

Headlines at a Glance - 12th January 2021

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DRDO tests advanced “Sea to Sea” variant of BrahMos missile

An extended range sea-to-sea variant of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile was successfully test-fired by India from the Indian Navy’s newly commissioned INS Visakhapatnam on Tuesday, the Defence Research and Development Organisation said. BrahMos, deployed by the Navy on its warships first in 2005, has the capability to hit sea-based targets beyond radar horizon. The naval variant was originally tested in October and December 2020 from the Navy’s indigenously-built stealth destroyer INS Chennai and Rajput-class destroyer INS Ranvijay, respectively. This version of the missile has been designed to launch either in a vertical or a horizontal mode from moving/stationary assets to target both land and sea targets. The missiles, fired at a speed of 2.8 Mach or nearly three times the speed of sound, significantly increase the capability of the ships in engaging long-range targets.

SOURCE: *The Indian Express*

NSC hosts two-day virtual Colombo Security Conclave

At the first two-day Colombo Security Conclave Virtual Workshop the participating nations India agreed to work for cooperating in the field of cyber security. The Virtual Workshop on “Developing Regional Cyber Security Capabilities on Defensive operations, Deep/Dark Web handling and Digital Forensics” was hosted by the National Security Council Secretariat

(NSCS), the government of India in association with National Forensic Science University, Gandhinagar (Gujarat) and the Secretariat of the Colombo Security Conclave on 10-11 January, according to a top official from the PMO here. Delegates from Member and Observer States of the Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) including Sri Lanka, Maldives, India, Mauritius, Seychelles, and Bangladesh participated in the workshop.

SOURCE: *The Hindu*

Labour Ministry releases report on 2nd round of Quarterly Employment Survey

Total employment in nine sectors rose to 3.10 crore during the July-September period of 2021, an increase of 2 lakh compared to June quarter last year, according to a quarterly employment survey released by the Union labour ministry on Monday. The higher employment number also reflects an improvement in economic activities after states lifted restrictions that were imposed to curb spreading of coronavirus infections in the wake of the second COVID wave in April 2021. Union Labour Minister Bhupender Yadav released the Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) report which showed that the total employment number in the 2021 September quarter stood at 3.10 crore in the nine sectors. In April-June period last year, the same stood at 3.08 crore.

SOURCE: *The Print*

UNESCO agrees to publish Hindi descriptions of India's world heritage sites on WHC website

The UNESCO's World Heritage Centre (WHC) has agreed to publish Hindi descriptions of India's UNESCO World Heritage Sites on the WHC website. The information was shared by the Permanent Delegation of India to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in Paris on Monday. "The Permanent Delegation of India is very pleased to announce that on the occasion of World Hindi Day, the Director of the World Heritage Centre has informed us that UNESCO's World Heritage Centre has agreed to publish Hindi descriptions of India's UNESCO World Heritage sites on the WHC websites. We welcome this historic decision," it said in a statement.

SOURCE: *Hindustan Times*