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National and International News

<p>Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), in collaboration with Microsoft, has taken action against cybercrime. • They have blocked more than 1,000 Skype IDs that were involved in blackmail, extortion, and “digital arrests”. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These cybercrimes were committed by individuals posing as police and law enforcement authorities. • The Union Home Ministry identified this as an organised online economic crime. • It was found to be operated by cross-border crime syndicates. <p>About I4C:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) has been established under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to deal with cybercrime in a coordinated and comprehensive manner. • The centre is located in New Delhi and focuses on tackling issues related to cybercrime for citizens. • The I4C functions as a nodal point in the fight against cybercrime. <div data-bbox="662 1228 1445 1396" style="text-align: center;"> <p>VERTICALS OF I4C</p>  </div>
<p>Igla-S</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Indian Army is set to receive another set of Russian Igla-S very short range air defence systems (VSHORAD). <p>About</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name: Igla-S (also known as SA-24 Grinch in NATO terminology) • Type: Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORAD) • Country of Origin: Russia • Manufacturer: KBM (Kolomna Machine Building Design Bureau) • Warhead: High-explosive fragmentation



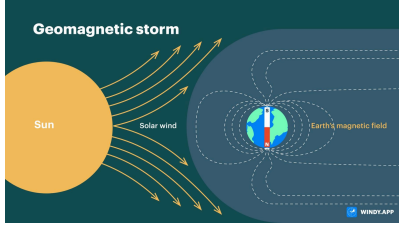
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Guidance System: Infrared homing with a passive seeker ● Range: Effective range of up to 6 km ● Altitude: Capable of engaging targets at altitudes between 10 meters to 3.5 kilometers ● Speed: Missile speed of up to Mach 2 ● Targets: Designed to engage and destroy low-flying aircraft, helicopters, UAVs, and cruise missiles ● Mobility: Man-portable, can be carried and operated by a single soldier
Wholesale Price Index (WPI)	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Inflation in India's wholesale prices rose to a 13-month high. ● This increase was due to an uptick in food inflation and year-on-year rise in fuel and power prices after several months of deflation. <p>About WPI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) measures the changes in the prices of goods sold and traded in bulk by wholesale businesses to other businesses. ● The WPI is calculated and published by the Office of Economic Advisor, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. ● WPI data is published monthly. ● Analysts use the WPI to track the supply and demand dynamics in industry, manufacturing, and construction. ● The base year for the new series of WPI was updated to 2011-12 from 2004-05. ● The WPI is calculated by taking a weighted average of the prices of a basket of goods, with each item's weight determined by its share of total wholesale sales. ● The basket of goods comprises three major groups: Primary Articles (Weight 22.62%), Fuel and Power (Weight 13.15%), and Manufactured Products (Weight 64.23%). ● The prices of a total of 697 items are tracked under the 2011-12 series of the WPI, which includes 117 primary items, 16 items of fuel and power, and 564 manufactured products. <p>Think:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Know about Consumer price index
Geomagnetic storm	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recently, Earth was hit by the strongest geomagnetic storm in over two decades. ● This storm caused radio blackouts. <p>About geomagnetic storm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A geomagnetic storm is a major disturbance of Earth's



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magnetosphere.

- These storms are the result of variations in the solar wind.
- These variations produce major changes in the currents, plasmas, and fields in Earth's magnetosphere.
- The largest geomagnetic storms are associated with solar coronal mass ejections (CMEs).

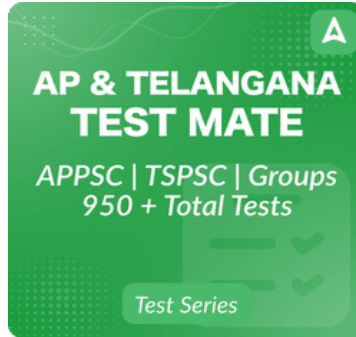
Exercise Tarkash

Why in news?

- The India-U.S joint exercise is being conducted for coordinated operations in urban counter-terrorism contingencies.
- This exercise will conclude in Kolkata.

About Exercise Tarkash:

- This is the seventh edition of the Indo-U.S. joint counter-terrorism exercise named "Tarkash".
- The exercise is between the elite National Security Guard (NSG) from India and the U.S. Special Operations Forces (SOF).
- The primary objective of the bilateral exercise is to build a functional relation between the two special forces.
- It aims to enhance interoperability between these forces.



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