

# **Rapid Fire Current Affairs**

#### **IMPHAL-Third Stealth Destroyer of Project 15B**

The delivery of the <u>third Project 15B</u> **Indigenous Destroyer Imphal** to the Indian Navy is significant as it is a part of India's ongoing efforts to modernize its navy.

- The Project is a follow-on of the **Kolkata class (Project 15A)** destroyers commissioned in the last decade. It is equipped with state-of-the-art weapons and sensors, including surface-to-air missiles, anti-ship missiles and torpedoes.
- It is powered by a **Combined Gas and Gas propulsion set**, comprising four gas turbines, and is capable of achieving speeds in excess of 30 knots (56 km/h).
- The Imphal is the third ship in the series of four Project 15B destroyers being built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) under the <u>'Make in India'</u> initiative.
- The purpose of the <u>BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles</u> on the <u>Imphal destroy</u>er is to provide the Indian Navy with a highly capable and versatile weapon system.

Read More: Project 17A, Agni 5 Ballistic Missile

#### **Gujarat's Dhordo - Best Tourism Village**

Dhordo has been conferred the prestigious title of **Best Tourism Village by the <u>United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO)</u>. Dhordo received this title at the Best Tourism Village - 2023 award ceremony organized by the UNWTO <b>at Samarkand in Uzbekistan**.

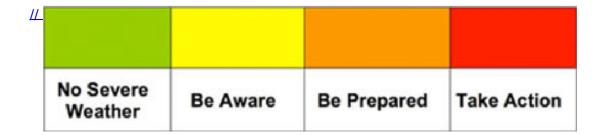
- The village has become a popular tourist destination due to its rich cultural heritage, handicrafts, and the famous Rann Utsav.
- The UNWTO awards the title of "Best Tourism Village" to villages that meet certain criteria.
  - The criteria include promoting sustainable tourism, preserving local culture and heritage, providing a safe and welcoming environment for tourists, and offering unique experiences to visitors.
  - Additionally, the village must have a well-developed tourism infrastructure and must be able to demonstrate its commitment to responsible tourism practices.

Read More: World Tourism Day, UN Specialized Agencies

## **Cyclone Tej Intensifies**

<u>Cyclone</u> **Tej**, initially forming over the **Arabian Sea**, has intensified into an extremely severe cyclonic storm, with projections indicating a northwestward trajectory and an expected landfall near **Al Ghaidah (Yemen).** 

- The name 'Tej,' which means 'speed' in Hindi, was chosen by India.
- A yellow alert has been issued by <u>India Meteorological Department (IMD)</u> for eight districts in Kerala, warning of heavy rains.
- IMD, established in 1875, is an agency of the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
  - IMD uses <u>colour- coded weather warning</u> to alert people ahead of severe or hazardous weather which has the potential to cause damage, widespread disruption or danger to life.

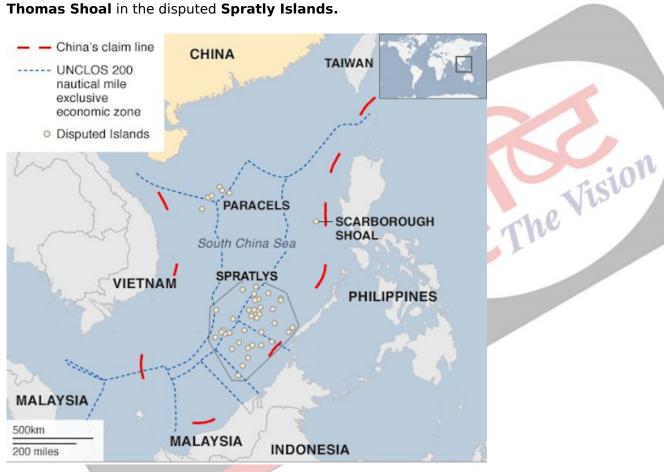


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Read more: South China Sea

### **Collisions Between Chinese and Philippine Vessels**

Tensions in the <u>South China Sea</u> escalated as **China and Philippines** traded accusations following two collisions between **Chinese vessels and Philippine boats** during a resupply mission near **Second**The many Short in the disputed **Second** 



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