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Tupilov Aircraft

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- Indian Navy's iconic iconic Tupolev-142M anti-submarine warfare aircraft will be decommissioned soon.
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- It was inducted in to Indian navy from erstwhile USSR in 1988.
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- It is a long range maritime patrol aircraft inducted in INS Rajali and it is the fastest turboprop aircraft in the world.
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- The aircraft has been mainly used for long range maritime reconnaissance and anti-submarine warfare operations.
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- It was deployed in operations like operation cactus in maldives, operation Vijay and operation Parakram in 2002 and anti-piracy operations from 2011 to till date.
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- The aircraft will be replaced by the newly inducted Boeing P-8I aircraft.
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Titu Mir

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- Syed Mir Nisar Ali, or Titu Mir is a peasant leader who led the Narkelberia Uprising in 1831 against zamindars and British colonial authorities.
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- The Narkelberia uprising is often considered as the first armed peasant uprising against the British.
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- He constructed a fort of bamboo at Narkelberia and declared independence from the British administration.
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- He also fought against Hindu landlords who imposed beard-tax on the Farizis.

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- The Faraizi Movement was founded in 1818 by Haji Shariatullah to give up un-Islamic practices and act upon their duties as Muslims. The movement protected the rights of tenants.
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Shanti Prayas

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- Shanti Prayas is a Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI) exercise designed to train defense personnel for participation in United Nations (U.N.) peacekeeping missions.
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- It is a multinational Peacekeeping Exercises conducted annually and the previous editions were held in Nepal in 2000 & 2013.
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- The third edition Shanti Prayas III is being held in Nepal and will end on April 7.
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- Throughout the exercise, participants receive training in skills required to successfully carry out U.N. peacekeeping mission mandates.
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- India, Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh are among the largest contributors of troops to the UN peacekeeping forces.
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- Some of the participating countries in Shanti Prayas III are Nepal, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, South Korea, U.S, U.K, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and others. China is not a part of this exercise.
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Hongi

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- It is the traditional way of greeting by Maori people.
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- The Maori are the native or indigenous Polynesian people of New Zealand.
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- Polynesian concepts such as tapu (sacred), noa (non-sacred), mana (authority/prestige) and wairua (spirit) governed everyday Maori living.
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- Te Reo Maori is the Maori Language, is an official language of New Zealand.
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- The early settlers of Maori in New Zealand hunted the moa - large flightless birds, to extinction.
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