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Indian Navy commissions INS Aravali in Gurugram (Sept 15)

The Indian Navy commissioned its new naval base, INS Aravali, at Gurugram, marking a significant boost to its information and communication infrastructure. The ceremony took place in the presence of Adm. Dinesh K Tripathi who said the new base, “INS Aravali embodies the Prime Minister’s vision of MAHASAGAR-Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions- and strengthens India’s role as the Preferred Security Partner in the Indian Ocean Region.” The new naval base will play an important role in strengthening Navy’s maritime security and operational readiness framework.

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India gets license to scour new part of Indian Ocean for precious metals (Sept 16)

India has secured an exploration license from the ISA to explore polymetallic sulphides in the Carlsberg Ridge of the Indian Ocean. Polymetallic sulphides, contain high concentration of metals such as zinc, silver, copper, and gold significant for electronics, clean energy technologies, and other high-tech applications. The Minister of S&T Jitendra Singh said the agreements would help in enhancing India’s mineral and maritime exploration capabilities.

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“Purpose is to address challenges facing the Indo-Pacific region”: MEA Joint Secretary A Ajay Kumar (Sept 19)

The third episode of the Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave was organised by, the MEA in partnership with the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industries, to discuss regional challenges, maritime partnerships, and the impact of global trade dynamics. Explaining the objective of the episode, Ajay Kumar, Joint Sec said, “Yesterday and today, we have assembled a number of experts from the Indian side and the business community. The purpose is to look into a lot of challenges facing the Indo-Pacific region.”

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