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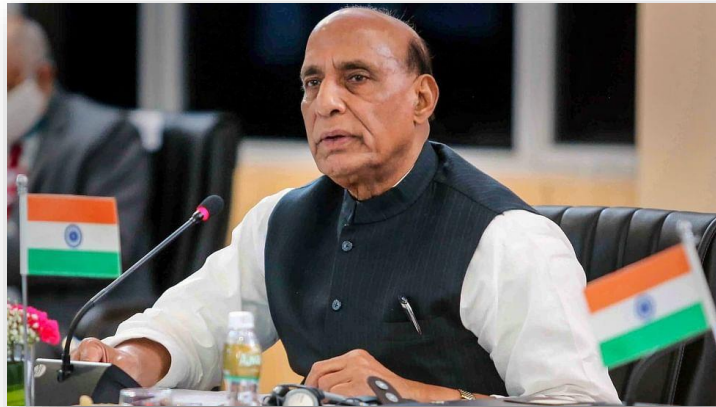


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Government Approves Military Modernization Projects Worth Rs 76,000 Crore

- In a major boost to 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', the Defence Acquisitions Council, chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, gave preliminary approval to military modernization projects costing Rs 76,000 crore, including the Navy's next-generation corvettes.
- The approval will help cut India's dependence on foreign imports for military equipments. India is one of the largest defence importers in the world.
- The Indian Army to procure Rough Terrain Forklift Trucks (RTFLT), Bridge Laying Tanks (BLTs), Wheeled Armoured Fighting Vehicles (Wh AFVs) with Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGMs), and Weapon Locating Radars (WLRs) from domestic sources, with a focus on indigenous design and development.
- The Indian Navy for the procurement of Next Generation Corvettes (NGC) at a cost of around Rs 36,000 crore. Surveillance missions, escort operations, deterrence, Surface Action Group (SAG) operations, Search & Attack, and Coastal Defense will all be possible with these NGCs.
- The Navratna CPSE M/s Hindustan Aeronautics Limited for the manufacture of Dornier aircraft and Su-30 MKI aero-engines, with a focus on increasing indigenization, particularly in the area of aero-engine material.
- The DAC has authorized the 'Digital Coast Guard' project under the 'Buy (Indian) Category,' in line with the government's aim for digital transformation in defense.



IRBM Agni-4 Successfully Tested

- A successful training launch of an IRBM, Agni-4, was carried out at approximately 1930 hours on June 06, 2022, from APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha. The successful test was part of routine user training launches carried out under the aegis of the Strategic Forces Command.
- The launch validated all operational parameters as also the reliability of the system. The successful test reaffirms India's policy of having a 'Credible Minimum Deterrence' Capability.
- **Agni-IV-**
 - Agni-IV is the fourth in the Agni series of missiles which was earlier known as **Agni II prime**. It has been developed by India's DRDO and displayed a number of new technologies and significant improvements in missile technology.
 - **Engine:** Multi-stage composite rocket motor
 - **Flight altitude:** 900 kilometres
 - **Launch platform:** 8 × 8 transporter erector launcher/Rail Mobile Launcher
 - **Length:** 20 metres,
 - **Operational range:** 3,500 – 4,000 km



Joint Exercise “Ex Khaan Quest 2022”

- A Multinational Peacekeeping exercise “**Ex Khaan Quest 2022**” featuring participation from military contingents from 16 countries has commenced in Mongolia today. Mr. Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh, the Hon’ble President of Mongolia inaugurated the Exercise in an impressive ceremony organised at the exercise location in Mongolia.
- Indian Army is represented by a contingent from the **LADAKH SCOUTS**. The 14-day exercise is aimed at enhancing interoperability, building a military-to-military relationships, and developing peace support operations and military readiness among participating nations.
- **India-Mongolia Relations**
- India and Mongolia have interacted through Buddhism throughout history.
- India, the first country outside the former Soviet bloc of nations to open diplomatic relations with Mongolia in **1955**, upgraded ties with Mongolia to a strategic partnership.
- In 2015, Mongolia witnessed the **first ever visit by the Prime Minister** of India (a part of India’s **Act East policy**).
- Mongolia has publicly reiterated its support for India’s membership to the permanent seat of the expanded **UNSC**.
- India has played an important role in getting Mongolia membership in key international forums, including the UN, despite strong opposition from **China**

and Taiwan. India also championed the inclusion of Mongolia in the **Non-Aligned Movement**.

- Other Forums of which both the countries are members: **Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM), WTO**.
- India is a member whereas Mongolia is an observer state at **the SCO**.
- **Economic Cooperation:**
- India - Mongolia bilateral trade was USD 38.3 million in 2019, down from USD 52.6 million in 2018.
- **Defence Cooperation:**
- Joint defence exercises code-named **Nomadic Elephant**.
- India is also an active participant in an annual week-long joint training exercise called the **Khaan Quest**, hosted by Mongolia.



Brahmos Aerospace Will Set Up Its Missile Production Unit At Lucknow

- The defence firm BrahMos Aerospace had signed an agreement with UPEIDA to set up the BrahMos manufacturing centre, a modern and state-of-art facility in the Lucknow node of UP Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC).
- The foundation stone of the BrahMos manufacturing facility was laid by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in December last year.
- The facility will be spread over 200 acres and produce the new BRAHMOS-NG (Next Generation) variant, which carries forward the lineage of the BRAHMOS weapons system.

- The manufacturing centre would be ready over the next two to three years and will commence production at a rate of **80-100 BRAHMOS-NG missiles per year**.
- The **BRAHMOS-NG** has been envisioned as a smaller and lighter, yet smarter weapon system having more versatility, lethality and flexibility along with ultra-precision for deployment onboard a wide range of military platforms, aerial as well as naval.

Key features of BRAHMOS-NG would be:

- Reduced Dimension & Weight for widespread usage
 - Advanced next generation stealth
 - Greater effectiveness against ECCM
 - Higher versatility in underwater combat applications
 - Launch readiness from Torpedo tube and vertical orientation
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- BRAHMOS-NG also promises to be a highly competent weapon system in the worldwide missile market by providing the existing frontline air and naval platforms of several countries with the choice of deploying a versatile, flexible and universal supersonic cruise missile system in a lighter, smaller and compact configuration without compromising on its higher speed, existing strike range, lethality, stealth and other important characteristics. The miniature missile could also be deployed in land-attack configuration.



Mega Fighter Deal For IAF & Indian Navy Could Be Split

- The Union government is looking at splitting the mega deal for 114 Multi-Role Fighter Aircraft (MRFA) for the Indian Air Force (IAF) into two separate orders, even as the Navy pursues its own fighter aircraft acquisition programme.
- Indian defence and security establishment said that instead of acquiring **114** fighters in one go, as was planned earlier, the government is looking at going in for an initial order of **54 aircraft** for the IAF.
- This would involve **18 fighters** being bought off-the-shelf from the foreign Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) and **36** being built in India through a joint venture under Make In India.
- The IAF is banking on the MRFA along with the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas Mk 1A and the future-generation indigenous Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA).



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which Defence Firm Signed MOU With UP GOV For Setting Up Brahmos Manufacturing Centre?

- A. BrahMos Aerospace
- B. DRDO
- C. OFB
- D. ODF

ANSWER: A

2. Agni-4 Tested Fired From

- A. APJ Abdul Kalam Island

- B. Konkan Coast
- C. Kochi
- D. A&Nc

ANSWER: A

3. “Ex Khaan Quest 2022” Hosted By

- A. Qatar
- B. Mongolia
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: B

4. Indian Army is represented by a contingent from the__ KHAAN QUEST EX 2022?

- A. Sikh Regiment
- B. JKLI
- C. Rajput Regiment
- D. Ladakh Scouts

ANSWER: D

5. IRBM Stands For

- A. Intermediate-range Ballast Missile
- B. Intermediate-range Ballistic Mobile
- C. Intermediate-range Ballistic Missile
- D. None

ANSWER: C

6. Major General Rank of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of IAF?

- A. Flying Officer
- B. Flight Lieutenant
- C. Squadron Leader
- D. Air Vice Marshal

ANSWER: D

7. Valour and faith Is The Motto Of

- A. Mechanised Infantry Regiment
- B. JKLI
- C. Rajput Regiment
- D. Ladakh Scouts

ANSWER: A

8. Regimental Centre of RAJPUT REGIMENT Is In

- A. Sultanpur
- B. Noida
- C. New Delhi
- D. Fatehgarh

ANSWER: D

9. Defence Acquisition Council Headed By

- A. Defence Minister
- B. CDS
- C. COAS
- D. PM

ANSWER: A

10. INS Sindhukirti Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Tank

ANSWER: C

11. Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) is a shipyard located in

- A. Mumbai
- B. Kochi
- C. Chennai
- D. Visakhapatnam

ANSWER: D

12. INS Brahmaputra (F31) Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Guided missile frigate

ANSWER: D

13. World's Highest Battlefield Is In

- A. Drass
- B. Kishtwar
- C. Jaipur
- D. Siachen

ANSWER: D

14. Ulaanbaatar Is The Capital Of

- A. Oman
- B. Mozambique
- C. Mongolia
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

15. "Kashmiri Century: Portrait of a Society in Flux" Book Is Written By

- A. Kavitha Rao
- B. Bimal Jalan
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Khemlata Wakhlu

ANSWER: D

16. AFV Stands For

- A. Armoured Fighting Vehicle
- B. Armoured Furious Vehicle
- C. Army Fighting Vehicle
- D. None

ANSWER: A

17. Where Is The Hq Of The Southern Command of The Indian Navy?

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

18. Iveco LMV Is a

- A. Air to Air missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Armour Vehicle

D. Communication satellite

ANSWER: C

19. Exercises B/w The India And Mongolia Is Called:

A. Nomadic Elephant

B. SLINEX

C. Indra

D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: A

20. India Purchased Rafale Jet from

A. USA

B. Sweden

C. France

D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

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