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### National & International News

#### Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C)

##### Why in news?

- 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”**.

##### Key points:

- These cybercrimes were committed by **individuals posing as police and law enforcement authorities**.
- The **Union Home Ministry** identified this as an **organized online economic crime**.
- It was found to be **operated by cross-border crime syndicates**.

##### About I4C:

- 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**.



#### Igla-S

##### Why in news?

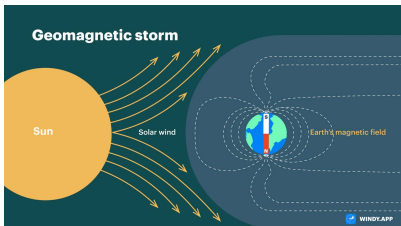
- The **Indian Army** is set to receive another set of **Russian Igla-S very short-range air defence systems (VSHORAD)**.

##### About

- **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
- **Guidance System:** Infrared homing with a passive seeker



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



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• These variations produce major changes in the currents, plasmas, and fields in Earth's magnetosphere.</li><li>• The largest geomagnetic storms are associated with solar coronal mass ejections (CMEs).</li></ul>
Exercise Tarkash	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The India-U.S joint exercise is being conducted for coordinated operations in urban counter-terrorism contingencies.</li><li>• This exercise will conclude in Kolkata.</li></ul> <p><b>About Exercise Tarkash:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This is the seventh edition of the Indo-U.S. joint counter-terrorism exercise named "Tarkash".</li><li>• The exercise is between the elite National Security Guard (NSG) from India and the U.S. Special Operations Forces (SOF).</li><li>• The primary objective of the bilateral exercise is to build a functional relationship between the two special forces.</li><li>• It aims to enhance interoperability between these forces.</li></ul>

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