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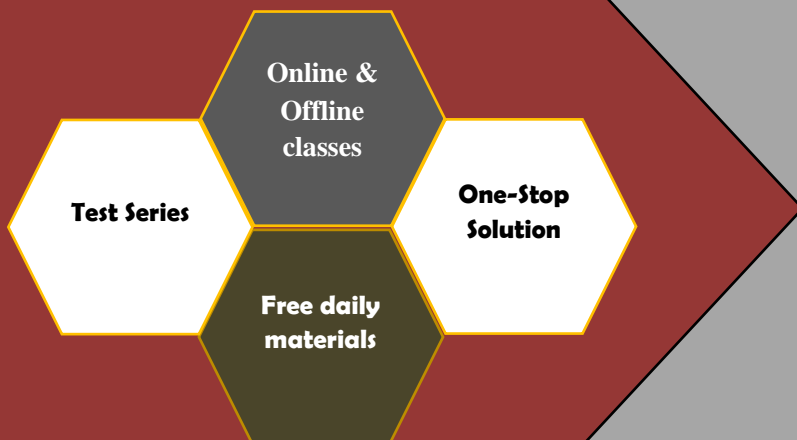
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Indian Navy Day

- Every year, Indian Navy Day is celebrated on 4th December to respect the Indian Navy's counter-attack in Operation Trident during the Indo-Pakistan war in 1971.

About:

- The Indian Navy was established in 1612 by the East India Company.
- This year, the Navy plans to celebrate the theme Swarnim Vijay Varsh to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of India's victory in the 1971 war.
- Operation Trident:
- It was a counter-attack by the Indian Navy on the Karachi harbour during the Indo-Pakistan war in 1971.
- India used anti-ship missiles for the first time during this operation and destroyed the Pakistani destroyer ship PNS Khaibar.
- The Indian Navy's three warships - INS Nipat, INS Nirghat and INS Veer - played an important role in the attack.

Indian Navy:

- It is headed by the President of India as its Supreme Commander.
- Indian Navy's Motto is - Sam no Varunah that means that the God of water, Varuna, should be auspicious unto us.
- Some of the earliest operations of the Indian Navy include its contribution in liberating Goa from Portugal in 1961.
- The Navy has developed as an admirable force with the making of the nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine INS Arihant and several other ships.
- The Indian Navy currently has one aircraft carrier, the INS Vikramaditya which was a former Russian ship that was commissioned into service in 2013.
- It operates three classes of submarines: Chakra (it has the nuclearpowered INS Chakra) , Sindhughosh and Shishumar.
- The Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC) 1 named INS Vikrant has recently (2021) started sea trials (one of the last phases of trials).
- Marine Commandos or MARCOS is the special force unit of the Indian Navy, trained to conduct amphibious warfare, counterterrorism, special reconnaissance, hostage rescue and asymmetric warfare.
- They were the first to respond to the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks