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HEADLINES OF THE DAY

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BSF Celebrates Its 60th Foundation Day; Home Minister Amit Shah Praises Role Of BSF As Country's First Line Of Defence



News

- Union Home Minister attended the Border Security Force (BSF) 60th Foundation Day parade in Jodhpur.

Border Security Force (BSF)

- **Establishment:** On **December 1, 1965**, in the wake of the **1965 India-Pakistan war**.
- **Administrative Control:** Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).
- **Deployment:** Deployed at Indo-Pakistan International Border, Indo-Bangladesh International Border and Line of Control (LoC), along with Indian Army and in Anti-Naxal Operations.
- **Officials:** Although, the BSF has its own cadre of officers but its head, designated as a **Director-General (DG)**, since its raising has been an officer from the **Indian Police Service (IPS)**.
- **Logo and motto:** The Logo of BSF has **two spikes of grains**, embracing the National Emblem of India and the typeface BSF. The motto of BSF “DUTY UNTO DEATH” is placed at the bottom.

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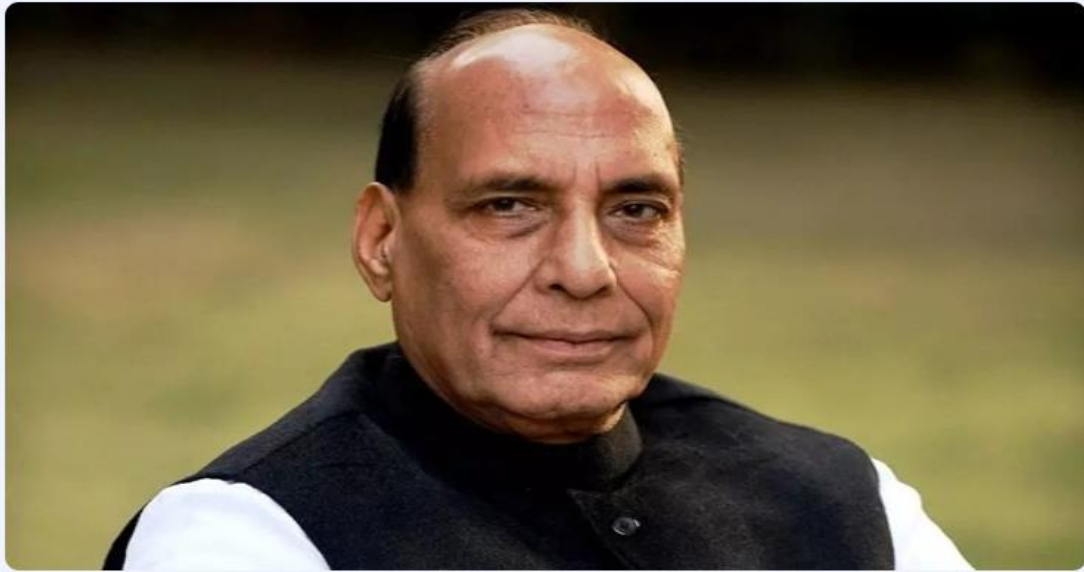
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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh To Commission 'INS Tushil' In Russia



News

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will commission the Indian Navy's latest multi-role stealth-guided missile frigate 'INS Tushil' in Kaliningrad, Russia today.

About: INS Tushil

- The ship's name, *Tushil*, means '**the protector shield**' and its crest represents the '**Abhedya Kavacham**' (impenetrable shield).
- INS Tushil is an upgraded Krivak III class frigates of the Project 1135.6, of which six are already in service - three Talwar class ships, built at Baltisky shipyard, St. Petersburg, and three follow-on Teg class ships, built at Yantar shipyard, Kaliningrad.
- INS Tushil, the seventh in the series, is the **first of the two upgraded additional follow-on ships** the contract for which was signed in Oct 2016 between JSC Rosoboronexport, Indian Navy and the Govt. of India.

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News / India / Rajya Sabha passes Bill to streamline oil and gas exploration

Rajya Sabha passes Bill to streamline oil and gas exploration

Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Puri moved the motion for the Bill and it was debated for nearly three hours before its passage in the upper House.

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News

- Recently, Rajya Sabha passed the Oilfields (Regulation and Development) Amendment Bill, 2024 (Oilfields Bill) that seeks to amend the Oilfields (Regulation and Development) Act, 1948 (Oilfields Act).

About: Amendments

- Expanding Definition Of Mineral Oil: Currently, in the 1948 Act, petroleum and natural gas are the only two that have been defined as mineral oil. The Bill expands the definition to include any naturally occurring hydrocarbon, coal bed methane, and shale gas/oil.
- Introducing Petroleum Lease,
- Expanding Centre's Regulatory Powers, and
- Decriminalization Of Offences.

Concerns

- Several Opposition parties have raised concerns that the Bill would affect the rights of states and will give private players a certain amount of discretion in how they operate.

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IE: GS3- Environment (Page -14)

Moths make reproductive choices based on sounds emitted by plants: New Study

The analysis, 'Female Moths Incorporate Plant Acoustic Emissions into Their Oviposition Decision-Making Process', was published online last month. It has been carried out by a team of 17 researchers, all based in Israel.

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News

- According to a **New Study** 'Female Moths Incorporate Plant Acoustic Emissions into Their Oviposition Decision-Making Process' Moths (insects) make reproductive choices based on sounds emitted by plants.

Do you know?

- Last year, a study revealed that some plants cry a mournful melody made of ultrasonic clicks or pops when dehydrated or under some other kind of stress.
- These sounds are undetectable to the human ear but can be heard by other animals, including insects.

What were the findings of the recent study?

- Researchers used a hydrated tomato plant on one side of an experimental arena. On the other side, they kept another healthy and hydrated tomato plant but it emitted recorded sounds of distress.
- The researchers found that the moths preferred to lay their eggs on the "silent" plant.

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News / Explained / Explained Economics / Why does RBI want a hedge against dollar reliance, but not push for de-dollarisation?

Premium

Why does RBI want a hedge against dollar reliance, but not push for de-dollarisation?

India is wary of over-dependence on the dollar. So, the RBI has increased gold purchases. To partially de-risk its trade ties, India is pushing for trade in domestic currencies. Here's what to know

Written by [Ravi Dutta Mishra](#)

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Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Friday (December 6) that India is not pursuing “de-dollarisation”, and that recent measures promoting transactions in domestic currencies are intended to de-risk Indian trade.

About: De-dollarization

- The clarification came days after US President-elect Donald Trump threatened “100 per cent tariffs” against BRICS countries if they sought to reduce reliance on the US dollar in international trade.
- For more info regarding “de-dollarization,” you can refer to our recent Beyond Classroom session (Dec 6).

Link: <https://youtube.com/live/ialKnBqL7I4>

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U.P. invokes ESMA, imposes six months ban on protests

The Act gives the police the power to arrest the employees violating the provisions of the Act without a warrant and imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or fine which may extend to ₹1,000 or both, to any person who instigated a strike which was illegal under the Act.

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THE HINDU BUREAU



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News

- Uttar Pradesh government invoked the **Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA)**, banning strikes by government employees in all State government departments, corporations, and authorities for a period of six months.

About

- The decision came amid the upcoming Maha Kumbh, which is going to be held in the State and other important programmes.
- The Act gives the police the power to arrest the employees violating the provisions of the Act without a warrant and imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or fine which may extend to ₹1,000 or both, to any person who instigated a strike which was illegal under the Act.

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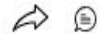
TH: GS2- IR (Page -16)

Trump calls for 'immediate' ceasefire in Ukraine, says a U.S. withdrawal from NATO is possible

Donald Trump is calling for an immediate ceasefire in Russia's war with Ukraine and the president-elect is renewing warnings that he's open to pulling the United States out of NATO

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News

- Donald Trump called for an immediate ceasefire in Russia's war with Ukraine and reiterated his openness to withdrawing the United States from NATO.

About: NATO

- Created in **1949**, it is an intergovernmental military alliance between countries of Europe and North America. At present, NATO has **32** member countries.
- NATO's **founding member** countries were: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom, and the **United States**.
- NATO works on the principle of collective defence i.e. an attack on one member nation is treated as an attack on them all.
- It is **headquartered** in Brussels, Belgium.