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Hwasong-17, North Korea's new 'monster missile'

Relevance: Prelims

North Korea test fired its massive new **Hwasong-17** intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM).

The Hwasong-17 is **nuclear-armed North Korea's biggest missile yet**, and is the **largest road-mobile**, liquid-fuelled **ICBM** in the world.

Its diameter is estimated to be between 2.4 and 2.5 metres, and its total mass, when fully fuelled, is likely somewhere between 80,000 and 110,000 kg.

Unlike North Korea's earlier ICBMs, the Hwasong-17 is **launched directly from a transporter, erector, launcher (TEL) vehicle** with 11 axles.

It is said that the missile can travel as far as **15,000 km** (9,320 miles), enough to reach the continental United States.



Honey Trapped

Relevance: Prelims & GS Mains II; Bilateral Relations

Why in news?

- The **Delhi Police** on November 18 **arrested a driver working with the Ministry of External Affairs** in connection with an alleged **espionage case**.
- Police sources said that the driver was '**honey trapped**' and is said to have passed on confidential information to the other accused involved in the case.
- The arrest took place after security agencies alerted the police that the driver was passing on the information to someone in Pakistan.

Meaning

- The practice of 'honey trapping' refers to the use of **romantic or sexual relationships to get information out of a target**.
- The information can be **used for monetary advancement or to achieve political ends**, such as in the case of state espionage. Sometimes, **honey traps are also laid for extortion or blackmail purposes**.

Previous case

- **K V Unnikrishnan, a Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) officer** was allegedly honey trapped in the 1980s, by a woman suspected of being a CIA (Central Intelligence Agency, the foreign intelligence agency of the United States).
- She was working as an **air hostess** with the **now-defunct Pan Am Airlines**, while Unnikrishnan was working as the **head of the Chennai division of RAW and dealing with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE)**.
- Unnikrishnan was **arrested in 1987 for leaking information through the woman**. His arrest came just before the signing of a peace accord between India and Sri Lanka.

Allied shoring and Friend shoring

Relevance: Prelims & GS Mains III; Economics

Terms

- **Onshoring** - Undertaking **business operations at home**
- **Reshoring** - Undertaking business **operations at home**, which were **earlier outsourced abroad**
- **Nearshoring** – Shifting business operations to **nearby countries**
- **Allied shoring** – Shifting business operations to countries which are **allies**
- **Friend shoring** - Shifting business operations to countries which share **friendly relations**

- **Why Allied shoring and Friend shoring is being talked about?**
- The term, a cousin of “reshoring” and “onshoring” and a sibling to “nearshoring,” is shorthand for the practice of relocating supply chains to countries where the **risk of disruption from political chaos is low.**