mahmood as the country's next president.

- Hassan Sheikh Mohamed, who served as Somalia's president between 2012 and 2017, won in the capital Mogadishu amid a security lockdown imposed by authorities to prevent deadly rebel attacks.
- He defeated Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed in this election.
- Mahmood secured 214 votes against 110 votes in favour of the incumbent President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed Farmajo in the final third round.

- Mahmood, 66, is the leader of the Union for Peace and Development party, which has a majority in both legislative chambers.

- **About somalia**

- Somalia is a country located on the eastern edge of Africa.
- Capital- Mogadishu
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- Prime Minister- Mohamed Hussein Roble
- Currency- Somali Shilling (SOS)

## **5. India hosts SCO-RATS meeting ( May 17, 2022 )**

Counter-terrorism experts from India, Pakistan and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) discussed ways to enhance cooperation in tackling various regional security challenges in a meeting hosted in New Delhi on May 16.

- The meeting is being held under the regional counter-terrorism framework of the SCO.
- A major focus of the discussion was on the situation in Afghanistan where all countries are threatened by terrorist groups operating in the Taliban-ruled country.
- Pakistan has sent a three-member team for the meeting.
- The Afghan issue has figured prominently in almost all the major meetings of the SCO.
- **Council of Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of SCO (RATS SCO)**
- India assumed the presidency of the SCO (RATS SCO) on 28 October last year for a period of one year.
- India has shown keen interest in deepening its security-related cooperation with the SCO and its Regional Anti-Terrorism Framework (RATS).
- This specifically deals with issues relating to security and defence.
- The SCO is an influential economic and security bloc and has emerged as one of the largest inter-regional international organisations.
- **The member states of the SCO**
- Russia, China, India, Pakistan, Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan
- Afghanistan is among the observer states of the SCO.

## **6. Indian Navy dedicated two warships Surat and Udayagiri ( May 17, 2022 )**

The nation witnessed a historic event in the history of the indigenous warship building on May 17, 2022, when two frontline warships of the Indian Navy were commissioned.

- These are the warships Surat, which is the destroyer of Project 15B and the other is Udayagiri, which is a frigate of Project 17A.
- Both were launched simultaneously at Mazagon Docks Limited (MDL) in Mumbai. Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh was the chief guest in both these programs.
- The Project 15B class ships are the next generation stealth guided missile destroyers of the Indian Navy, commissioned by Mazagon Docks Ltd. Made in Mumbai.

**Destroyer, Surat:**

- 'Surat' is the fourth ship of the Project 15B Destroyer class, which has been developed with several modifications to the P15A (Kolkata class).
- It is named after Surat, the commercial capital of Gujarat and the second largest trading centre in western India after Mumbai.

**Frigate, Udayagiri:**

- Udayagiri is named after a mountain range in Andhra Pradesh. This is the third frigate of Project 17A.
- Complying with the P17 frigates (Shivalik class), they are equipped with modified stealth characteristics, advanced weapons, sensing equipment and platform management systems. 'Udayagiri' is an incarnation of the old 'Udayagiri', which was a Leander class ASW frigate.

**Important Facts:**

- A total of seven ships are being built under the P17 programme, out of which four are being built at MDL and three at GRSE.
- 15B and P17A, both ships were indigenously designed at the Directorate of Naval Design (DND).
- During the construction activities at the shipyard, about 75 per cent of the orders for equipment and systems were received by indigenous companies, which included micro, small and medium enterprises.

**7. Pilot project launched to skill tribal youth ( May 17, 2022 )**

A pilot project was launched by the Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship to skill tribal youth from Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

- Under this pilot project, about 250 beneficiaries of 17 clusters of 17 districts selected from six states will be given training.
- The six states selected for the pilot project include Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Odisha.

**Under this pilot project, training will be given in five disciplines (multi skilling)-**

1. Electricity and Solar Energy
2. agricultural mechanisation
3. e-governance
4. Plumbing and Masonry
5. Repair and maintenance of two wheelers.

- The training under these five subjects will help the tribal youth to set up their own business and generate employment opportunities for other youth in their locality.

**8. Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary gets the status of fourth tiger reserve of Rajasthan ( May 17, 2022 )**

Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav informed that Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary in Rajasthan has been notified as the 52nd Tiger Reserve of India.

- This will be the fourth tiger reserve in Rajasthan after Ranthambore, Sariska and Mukundra.
- The National Tiger Reserve Authority (NTCA) had on July 5 last year given in-principle approval to make Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary and its adjoining areas as tiger reserves.
- The specialty of Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve is its ecosystem and tiger friendly environment.
- With its declaration as a Tiger Reserve, along with the conservation of biodiversity, the population of the forest fauna living in the area will be protected, this will enable the region to write a new chapter of ecology, tourism and development at the local level.
- This protected area is an ideal habitat for wild animals like wolf, leopard, striped hyena, bear, golden jackal, chinkara, nilgai and fox.
- Apart from tiger conservation, this sanctuary is also famous for its ecosystem as well as flower species.
- **Total number of tigers in the country**
- According to the Status of Tiger in India report released in 2019, there are currently 2,967 tigers in 20 states across the country.
- Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Uttarakhand have more than 50% of the total tiger population in the entire country, which number 1,492.
- Madhya Pradesh has the largest number of tigers, whose number is 526.

- There are about 4,200 tigers left in only 13 countries of the whole world, out of which 70% tigers are in India.
- **International Tiger Day** is celebrated every year on **29 July**.

## **9. Elisabeth Bourne appointed new Prime Minister of France ( May 17, 2022 )**

French President Emmanuel Macron has named Elisabeth Born as the country's new prime minister.

- She is the second woman to become prime minister in France. Prior to this, Edith Cresson took the responsibility of the post of Prime Minister in 1991-1992.
- French Prime Minister Jean-Casteux resigned in a move expected after Emmanuel Macron was re-elected, with 61-year-old Elisabeth Born as the new prime minister.
- Born was Labor Minister in Macron's previous government since 2020. Earlier she had also been the Transport Minister.
- In France, Macron and Bourne are likely to appoint a full government in the coming days.
- **About France -**
- France is a country located in Western Europe
- It is the largest country in the continent of Europe in terms of area.
- Capital- Paris
- President- Emmanuel Macron
- currency - euro

## **10. National Cyber Forensic Laboratory inaugurated ( May 17, 2022 )**

Home Minister Amit Shah launched the National Cyber Forensic Laboratory(NCFL) on the premises of the Central Forensic Science Laboratory(CFSL) in Hyderabad.

- The Ministry of Home Affairs had approved setting up of NCFL for evidence purposes at CFSL, Hyderabad in December 2021.
- NCFL is planning to expedite the resolution of cyber crime cases in the country.
- As per the present information, 28 States and Union Territories have established Cyber Forensic cum Training Laboratories.
- The Government of India is setting up a modern cyber lab ecosystem across the country which will help in increasing the conviction rate of cyber crimes.
- **Important for exams -**

- Union Home Minister- Amit Shah
- Union Minister of State for Home- Ajay Kumar Mishra