



77th Indian Army Day: 15 January 2025

The Indian Army on 15 January celebrated its 77th Army Day in Pune, marking the historic appointment of Field Marshal KM Cariappa as the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army in 1949. He succeeded General Sir FRR Bucher, the last British Commander-in-Chief.

- ❖ Evolved from the armies of the East India Company and the British Indian Army.
- ❖ Post-independence in 1947, merged into the National Army of India.
- ❖ 2025 Declared as 'Year of Reforms'.
- ❖ The motto of the Indian Army is "Service Before Self"
- ❖ As of January 2025, the Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) of India is General Upendra Dwivedi.

Union Minister of Commerce & Industry Shri Piyush Goyal launches Bharat Cleantech Manufacturing Platform.

Shri Piyush Goyal unveiled the Bharat Cleantech Manufacturing Platform, an initiative designed to enhance India's cleantech value chains in the solar, wind, hydrogen, and battery storage sectors.

- ❖ PLIs and subsidies are helpful only as a starting point but detrimental to long-term growth.
- ❖ The cleantech sector must strive to become self-sustaining and independent of government support.
- ❖ India aims to achieve 500 GW of clean energy capacity by 2030.
- ❖ India is among the best-performing countries in meeting Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement.
- ❖ The Bharat Cleantech Manufacturing Platform aims to position India as a leading global player in sustainability and clean energy.

Launce of "Utkarsh", Second Multipurpose Vessel

Thee second of the two Multi-Purpose Vessels, being built by M/s L&T Shipyard for the Indian Navy, was launched in the presence of Rajesh Kumar Singh, Defence Secretary on 13 Jan 25 at L&T, Kattupalli, Chennai.

- ❖ The ship has been named 'Utkarsh' which means 'Superior in Conduct'.
- ❖ The contract for two Multi-Purpose Vessels was signed between Ministry of Defence and M/s L&T Shipyard on 25 Mar 2022.
- ❖ These Multi-Purpose Vessels will be capable of towing ships, launch and recover various targets, operate unmanned autonomous vehicles and act as a trial platform for various indigenous weapons and sensors under development.

- ❖ The 106 m vessels are designed to achieve a maximum speed of 15 knots.

Australia launches first National Autism Strategy with \$42.3 million

The Australian government has launched the first national strategy to improve the lives of people with autism.

- ❖ The minister for Social Services, Amanda Rishworth unveiled the first National Autism Strategy, promising improved inclusion, support and life outcomes for all autistic Australians.
- ❖ The 42.3 million Australian dollar plan includes 22 commitments on four key reform areas to address the barriers autistic people face in areas like education, employment and diagnosis.



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