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### 1. Yuga Yugeen Bharat Museum

**Syllabus: GS-1, Culture**

**Prelims: Yuga Yugeen Bharat Museum**

**Context:** The Yuga Yugeen Bharat Museum, poised to be the world's largest museum, aims to celebrate India's rich heritage and its legacy as the mother of democracy.

- A four-day inter-ministerial stakeholder consultation and capacity-building workshop, organized by the Ministry of Culture, was held from June 26 to 29, 2024, at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.
- This event brought together experts from India and France to discuss and plan the museum's development as part of the Central Vista Redevelopment Project.

#### Objectives of the Museum

- **Celebrating Heritage:** The museum will honor India's extensive cultural history and its contributions to the world.
- **Inclusivity:** It will be a museum of the people, highlighting community narratives and the democratic spirit of India.
- **Largest Museum:** Spanning over 1,54,000 sqm, it will be the largest museum globally, located in the North and South Block of Central Vista.

#### Workshop and Stakeholder Engagement

- **Inter-Ministerial Consultation:** The workshop included participants from various government departments and private sector experts, fostering interdepartmental coordination.
- **French Expertise:** The capacity-building sessions were led by experts from France Muséums, leveraging their experience in projects like the Louvre.
- **Critical Focus Areas:** The sessions covered collection management, curatorial practices, administrative best practices, and strategic integration of technology.

#### Collaboration and Development

- **India-France Partnership:** This collaboration stems from a Letter of Intent signed in 2020, emphasizing museum and heritage cooperation.
- **Adaptive Reuse:** The museum will be developed through adaptive reuse of existing structures, incorporating innovative design and technology.

#### Significance

## Cultural Impact

- **Preservation of Heritage:** The museum will play a crucial role in preserving and showcasing India's diverse cultural heritage.
- **Educational Resource:** It will serve as an educational resource, promoting awareness and appreciation of India's historical and cultural contributions.

## Economic and Social Impact

- **Tourism Boost:** As the largest museum in the world, it is expected to attract significant tourism, boosting the local economy.
- **Community Engagement:** By centering community narratives, the museum will foster a sense of pride and belonging among the Indian populace.

## International Cooperation

- **Strengthening Ties:** The project will strengthen cultural and diplomatic ties between India and France, showcasing successful international collaboration.

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## 2.INS SHIVALIK

### Syllabus: GS-2, International relations

### Prelims: INS SHIVALIK

**Context:** INS Shivalik, an Indian multi-role stealth frigate, has arrived at Pearl Harbour in Hawaii to participate in the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise, the world's largest naval exercise. This deployment follows the completion of JIMEX 24, a bilateral exercise between India and Japan.

### Overview of RIMPAC-24

- **Harbour Phase (June 27 - July 7, 2024):** Involves symposiums, exercise planning discussions, sports competitions, and reciprocal deck visits.
- **Sea Phase:** Divided into three sub-phases, involving basic and advanced level integration exercises and culminating in a large force tactical exercise.

### Participants and Activities

- **Diverse Participation:** Involvement of an Aircraft Carrier Battle Group, submarines, maritime reconnaissance aircraft, unmanned aerial vehicles, remotely piloted surface ships, and amphibious force landing operations.
- **Multinational Collaboration:** Joint operations with special forces of various navies, enhancing interoperability and building trust among approximately 29 participating countries.

### **INS Shivalik's Role and Capabilities**

- **Indigenous Design:** INS Shivalik is a 6000-tonne guided missile stealth frigate, designed and built in India.
- **Operational Reach:** The participation of INS Shivalik, 9000 nautical miles from the Indian coast, showcases the Indian Navy's ability to operate globally.

### **Significance**

#### **Strategic Importance**

- **Interoperability:** RIMPAC-24 aims to enhance interoperability among navies, crucial for coordinated maritime operations and ensuring the safety of sea lanes.
- **Building Trust:** The exercise fosters cooperative relationships, critical for global maritime security.

#### **Diplomatic and Military Impact**

- **International Cooperation:** Participation strengthens India's diplomatic ties and showcases its commitment to international maritime security.
- **Showcasing Capabilities:** Demonstrates the Indian Navy's advanced capabilities and readiness to operate in diverse and challenging environments.

#### **Training and Development**

- **Unique Training Opportunities:** Provides a platform for intensive training and operational experience in a multinational environment.
- **Enhancing Skills:** Helps improve tactical skills and operational readiness through complex and realistic maritime scenarios.

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