

# 25 June 2021: PIB Summary & Analysis

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# 1. Pinaka Rocket System

# Context:

DRDO successfully test fired Enhanced Pinaka Rocket.

# About Pinaka:

- Pinaka is a multiple rocket launcher produced in India and developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (<u>DRDO</u>) for the Indian Army.
- The enhanced range version of the Pinaka Rocket System can destroy targets at distances up to 45 kms, as shown in the tests.
- The rocket system has been developed jointly by Pune based Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE) and High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL) with manufacturing support from M/s Economic Explosives Limited, Nagpur.
- The development of the Enhanced Pinaka system was taken up to achieve longer range performance.

# Also read: Pinaka MBRL System

# 2. India's first indigenous Aircraft Carrier

# Context:

Defence Minister reviewed progress of construction of first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier at Kochi.

# **Details:**

- India's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC) is being built by M/s Cochin Shipyard Ltd., at Kochi, Kerala.
- The IAC would be commissioned as INS Vikrant in the first half of 2022, which would be the most potent sea-based asset.

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- The ship shall operate MiG-29K fighter aircraft, Kamov-31 Air Early Warning Helicopters, the soon to be inducted MH-60R multi-role helicopter and the indigenously manufactured Advanced Light Helicopters.
- It would offer an incomparable military instrument with its ability to project Air Power over long distances, including Air Interdiction, Anti-Surface Warfare, offensive and defensive Counter-Air, Airborne Anti-Submarine Warfare and Airborne Early Warning.
- The Defence Minister stated that the IAC has nearly 75 per cent indigenous content from design to steel used in construction to key weapons and sensors.

# 3. ITAT e-DWAR

# Context:

ITAT e-DWAR launched by union Law Minister.

# About ITAT e-DWAR:

- It is the e-filing portal of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT). The portal would enable the parties to file their Appeals, Miscellaneous Applications, documents, paper books, etc., electronically.
- The portal will enhance the accessibility, accountability and transparency in the day to day working of the ITAT.
- It would not only result in economization of the use of paper, savings in costs, but also rationalization of the fixation of cases leading to quicker disposal of cases.

Know more about ITAT in <u>PIB dated 6 April 2020</u>.

# 4. Day of the Seafarer 2021

# Context:

25 June is celebrated as the 'Day of the Seafarer' every year.

# About Day of the Seafarer:

- On this day, people honour seafarers and recognize the invaluable contribution they make to international trade and the world economy.
- Day of the Seafarer celebration was first started in 2010 by the <u>International Maritime Organization</u> (IMO).
- The theme for 2021 is "Seafarers: At the core of shipping's future".



# 5. National Convention on Prevention of Maternal, Adolescent and Childhood Obesity

# Context:

NITI Aayog convened the National Convention on Prevention of Maternal, Adolescent and Childhood Obesity.

# Details:

- The convention was organised by <u>NITI Aayog</u> in recognition of the 'silent epidemic' of obesity targeting more and more Indians recently, especially women and children.
  - The National Family Health Survey 5 showed a spurt in the incidence of obesity.
- In the convention, global experts, representatives from UN bodies, central ministries and national research institutions presented their evidence regarding increasing prevalence of obesity and presented best practices for obesity reduction.
- NITI Aayog has said that a consensus emerged on the need for a whole of Government and whole of society approach in tackling the twin nutrition challenge of obesity and under nutrition.
- It said that an urgent need for adopting strategies related to fiscal measures, regulating front-ofpackage labelling, promoting healthy diet, physical activity and lifestyle options emerged as key themes for future deliberations and actions.