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— 2023 —

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2023 was a landmark year for MoD as giant strides were made towards realising the vision of the Government, led by PM Narendra Modi, to create a strong, secure, self-reliant, and inclusive India.



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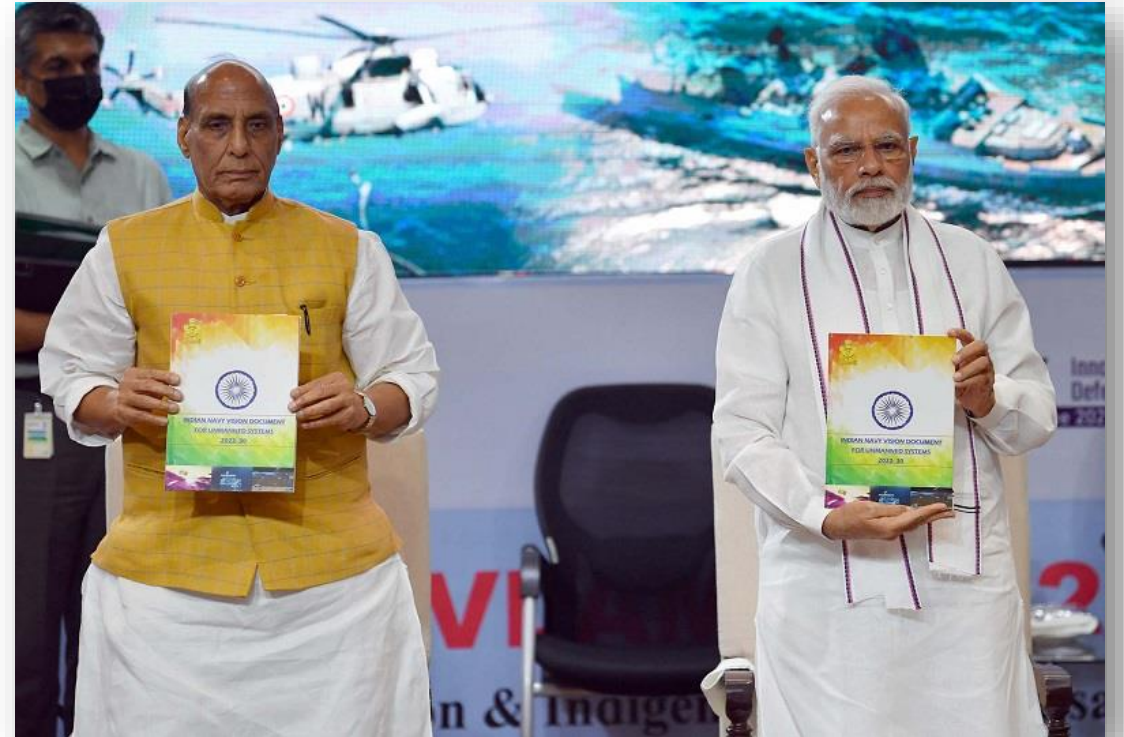
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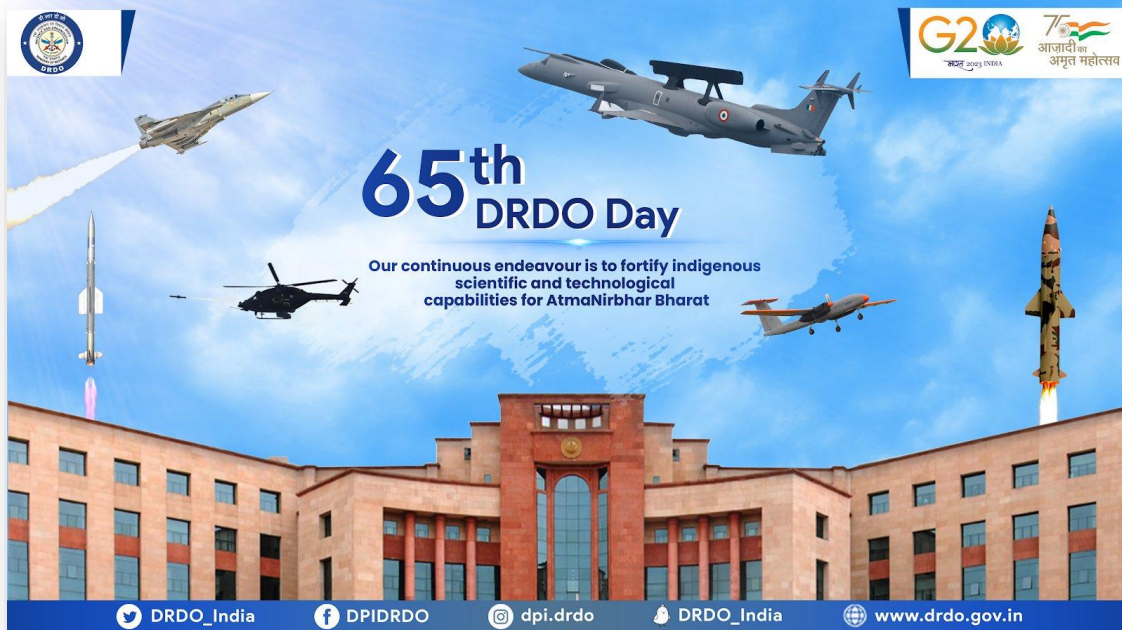
HAL Helicopter Factory

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DRDO Celebrates Its 65th Foundation Day

- Floral tributes paid at the bust of former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam at DRDO Hq in New Delhi to mark the 65th Foundation Day of the Organisation, which is celebrated on **1st January** every year.



Formation

- It was formed in **1958** from the amalgamation of the Technical Development Establishment (TDEs) of the Indian Army and the Directorate of Technical Development & Production (DTDP) with the Defence Science Organisation (DSO).



Formation

- DRDO is a network of more than 50 laboratories which are deeply engaged in developing defence technologies covering various disciplines, like aeronautics, armaments, electronics, combat vehicles, engineering systems etc.



Captain Shiva Chauhan Becomes The 1st Women Officer To Be Operationally Deployed In Siachen

- Captain Shiva Chauhan from the Corps of Engineers has been posted at a frontline post in Siachen Glacier, in first such operational deployment of an woman Army officer at the world's highest battlefield.



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- The officer was posted at the Kumar post, located at an altitude of around 15,600 feet in Siachen, for a three-month stint after she underwent rigorous training. The training included endurance training, ice wall climbing, avalanche and crevasse rescue and survival drills.



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- The Siachen glacier lies in the Karakoram Range. It is 75 km (47 miles) long, which makes it the second longest nonpolar glacier in the world, after Fedchenko Glacier in Tajikistan.



New Ballistic-Helmet For Sikh Soldiers

- Indian Army troops belonging to the Sikh community will now soon be receiving ballistic helmets, designed especially for them to wear on their turbans. Army officials are describing this procurement as the first such order for the Sikh soldiers.



New Ballistic-Helmet For Sikh Soldiers

- The Indian Army is planning to purchase as many as **12,730** ballistic helmets under emergency procurement using the fast-track mode.



About the MKU Helmet 'Veer'

- Kanpur based company is perhaps the only one in India which has designed and developed the special helmet for the Sikh soldiers.
- Karvo ballistic helmets 'Veer' is compatible with Modular Accessory Connector System (MACS).



Sizes of Helmets

- The Ministry Of Defence will buy two types of helmets including **8,911 large** helmets and **3,819 extra-large** helmets which will be procured with the condition that their content must include majorly indigenous design as mentioned in the official document of the ministry.

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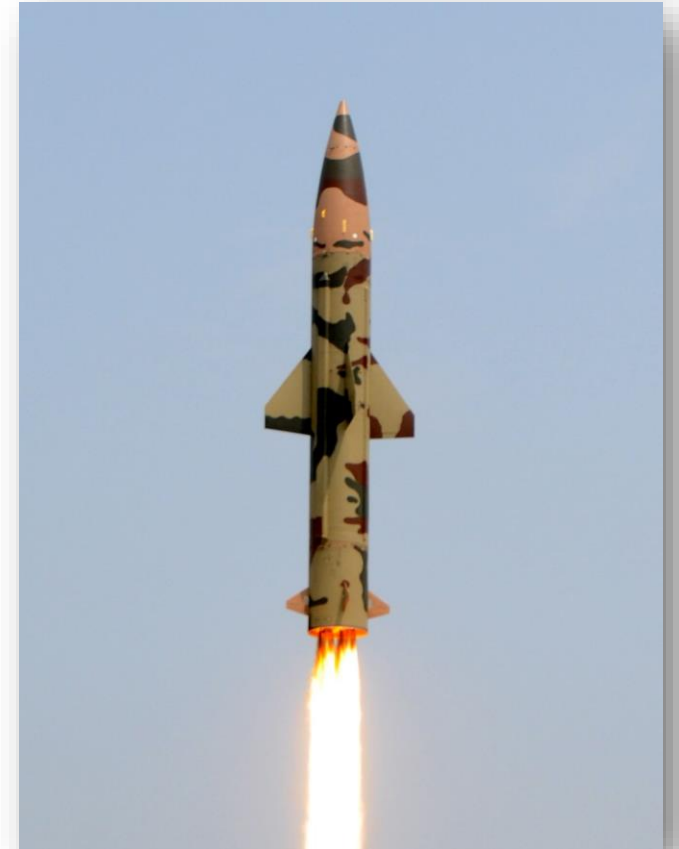
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**PROTECTING THOSE
WHO PROTECT US**

Successful TRAINING LAUNCH OF SRBM, Prithvi-II

- A successful training launch of a Short-Range Ballistic Missile, Prithvi-II was carried out on January 10, 2023, from the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha. A well-established system, Prithvi-II missile, has been an integral part of India's nuclear deterrence.



Successful TRAINING LAUNCH OF SRBM, Prithvi-II

- The missile struck its target with high accuracy. The user training launch successfully validated all operational and technical parameters of the missile.



DAC Approves AON For Three Capital Acquisition Proposals

- A meeting of DAC, held on January 10, 2023, under the chairmanship of Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh, accorded Acceptance of Necessity for three capital acquisition proposals, amounting to Rs 4,276 crore. All three proposals - two of the Indian Army and one of the Indian Navy - are under the Buy (Indian-IDDMM) category.



DAC Approves AON For Three Capital Acquisition Proposals

- The DAC accorded AoN for procurement of HELINA Anti-Tank Guided Missiles, launchers, and associated support equipment which will be integrated into the ALH. This missile is an essential part of weaponization of ALH for countering enemy threats. Its induction will strengthen the offensive capability of the Indian Army.



DAC Approves AON For Three Capital Acquisition Proposals

- The DAC also accorded AoN for procurement of VSHORAD (IR Homing) missile system under design and development by DRDO. In view of the recent developments along the Northern borders there is a need to focus on effective Air Defence (AD) weapon systems which are man portable and can be deployed quickly in rugged terrain and maritime domain.

ICGS Kamala Devi Commissioned By ICG VS Pathania

- Notably, Kamala Devi is 48.9 meters long and 7.5 meters wide with a displacement of 308 tons. The ship is capable of achieving a maximum speed of 34 knots, powered with the MTU 4000 series Engine and propelled by three 71S type three Kamewa waterjet of Rolls Royce.



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- This ship is capable of undertaking multiple tasks including surveillance, interdiction, search and rescue operations, and medical evacuation. The ship is also equipped with a 30 mm 2A42 Medak Gun and a 12.7mm SRCG (Stabilized Remote Controlled Gun).



'Take a bow': Over 1,000 Indian Peacekeepers Awarded UN Medals For Outstanding Service In South Sudan

- Over 1,000 Indian peacekeepers, including five female Army personnel, have been honoured with UN medals for their vital work in the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS).



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- **Captain Karishma Kathayat**, an engineer, was one of them. Like Major Chattha, she hails from a military family. "It is a great feeling to contribute to a better standard of living for people. We are here to serve. We take great pride in our engineering work," she said.



Captain Surbhi Jakhmola 1st Woman Officer Posted On Foreign Assignment At BRO

- The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) builds and maintains road networks along India's borders and in friendly neighbouring countries. Captain Surbhi Jakhmola of the Indian Army's 117 Engineer Regiment will be the first woman officer to be posted on a foreign assignment at the BRO.



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- The officer will be sent to Bhutan as part of **Project Dantak**. The BRO is an executive road construction force in India that supports the Indian armed forces.



Captain Surbhi Jakhmola, 1st Woman Officer Posted On Foreign Assignment At BRO

- The BRO's deployment comes just days after the Indian Air Force deployed woman fighter pilot squadron leader Avani Chaturvedi to Japan for the exercise Veer Guardian 2023, which took place from January 16 to 26 at the Hyakuri Air Base.



Veterans' Day Celebrated All Across The Nation

- The Indian Armed Forces celebrated the 7th Armed Forces Veterans' Day on 14 January 2023. Veterans' Day is celebrated in recognition of the services rendered by the First Commander-in-Chief of Indian Armed Forces, Field Marshal KM Cariappa, OBE who retired on this day in 1953.



Veterans' Day Celebrated All Across The Nation

- The celebrations also witnessed the release of **SAMMAAN magazine**, a yearly journal published by Directorate of Indian Army Veterans covering informative articles and various topics of interest to the veteran community. The Indian Air Force also released the **VAYU SEMVEDNA** magazine on the occasion.



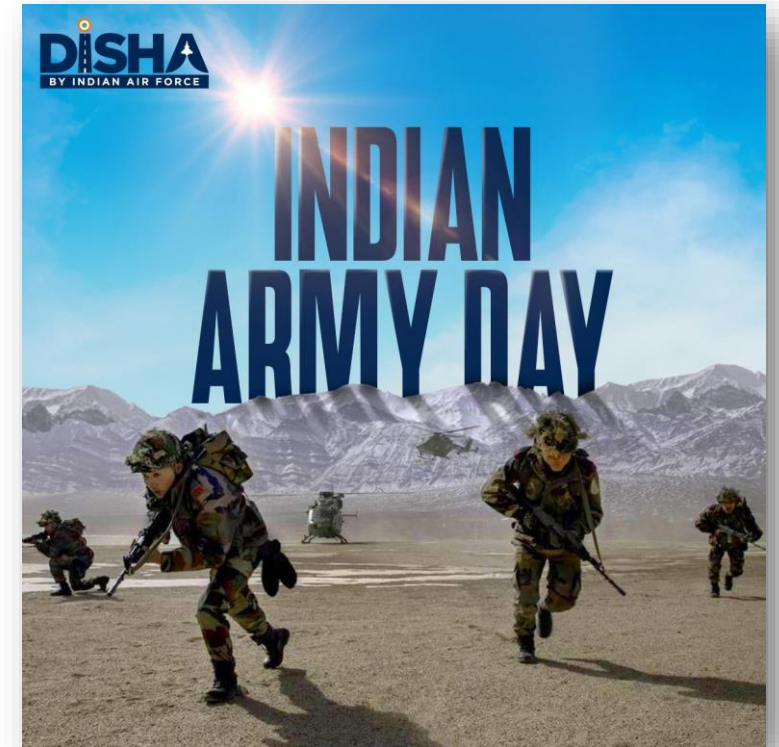
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- The Armed Forces Veterans' Day is being commemorated since **14 Jan 2017** to reaffirm the camaraderie between the retired, the serving and the nation on this day takes a moment to reflect, remember & honour the heroes who made the supreme sacrifice and selflessly served the nation.



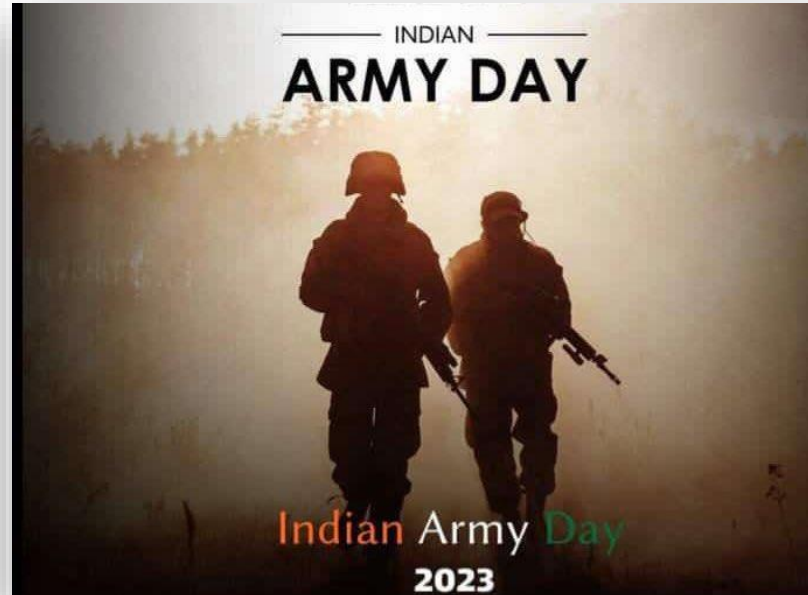
Indian Army Day 2023

- Indian army day 2023 is celebrated on 15th January 2023 and it marks the **75th** anniversary of Indian army day. Every year on January 15, India celebrates its Army Day. The Indian Army conducted Army Day parade at Bengaluru and other related events for the first time outside Delhi to connect to the people of the country.



Indian Army Day 2023

- It is the day on which **Field Marshal Kodandera M. Cariappa** (then a Lieutenant General) took over as the first Commander in Chief of the Indian Army from the last British Commander in Chief of India, **General Francis Bucher** in the year 1949.



BSF ex-DG Pankaj Kumar Singh Appointed Deputy NSA

- Retired Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF) Pankaj Kumar Singh has been appointed as the Deputy National Security Adviser in National Security Council Secretariat for a period of two years.



BSF ex-DG Pankaj Kumar Singh Appointed Deputy NSA

- As per a National Security Council of Secretariat order issued on January 15, Singh a 1988-batch Indian Police Service officer of the Rajasthan cadre has been appointed on a re-employment contract, for a period of two years with effect from the date of assumption of charge of the post, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.



BSF ex-DG Pankaj Kumar Singh Appointed Deputy NSA

- When Singh took charge of the BSF on August 31, 2021, he had created a history of a son and a father holding the top post of a paramilitary force during their services. His father and retired IPS officer of the 1959 batch, Prakash Singh, had also headed the BSF from June 1993 to January 1994.



India Remains In Fourth Place In The Annual Global Firepower Ranking

- India is ranked 4th out of 145 countries considered for the annual GFP review in 2023. The country has a PwrIndx* score of 0.1025 (a score of 0.0000 is regarded as 'perfect'). The Global Firepower Index is based on fifty distinct factors ranging from geography to logistical capability. Manpower, land forces, airpower, natural resources, naval forces, logistics, and finances are also included.

India Remains In Fourth Place In Firepower Ranking

- China, India's main rival in the region, remains in **third place**, while Pakistan, which was in **ninth place** in 2022 after falling to 15th in 2021, remains in seventh place.

1	United States	PwrIndx: 0.0712	↔
2	Russia	PwrIndx: 0.0714	↔
3	China	PwrIndx: 0.0722	↔
4	India	PwrIndx: 0.1025	↔
5	United Kingdom	PwrIndx: 0.1435	▲
6	South Korea	PwrIndx: 0.1505	↔
7	Pakistan	PwrIndx: 0.1694	▲
8	Japan	PwrIndx: 0.1711	▼
9	France	PwrIndx: 0.1848	▼
10	Italy	PwrIndx: 0.1973	↔

NDRF Celebrated 18th Raising Day

- Living up to its motto of ‘**Saving Lives and Beyond**’ during any natural disaster in the country, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) is celebrating its 18th raising day, January 19. The Force, since its formation, has played a crucial role in disaster management and dealing with its threats.



NDRF Celebrated 18th Raising Day

- The NDRF was formed in 2006 under the Disaster Management Act. The Force was constituted for the purpose of specialized response to natural and man-made disasters. Calamities like the Orissa Super Cyclone in 1999, the Gujarat Earthquake of 2001 and the Indian Ocean Tsunami in 2004 brought to light the need for a comprehensive disaster management plan.



Exercise AMPHEX 2023

- The largest biennial Tri-Services amphibious exercise – AMPHEX 2023 – involving the **Indian Army, IAF, and the Indian Navy**, was conducted near Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh from **January 17 to January 22**.



Exercise AMPHEX 2023

- The joint operations conducted during the exercise saw the participation of a large number of troops from the Indian Army, amphibious warships from the Indian Navy, and aircraft from the IAF.



Participating Troops

- Indian Army participated in the exercise with over **900 troops** which included Special Forces, Artillery and Armoured vehicles. **Jaguar** fighters and **C 130** aircraft from the IAF also participated in the exercise.



COMMISSIONING OF FIFTH KALVARI CLASS SUBMARINE 'VAGIR'

- Indian Navy's fifth stealth Scorpene class Submarine INS Vagir was commissioned into the Indian Navy, on 23 Jan 2023 at the Naval Dockyard Mumbai in the presence of Adm R Hari Kumar, CONS, the Chief Guest for the ceremony.



COMMISSIONING OF FIFTH KALVARI CLASS SUBMARINE 'VAGIR'

- Six Scorpene Class submarines are being built in India by the MDL Mumbai, under collaboration with **M/s Naval Group, France.**



COMMISSIONING OF FIFTH KALVARI CLASS SUBMARINE 'VAGIR'

- INS Vagir would form part of the **Western Naval Command's** Submarine fleet and would be another potent part of the Command's arsenal.
- Vagir was launched on 12 Nov 20, under Project 75 (P75) and was delivered to Indian Navy on 20 Dec 22 post completion of sea trials.



Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar-2023

- For the year 2023, **Odisha State Disaster Management Authority and Lunglei Fire Station, Mizoram**, both in the Institutional category, have been selected for the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar-2023 for their excellent work in Disaster Management.

**ODISHA EXCELS IN
DISASTER
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Odisha State Disaster Management Authority selected for **Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar**

Awarded in **institutional category**

For services **in the field of Disaster Management**

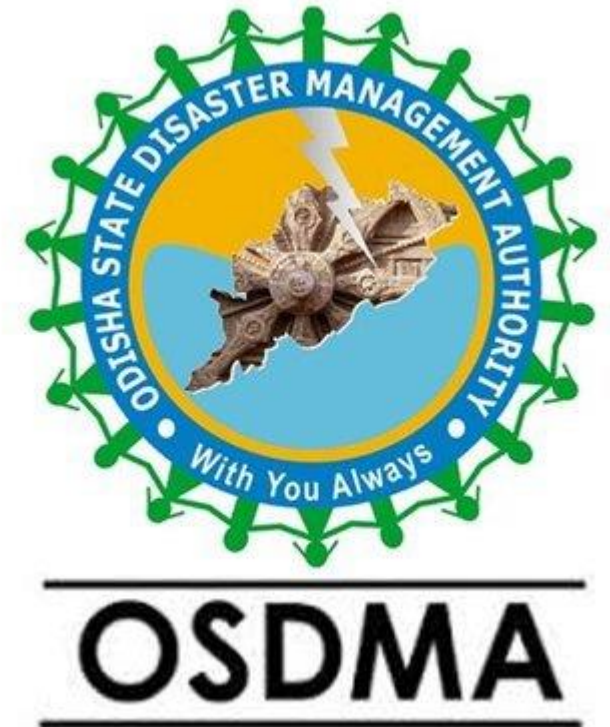
Award conferred **by Gol**

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The infographic features a portrait of a man in a white shirt, a map of Odisha, and several photos showing disaster relief activities. It includes the Odisha State Disaster Management Authority logo and social media handles for CMO.Odisha.

Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar-2023

- The Government of India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has instituted an annual award known as Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar to recognize and honour the invaluable contribution and selfless service rendered by individuals and organizations in India in the field of disaster management.



Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar-2023

- The award carries a cash prize of **Rs. 51 lakhs** and a certificate in the case of an institution and **Rs. 5 lakhs** and a certificate in the case of an individual.



Following Is A Summary Of The Outstanding Work Of The Winners Of 2023 Award

- Odisha State Disaster Management Authority was established in 1999 in the aftermath of the Super Cyclone. OSDMA embarked on multiple initiatives including raising of the Odisha Disaster Response Action Force Multi-hazard Early Warning Service framework, and a cutting-edge technology-enabled web/smartphone-based platform called "SATARK" (System for Assessing, Tracking, and Alerting Disaster Risk Information based on Dynamic Risk Knowledge).

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- Lunglei Fire Station, Mizoram, responded efficiently and effectively to a massive forest fire reported on 24 April 2021 in the uninhabited forest areas surrounding Lunglei town and spread to more than 10 village council areas. Lunglei Fire Station personnel assisted by local civilians worked continuously for more than 32 hours during which they motivated and provided on-the-spot training to residents.

PM Names 21 Largest Islands In Andaman And Nicobar After 21 Indian Heroes

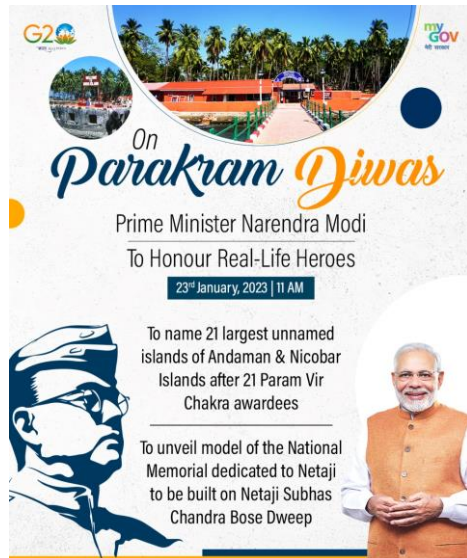
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi named the 21 largest unnamed islands of Andaman and Nicobar Islands after Param Vir Chakra awardees in a ceremony on Monday on the occasion of Parakram Diwas.



PM Names 21 Largest Islands In Andaman And Nicobar After 21 Indian Heroes

- The largest unnamed island was named after the first Param Vir Chakra awardee, Major Somnath Sharma, who lost his life in action on November 3, 1947, while fighting Pakistani infiltrators near Srinagar Airport.

#	Param Vir Chakra awardees	Islands Name
1.	Major Somnath Sharma	Somnath Island
2.	Subedar and Hony Captain (then Lance Naik) Karam Singh, MM	Karam Singh Island
3.	2nd Lt. Rama Raghoba Rane	Rane Island
4.	Nayak Jadunath Singh	Jadunath Island
5.	Company Havildar Major Piru Singh	Piru Island
6.	Capt GS Salaria	Salaria Island
7.	Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) Dhan Singh Thapa	Dhan Singh Island
8.	Subedar Joginder Singh	Joginder Island
9.	Major Shaitan Singh	Shaitan Singh Island
10.	CQMH. Abdul Hamid	Hamid Island
11.	Lt Col Ardeshir Burzorji Tarapore	Tarapore Island
12.	Lance Naik Albert Ekka	Ekka Island
13.	Major Hoshiar Singh	Hoshiar Island
14.	2nd Lt. Arun Khetrapal	Khetrapal Island
15.	Flying Officer Nirmaljit Singh Sekhon	Sekhon Island
16.	Major Ramaswamy Parameswaran	Ramaswamy Island
17.	Naib Subedar Bana Singh	Bana Island
18.	Captain Vikram Batra	Batra Island
19.	Lt Manoj Kumar Pandey	Pandey Island
20.	Subedar Major (then RifleMan) Sanjay Kumar	Sanjay Island
21.	Subedar Major Retd (Hony Captain) Grenadier Yogendra Singh Yadav	Yogendra Island



Exercise TARKASH 2023

- NSG and US Special Operations Forces (SOF) train together to share expertise in urban counter-terrorism, combat shooting, and long-range marksmanship during the ongoing Joint Exercise at Chennai.



Exercise TARKASH 2023

- The National Security Guard, commonly known as Black Cats, is a counter-terrorism unit of India under the Ministry of Home Affairs. It was founded on 16 October 1984, following Operation Blue Star, for combating terrorist activities and protect states against internal disturbances.



EXERCISE TROPEX-23

- The 2023 edition of Indian Navy's major maritime exercise TROPEX, is currently underway in the **Indian Ocean Region**. This operational level exercise is conducted biennially and witnesses participation not only by all Indian Navy units but also of Indian Army, Indian Air Force and ICG assets.



EXERCISE TROPEX-23

- TROPEX 23 is being conducted over a duration of three months from **Jan - Mar 23**. As part of the exercise, all surface combatants of the Indian Navy including **Destroyers, Frigates, Corvettes** as well as submarines and aircraft are put through complex maritime operational deployments.



EXERCISE TROPEX-23

- The maritime exercise also facilitates operational level interaction with the **Indian Army, Indian Air Force and the Coast Guard**, which will further strengthen interoperability and joint operations in a complex environment.



Veer Guardian 2023: Air Exercise Concludes

India and Japan have concluded their maiden air exercise from January 12-26.

This is the first time that the Indian Air Force and Japanese Air Self Defense Forces will be exercising together. The exercise, Veer Guardian 2023, took place at **Hyakuri Air Base, Japan.**



Veer Guardian 2023: Air Exercise Concludes

The deployment of IAF aircraft to Japan has allowed Tokyo to thoroughly examine the capabilities and technologies of Russian-origin combat jets while also deepening Japan's military relationship with India.



Ex Cyclone I

- The joint exercise between Indian Army & Egyptian Army culminated after intense validation training. The exercise was successful in sharing best practices b/w Special Forces of both Nations.



Ex Cyclone I

- The first joint exercise between the special forces of the Indian and the Egyptian Army, 'Exercise Cyclone - I' started on 14 January at **Jaisalmer, Rajasthan**, said the Ministry of Defence.





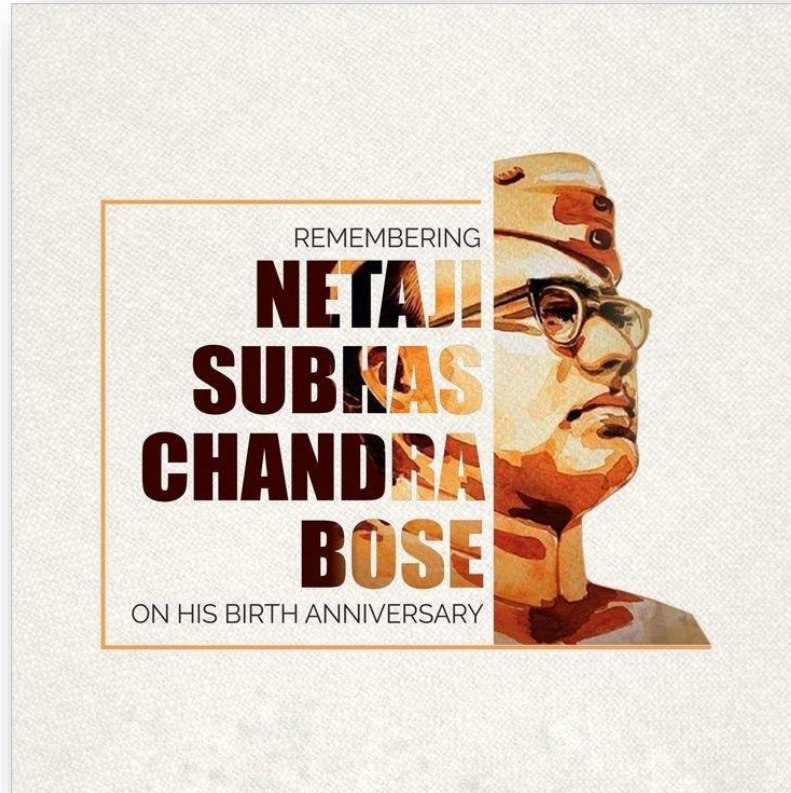
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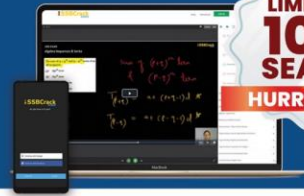




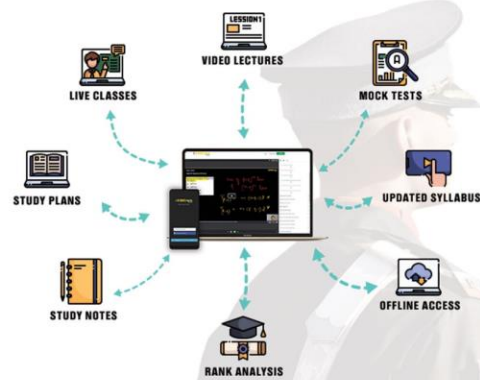
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47th Raising Day Of The Indian Coast Guard.

- Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, CAS and all personnel of the IAF convey their greetings & best wishes on the occasion of the 47th Raising Day of the Indian Coast Guard.



47th Raising Day Of The Indian Coast Guard.

- The Indian Coast Guard is an Armed Force of the Union of India for ensuring the security of the maritime zones of India with a view to the protection of maritime and other national interests in such zones and for matters connected therewith.



47th Raising Day Of The Indian Coast Guard.

- **Founded:** 1 February 1977
- **Headquarters:** Ministry of Defence, New Delhi
- **Helicopter:** HAL Chetak; HAL Dhruv
- **Patrol:** Dornier 228
- **Director General:** Virender Singh Pathania
- **Motto(s):** वयम् रक्षामः



Awards Related To Republic Day 2023

- Best Tableau award among **Central Ministries/Departments** in the popular choice category was given to **CAPF** (Ministry of Home Affairs).





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Ministry of Home Affairs [#CAPFs](#) tableau in [#RepublicDayParade](#) 2023 declared the Best Tableau among Central Ministries/ Department in the Popular Choice category.

The tableau displayed multidimensional role and valour of CAPF Women personnel performing challenging duties.





Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of In...  @TribalAffairs... · Jan 30 ...

It is matter of great pride as the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has bagged the top position among Ministries/Departments for its Tableau at National Level Republic Day celebrations on Kartavya Path! 

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Awards Related To Republic Day 2023

- On the basis of the assessment of the panels, the **Punjab Regiment's contingent** won the best marching contingent among the three services, while the **CRPF** marching contingent won the top prize among the CAPFs and other auxiliary forces.





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Republic Day Parade

◆ Awards 2023 ◆

Best Marching
Contingent among Three Services

(Popular Choice)

(Panels of Judges)



Indian Air Force Marching Contingent



Punjab Regiment Centre Contingent

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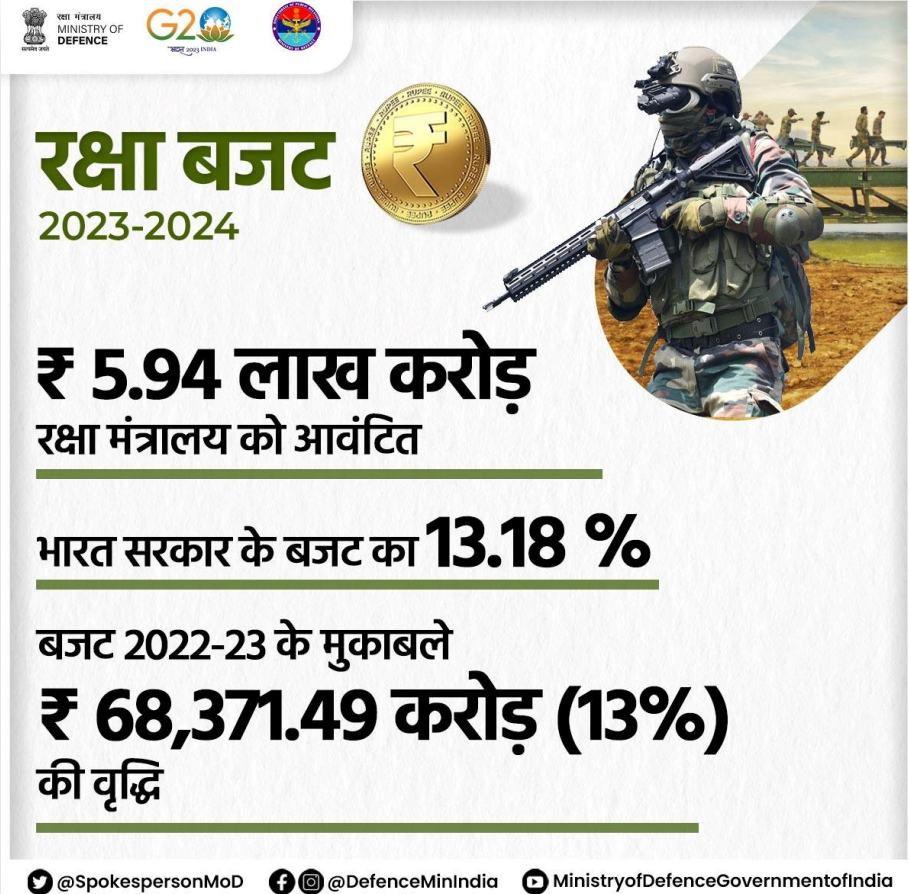
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Defence Budget 2023-24

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday increased allocation to defence Budget to **Rs 5.94 lakh crore** for 2023-24 from last year's (2022-23) allocation of Rs **5.25 lakh crore**.



The infographic features a white background with a green and gold color scheme. At the top left, it includes the Ministry of Defence logo, the G20 India 2023 logo, and the Indian national emblem. The central text is in Hindi, with 'रक्षा बजट' (Defence Budget) in large green letters and '2023-2024' below it. A gold coin with the Indian Rupee symbol is positioned to the right of the title. On the far right, there is a circular image of a soldier in full combat gear holding a rifle. Below the title, the budget amount '₹ 5.94 लाख करोड़' (₹ 5.94 lakh crore) is written in large black font, followed by 'रक्षा मंत्रालय को आवंटित' (Allocated to the Ministry of Defence). A horizontal line separates this from the next section, which states 'भारत सरकार के बजट का 13.18 %' (13.18% of the Government of India's budget). Another horizontal line follows, with the text 'बजट 2022-23 के मुकाबले' (Compared to the budget of 2022-23) in smaller black font. The final figure, '₹ 68,371.49 करोड़ (13%) की वृद्धि' (Increase of ₹ 68,371.49 crore (13%)), is displayed in large black font. At the bottom, social media handles for @SpokespersonMoD, @DefenceMinIndia, and MinistryofDefenceGovernmentofIndia are listed.

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Defence Budget 2023-24

- A total of **Rs 1.62 lakh crore** has been set aside for **capital expenditure** that includes purchasing new weapons, aircraft, warships and other military hardware, stated the Budget report.

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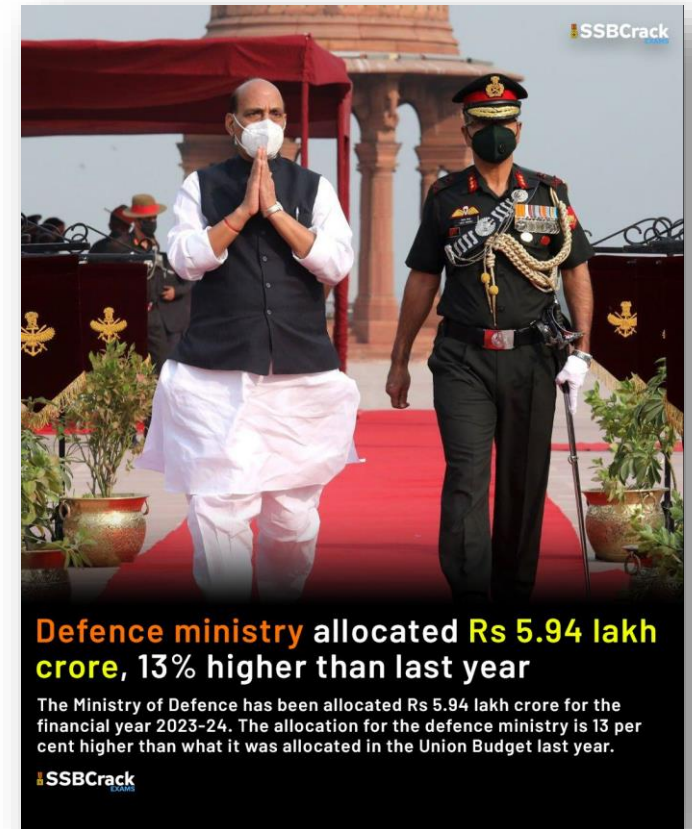
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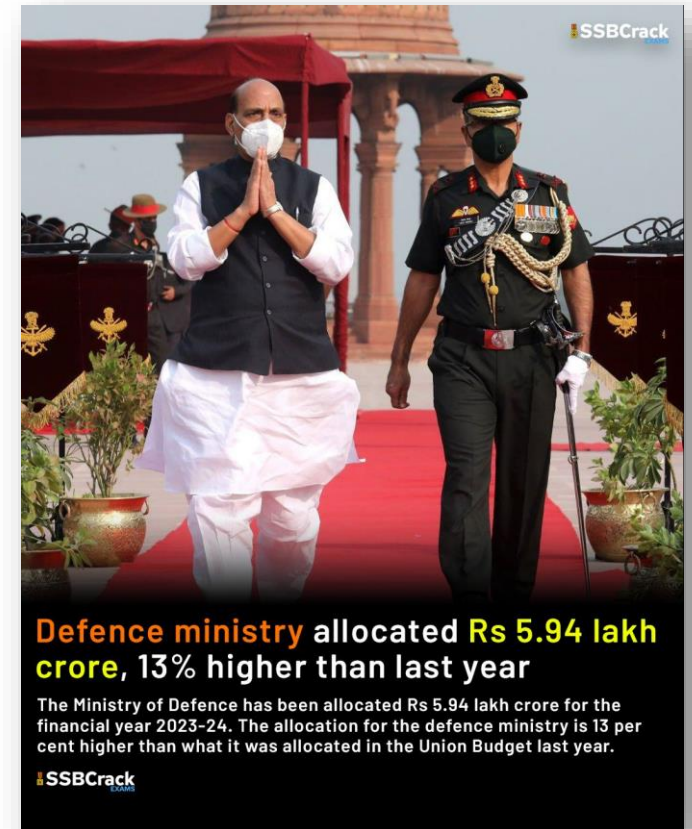
Defence Budget 2023-24

- The Armed Forces have to be battle ready to meet any eventuality. Towards that end, Non-Salary revenue outlay has been enhanced significantly from **Rs 62,431 crore** in Budget Estimates (BE) 2022-23 to **Rs 90,000 crore** in BE 2023-24, representing a **44% jump**.



Defence Budget 2023-24

- This expenditure is expected to close critical gaps in the combat capabilities and equip the Forces in terms of ammunition, sustenance of weapons & assets, military reserves etc. This Budget has also sustained the thrust on Modernisation and Infrastructure Development of the Defence Services, by continuing an upward trend in Capital Outlay.



Defence Budget 2023-24

- According to 2023-24 budget documents, an allocation of ₹ **2,70,120 crore** has been made for revenue expenditure that includes expenses on payment of salaries and maintenance of establishments.



Defence Budget 2023-24

- A separate amount of ₹ **1,38,205 crore** has been allocated for defence pensions. The total revenue expenditure including the pension outlay has been estimated at ₹ **4,22,162 crore**.
- According to the budget papers, the total size of the defence budget is ₹ **5,93,537.64 crore**.

Payment Received From Agniveer Corpus Fund Proposed To Be Exempt From Taxes: FM

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday said payment received from Agniveer Corpus Fund has been proposed to be exempted from taxes.
- The proposal was made by Sitharaman while announcing Union Budget 2023-24.



Budgetary allocations in key sectors

- Rs 1.96 lakh crore allocated to Home ministry
- Rs 1.12 lakh crore given to the Education ministry
- Over Rs 946 crore allocated to CBI
- Sports ministry gets 700 crore plus boost
- Rs 2.40 lakh crore for railways
- Rs 5.94 lakh crore allocated to Defence ministry
- Rs 3,114 crore allocated to Aviation ministry
- Nearly Rs 1,900 cr allocated for buying EVMs
- Rs 1,564 crore allocated for Census 2021



IAF Handed Over The Ceremonial Cane Of 'Lead Provost Service' To ADGPI

- The IAF handed over the Ceremonial Cane of 'Lead Provost Service' for the year 2023-24 to ADGPI.



IAF Handed Over The Ceremonial Cane Of 'Lead Provost Service' To ADGPI

- In the year gone by, the IAF had provided ceremonial cover during events of national importance like Independence Day, Republic Day, Vijay Diwas & visits of foreign heads.



PM Narendra Modi Unveils India's Biggest Helicopter Manufacturing Facility

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday inaugurated the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's helicopter factory -- the country's largest chopper manufacturing facility -- in Tumakuru district of Karnataka.



PM Narendra Modi Unveils India's Biggest Helicopter Manufacturing Facility

- Bengaluru-headquartered HAL plans to produce more than 1,000 helicopters in the range of 3-15 tonne with a total business of more than Rs 4 lakh crore over a period of 20 years at this facility in Gubbi taluk, officials said.



PM Narendra Modi Unveils India's Biggest Helicopter Manufacturing Facility

- The factory, spread across 615 acres for which the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone in 2016, would initially manufacture Light Utility Helicopters (LUH).

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PM Narendra Modi Unveils India's Biggest Helicopter Manufacturing Facility

- Initially, the factory will produce around 30 helicopters per year and can be enhanced to 60 and then 90 every year in a phased manner, according to the Defence Ministry.



MoD Signs Contract With L&T For Procurement Of 41 Indigenous Modular Bridges

- In a major boost to indigenisation of defence equipment under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', Ministry of Defence has approved the proposal for indigenous manufacture of 41 sets of Modular Bridges for the **Corps of Engineers** of the Indian Army.



MoD Signs Contract With L&T For Procurement Of 41 Indigenous Modular Bridges

- These game-changing bridges have been designed and developed by DRDO and shall be produced by **Larsen & Toubro** as a DRDO-nominated production agency. The contract for the procurement of Modular Bridges was signed with L&T on February 08, 2023, at an estimated cost of over **Rs 2,585 crore**.



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- Each set of Modular Bridge shall consist of seven carrier vehicles based on 8x8 Heavy Mobility Vehicles and two launcher vehicles based on 10x10 Heavy Mobility Vehicles. Each set shall be capable of mechanically launching a single span fully decked 46-meter assault bridge.



Amit Shah Presented The 'President's Colour' To The Haryana Police

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah presented the '**President's Colour**' to the Haryana Police in Karnal, Haryana. The police force has showcased valour, patience and courage in every field by maintaining law and order, ensuring public safety, and making life easier for the citizens.



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- The President's Colour Award is the highest honour that can be bestowed upon any military unit of India. It is also known as '**Nishaan**' which is an emblem that is worn by all unit officers on the left-hand sleeve of their uniform.



IAF Develops 'Vayulink' Platform

- The Indian Air Force has developed an innovative solution 'Vayulink' that would aid pilots in dealing with bad weather and also provide jammer-proof uninterrupted communication with the base station.



IAF Develops 'Vayulink' Platform

- The data link communication uses the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) that is also known as NAVIC, to send radio communication to the base station when the signals are low.



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- When the planes are flying close to any friendly forces on grounds during a combat situation, the aircraft display gives the position of such forces on the ground including tanks and troops beneath.



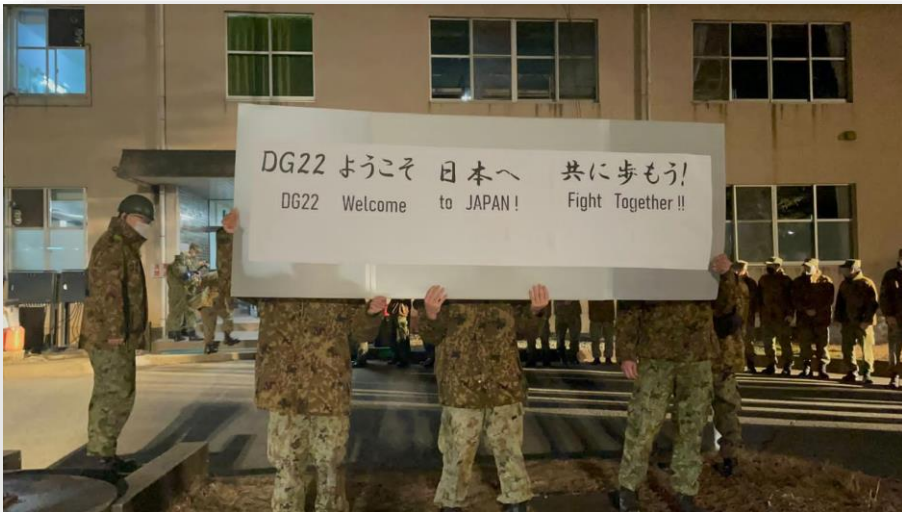
Ex DHARMA GUARDIAN 2023

- The 4th edition of a joint military exercise, “EX DHARMA GUARDIAN”, b/w India and Japan is being conducted at **Camp Imazu** in Shiga province, Japan from 17 February to 02 March 2023.



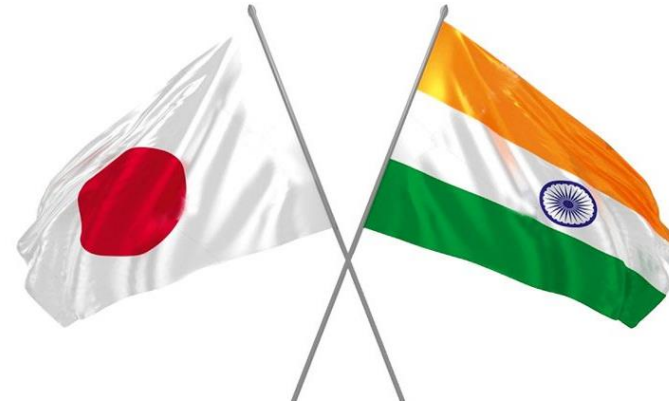
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- The scope of this exercise covers platoon level joint training on operations in jungle and semi urban/urban terrain.



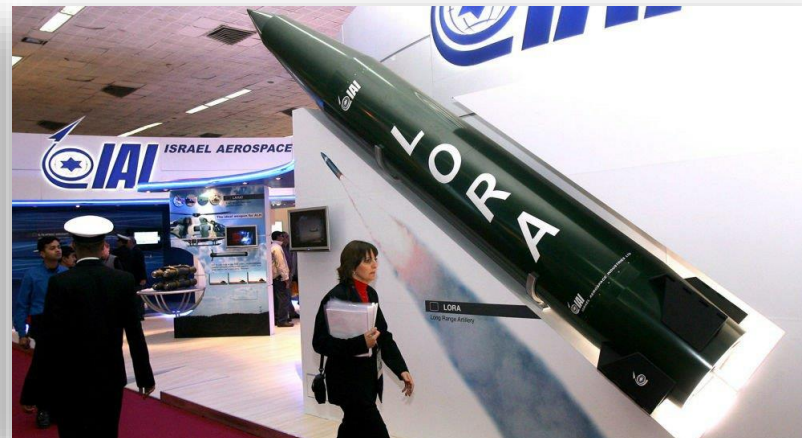
Other India - Japan Exercises

- Ex DHARMA GUARDIAN (Military)
- Ex Shinyuu Maitri (Air Force)
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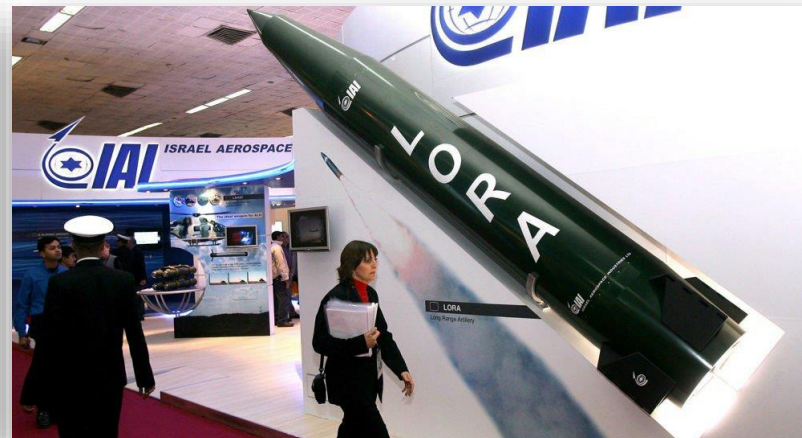
BEL To Manufacture Israel's LORA Ballistic Missile For Indian Tri-Services

- Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Ltd has signed an MoU with Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) for the domestic manufacture and supply of its **Long-Range Artillery Weapon System (LORA)** for the Indian Tri-services.



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- LORA is a **sea-to-ground and ground-to-ground system** developed by IAI's **'MALAM'** division that comprises a long-range ballistic missile, a unique launcher, a command-and-control system, and a ground/marine support system.



EXERCISE 'DUSTLIK' 2023

- The 4th edition of joint military exercise 'DUSTLIK' between the Indian Army and Uzbekistan Army commenced in Foreign Training Node, Pithoragarh (Uttarakhand) on 20 Feb 2023.



EXERCISE 'DUSTLIK' 2023

- **45 Soldiers** each from Uzbekistan and Indian Army are participating in this exercise which is aimed at promoting positive relations between both armies.



Godrej Aerospace To Manufacture 8 Modules Of DRDO Turbojet Engine

- In a first for an Indian private company, Godrej Aerospace has bagged the order to manufacture eight modules of the DRDO's turbojet engine.



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- Godrej & Boyce, the flagship company of the **Godrej Group**, announced that its business **Godrej Aerospace** is the first Indian private company to win the order for manufacturing eight modules of the DRDO Engine for **aerial applications**.



Godrej Aerospace To Manufacture 8 Modules Of DRDO Turbojet Engine

- This experience will pave the way for future projects to develop modules for civil aviation engines as well, the release noted.
- The company has made an investment of around **500 crores** for aerospace and defence projects and has incorporated new processes into its manufacturing processes.

1st Medium Range Surface To Air Missile Regiment Of Indian Army Raised In Eastern Command

- In a significant boost to Indian Army's Air Defence and Capability development along Northern Borders, the first Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) Regiment is being raised in the Eastern Theatre.



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- The Regiment has been equipped with MRSAM Weapon System indigenously developed by DRDO.



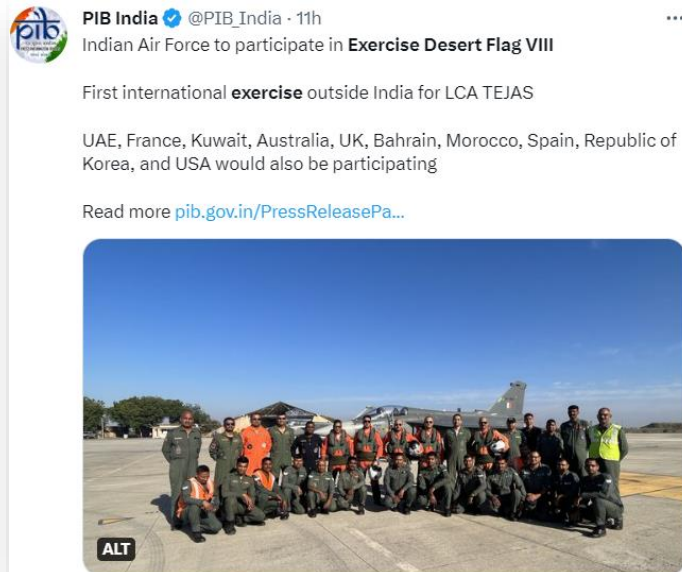
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- "The MRSAM weapon system which is also called the 'Abhra' Weapon System is a state of the art medium range air defence weapon system and is a joint venture of DRDO and IAI with active participation from Indian public and private defence industry partners including MSMEs“.



EXERCISE DESERT FLAG VIII 2023

- An IAF contingent comprising 110 Air Warriors arrived at Al Dhafra airbase of United Arab Emirates & participated in Exercise Desert Flag VIII.



EXERCISE DESERT FLAG VIII 2023

- The IAF participated with five **LCA Tejas** and two **C-17 Globemaster III** aircraft. This is the first occasion when the LCA Tejas shall participate in an international flying exercise outside India.



EXERCISE DESERT FLAG VIII 2023

- Exercise Desert Flag is a multilateral air exercise in which Air Forces from UAE, France, Kuwait, Australia, UK, Bahrain, Morocco, Spain, Republic of Korea, and USA would also be participating.
- The exercise conducted from **27 Feb 23 to 17 Mar 23**.



EXERCISE COBRA WARRIOR 2023

- An IAF contingent comprising 145 Air Warriors departed Air Force Station Jamnagar for participating in Exercise Cobra Warrior at the Waddington Air Force Base of the Royal Air Force in United Kingdom.



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An Indian Air Force contingent of 145 Air Warriors left Air Force Station Jamnagar today to participate in **Exercise Cobra Warrior**.

◆ **Exercise** is scheduled from 06 Mar to 24 Mar at Waddington Air Force Base of the Royal Air Force in United Kingdom.

@DefenceMinIndia @IAF_MCC



EXERCISE COBRA WARRIOR 2023

- The Exercise Cobra Warrior is a **multilateral Air exercise** in which Air Forces from Finland, Sweden, South Africa, United States of America and Singapore would also be participating alongside Royal Air Force and IAF.



EXERCISE COBRA WARRIOR 2023

- The IAF participated in the exercise this year with five Mirage 2000 fighters, two C-17 Globemaster III and an IL-78 mid air refueller aircraft.





REVIEW QUESTIONS

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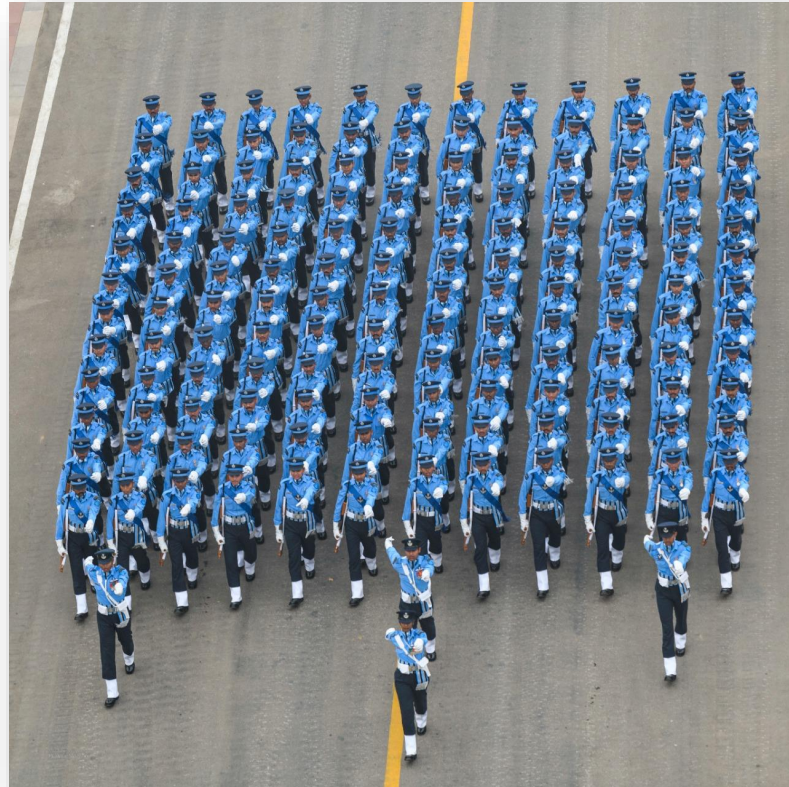


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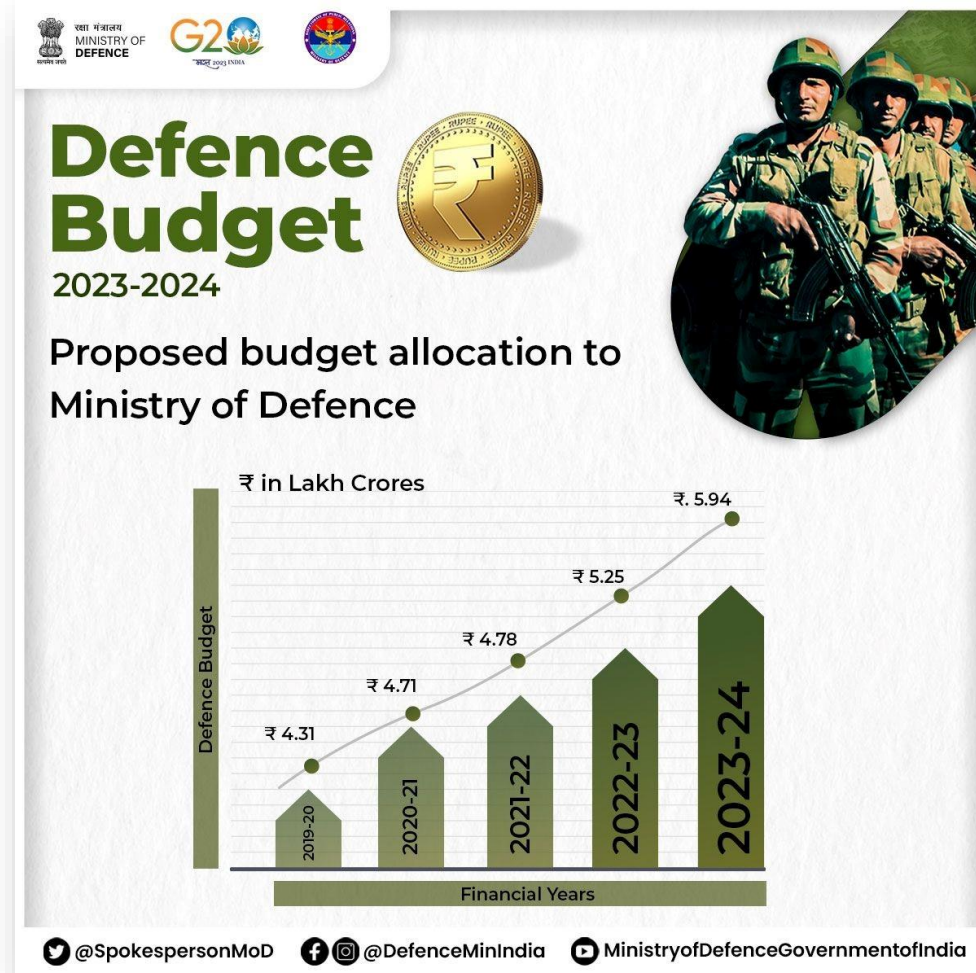


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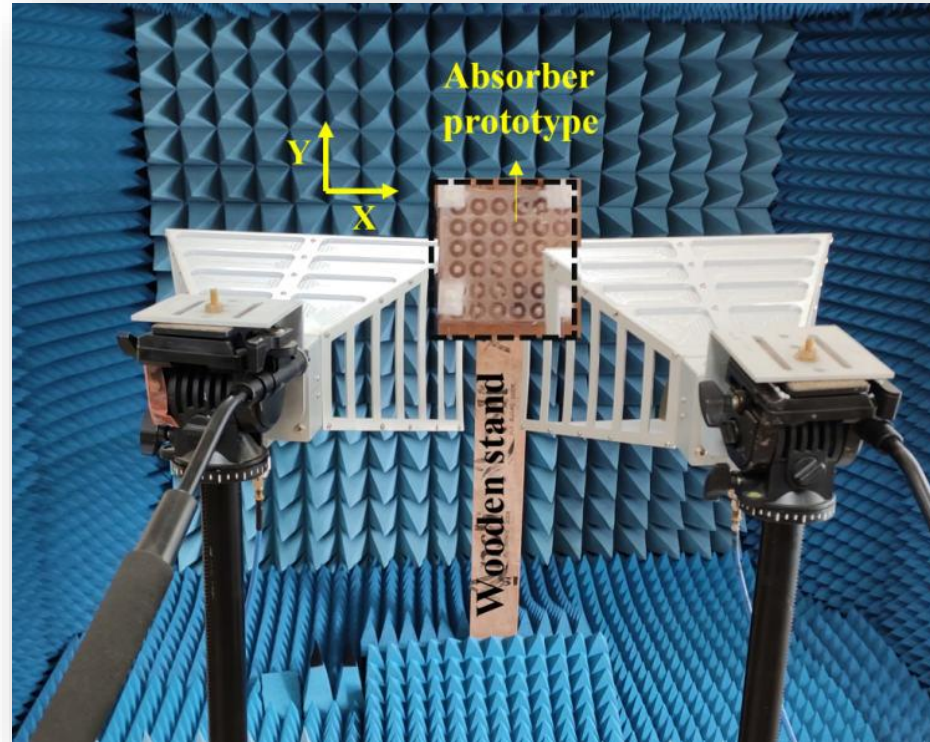


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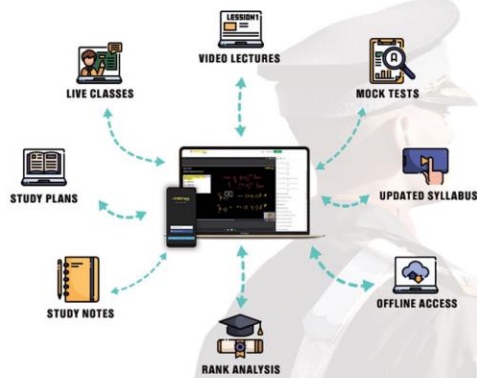
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Defence Ministry Signs Multiple Deals Worth Over Rs 36,400 Crore

- In a major boost to 'Aatmanirbharta' in Defence, the government signed multiple deals worth over Rs 36, 400 crores, giving more firepower to the Army, the Navy and the Indian Air Force.
- BDL signed a deal for supplying two regiments of upgraded versions of the Akash air defence missile systems to the Indian Army.

Defence Ministry Signs Multiple Deals Worth Over Rs 36,400 Crore

The deal for the third and fourth regiments of the missile system has been signed with BDL and would cost over Rs 6000 crore.



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Meanwhile, the Defence Ministry also signed a deal with Indian shipyards for the acquisition of 11 Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels and six Next Generation Missile Vessels at Rs 19,600 crore.



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The contract for the acquisition of 11 OPVs under the Buy (Indian-IDDMM) category was signed with Goa Shipyard Ltd and Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata at a total cost of Rs 9,781 crore.



ITBP Wins 13th All India Police Commando Competition

- The ITBP has won the 13th edition of the All-India Police Commando Competition (AIPCC) 2023 organized by the National Security Guard (NSG).
- A total of 24 top commando teams from the Central Armed Police Forces and State Police Forces participated in the competition that started on March 21.



ISRO Successfully Conducts The Reusable Launch Vehicle Autonomous Landing Mission

ISRO successfully conducted the RLV LEX. The test was conducted at the Aeronautical Test Range (ATR), Chitradurga, Karnataka in the early hours on April 2, 2023.



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The RLV took off at 7:10 am IST by a Chinook Helicopter of the IAF as an underslung load and flew to a height of 4.5 km (above MSL).



SLINEX 2023

Keeping up the high tempo of bilateral and mutual cooperation in the maritime domain, the **10th Edition** of the annual Indian Navy and Sri Lanka Navy bilateral maritime Exercise SLINEX-2023 held in Colombo.



SLINEX 2023

Indian Navy is being represented by **INS Kiltan**, an indigenous **Kamorta class** ASW corvette, and **INS Savitri**, an OPV, whereas **SLNS Gajabahu** and **SLNS Sagara** are representing the Sri Lanka Navy.



Exercise Prasthan 2023

A coordinated multi-agency exercise named Prasthan to evaluate contingency measures for the Offshore Development Area off Mumbai was held Apr 23.

Headquarters: Mumbai

FOC-in-C: Vice Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, AVSM, NM

Branch: Indian Navy

EXERCISE COPE INDIA 2023

Exercise Cope India 23, a bilateral Air Exercise between the IAF and the United States Air Force is being held at Air Force Stations Arjan Singh (Panagarh), Kalaikunda and Agra. The exercise aims to enhance mutual understanding between the two Air Forces and share their best practices.



EXERCISE COPE INDIA 2023

Both sides fielded the C-130J and C-17 aircraft, with the USAF operating an MC-130J, as well.

The exercise also includes the presence of Japanese Air Self Defence Force aircrew, who will participate in the capacity of observers.



Exercise Orion 2023

An IAF contingent arrived in France & participated in Exercise Orion at Mont-de-Marsan, an Air Force base of the French Air and Space Force (FASF).



Exercise Orion 2023

The exercise was conducted from 17 April to 05 May 2023, with the IAF Contingent comprising four Rafale, two C-17, two Il-78 aircraft and 165 air warriors. This would be the first overseas exercise for the IAF's Rafale aircraft.



Ex “AJEYA WARRIOR – 2023”

The 7th edition of the joint military exercise “AJEYA WARRIOR-23” held at Salisbury Plains in the United Kingdom from 27 April to 11 May 2023.





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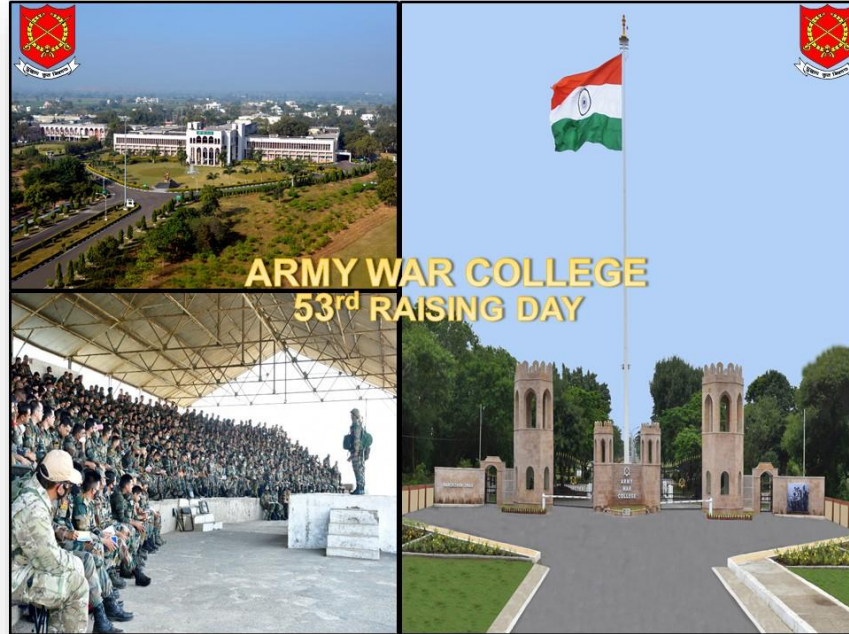


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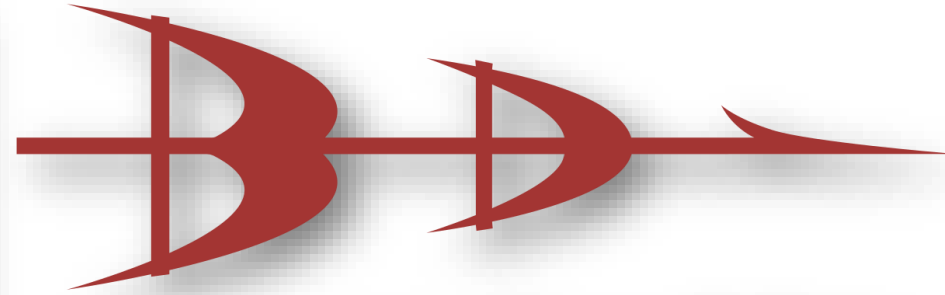
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Synopsis
"The crash occurred in a field, some wooded area," Kentucky State Police Trooper Sarah Burgess said at a news briefing. "At this time, there are no reports of residence damage." Fort Campbell is located near the Tennessee border, about 60 miles (97 kilometres) northwest of Nashville, and the crash occurred in the Trigg County, Kentucky, community of Cadiz.



Nine people were killed in a crash involving two Army Black Hawk helicopters in Kentucky, a military spokesperson said. Nondice Thurman, a spokesperson for [Fort Campbell](#), said



Eastern Region (E) Of ICG Is Located At

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- C. Kolkata
- D. None of the above

Eastern Region (E) Of ICG Is Located At

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Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan Takes Commander-In-Chief, CINCAN

Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan, has taken over as the 17th Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command (CINCAN) on 01 May 2023.



Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan Takes Commander-In-Chief, CINCAN

The Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) is the only Joint-services Command in India and serves as a model for the country's planned theaterisation of **Army, Navy, and Air Force** capabilities.



Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan Takes Commander-In-Chief, CINCAN

- Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan is a distinguished alumnus of the NDA Khadakwasla, having been commissioned into the fighter stream of the IAF in 1986.
- With over 3200 accident-free fighter flying hours on various variants of MIG-21 and Kiran aircraft, he is an accomplished fighter combat leader.

Buland Bharat Exercise 2023

An integrated surveillance and firepower training Exercise BULAND BHARAT was conducted in the recently operationalised longest High-Altitude Artillery Ranges of **Eastern Theatre**.



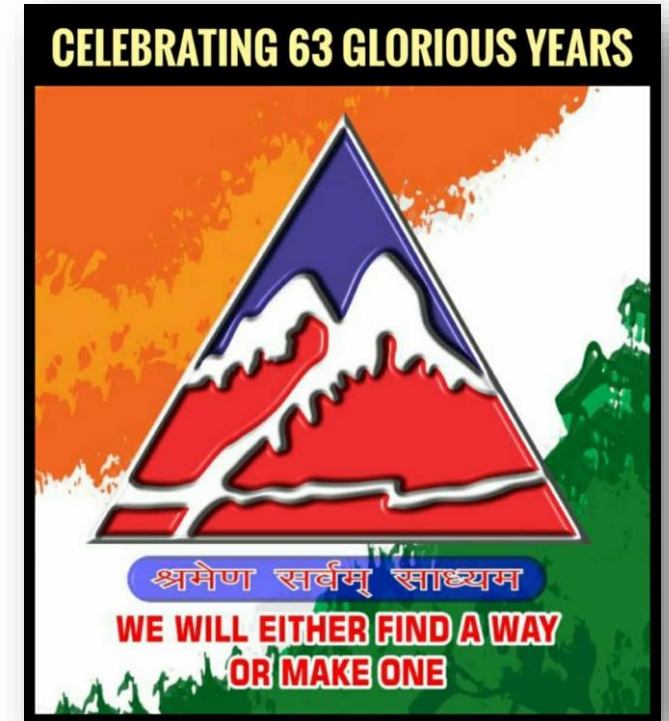
Buland Bharat Exercise 2023

Exercise BULAND BHARAT involved the synergised application of surveillance and firepower capabilities of the Artillery and the Infantry in close coordination with Special Forces, Aviation and Central Armed Police Forces deployed in West Kameng and Tawang districts of **Arunachal Pradesh**.



BRO 64th Raising Day

BRO celebrated its 64th Raising Day on **May 7** with great zeal and enthusiasm at all its locations spread across the country. BRO, the leading road construction agency in India, executes road construction and maintenance works along the **Northern and Western frontiers** primarily to meet the strategic requirements of the Armed Forces.



BRO 64th Raising Day

BRO has constructed over 61,218 km of roads, over 915 bridges, four tunnels, and 19 airfields along India's borders and in friendly foreign countries, including Bhutan, Myanmar, Afghanistan, and Tajikistan.



BRO 64th Raising Day

The organisation is known for its engineering marvels such as the **Atal Tunnel** at Rohtang, which is the **World's Longest Highway Tunnel** above 10,000 feet, the world's highest motorable road over **Umling La at 19024 ft** and maintaining 10 out of the 13 highest passes in the world.



Border Roads Organisation @BROIndia · 4m

#EktaEvamShrdhanjaliAbhiyaan
#BROTurns64

The Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Ajay Bhatt today flagged In the "Ekta Evam Shradhanjali Abhiyan" Motorcycle and Car Rally Expedition Teams.

He interacted with the team who traversed more than 5000 Km and delivered the message of... [Show more](#)



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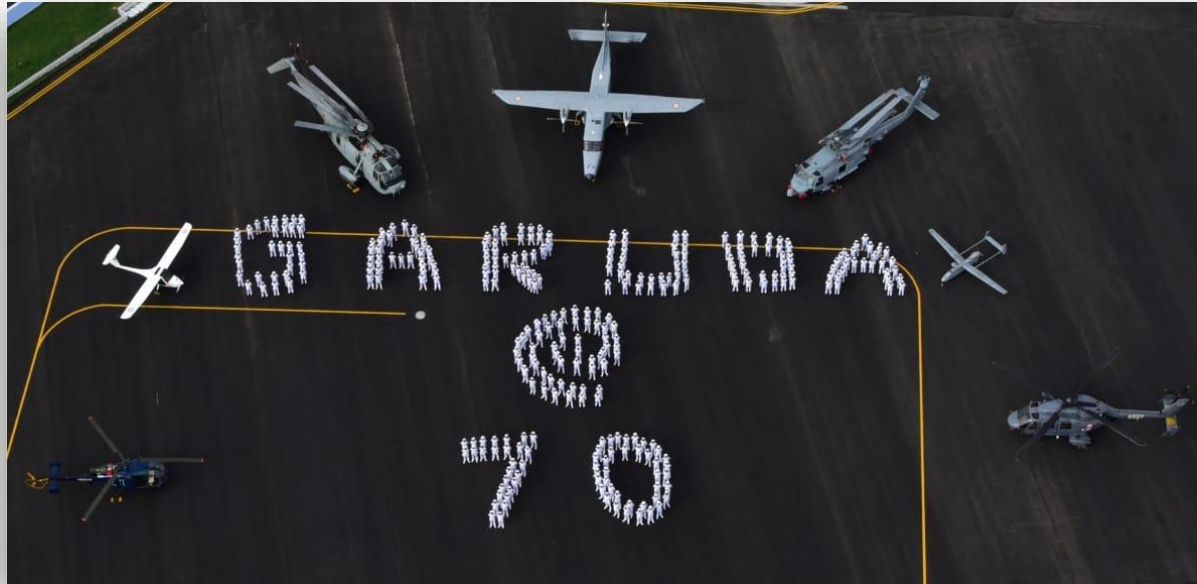
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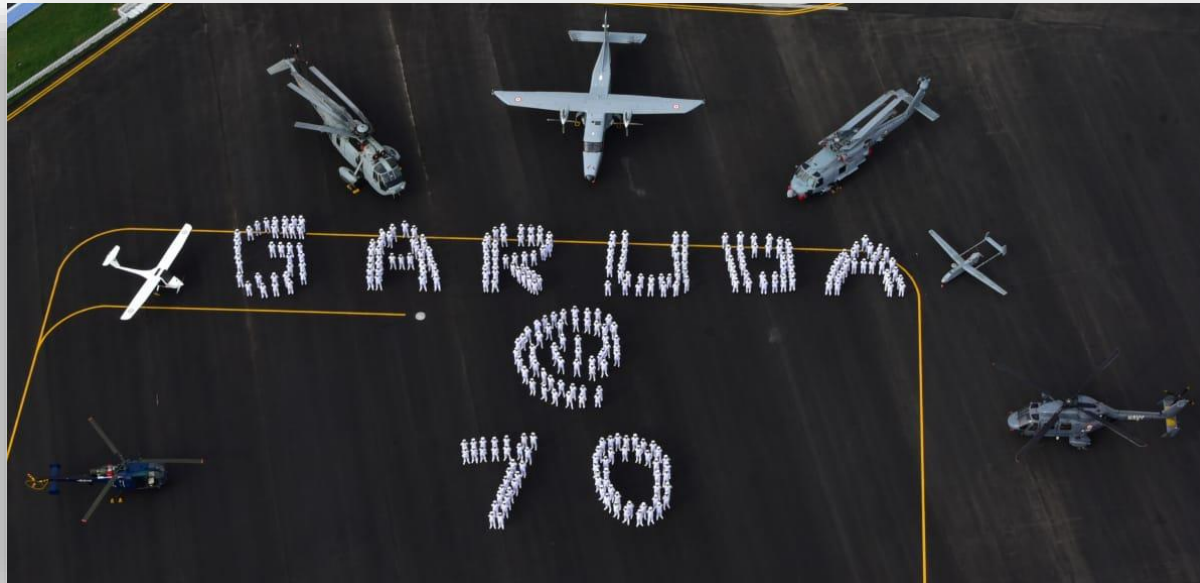
INS Garuda Celebrates 70th anniversary

INS Garuda, the premier Naval Air Station of the **Southern Naval Command** in Kerala's Kochi completed 70 years of glorious service to the Indian Navy.



INS Garuda Celebrates 70th anniversary

Commissioned on **11 May 1953**, it is the **oldest Naval Air Station** which has been associated with the beginning of Naval aviation. Home to the first amphibious aircraft of the Indian Navy, the Sealanders, it has grown into a full-fledged air base operating some of the finest air assets of the Indian Navy.



INS Garuda Celebrates 70th anniversary

Also known as the '**Cradle of Naval Aviation**', it has the unique distinction of operating the oldest as well as the latest aircraft available in the inventory of the Indian Navy.



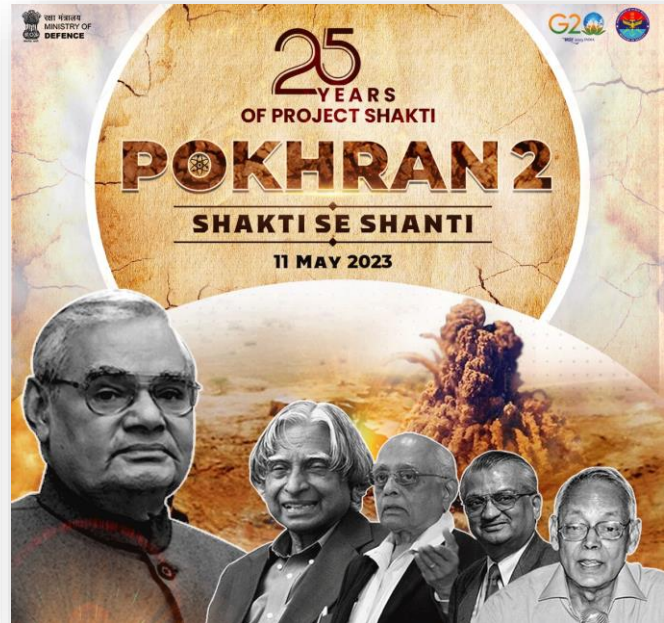
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On 11 May 1953, Naval Air Station **INS Venduruthy II** was formally commissioned as **INS Garuda**. Minister of Defence Organisation Mahavir Tyagi performed the commissioning ceremony.



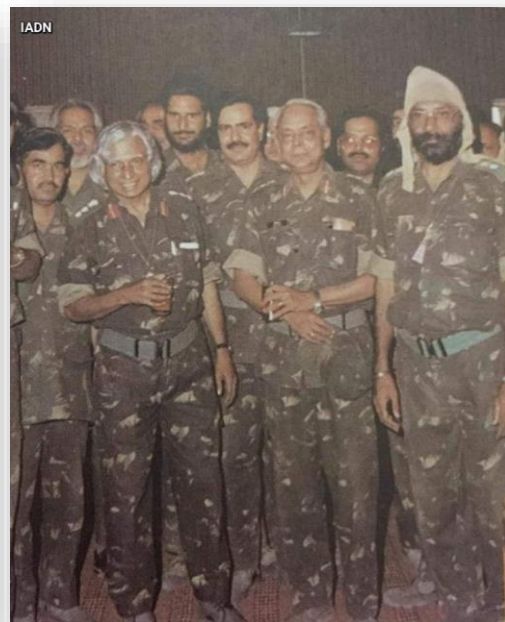
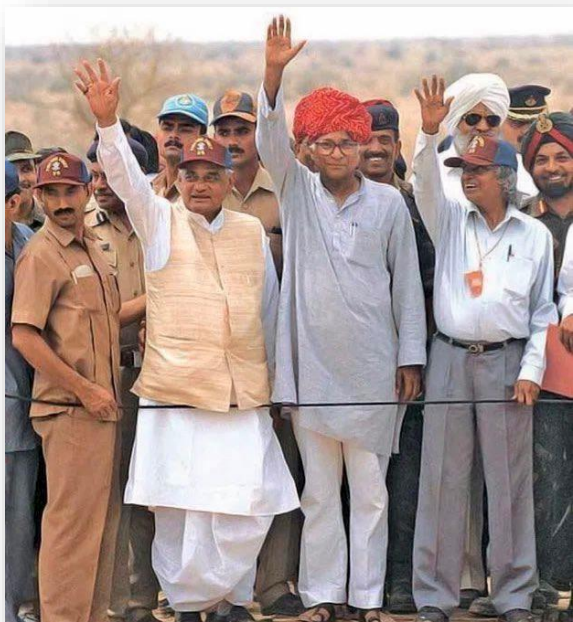
Pokhran Tests, 25 Years Completed

May 11 mark 25 years of series of nuclear tests that were conducted in Pokhran in 1998. The tests included both underground and aboveground detonations, marked a significant milestone in India's nuclear program.



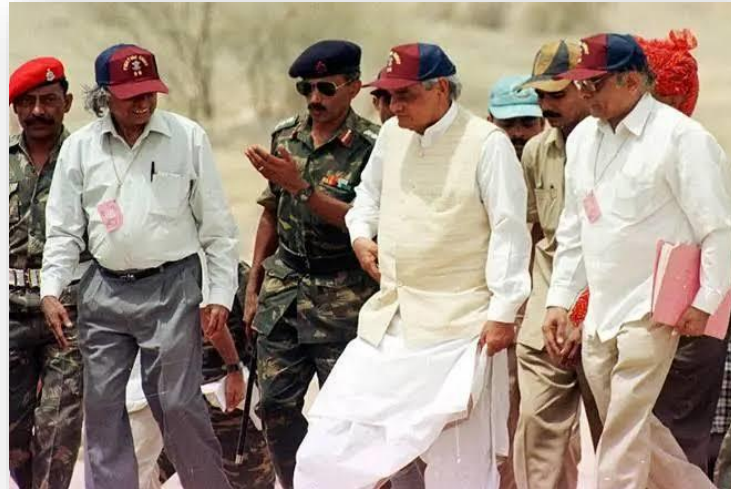
Pokhran Tests, 25 Years Completed

A team of scientists under PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee had conducted **five nuclear tests on May 11 and 13 in 1998**. India's second round of nuclear tests, codenamed **"Operation Shakti"**.



Pokhran Tests, 25 Years Completed

The tests were **hailed as a triumph of Indian science and technology**, but also sparked widespread controversy and condemnation from the global community, leading to a period of diplomatic isolation and economic sanctions for India.



National Technology Day 2023

May 11 is being celebrated as **National Technology Day** to acknowledge the contribution of scientists and engineers in the development of the country.

For 2023, the theme is '**School to Startups-Igniting Young Minds to Innovate.**'



WHEN INDIA BECAME **NUCLEAR**

Three
detonations
happened
on **May 11**
& two on
May 13



Former President
Abdul Kalam and
R. Chidambaram were
the chief coordinators of
Pokhran-II

Power of the three bombs

15kt

Atom
bomb

45kt

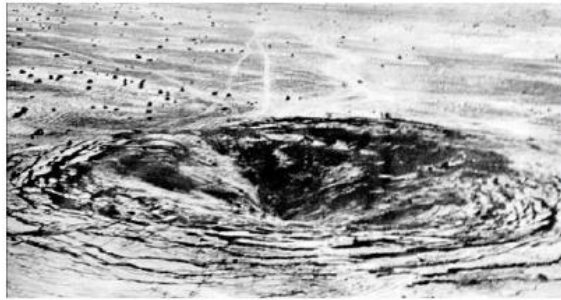
Hydrogen
bomb

0.2kt

The sub-kiloton
device



India became the
6th country to join
the nuclear club



POKHRAN-I

(Operation Smiling Buddha)

May 18, 1974

Tested: **1 Plutonium Implosion Device**

Yield: **12-13 kt**



- Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had on September 7, 1972 authorised work on the nuclear fission device.
- The government called the test a 'Peaceful Nuclear Explosion' (PNE).

Key Scientists

Raja Ramanna, Homi Sethna, B D Nagchaudhuri, P K Iyengar, R Chidambaram, Anil Kakodkar

The aftermath

Pakistan called the test "a nuclear blackmail" by India.

The US was caught by surprise, constituted the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) with the USSR, the UK and others to restrict export of nuke tech.

Canada suspended nuclear energy cooperation with India.



'Tests in Pokhran made India self-reliant, responsible nuclear weapon state'



POKHRAN-II

(Operation Shakti)

May 11-13, 1998

Tested: **5 advanced weapon designs -**

1. **45 kt Thermonuclear Device**
2. **15 kt Fission Device**
3. **0.2 kt Sub-Kiloton Device**
4. **0.5 kt Sub-Kiloton Device**
5. **0.3 kt Sub-Kiloton Device**

Yield: **0.3 kt to 45 kt**



- Prime Minister A B Vajpayee had given the go-ahead for the tests on March 28, 1998
- Vajpayee announced the success of the tests on **May 11, 1998**
- The tests were conducted as part of the **nuclear weaponisation programme**

Key Scientists

R Chidambaram, Anil Kakodkar, K Santhanam, A P J Abdul Kalam

The aftermath

The US strongly condemned the tests, imposed economic sanctions on India

China, Japan, Canada and other nations expressed concern

Pakistan retaliated, carried out its first nuke test, Chagai-I (max yield 32 kt) on May 28, 1998, followed by Chagai-II (max yield 15 kt) on May 30, 1998

Indian Soldiers Could Be Equipped With Jet Pack Suits To Enhance Border Defenses

The Indian Army is reportedly considering equipping soldiers with jet pack suits for border defense against China and Pakistan. The “**Iron Man**” suits would be utilized in semi-urban and urban warfare scenarios and could function as an aerial surveillance platform.



Indian Soldiers Could Be Equipped With Jet Pack Suits To Enhance Border Defenses

However, their effectiveness may be limited in areas with dense vegetation and high winds. The jet pack suits were demonstrated to the Army Borne Training School by Gravity Industries, a British company, and are powered by five gas turbines generating over **1,000 horsepower** with a speed exceeding **60 km/ph**.



Indian Soldiers Could Be Equipped With Jet Pack Suits To Enhance Border Defenses

The Indian Defense Ministry intends to purchase **48 jet pack suits** through an emergency procurement process.



Exercise Samudra Shakti - 23

INS Kavaratti, indigenously designed & built ASW Corvette, arrived at Batam, Indonesia & participated in the **4th edition** of India-Indonesia Bilateral exercise Samudra Shakti-23 from 14-19 May 23.



A. Bharat Bhushan Babu @SpokespersonMoD · 15h

Indigenously built ASW Corvette INS Kavaratti arrived at Batam, Indonesia to participate in 4th edn of  bilateral **exercise Samudra Shakti-23** aimed at enhancing interoperability & mutual cooperation between navies, from 14-19 May 23.
Read for more: pib.gov.in/PressReleasePa...



Exercise Samudra Shakti - 23

An Indian Navy **Dornier Maritime Patrol** aircraft and **Chetak** helicopter participated in exercise.



Exercise Samudra Shakti - 23

The Indonesian Navy represented by KRI Sultan Iskandar Muda, CN 235

Maritime Patrol Aircraft and AS565 Panther Helicopter.



Other Exercise

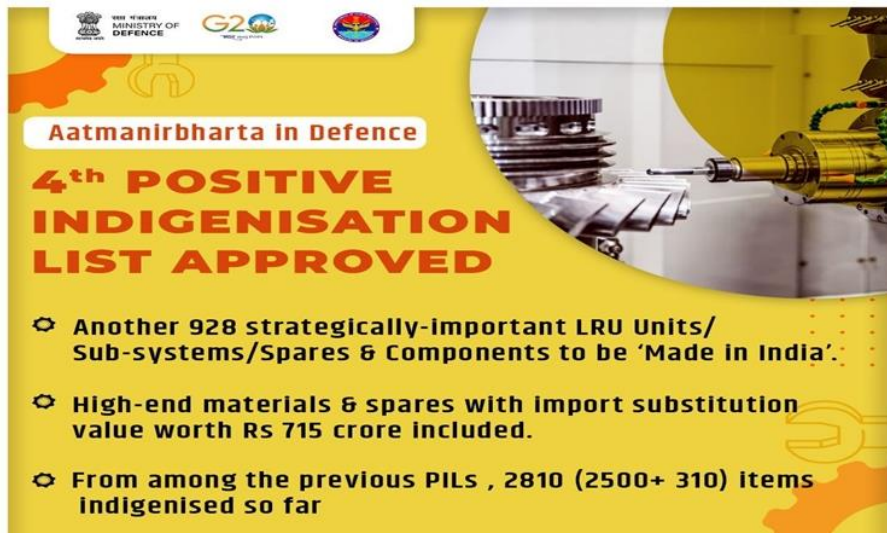
Ex KOMODO

Ex GARUDA SHAKTI



India Bans Import Of 928 Items To Promote Domestic Defence Industry

The GOI has decided to Ban the import of around 1000 (928 to be precise) military items, including line replacement units, sub-systems, and spares. All the specified will come under the import ban between December 2023 and December 2029.



Aatmanirbharta in Defence

4th POSITIVE INDIGENISATION LIST APPROVED

- Another 928 strategically-important LRU Units/ Sub-systems/Spares & Components to be 'Made in India'.
- High-end materials & spares with import substitution value worth Rs 715 crore included.
- From among the previous PILs , 2810 (2500+ 310) items indigenised so far

India Bans Import Of 928 Items To Promote Domestic Defence Industry

This is the **fourth list** of strategically vital components used by DPSUs that have been subjected to an import ban in the last two years. It follows three such lists released by the defence ministry in **December 2021, March 2022, and August 2022.**



India Bans Import Of 928 Items To Promote Domestic Defence Industry

The revised list includes **928 goods** with a total import substitution **value of 715 crores**, to promote 'Atmanirbharta' in defense and reduce imports.

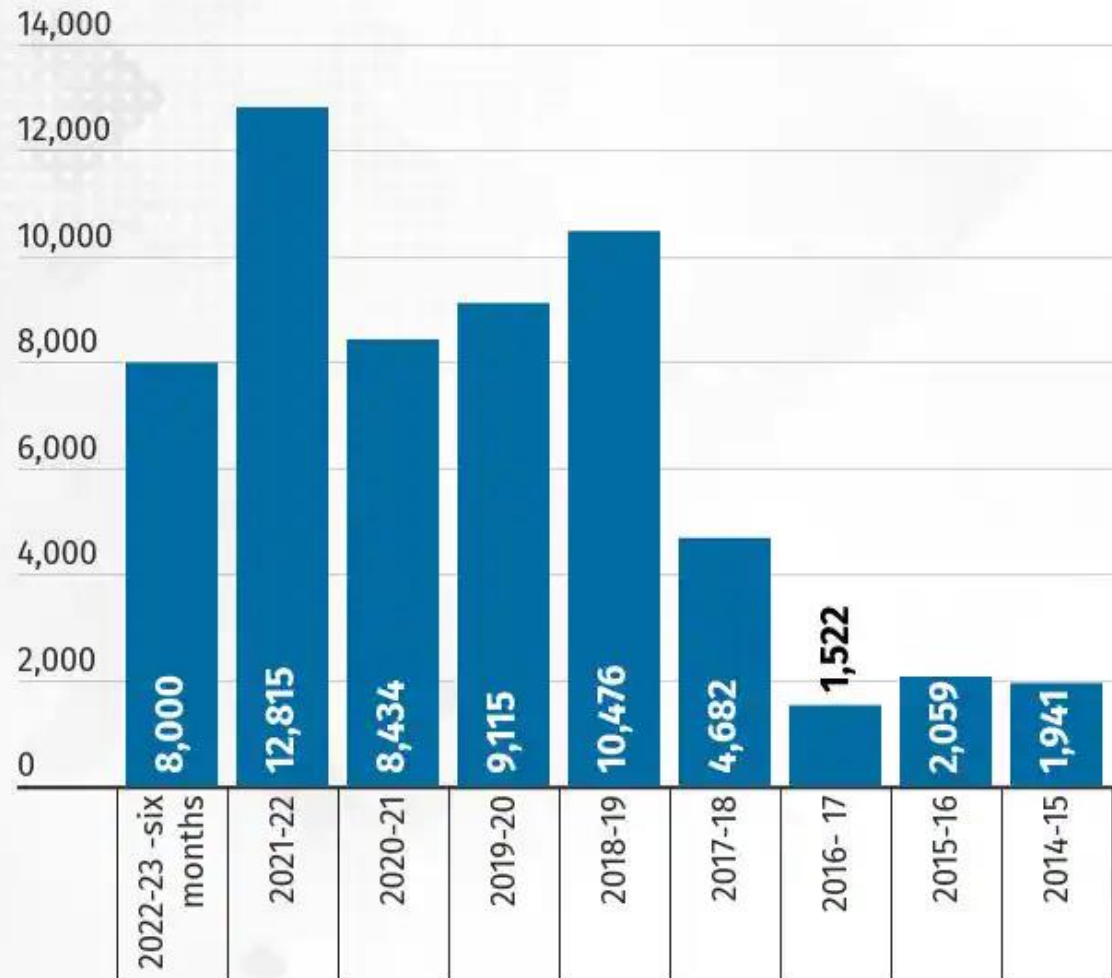


India Bans Import Of 928 Items To Promote Domestic Defence Industry

The listed items will be manufactured and procured from the local industries after the timeline has been specified. **Several parts of Sukhoi-30, Jaguar, Hindustan Turbo Trainer-40 (HTT-40) planes, magazines, firefighting systems, etc are on the list too.**



RISING TIDE



Defence exports in Rs crore
Source: Ministry of Defence



A WIDE RANGE

Principal defence exports from India

Weapon Simulators	Tear Gas Launchers	Torpedo Loading Mechanism
Alarm Monitoring & Control Systems	Night Vision Monocular & Binoculars	Armoured Protection Vehicles
		Light Weight Torpedo & Fire Control Systems
Weapons Locating Radars	HF Radios	Coastal Radar Systems

Source: Ministry of Defence

Safran Group Opens Unit In Kerala

French defence major Safran Group on Wednesday opened a unit and began operations here, in a development that is expected to invigorate the state's efforts to become the nation's hub in the aerospace sector. Kerala Industries Minister P Rajeev inaugurated the test centre for products set up near Technopark. aerospace and defence



Safran Group Opens Unit In Kerala

Safran provides services in the fields of satellite communication and satellite tracking, along with manufacturing critical machinery for fighter aircraft, rockets and missiles.



Safran Group Opens Unit In Kerala

Safran also aims to produce 50 per cent of the products required by India's space agency ISRO, the minister said, adding that it will give strength to Kerala's efforts to become the nation's hub in the aerospace sector.



India Launches 'Operation Karuna'

India launched "**Operation Karuna**" to provide humanitarian assistance for people in Myanmar, which is affected by **Cyclone Mocha**, and three ships carrying relief material **reached Yangon**.



India Launches 'Operation Karuna'

Meanwhile, Indian Naval Ships **Shivalik**, **Kamorta** and **Savitri** were the first Naval ships to arrive at Yangon with relief material.



India Launches 'Operation Karuna'

Mocha made landfall with winds of up to 195 km (120 miles) per hour, downing power pylons and smashing wooden fishing boats to splinters, reported Dhaka Tribune.



Neeraj Chopra Becomes World No. 1 In World Athletics Men's Javelin Throw

Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra became the world number one for the first time in his career in the latest men's javelin throw rankings issued by the World Athletics. Chopra topped the charts with **1455 points**, 22 ahead of Grenada's reigning world champion **Anderson Peters** (1433).



Neeraj Chopra Becomes World No. 1 In World Athletics Men's Javelin Throw

The 25-year-old Chopra rose to world number two on August 30 last year but was stuck behind Peters since then.



Neeraj Chopra Becomes World No. 1 In World Athletics Men's Javelin Throw

Neeraj, the Indian national record holder in men's javelin throw, competed in the season-opening **Doha Diamond League** on May 5 and finished **first with a throw of 88.67m.**



SEIKO

U20 WORLD RECORD

CHOPRA IND



86.48 m

SEIKO



75th International Day Of UN Peacekeepers

The Indian Army commemorated the **75th International Day of UN Peacekeepers**, by paying homage to the fallen comrades by laying wreath at **National War Memorial**, New Delhi by the COAS, VCOAS and representatives from Navy and IAF, MEA and United Nations.



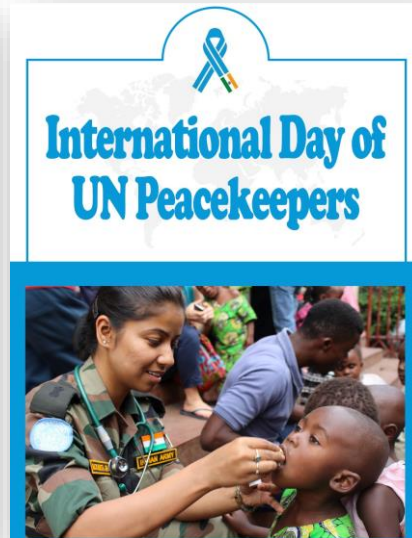
75th International Day Of UN Peacekeepers

This is the day when in **1948** the first UN peacekeeping mission, “**UN Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO)**” began operations in Palestine.



75th International Day Of UN Peacekeepers

India has a rich legacy of contribution to **UN Peacekeeping operations** and is one of the largest contributors of troops. It has contributed approximately **2,75,000 troops** to peacekeeping missions so far, with around **5,900 troops** currently deployed in **12 UN Missions**.





REVIEW QUESTIONS

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- D. Arunachala Pradesh

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SPYDER Air-defense System New Laser-based Air Defence System Made By

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JIMEX 23

The seventh edition of the bilateral Japan-India Maritime Exercise 2023 (JIMEX 23) hosted by the Indian Navy, is being conducted at/ off **Visakhapatnam** from 05 -10 July 2023. This edition marks the **11th anniversary** of JIMEX, since its inception in 2012.



JIMEX 23

Japan Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF) units under the command of RAdm Nishiyama Takahiro, Commander Escort Flotilla One, and Indian Naval ships under the command of RAdm Gurcharan Singh, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet are participating in the exercise.



JIMEX 23

INS Delhi, India's first indigenously built Guided Missile Destroyer, INS Kamorta, an indigenously designed and built Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette, fleet tanker INS Shakti, a submarine, maritime patrol aircraft P8I and Dornier, ship-borne helicopters and fighter aircraft.



EXERCISE – SALVEX 2023

The Seventh edition of Indian Navy – US Navy (IN – USN) Salvage and Explosive Ordnance Disposal exercise, SALVEX was conducted from 26 Jun – 06 Jul 23 at Kochi. IN and USN have been participating in joint Salvage and EOD exercises since 2005.



EXERCISE – SALVEX 2023

The exercise saw participation from both the navies which included the ships – **INS Nireekshak** and USNS Salvor in addition to Specialist Diving and EOD teams.



EX 'OP SOUTHERN READINESS - 2023'

INS Sunayna was in Seychelles from 10-12 Jul 23 to participate in Op Southern Readiness 2023 conducted by Combined Maritime Forces. The visit was aimed at strengthening multilateral ties and enhancing cooperation through CMF exercise which is a multinational initiative aimed at enhancing maritime security, countering piracy to ensure safety and freedom of navigation in the region.



EX 'OP SOUTHERN READINESS - 2023'

During the visit, personnel of participating Navies from USA, Italy, UK, Seychelles Defence Forces & Marine Police, member nations of EUNAVFOR were engaged in wide range of professional interactions, subject matter expert exchanges and visits.



Safran & DRDO To Jointly Make Combat Aircraft Engine

In a significant decision, India and France on Friday decided to extend their ground-breaking defence cooperation in advanced aeronautical technologies by supporting the joint development of a combat aircraft engine.



Safran & DRDO To Jointly Make Combat Aircraft Engine

They also decided to support industrial cooperation for motorization of heavy-lift helicopters under the Indian Multi Role Helicopter [IMRH] programme with Safran Helicopter Engine.



Safran & DRDO To Jointly Make Combat Aircraft Engine

The two leaders adopted 'Horizon 2047: 25th Anniversary of the India-France Strategic Partnership, Towards A Century of India-France Relations'.



Safran & DRDO To Jointly Make Combat Aircraft Engine

India had been in an advanced stage of discussions with French firms for co-developing engines for fifth-generation fighter and IMRH being developed by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.



Indian Army signs contract for procurement of Tactical Access Switch with Tata Advanced Systems Limited

Continuing with the commitment towards the 'Make in India' initiative the Indian Army on Friday signed the contract for procurement of Tactical Access Switch with Tata Advanced Systems Limited.



Indian Army signs contract for procurement of Tactical Access Switch with Tata Advanced Systems Limited

The officials also mentioned that the compact, modular and ruggedized networking device would provide faster switching capability and thus strengthen the tactical communication capability of the Indian Army.



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The surveillance equipment in the Army inventory has also been strengthened as the new Tata Rajak system has been inducted into the force which can observe or detect humans from more than 15 kms, and vehicles from more than 25 Kms.



Exercise “Nomadic Elephant – 2023”

Indian Army contingent comprising of 43 personnel left for Mongolia. The contingent participated in the **15th edition** of bilateral joint military exercise “NOMADIC ELEPHANT-23”.



Ministry of Defence

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INDIA

India-Mongolia joint military exercise “Nomadic Elephant – 2023” to commence at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Posted On: 16 JUL 2023 9:56AM by PIB Delhi

Indian Army contingent comprising of 43 personnel left for Mongolia today. The contingent will participate in the 15th edition of bilateral joint military exercise “NOMADIC ELEPHANT-23”. The exercise is scheduled to be conducted at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from 17 to 31 July 2023. Exercise NOMADIC ELEPHANT is an annual training event with Mongolia which is conducted alternatively in Mongolia and India, the last edition was held at Special Forces Training School, Bakloh in October 2019.

Soldiers of the Mongolian Armed Forces Unit 084 from and Indian Army soldiers from the JAMMU AND KASHMIR LIGHT INFANTRY Regiment will be participating in the exercise. Indian Army contingent reached Ulaanbaatar on 16 July 23 by an Indian Air Force C-17 aircraft. The aim of this exercise is to build positive military relations, exchange best practices, develop inter-operability, bonhomie, camaraderie and friendship between the two armies. The primary theme of the exercise will focus on counter-terrorism operations in mountainous terrain under United Nations mandate.

The scope of this exercise involves Platoon level Field Training Exercise (FTX). During the exercise, Indian and Mongolian troops will engage in various training activities designed to enhance their skills and capabilities. These activities include endurance training, reflex firing, room intervention, small team tactics and rock craft training. Soldiers from both sides will learn from each other's operational experience.

India and Mongolia have a shared commitment to regional security and cooperation. Exercise NOMADIC ELEPHANT-23 will be yet another significant milestone in the defence cooperation between the Indian Army and Mongolian Army which will further foster bilateral relations between the two nations.

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Exercise “EX KHAAN QUEST 2023”

Multinational Peacekeeping Joint Exercise “Ex Khaan Quest 2023” featuring participation from military contingents and observers from over **20 countries** has commenced in Mongolia.



Ashok Leyland bags orders worth Rs 800 crore from Indian Army

Mumbai, Commercial vehicle maker Ashok Leyland said it has bagged orders worth **Rs 800 crore** from the Indian Army. The contracts awarded also include the procurement of the **Field Artillery Tractor (FAT 4x4)** and the **Gun Towing Vehicle (GTV 6x6)**, Ashok Leyland said.



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The FAT 4x4 and GTV 6x6 are specialised vehicles employed by the artillery for **towing light and medium guns**, respectively, according to the company.



Ashok Leyland bags defence orders worth **Rs 800 crore**

Ashok Leyland will deliver the GTV 6x6 and the FAT 4x4 vehicles over the course of the next 12 months.

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Ashok Leyland

Ashok Leyland is an Indian multinational automotive manufacturer, with their headquarters in Chennai. It is owned by the **Hinduja Group**. It was founded in 1948 as Ashok Motors which became Ashok Leyland in the year 1955.



ASHOK LEYLAND

DG Rakesh Pal appointed as 25th DG of ICG

DG Rakesh Pal has been appointed as the 25th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard. He is an alumnus of the Indian Naval Academy and joined Indian Coast Guard in January 1989. DG Rakesh Pal was conferred with Tatrakshak Medal in 2013 and **President Tatrakshak Medal** in 2018 for his illustrious service.



DG Rakesh Pal appointed as 25th DG of ICG

He has undergone professional specialisation in Gunnery & Weapons Systems at Indian Naval School Dronacharya, Kochi, and an Electro-Optics Fire Control Solution course from the United Kingdom. The Officer holds the recognition of being the First Gunner of ICG.



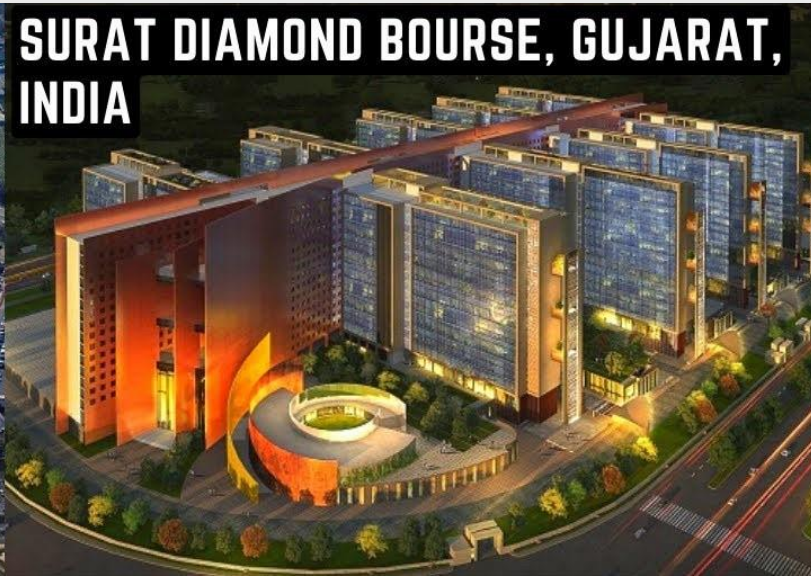
Surat Diamond Bourse overtakes Pentagon as world's largest office building

For the longest time, the Pentagon, which is the headquarters of the US Army, has been the world's largest office. However, the epithet has now passed to the newly constructed 'Surat Diamond Bourse' in Gujarat.

PENTAGON, US



SURAT DIAMOND BOURSE, GUJARAT, INDIA



Surat Diamond Bourse overtakes Pentagon as world's largest office building

Encompassing 4,500 offices for national and international traders, Surat Diamond Bourse aims to promote imports, exports, and trading of diamonds, gems, and jewellery from India.



Surat Diamond Bourse overtakes Pentagon as world's largest office building

Famous across the state for its design, the bourse is built at a cost of about Rs 3000 crore and can accommodate 65,000 diamond professionals at a time bringing cutters, polishers, and traders under a single roof for the first time.



Admiral Lisa Franchetti As First Woman To Be Top Navy Officer In US history

US President Joe Biden has selected Admiral Lisa Franchetti for the job of Navy's top officer, which confirmed would make her the first woman in the history of the US Navy to hold the position and also the first woman in the joint chiefs of staff.



Admiral Lisa Franchetti As First Woman To Be Top Navy Officer In US history

Franchetti, who is currently serving as the vice chief of naval operations, was commissioned in 1985 and has served as the commander of US Naval Forces Korea, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfighting Development, and director for Strategy, Plans, and Policy of the Joint Staff, according to her official biography.



First Aadhaar Enrolment Centre For Indian Army

The first Permanent Aadhaar Enrolment Centre for Indian Army has been inaugurated in New Delhi, an official statement said on Wednesday. The PAEC will facilitate Aadhaar-related services for tri-services personnel (Defence and civil) and their dependents through their Field Post Offices in 48 identified locations in the country.



First Aadhaar Enrolment Centre For Indian Army

All Command HQs, Corps HQs and selected FPOs are identified for the establishment of PAEC services.



First Aadhaar Enrolment Centre For Indian Army

"Alok Sharma, Director General Postal Services and Lt Gen Rajinder Dewan, Quartermaster General jointly inaugurated first Permanent Aadhaar Enrolment Centre (PAEC) for Army at 1 Central Base Post Office (CBPO), New Delhi on July 25, 2023," an official release said.



BRICS NSA Meet

The **Saudi Arabian and UAE NSAs** were **special invitees** at the BRICS NSA meeting.



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National Security Advisor #AjitDoval emphasized terrorism as a key threat at the #BRICS NSA meeting

(Shishir Gupta reports)



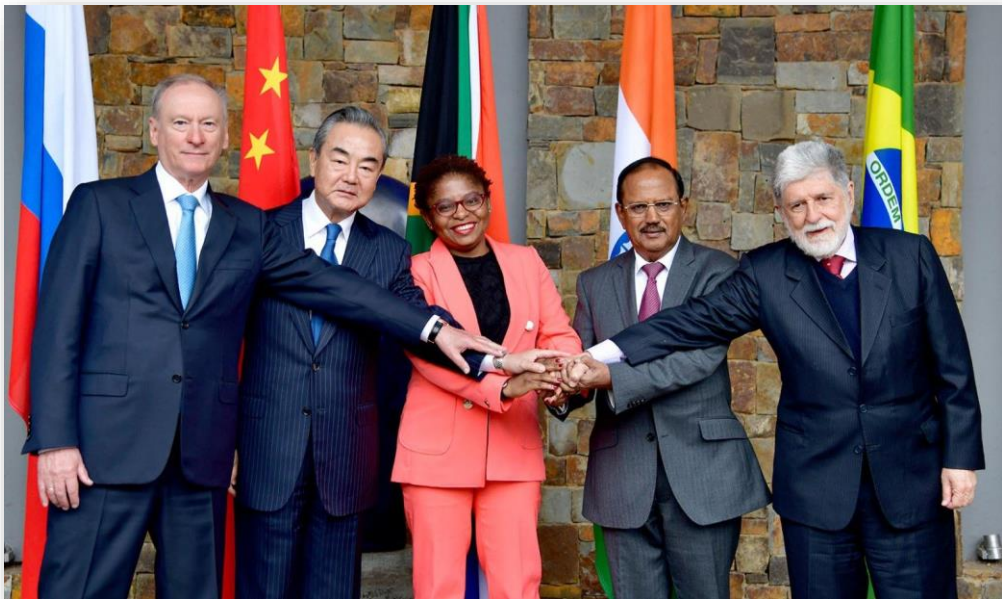
BRICS NSA Meet

While the NSA level meeting held the summit on August 22-24, the meeting attended by special invitees like UAE National Security Advisor Tahnoun bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Saudi Arabia NSA Musaad bin Mohammed Al Aiban.



BRICS NSA Meet

The agenda of the BRICS NSA meeting is to discuss global issues like the **Ukraine war, Indo-Pacific, religious radicalization and terrorism.**



BRICS NSA Meet

NSA Ajit Doval met the Member of the Communist Party of China Political Bureau and Director of the Office of the CPC Foreign Affairs Commission, Wang Yi, on the sidelines of the BRICS NSAs' Meeting in **Johannesburg**.



BRICS NSA Meet

During the meeting, NSA Doval conveyed that the situation along the LAC in the western Sector of the India-China boundary since 2020 had eroded strategic trust and the public and political basis of the relationship, according to a statement by the Ministry of External Affairs.



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Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma assumed the appointment of the Director General of Military Operations #DGMO today. Prior to this, he was commanding the #KhargaCorps.

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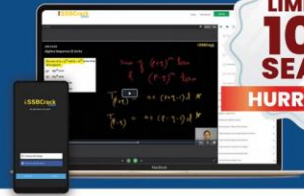




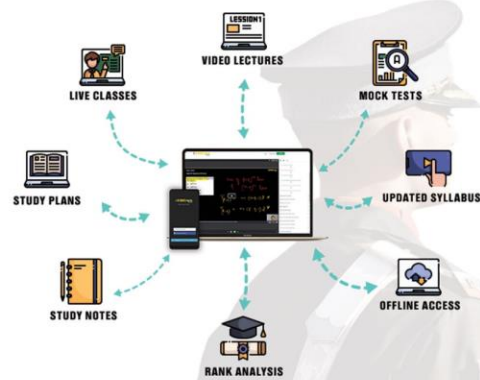
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Israel Approves USD 344 Million Sale Of 'David's Sling' Defense System To Finland

Israeli defence contractor that develops the system - will participate in a ceremony to sign a procurement agreement worth approximately 316 million Euros (USD 344 million).



Israel Approves USD 344 Million Sale Of 'David's Sling' Defense System To Finland

The IDF says David's Sling system is capable of intercepting missiles fired towards Israel by enemy countries such as Iran and Syria.



MoU BETWEEN SMSES AND AIFF

For the first time ever, **Subroto Mukerjee Sports Education Society (SMSES)** has collaborated with **All India Football Federation (AIFF)** to promote football at grass root level. As part of this MoU, from this edition onwards, a Subroto XI team will be formed in Junior Boys (U-17) category.



MoU BETWEEN SMSES AND AIFF

The team will participate in AIFF Youth Competition from the 2023-24 season. Further, clubs from ISL, I-League and IWL will pick up players from Subroto Cup to represent their teams.



MoU BETWEEN SMSES AND AIFF

Subroto Mukerjee Sports Education Society (SMSES) conducts the prestigious Subroto Cup International Football Tournament annually since 1960, under the aegis of Air Force Sports Control Board.



MoU BETWEEN SMSES AND AIFF

This is a unique football tournament wherein school teams from all states starting from grass-root level vie for top honours in football in the country in three categories viz, Sub-junior Boys (U-14), Junior Boys (U-17) and Junior Girls (U-17).



China-Funded Naval Base In Cambodia

China's next overseas military base could be in Cambodia, in India's extended neighbourhood, throwing a challenge to New Delhi's strategic outreach to Southeast Asia.



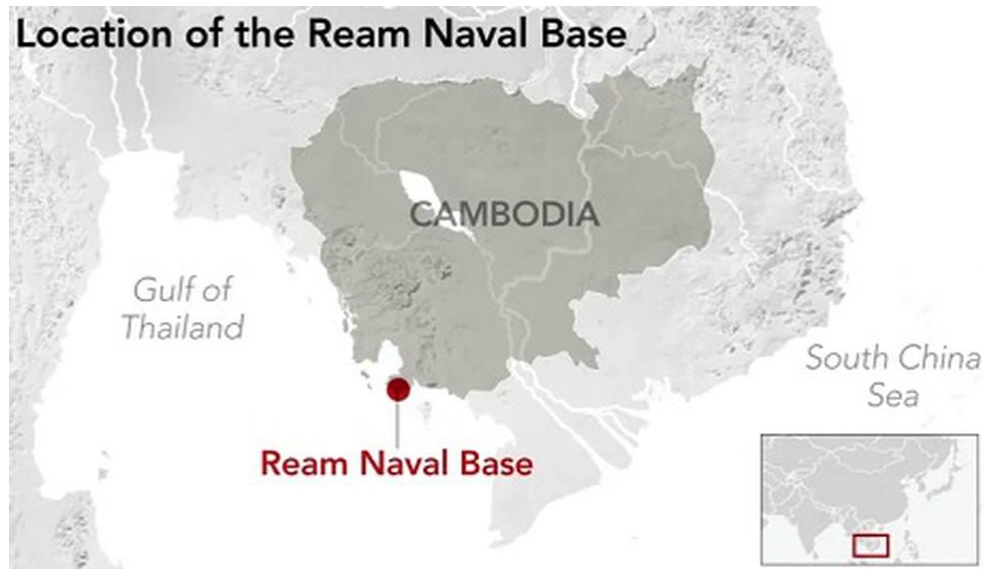
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The base, which has been in the making for a few years, has been under scrutiny.



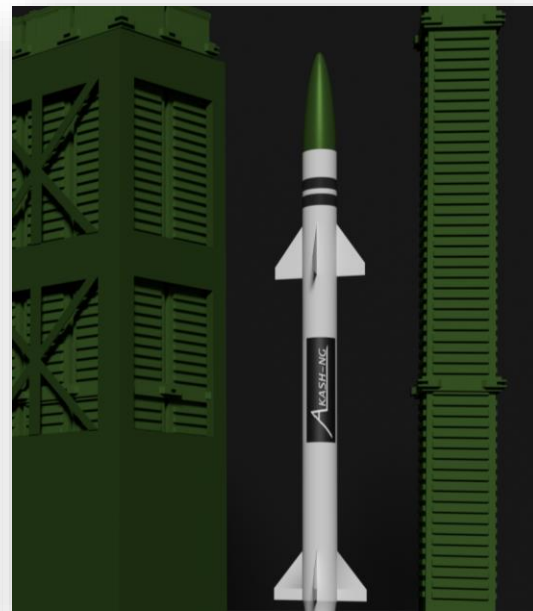
China-Funded Naval Base In Cambodia

UK-based leading think-tank **Chatham House** in a report published referred to satellite images and claimed, "dramatic transformation of the Cambodian naval base, near Sihanoukville on the Gulf of Thailand".



BDL Hands Over First RF Seeker Of 'Akash' to DRDO

Bharat Dynamics Limited handed over the first Radio Frequency (RF) Seeker of Akash, a next generation weapon system produced at its newly commissioned state-of-the-art Seeker Facility Centre, to the DRDO.



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Seeker is a critical and technology intensive subsystem used in Surface-to-Air Missiles and Air-to-Air Missiles for target tracking in the terminal phase.



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The RF Seeker has been designed by DRDO's Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad and produced by BDL at its state-of-the-art Seeker Facility Centre set up at BDL, Kanchanbagh Unit in Hyderabad.



BDL Hands Over First RF Seeker Of 'Akash' to DRDO

In a special ceremony held at BDL's Kanchanbagh Unit, BDL Chairman and Managing Director, Commodore A. Madhavarao (retd.) handed over the 1st RF Seeker manufactured by BDL at this facility to DRDO Chairman and Secretary, Department of Defence Research & Development, Dr Samir V Kamat.



Akash-NG

Designed: 2021

Engine: Dual-pulse solid rocket motor

Flight altitude: 0.030–14 km

Guidance system: Mid-course: Inertial navigation system with two-way datalink; Terminal: Active radar homing

In service: 2023 (planned), **Operational range:** 70–80 km



BEL Developed Lighter Version Weapon Locating Radar

The lighter and compact version of Weapon Locating Radar, known as **SWATHI Mountains**, developed indigenously by Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited along with LRDE, DRDO, has been inducted into the Indian Army.



BEL Developed Lighter Version Weapon Locating Radar

The induction of SWATHI Mountains into the Indian Army's arsenal will bolster the Army's battlefield surveillance and transparency capabilities and give a boost to the Make in India and Atmanirbharbharat initiatives.



BEL Developed Lighter Version Weapon Locating Radar

Range Artillery → 2-30 km

Rockets → 4-80 km

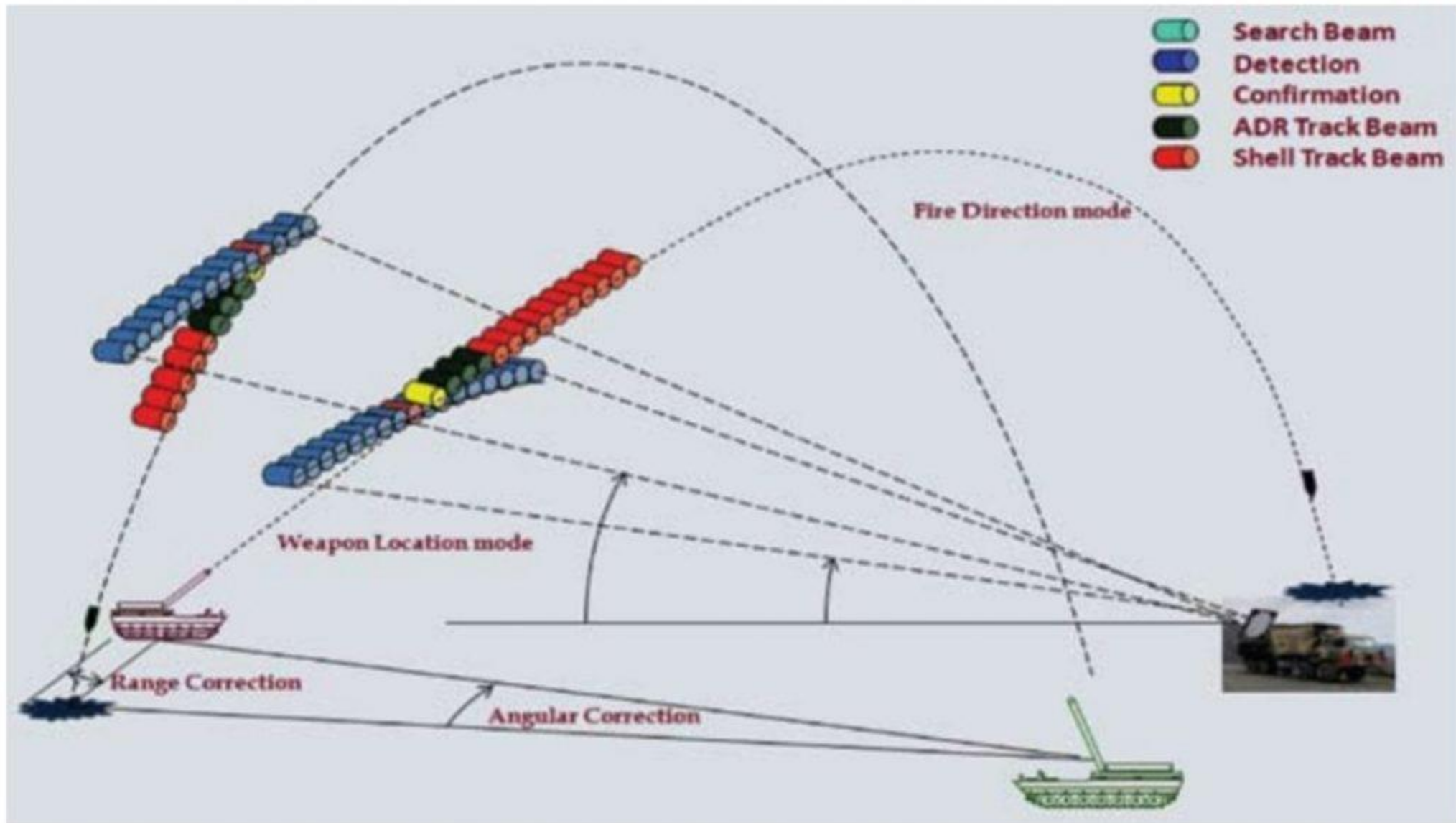
Mortars → 2-20 km

Azimuth: +/- 45° Electronic scan

Elevation: -5 to 75°

Power : 40 kW





Operational modes of weapon locating radar

Rajya Sabha Passes ISO (Command, Control & Discipline) Bill – 2023

The Rajya Sabha, on August 08, 2023, passed the Inter-Services Organisation (Command, Control & Discipline) Bill - 2023. It was passed by the Lok Sabha on August 04, 2023.



Rajya Sabha Passes ISO (Command, Control & Discipline) Bill – 2023

The bill seeks to empower Commander-in-Chief and Officer-in Command of ISOs with all disciplinary and administrative powers in respect of the personnel serving in or attached to such organisations.



Salient Features

The 'ISO Bill - 2023' shall be applicable to all personnel of regular Army, Navy, and Air force, and to persons of other forces as notified by the Central Government, who are serving in or attached to an Inter-Services Organisation.

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#LokSabha has passed the **Inter-Services Organisation (Command, Control & Discipline) Bill - 2023**. The bill seeks to empower the Commander-in-Chief and Officer-in-Command of **Inter-Services Organisations (ISOs)** with all disciplinary and administrative powers in respect of the... [Show more](#)



Salient Features

Bill empowers the Commander-in-Chief, Officer-in-Command or any other officer specially empowered in this behalf by the Central Government with all the disciplinary and administrative powers in respect of personnel serving in or attached to their ISO for the maintenance of discipline and proper discharge of their duties, irrespective of the service.



Salient Features

The Commander-in-Chief or the Officer-in-Command means **General Officer/Flag Officer/Air Officer** who has been appointed as **Commander-in-Chief of Officer-in-Command** an Inter-Services Organisation.



Salient Features

To maintain Command and Control in absence of the Commander-in-Chief or the Officer-in-Command, the officiating incumbent or the officer on whom the command develops in absence of a C-in-C or Oi/C, will also be empowered to initiate all disciplinary or administrative actions over the service personnel, appointed, deputed, posted or attached to an Inter-Services organisation.



Salient Features

The Bill also empowers the Commanding Officer of an Inter-Services organisation to initiate all disciplinary or administrative actions over the personnel appointed, deputed, posted or attached to that Inter-Services Organisation. For the purpose of this Act, Commanding Officer means the officer in actual command of the unit, ship or establishment.



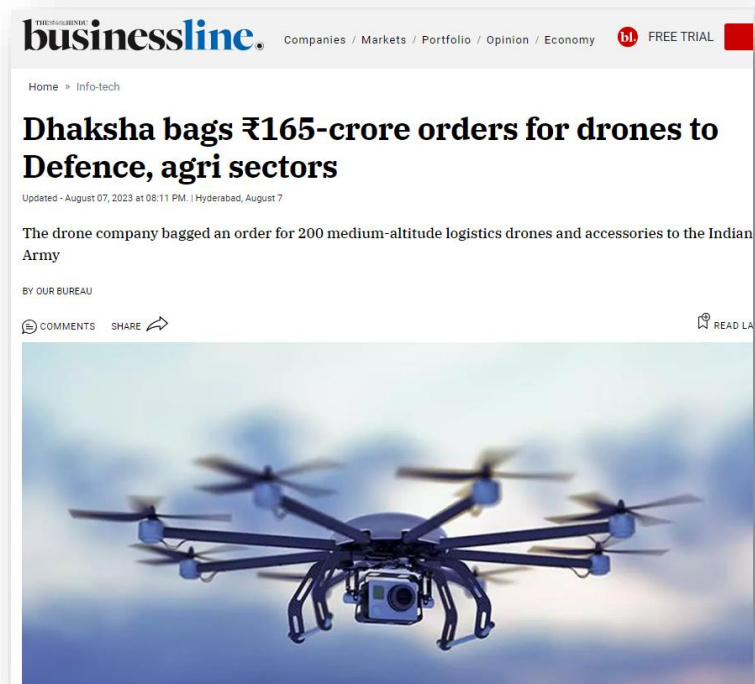
Dhaksha Unmanned Systems Wins Order From Army For 200 Drones

Agri solutions provider Coromandel International's subsidiary and drone manufacturer DUS on announced it has secured a supply order for **200 medium-altitude logistics drones and accessories** from the Indian Army.



Dhaksha Unmanned Systems Wins Order From Army For 200 Drones

Dhaksha Unmanned Systems, an arm of Coromandel International, has bagged two orders for **600 drones** with an aggregate value of **₹165 crore**.



Dhaksha Unmanned Systems Wins Order From Army For 200 Drones

It also won a contract for **400 drones** from the agri inputs cooperative IFFCO for the supply of input-spraying drones.

DUMS AGRIGATOR



Exercise 'Zayed Talwar'

INS Visakhapatnam and **INS Trikand** under the command of Rear Admiral Vineet McCarty, Flag Officer Commanding Western Fleet arrived at **Port Rashid** in **Dubai** to conduct bilateral exercise 'Zayed Talwar' to enhance interoperability and synergy between the two navies.



Exercise 'Zayed Talwar'

They will further share best practices to enhance cooperation and strengthen ties between the two navies.



Maya OS, The Indigenous Windows Replacement For India's Defense Systems

Defence Ministry has announced a major overhaul of its cybersecurity system: it will replace Windows in all its internet-connected computers with a new OS called Maya. This is a response to the growing threat of malware & ransomware attacks, which have become more frequent and severe in recent times.



Maya OS, The Indigenous Windows Replacement For India's Defense Systems

Maya OS is a new operating system that is based on **Ubuntu**, a popular Linux distribution that uses free and open-source software. The Defence Ministry has developed Maya OS with the help of various government agencies, including the DRDO, the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), and the National Informatics Centre (NIC).



India's First Long-range Revolver "Prabal"

India's debut long-range revolver, "**Prabal**," is poised for launch on August 18. The revolver is manufactured by the state-owned enterprise Advanced Weapons and Equipment India based in Kanpur. Distinguished by **its .32 bore**, the Prabal revolver boasts an impressive firing range of up to 50 meters, more than twice the reach of other revolvers in India.



India's First Long-range Revolver "Prabal"

A noteworthy feature of Prabal is its side swing cylinder, marking a significant advancement in revolver design. AWEIL Director AK Maurya emphasized its key attributes, stating, "The Prabal revolver is light in weight and equipped with a side swing cylinder."



India's First Long-range Revolver "Prabal"

The prevailing market revolvers have a limited range of only up to 20 meters. In contrast, Prabal excels with a range of 50 meters.



India's First Long-range Revolver "Prabal"

Weighing merely 700 grams (excluding cartridges), it boasts a barrel length of 76 mm and an overall length of 177.6 mm. Its user-friendly trigger pull enhances its appeal.



India's First Long-range Revolver "Prabal"

The company's current year holds significant promise, as AWEIL has secured defense product orders valued at **Rs 6,000 crore**. Among these are orders for **300 'Sarang' cannons** from the Indian Army, along with contracts worth Rs 450 crore originating from European nations.



Government Clears Rs 20,000 Cr Deal To Build Five Warships For Indian Navy

The government has cleared a Rs 20,000 crore deal to manufacture fleet support vessels (FSVs) which are urgently required by the Indian Navy.



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Vizag-based Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) will manufacture five of the 45,000-tonne warships, the largest ship of its class being built at the defence ministry-owned yard.



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The ships are needed to support warships on long range patrol and can carry a variety of equipment, such as fuel, ammunition and food supplies. They will be able to support ships of all classes, including the two Indian aircraft carriers.



President Droupadi Murmu Inaugurates Advanced Naval Stealth Frigate 'Vindhyagiri'

President Droupadi Murmu arrived in Kolkata to inaugurate an advanced stealth frigate for the Indian Navy. President Murmu launched the ship at the dock on the banks of the river Hooghly.



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VIDEO | President Droupadi Murmu, along with West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee and Governor CV Ananda Bose, launched stealth frigate 'Vindhyagiri' under 'Project 17 Alpha' in Kolkata.



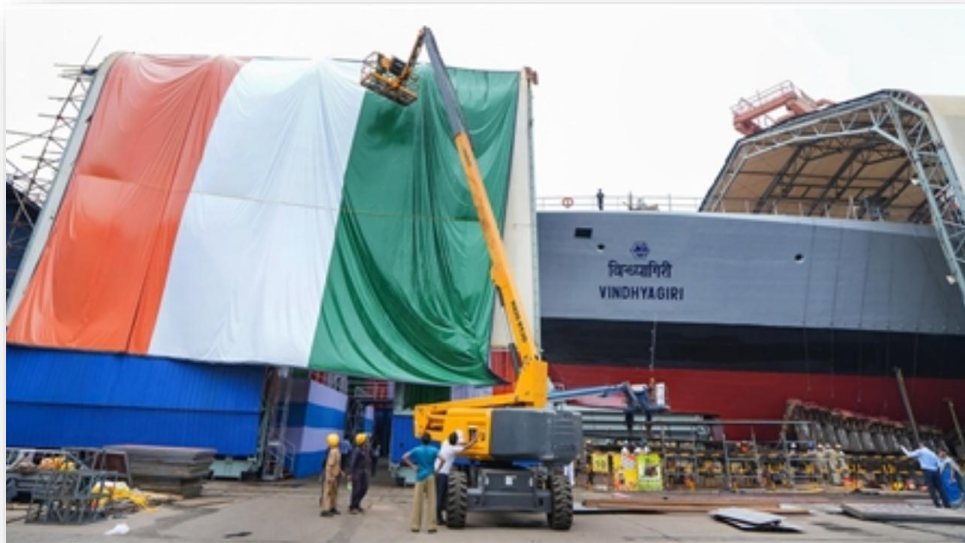
President Droupadi Murmu Inaugurates Advanced Naval Stealth Frigate 'Vindhyagiri'

She also said that the production of the advanced frigate was a symbol of Atmanirbhar Bharat and of technological advancement made by the country.



President Droupadi Murmu Inaugurates Advanced Naval Stealth Frigate 'Vindhyagiri'

"The launch is a symbol of self reliance in ship building," the President said adding that projects like this reflects India's "commitment to self reliance and technological advancement".



President Droupadi Murmu Inaugurates Advanced Naval Stealth Frigate 'Vindhyagiri'

This frigate marks the **sixth vessel out of seven** that are part of '**Project 17 Alpha**' aimed at strengthening the Navy's fleet. Notably, the first five ships of the project were introduced between 2019 and 2022.



President Droupadi Murmu Inaugurates Advanced Naval Stealth Frigate 'Vindhyagiri'

Nearly 75% of the orders, especially for equipment and systems for the P17A ships have come from domestic defence firms, including micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).



President Droupadi Murmu Inaugurates Advanced Naval Stealth Frigate 'Vindhyagiri'

These guided missile frigates, known as P17A ships, boast impressive specifications, with a length of **149 meters**, displacement of approximately **6,670 tonnes**, and a top speed of **28 knots**. Importantly, they are designed to address threats across air, surface, and sub-surface domains.



Maiden flight of LCA Navy Trainer Prototype aircraft Successfully Conducted

The maiden flight of the LCA Naval Trainer Prototype 'NP5' was successfully conducted, Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) said.



Maiden flight of LCA Navy Trainer Prototype aircraft Successfully Conducted

- The maiden flight was conducted from HAL airport, and the aircraft was captained by Capt. Amit Kawade (IN) with Wg Cdr Siddarth Singh (Retd) in the rear cockpit, ADA said in a release.
- The aircraft took off at 14:20 hrs and was airborne for 57 minutes with all parameters normal, it said.

Maiden flight of LCA Navy Trainer Prototype aircraft Successfully Conducted

Addition of NP5 aircraft to LCA Navy prototype fleet will help to accelerate flight testing activities which will provide designers vital inputs towards design and development of the **Twin Engine Deck Based Fighter (TEDBF)**, the prestigious futuristic carrier aircraft programme of the country.



India Building World's Highest Road, Tunnel, Fighter Jet Base In Eastern Ladakh

India is building the world's highest tunnel, motorable road and fighter aircraft base in Eastern Ladakh as part of the government's push towards strengthening infrastructure for both military and civilian use.



India Building World's Highest Road, Tunnel, Fighter Jet Base In Eastern Ladakh

BRO chief Lt General Rajeev Chaudhry said that the force is going to break its own record of building the highest road at **Umlong La Pass** two years back and now it will be surpassed in the next two working seasons with the Mig La-Fukche road coming up.



India Building World's Highest Road, Tunnel, Fighter Jet Base In Eastern Ladakh

On August 15, BRO started a road connecting **Likru, Mig-La and Phukche** at a height of **19400 feet**. This will help in the deployment of troops at the earliest if any critical situation arises.



India Building World's Highest Road, Tunnel, Fighter Jet Base In Eastern Ladakh

The BRO Chief said that the military's road construction organisation will also be starting with the **Shinku La tunnel** connecting Manali through Zaskar to Leh which will be the highest and will break the record of the MiLa tunnel situated in China.



Launch Of Second MCA BARGE, YARD 76

2nd Missile Cum Ammunition (MCA) Barge, Yard 76 (LSAM 8) was launched by Cmde G Ravi, Warship Production Superintendent (Visakhapatnam) on 18 Aug 23 at Guttenadeevi, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh (launch site of M/s SECON Engineering Projects Pvt Ltd).



Launch Of Second MCA BARGE, YARD 76

With all major and auxiliary equipment/systems sourced from indigenous manufacturers, this Barge is proud flag bearer of “Make in India” initiative of Ministry of Defence.



Launch Of Second MCA BARGE, YARD 76

Contract for construction of 08 x MCA Barge was concluded with M/s SECON Engineering Projects Pvt Ltd, Visakhapatnam, a MSME, in consonance with “Aatmanirbhar Bharat” initiatives of the Government of India.



Launch Of Second MCA BARGE, YARD 76

This Barge is being built with a service **life of 30 years**. The availability of MCA Barges will provide impetus to Operational commitments of IN by facilitating Transportation, Embarkation and Disembarkation of articles / ammunition to IN Ships both alongside jetties and at outer harbours.



Malabar Naval Exercise Concludes

The 11-day Malabar naval exercise featuring the navies of India, Australia, Japan and the US concluded on Monday. The 27th edition of the exercise, which took place on the East Coast of Australia, witnessed complex and high intensity drills in air, surface and undersea domains, officials said.



Malabar Naval Exercise Concludes

Warships, submarines and aircraft from the Indian Navy, Royal Australian Navy (RAN), Japan Maritime Self Defence Force and the US Navy participated in the exercise.



Malabar Naval Exercise Concludes

The Indian Navy was represented by indigenously built destroyer **INS Kolkata**, frigate **INS Sahyadri** and **P8I** maritime patrol aircraft.



IAF Conducts Trials Of Heavy Drop System For Defence Forces

The Indian Air Force recently conducted successful trials of the Heavy Drop System, from a cargo aircraft, IAF officials said on Saturday. According to officials, the Heavy Drop system is designed and developed by a laboratory of the DRDO.



IAF Conducts Trials Of Heavy Drop System For Defence Forces

- "The trial of the system has been completed in partnership with Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment towards achieving self-reliance in the military sector," IAF officials said.
- Heavy drop systems are used by para-dropping vehicles or heavy loads during operations along with troops in forward areas.

IAF Conducts Trials Of Heavy Drop System For Defence Forces

The DRDO lab based out of Agra is tasked to develop such systems for the defence forces.



Modi Government Sets Up High Power Committee To Review DRDO

Under directions of PM Narendra Modi and with a view to overhaul the DRDO, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has set up a nine-member committee of experts under **Prof K Vijay Raghavan** to review and redefine the role of the department and submit a report within three months.



Modi Government Sets Up High Power Committee To Review DRDO

Prof Vijay Raghavan is former **Principal Scientific Advisor** to the Government of India and one of the key architects of the **National Research Foundation (NRF)**.



Modi Government Sets Up High Power Committee To Review DRDO

The other members of the DRDO review committee are Lt Gen (Retd) Subrata Saha, former Deputy Chief of Army Staff, Vice Admiral S N Ghormade, former Vice Chief of Navy Staff, Air Marshal B R Krishna, former Chief of Integrated Staff, Sujan R Chinoy, DG of MP-IDSA, Prof Manindra Agarwal of IIT Kanpur, S.P. Shukla, President SIDM, J D Patil of L&T, Defence & others.

Air Force Set To Order 100 More Indigenous LCA Mk1A fighter jets

In a major show of confidence for the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), the air force is set to order an additional 100 of the Mk 1A variant of the fighter jet, with the order value likely to be around \$8 billion.



Air Force Set To Order 100 More Indigenous LCA Mk1A fighter jets

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has already placed an order for 83 LCA Mk1A fighter jets, the first of which is to be delivered by early next year.



MoD inks Rs 19,000 crore contract with HSL for 5 Fleet Support Ships

The defence ministry on Friday sealed a Rs 19,000 crore deal with Hindustan Shipyard Ltd (HSL) for acquisition of five fleet support ships for the Indian Navy.

The ships of 44,000 tons category will be the first of its kind to be built in India by an Indian shipyard, officials said.



MoD inks Rs 19,000 crore contract with HSL for 5 Fleet Support Ships

The ministry said the project would be a major boost towards achieving the goal of self-reliance in defence manufacturing as the ships will be indigenously designed and constructed by HSL, Visakhapatnam.



MoD inks Rs 19,000 crore contract with HSL for 5 Fleet Support Ships

- The Cabinet Committee on Security had approved the acquisition of the ships in its meeting on August 16.
- The fleet support ships will be deployed for replenishing ships at sea with fuel, water, ammunition and stores, enabling the Indian Naval fleet to operate for prolonged periods without returning to harbour.

Defence Ministry Acceptance of Necessity Worth 7800 Crore

Defence Acquisition Council on accorded Acceptance of Necessity for capital acquisition proposals worth approximately **Rs 7,800 cr**, including **Electronic Warfare (EW) Suite** for the **IAF's Mi-17 V5** helicopters, weapons for the **Navy's MH-60R** helicopters, as well as for **LMG** and **ground-based autonomous systems**.

DAC clears procurement of weapons for MH-60R choppers, EW suite for Mi-17 V5s

The DAC, which is headed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, is among the top bodies for clearing major capital acquisitions for defence. AoN is the first step in the long defence procurement process. Grant of an AoN does not necessarily lead to a final order.

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- Modi in Bengaluru Live Updates: 'I salute you.' PM congratulates ISRO team

DAC approves proposals worth **Rs 7,800 crores** to enhance operational capabilities of the Armed Forces

All procurements to be sourced from Indigenous vendors only

Air Force

- Electronic Warfare (EW) Suite on Mi-17 V5 Helicopters under Buy (Indian-IDD) category



Army

- Ground-Based Autonomous System for Mechanised infantry & Armoured regiments
- 7.62x51 mm Light Machine Gun (LMG) & Bridge Laying Tank (BLT)
- Ruggedised Laptops & Tablets under Project Shakti



Navy

- Weapons for MH-60R Helicopters



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Defence Ministry Acceptance of Necessity Worth 7800 Crore

As per a statement issued by the Defence Ministry, the installation of **EW Suite** on **Mi-17 V5 helicopters** will enhance their survivability. They will be procured from **BEL** — a PSU under the Defence Ministry. The statement added that the DAC has also cleared procurement of weapons for the Navy's MH-60R Helicopters to enhance their operational capability.



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The DAC also cleared procurement of Ground-Based Autonomous System for mechanised infantry and armoured regiments to enable various operations like **unmanned surveillance, logistic delivery of ammunition, fuel and spares and casualty evacuation** in the battlefield.



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Other procurement proposals which got the DAC nod were those of 7.62×51 mm **Light Machine Guns (LMG)** and **Bridge Laying Tanks (BLT)**.



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“Ruggedised” laptops and tablets for the Army under Project Shakti will also be procured from indigenous vendors.



PM Modi Congratulates Neeraj Chopra On Winning Gold In World Athletics C'ships

PM Narendra Modi on Monday hailed India's javelin ace Neeraj Chopra after he clinched his and the country's first gold medal in the **World Athletics Championships 2023 in Budapest.**



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Neeraj recorded his best throw of **88.17 metres** in his second attempt and managed to hold his lead till the very end.



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- **Arshad Nadeem**, the Commonwealth Games champion, settled for **silver** with a throw of 87.82 metres. **Jakub Vadlejch of the Czech Republic** secured the bronze with his best throw of 86.67 m.
- Kishore Jena (best of 84.77 m) finished fifth while **DP Manu** (best of 84.14 m) finished sixth.

A chapter on National War Memorial 'A Homage to our Brave Soldiers' included in NCERT curriculum

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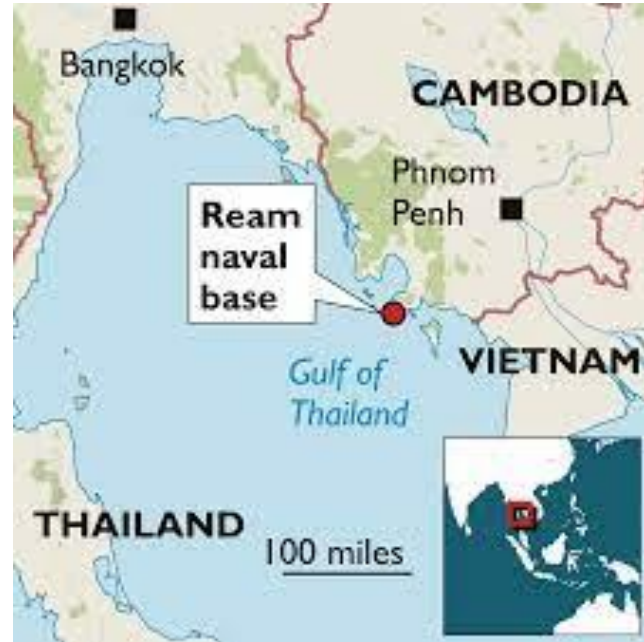


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Army To Buy 130 Tethered Drones

In continuation with its steps to strengthen intelligence and surveillance systems along the LAC, the Indian Army on Monday signed a contract with local manufacturers for the supply of tethered drone systems and tank driving simulators.



Indian Army signs deals for 130 tethered drones and 19 tank driving simulators

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The Army has signed contracts for the procurement of 130 tethered drones and 19 tank-driving simulators under Emergency Procurement (EP) and they will be delivered in 12 months. The armed forces are currently executing the fourth tranche of EPs sanctioned by the Defence Ministry.

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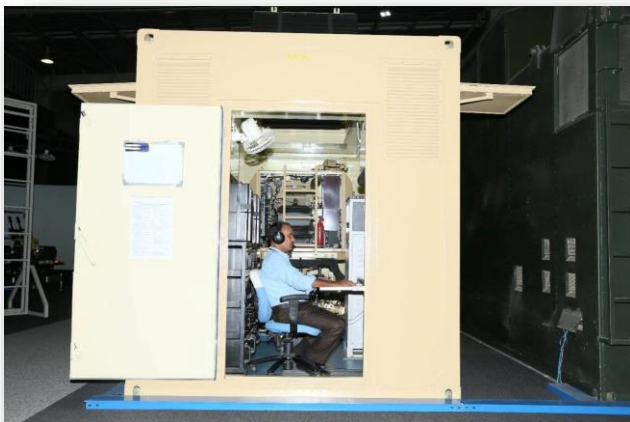
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The Indian Army in a message confirmed the signing of a contract for the procurement of **130 tethered drones** and **19 tank-driving simulators**. “The induction of the new equipment will enhance the overall operational preparedness of the Army,” said the force.



Army To Buy 130 Tethered Drones

Contract for the drone system for long-distance surveillance and intelligence gathering along the borders was signed with indigenous company **New space Research Technologies Pvt Ltd**. The contract for the other equipment was signed with **Zen Technologies Limited**, which will also involve skill development.



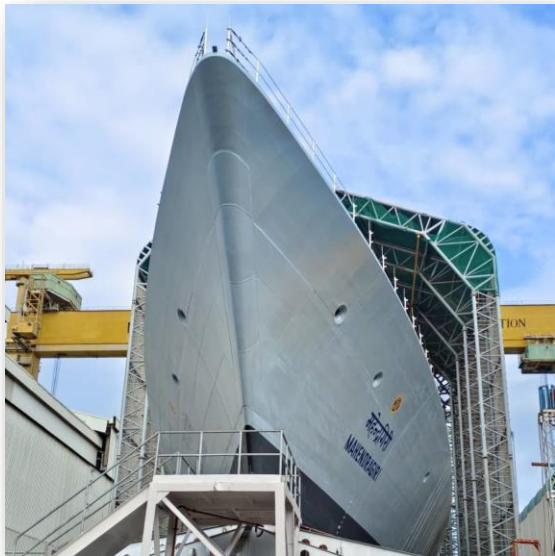
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The Request for Technical and Commercial Proposals for the drones was issued by the armoured branch of the Integrated Headquarters of the Ministry of Defence in January this year, under the fast-track procedure.



Curtain Raiser: Launch Of Y - 12654 (Mahendragiri)

Mahendragiri, the last **Project 17A Frigate**, launched by Dr (Smt.) Sudesh Dhankhar, wife of **Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar**, at **M/s Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai** on 01 Sep 23.



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Advanced stealth frigate **#Mahendragiri** launched by Dr. Sudesh Dhankhar, wife of @VPIndia Jagdeep Dhankhar at @MazagonDockLtd, #Mumbai, marking yet another milestone in the Indian Navy's journey of #Atmanirbharta, indigenous design and shipbuilding.

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Curtain Raiser: Launch Of Y - 12654 (Mahendragiri)

Mahendragiri, named after a mountain peak in Eastern Ghats located in the state of Orissa, is the **seventh ship of the Project 17A Frigates**. These warships are follow-ons of the **Project 17 Class Frigates (Shivalik Class)**, with improved stealth features, advanced weapons and sensors.



Curtain Raiser: Launch Of Y - 12654 (Mahendragiri)

Under the **Project 17A** program, a total of four ships by **M/s MDL** and three ships by M/s GRSE are under construction. The first six ships of the project have been launched so far by **MDL & GRSE**, between 2019-2023.



Indian Army Exchanges Techniques, Expertise With Participating Troops At Exercise Bright Star-23

Indian Army troops in Egypt exchanged techniques and shared expertise with the other participating troops during Exercise Bright Star-23.



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- Indian Army and IAF contingent with Integrated Combat troops arrived at Alexandria for Exercise Bright Star-23 on August 29. The opening ceremony was held on August 31.
- The Indian contingent of 550 personnel is among the largest Indian deployments for an overseas exercise, the Indian Embassy in Egypt said.

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Initially, this exercise was conceptualized as a bilateral biennial training exercise between the US and Egypt during the Camp David Accord of 1977.



NAVAL EXERCISE 'VARUNA' – 2023

Phase II of the **21st edition** of Varuna (Varuna-23) bilateral exercise between Indian and French Navy was conducted in the Arabian Sea. The exercise witnessed participation of guided missile frigates, tanker, Maritime Patrol Aircraft and integral helicopters from the two sides.



NAVAL EXERCISE 'VARUNA' – 2023

The exercise was conducted over three days and witnessed joint operations. Units of both navies endeavoured to enhance and hone their war fighting skills, improve interoperability and demonstrate their ability to promote, peace, security and stability in the region.



NAVAL EXERCISE 'VARUNA' – 2023

The first phase of 'Varuna-2023' was conducted off India's Western Seaboard from 16 to 20 Jan 23



'Nabh Shakti': Indian Army, Air Force participate in joint training exercise

'Nabh Shakti', a joint training exercise, was conducted in the Indian Army's elite **Brahmastra Corps** in the Northeast states. Both Indian Army and Indian Air Force participated in the joint exercise.



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"Joint Training Exercise 'Nabh Shakti' was conducted in the Indian Army's Brahmastra Corps (Mountain Strike Corps) with the participation of the Indian Army and IAF to validate rapid response to dynamic operational scenarios and enhance joint acumen in multimodal operations“.



Defence Ministry Clears Proposal To Buy 'Pralay' Ballistic Missiles For Indian Army

In a major boost to its firepower, the Defence Ministry has approved the procurement of a regiment of 'Pralay' ballistic missiles for the Indian Army for deployment along the LAC and LoC, that is, borders with China and Pakistan respectively.



Defence Ministry Clears Proposal To Buy 'Pralay' Ballistic Missiles For Indian Army

“This is a major decision for the Indian Army as the proposal to acquire a regiment of the Pralay ballistic missiles which can hit targets between 150-500 Km, was cleared by the recent Defence Acquisition Council meeting,” defence officials told.



Defence Ministry Clears Proposal To Buy 'Pralay' Ballistic Missiles For Indian Army

'Pralay' is a quasi-ballistic surface-to-surface missile. The advanced missile has been developed in a way to be able to defeat interceptor missiles. It has the ability to change its path after covering a certain range in midair.



Coastal Security Drill ‘Operation Sajag’

‘Operation Sajag’, a drill involving all stakeholders of the coastal security construct, was conducted by the Indian Coast Guard along the west coast on September 18, 2023. The drill facilitates revalidation of the coastal security mechanism and bring awareness among the fishermen at sea.



Coastal security drill 'Operation Sajag'

During the drill, extensive checking and verification of documents and crew passes of all fishing boats, barges and craft at sea was undertaken. A total of 118 ships including those from Customs, Marine Police, Ports & Indian Navy participated in the drill.



Coastal security drill 'Operation Sajag'

The day-long drill is conducted every month and the outcomes are further progressed for improvement in the coastal security construct. The drill enables to verify implementation of various coastal security measures besides bringing out important lessons and highlight trends in coastal security.



Exercise SIMBEX 23

INS Ranvijay and Kavaratti and submarine INS Sindhukesari arrived in Singapore to participate in the **30th edition** of the Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX), an annual bilateral Naval exercise b/w the Indian Navy and Republic of Singapore Navy, which is being conducted since 1994.



Exercise SIMBEX 23

SIMBEX-2023 conducted in two phases - Harbour Phase at Singapore from 21 to 24 September 2023, followed by a Sea Phase. Besides Ranvijay, Kavaratti and Sindhukesari, Long-Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft P8I is also participating in the exercise.



Exercise SIMBEX 23

The Harbour Phase witnessed a wide range of professional interactions, cross-deck visits, Subject Matter Expert Exchanges and sports fixtures, aimed at enhancing interoperability and mutual understanding between the two navies.



Indian Navy Moves Mega Deal To Buy Second Indigenous Aircraft Carrier

In a major push to the indigenisation in the military, the Indian Navy has moved a mega proposal to the government for building the second aircraft carrier to be constructed by the **Cochin Shipyard Limited**.



Indian Navy Moves Mega Deal To Buy Second Indigenous Aircraft Carrier

A proposal has been received by the Defence Ministry for building and acquiring the second indigenous aircraft carrier which would be known as the **Indigenous Aircraft Carrier-2**, defence officials told.



Indian Navy Moves Mega Deal To Buy Second Indigenous Aircraft Carrier

The programme will create several thousand direct and manifold indirect jobs through the Cochin Shipyard Limited in Kerala when the work on the **IAC-2** is approved by the government.



Yudh Abhyas 2023

The Indian Army will be participating in the **19th edition** of a joint military exercise with the United States for **Yudh Abhyas 2023 in Alaska**.



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Yudh Abhyas 2023

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Yudh Abhyas 2023

- The joint exercise will take place from September 25 to October 8 at Fort **Wainwright, Alaska, US.**
- A total of 350 Indian soldiers will participate in the exercise under the leadership of a Brigadier.



Bharat Drone Shakti 2023

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Bharat Drone Shakti-2023 exhibition at the Hindan Air Base in Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad here.



Bharat Drone Shakti 2023

- The mega drone show is being hosted by the IAF and the **Drone Federation of India (DFI)**.
- After inaugurating the Bharat Drone Shakti-2023 exhibition, Defence Minister and ACM VR Chaudhari witnessed the prowess of the Indian drone industry.





Rajnath Singh  @rajnathsingh · 2h · 



Attended the unveiling ceremony of **C-295** MW at the Hindon Air Force Station. This medium lift tactical aircraft is capable of taking off and landing from unprepared landing grounds and it will replace the HS-748 Avro aircraft.

The induction of **C-295** will bolster medium lift... [Show more](#)





Germany And Israel Announce Signing Of 'Historic' Missile Shield Deal

Germany signed a deal to acquire the Israeli-made Arrow 3 hypersonic missile system that will become a key part of Europe's defence against air attack. The signing of the deal was a "historic day" for both countries, German Defence Minister Boris Pistorius said.



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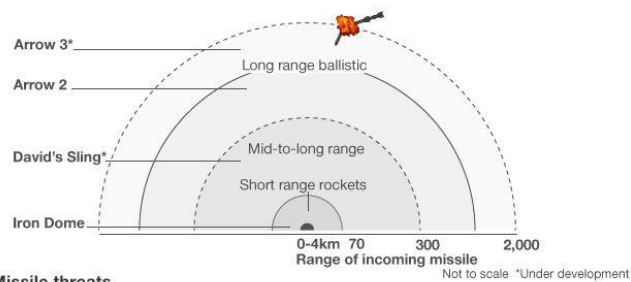
Worth around **\$3.5 billion** (3.3 billion euros), the sale is the biggest ever deal for Israel's military industry. The **Arrow 3 system** would make "German air defence ready for the future", Pistorius said.



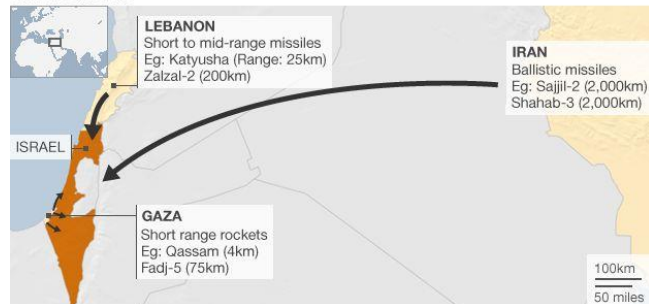
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The long-range Arrow 3 system, designed to shoot down missiles **above the Earth's atmosphere**, is powerful enough to offer protective cover for neighboring European Union states.

Israel's defensive shields



Missile threats





REVIEW QUESTIONS

C295 Aircraft Manufactured By

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C. HAL

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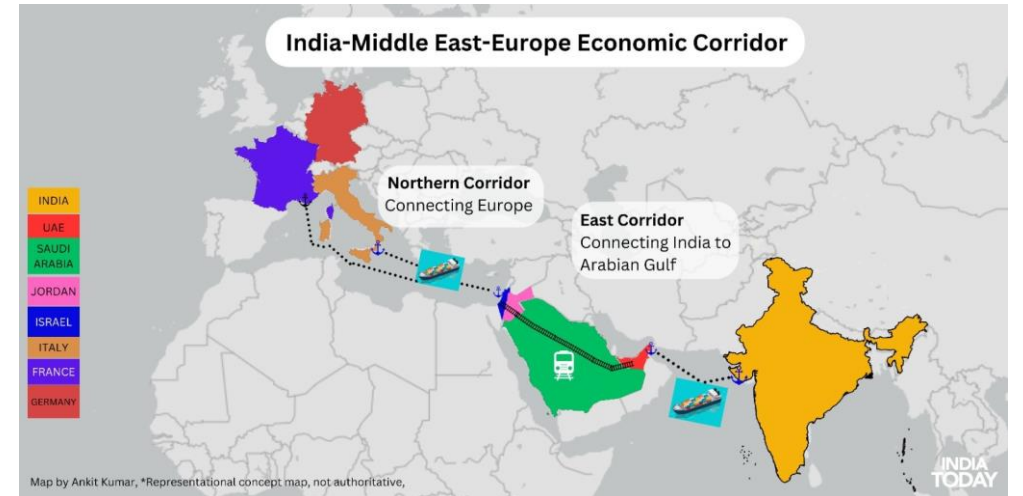


IMEC Stands For

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Military Nursing Service Celebrates 98th Raising Day

MNS celebrated its 98th Raising Day on Oct 1, 2023. As one of the oldest and most distinguished all-women services in the Armed Forces, the Service holds more than 5,000 officers posted at various hospitals of the Armed Forces.



Military Nursing Service Celebrates 98th Raising Day

The origin of MNS dates back to the pre-independence colonial era when British and Indian soldiers served in the British Army. The British Indian government established the Indian Army Nursing Services (IANS) in the year 1888.



Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan Takes Over As DG BRO

Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan took over as the 28th Director General Border Roads (DGBR) on September 30, 2023. He assumed the charge following the superannuation of Lt Gen Rajeev Chaudhry.



Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan Takes Over As DG BRO

Prior to his appointment as the DGBR, the General Officer was holding the appointment of Commandant, College of Military Engineering, Pune.



Mega IAF List Of Desi Projects Worth Over Rs 3 Lakh Crore

The Indian Air Force is taking up some of the biggest indigenisation projects in defence sector as the force led by Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari is working on 'Make in India' programmes worth over **Rs 3.15 lakh crore**.



Mega IAF List Of Desi Projects Worth Over Rs 3 Lakh Crore

The list of weapon systems and platforms includes the 180 Light Combat Aircraft Mark1A, 156 Light Combat Helicopters, Light Utility Choppers and many other weapon systems which are supposed to form a large chunk of the service in coming times.



Mega IAF List Of Desi Projects Worth Over Rs 3 Lakh Crore

The LCA Mark1A alone is supposed to be worth over Rs 1.2 lakh crore and is going to create a huge impact on developing a fighter aircraft manufacturing ecosystem in the domestic industry.



Mega IAF List Of Desi Projects Worth Over Rs 3 Lakh Crore

The officials said the support towards building a major defence industry is key towards achieving a **USD 5 trillion** economy as envisaged by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



India To Get 3 ISTAR Aircraft Under ₹6,000-crore

The air force has moved a proposal to acquire three airborne intelligence gathering aircraft under a project that will see the development of indigenous sensor technologies and systems.



India To Get 3 ISTAR Aircraft Under ₹6,000-crore

The new airborne intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition and reconnaissance (ISTAR) platform will be vital to map out battlefields and monitor enemy movements in real time, said people with knowledge of the matter.



India To Get 3 ISTAR Aircraft Under ₹6,000-crore

They said the air force has sought approval for a ₹6,000 crore project under which three ISTAR aircraft will be acquired. While the sensors and monitoring equipment will be indigenous, the aircraft will be a commercial or executive jet acquired from abroad.



SAMPRITI-XI 2023

India and Bangladesh commenced the 11th edition of annual joint military exercise, SAMPRITI on 03rd October 2023 in Umroi, Meghalaya. This exercise, alternately organised by both countries, signifies strong bilateral defence cooperation initiatives.



SAMPRITI-XI 2023

With its inception in Jorhat, Assam in 2009, the exercise has witnessed ten successful editions till 2022.



Navy Brings Out Dual-chip Debit Card For Offline Transaction

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday unveiled a unique dual-chip debit card that has been developed primarily to facilitate naval personnel at high seas carry out offline transactions if required.



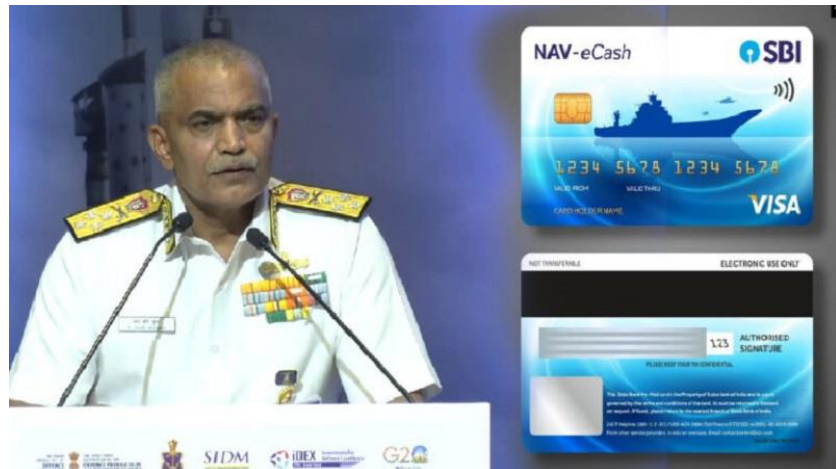
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The 'SBI NAVeCash Card' can be used in online mode (as a regular debit card) as well as in offline mode while at sea with no direct connectivity with banks, the defence ministry said.



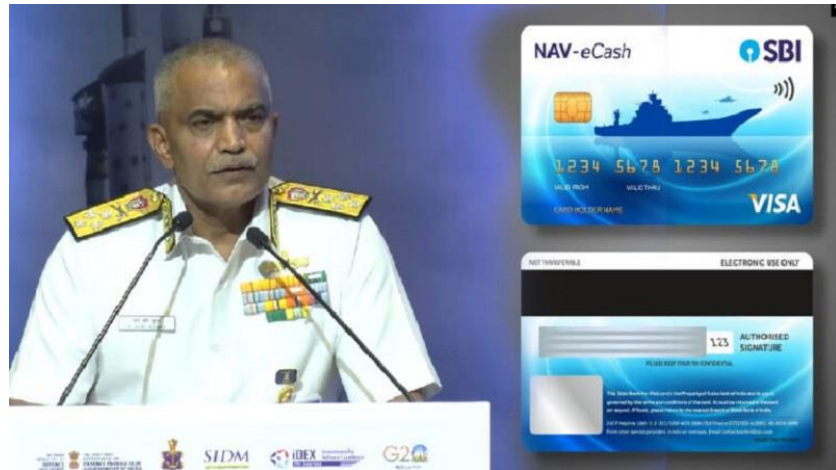
Navy Brings Out Dual-chip Debit Card For Offline Transaction

- Singh unveiled the card at the 'Swavlamban 2.0' seminar organised by the Indian Navy.
- It is a one-of-its-kind dual-chip debit card developed by the State Bank of India (SBI) and the Indian Navy, the ministry said in a statement.



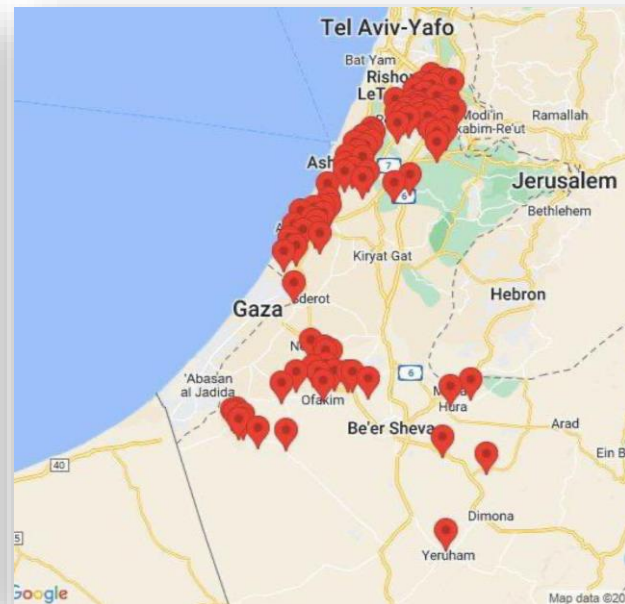
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- "The card is a positive step towards the Prime Minister's dream of Digital India with cashless financial transactions as it obviates the usage of cash onboard ships even in high seas," the statement said.



IDF Operation "Iron Swords"

In the early hours of the morning in Israel, an unprecedented barrage of rockets and missiles was launched from the Gaza Strip into Israel, triggering continuous sirens that persisted for hours.





"if the Arabs lay
down their arms
there will **be no
more war**, but if
Israel lays down
its weapons there
would **be no
more Israel.**"

*Benjamin
Netanyahu*

IDF Operation "Iron Swords"

Furthermore, a significant number of Hamas and potentially Jihad militants breached Israeli territory, engaging in confrontations with both civilians and Israeli security personnel.



IDF Operation "Iron Swords"

Hamas and other terrorist groups fired between **2,000-5,000 rockets** towards Israel from the blockaded Palestinian area of Gaza Strip on Saturday morning and dozens of terrorists entered southern Israeli cities, laying siege and taking control of several key locations, including a police station.



India Launches "Operation Ajay"

India has launched Operation Ajay to facilitate the return of citizens from Israel amid a full-blown war with the Hamas group in Gaza. There are 18,000 Indians in Israel.



India Launches "Operation Ajay"

"Special charter flights and other arrangements are being put in place. Fully committed to the safety and well-being of our nationals abroad," Foreign Minister S Jaishankar said in a post on X.



India Launches "Operation Ajay"

Israel has formed an emergency government to conduct the war against Hamas, five days after the group's fighters killed civilians in their homes and on the streets in an unprecedented assault on Israeli soil.



EXERCISE 2023 – (CHAKRAVAT 2023)

The Annual Joint HADR Ex is an outcome of Hon'ble PM's directive promulgated during Combined Commanders' Conference-2015. Since its first edition in 2015, the Annual Joint HADR Exercise, CHAKRAVAT, has transformed itself into a multi-agency endeavour involving participation of all three Services, Paramilitary Forces.



EXERCISE 2023 – (CHAKRAVAT 2023)

The 2023 edition would further synergise efforts at the national level among all stakeholders, as well as witness participation from eight countries of the Indian Ocean Region.



EXERCISE 2023 – (CHAKRAVAT 2023)

The exercise has been conducted by Indian Army, Indian Navy and IAF in rotation since 2016. The last edition of the exercise was conducted at Agra by IAF. The 2023 edition of the exercise is being hosted by the Indian Navy at Goa from 09 to 11 Oct 23.



Army establishes first-ever BSNL BTS on world's highest battlefield Siachen Glacier

The Indian Army, in collaboration with the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited on Thursday established the first-ever BSNL base transceiver station (BTS) on the world's highest battlefield, Siachen Glacier.



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"Siachen Warriors in collaboration with BSNL established first ever BSNL BTS at forward posts of the highest battlefield on October 6, to extend mobile communication for the soldiers deployed at more than 15,500 feet," posted the Fire and Fury Corps of the Indian Army on X.



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A **base transceiver station** (BTS) is a fixed radio transceiver in any mobile network. The BTS connects mobile devices to the network. It sends and receives radio signals to mobile devices and converts them to digital signals that it passes on the network to route to other terminals in the network or to the Internet.



ARMY CHIEF PRESENTS THE PRESIDENT'S COLOURS

General Manoj Pande, the Chief of Army Staff presented the prestigious 'President's Colours' to the **Third Battalion of the Naga Regiment** during an impressive Colour presentation parade held at Kumaon Regimental Centre, Ranikhet (Uttarakhand) on 13th October 2023.



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After reviewing the parade, the Army Chief appreciated the rich traditions of the Naga Regiment in all spheres of military activities to include operations, training and sports. The COAS also complimented the newly raised unit for their remarkable performance within a short period of time and conveyed his best wishes to all ranks to serve the Nation with pride.

SAGAR KAVACH 02-23

A two-day comprehensive Coastal Security Exercise Sagar Kavach 02/23 involving all maritime security agencies was conducted by the Indian Navy in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and the UT of Puducherry from 11-12 Oct 2023.



SAGAR KAVACH 02-23

About 2500 personnel from the Indian Navy, Coast Guard, State and U/T Administration, Marine Police, Fisheries, Customs, Intelligence Agencies, Light Houses, Ports Forest etc were engaged in the exercise.



SAGAR KAVACH 02-23

The exercise witnessed close coordination and synergy among all coastal security stakeholders. Lessons learnt from the exercise would be incorporated to strengthen the coastal security architecture.



Ministry of Defence Signs Contract With CSL

Ministry of Defence signed a contract on October 16, 2023, in New Delhi for Mid Life Upgrade and Re-Powering of "**INS Beas**" with Kochi-based M/S Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) at an overall cost of Rs. 313.42 Cr.



Ministry of Defence signs contract with CSL

INS Beas is the first of Brahmaputra Class Frigate to be re-powered from Steam to Diesel Propulsion. After completion of Mid Life Upgrade and Re- Powering in 2026, INS Beas will join the active fleet of the Indian Navy with a modernized weapon suite and upgraded combat capability.



Defence Ministry signs contract for construction of the first ICG Ship

Ministry of Defence signed a contract for the construction of one Training Ship for the ICG with Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd, Mumbai at a cost of Rs 310 crore under the Buy category in New Delhi on October 17, 2023.



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This is the first dedicated training platform with integral helicopter capabilities that will provide basic sea training to 70 Coast Guard and other international under-trainee officers to prepare these budding mariners on the multi-dimensional maritime aspects of Coast Guard life.



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This training ship with advanced and modern high-tech surveillance and monitoring systems will provide profound insight and expertise to the ICG cadets on the challenges at sea while ensuring the security of coastline and offshore assets.



Indian Army To Acquire Eight Landing Attack Craft For Operations In Creek Areas

The Indian Army has initiated the process to acquire eight landing attack craft for carrying out search and rescue operations in the creek areas and river basins in different parts of the country, said the army officials.



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The Army wants the crafts to be able to come in and out of water bodies without using a jetty. It is also moving ahead with a plan to buy six fast patrol boats under the Make in India in Defence programme, the officials added.



Udhampur Military Station Gets 'Best Green Military Station' Award

The Udhampur military station has bagged the 'Best Green Military Station' award, the Army said on Wednesday. The Best Green Station Awards were presented by Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande at the Army Commanders' Conference here.



Udhampur Military Station Gets 'Best Green Military Station' Award

"General Manoj Pande awarded the '**COAS Flight Safety Trophy**' for the year **2022-23** to '**671 Army Aviation Squadron (R&O)**' for maintaining the highest standards of flight safety & proficiency in establishing, managing & promoting a #Flightsafety culture," it said.



Nashik- Next Aircraft Manufacturing Hub of HAL

Nashik, India's wine capital, is set to emerge as the next hub for aircraft manufacturing in the country, with Bengaluru-based state-owned plane maker HAL preparing to activate new production lines for the indigenous **LCA Mk-1A** and **HTT-40** planes to meet the IAF's growing requirements for fighter jets and basic trainers, senior officials aware of the development said.

{ A NEW HIGH }
Known for wine, Nashik is the next aircraft manufacturing hub as HAL spreads wings



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HAL has a capacity to build **16 LCA Mk-1As** every year in Bengaluru, and the Nashik line will help the firm ramp up production to a total of **24 jets**.



LCA मार्क 1A में तेजस से ज्यादा फीचर्स



LCA मार्क 1A में AESA रडार लगा है। इस रडार की रेंज पुराने तेजस एयरक्राफ्ट से ज्यादा है और जैमिंग को बेहतर तरीके से रोकता है।

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इसमें लगभग 40 सुधार किए गए हैं, जिनसे इसका मेंटेनेंस आसान हो जाएगा।

इसमें अपग्रेडेड रडार वॉर्निंग रिसीवर सिस्टम (RWR) लगाया गया है। इससे एयरक्राफ्ट खतरों का जल्दी डिटेक्ट कर पाएगा।

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Exercise Prasthan In Andhra's Kakinada

Under the aegis of **Eastern Naval Command**, the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Andhra Pradesh conducted **Exercise Prasthan 2023** for security of offshore development area in **Kakinada**.



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A 2-day long multiagency [#ExercisePrasthan](#) for the Security of Offshore Development Area(ODA), Kakinada was conducted on Rig Ship Platinum Explorer of ONGC and RG Fixed Oil Platform of Vedanta Ltd by NOIC(Andhra Pradesh) under the aegis of [#EasternNavalCommand](#) on 18-19 Oct 23.



रक्षा मंत्री कार्यालय/ RMO India and 6 others

Exercise Prasthan In Andhra's Kakinada

As per a Navy statement, the exercise was conducted on the Rig ship Platinum Explorer of ONGC and RG Fixed Oil Platform of Vedanta Ltd.



Participants in the Exercise

Assets from the Indian Navy comprised of **INS Kora**, **INS Tihayu**, four Immediate Support Vessels, **Marine Commandoes**, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team and Helicopters. **ICG Ship Kanaklata Barua** also participated in the exercise.



Raksha Mantri Launched 'Project Udbhav'

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh launched 'Project UDBHAV', during the inauguration of the Indian Military Heritage Festival, in presence of General Manoj Pande, Chief of the Army Staff, Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari.



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Project UDBHAV, a collaboration between the Indian Army and the USI, is an endeavour to revisit the roots of India's ancient military thoughts.



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'Udbhav', which translates to 'origin' or 'genesis', acknowledges the vintage scriptures and writings of our Nation, that span centuries in the past and contain profound knowledge that can benefit modern military strategies.



Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023

A joint bilateral training exercise of Indian and Malaysian armies has commenced in **Meghalaya's Umroi** Cantonment to enhance military capability for conduct of multi-domain operations in a sub-conventional scenario.



Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023

The '**Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023**', began on Monday and will continue till November five with the Malaysian contingent comprising troops from the 5th Royal Battalion of the Malaysian army and the Indian contingent represented by a Battalion of the Rajput Regiment, a defence release said on Tuesday.

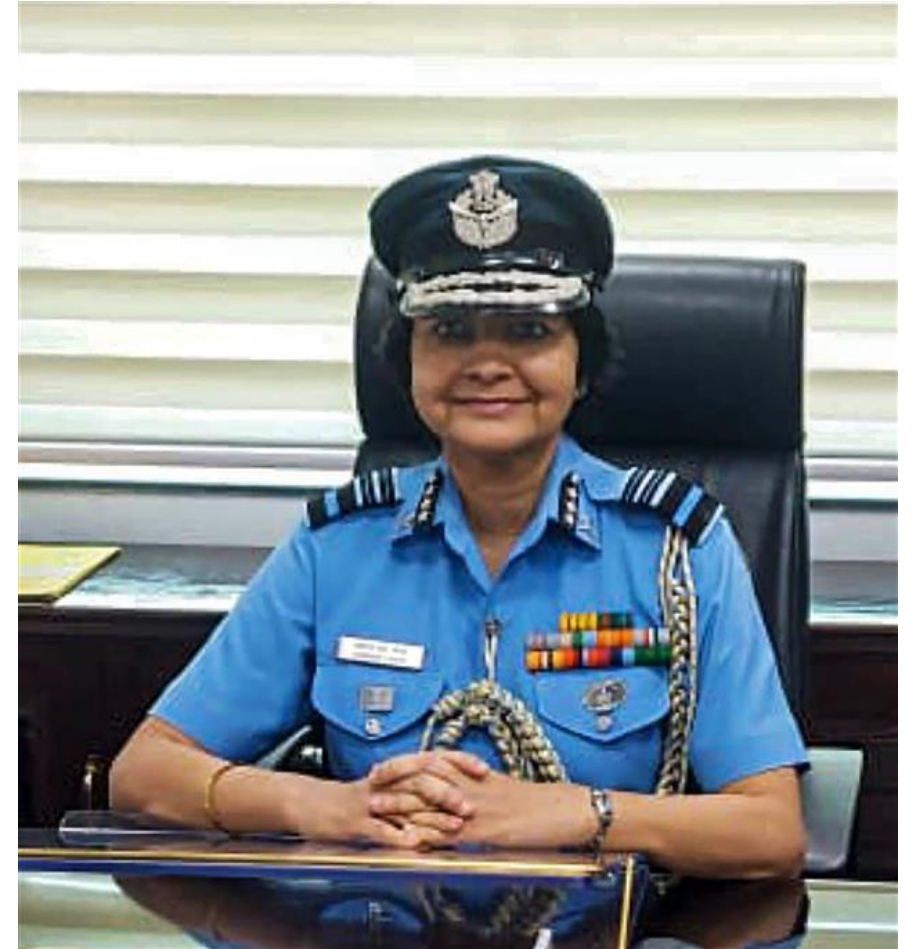


Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023

- The previous edition of the exercise was conducted in Pulai, Kluang, Malaysia in November 2022.
- The exercise will engage approximately 120 personnel from both sides with both contingents establishing a joint command post and an integrated surveillance grid along with a Joint Surveillance Centre.

Air Marshal Sadhna Saxena Nair takes charge as Director General Hospital Services

Air Marshal Sadhna S Nair assumed the appointment of Director General Hospital Services (Armed Forces) in the office of DGAFMS on Oct 23, 2023, becoming **the first woman to hold the position** on promotion to the rank of Air Marshal.



Air Marshal Sadhna Saxena Nair takes charge as Director General Hospital Services

A graduate from the Armed Forces Medical College, Pune, Air Marshal Sadhna S Nair was commissioned into the Indian Air Force in Dec 1985. She holds a Post Graduate degree in Family Medicine and has undergone a two-year training program in Medical Informatics at AIIMS, New Delhi.



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She was trained in CBRN Warfare with the Israeli Defence Forces and in Military Medical Ethics in Switzerland. **She is the first and only woman Principal Medical Officer of Western Air Command and Training Command.**



SF Training School Gets A Cutting-edge Vertical Wind Tunnel

In a landmark move to augment the training infrastructure of special forces and combat free-fallers, the Special Forces Training School (SFTS) at Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh, gets Indian Army's first Vertical Wind Tunnel (VWT).



SF Training School Gets A Cutting-edge Vertical Wind Tunnel

General Manoj Pande, Chief of the Army Staff, virtually inaugurated the facility. The state-of-the-art wind tunnel is set to refine the Combat Freefall (CFF) skills of armed forces personnel.



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As part of the ongoing transformation of the Indian Army, technology is being infused into the training methodologies. Installation of a VWT is also a step in that direction. Functioning as a freefall simulator, the VWT creates a column of air at specific velocities, orchestrating different CFF conditions.



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The system simulates varied freefall scenarios which is crucial in assessing individual reactions to numerous situations in an airborne operating environment. It reduces potential instability in the air and during parachute deployment thereby assisting trainees to get used to free-fall conditions.



Military Exercise 'KAZIND-2023'

The Indian Army and Indian Air Force contingent comprising 120 personnel has taken part in the 7th edition of Joint Military 'Exercise KAZIND-2023', the Ministry of Defence said.



Military Exercise 'KAZIND-2023'

'Exercise KAZIND-2023' conducted from October 30 to November 11 at Otar in Kazakhstan and 90 personnel of the Indian Army contingent led by a Battalion from the DOGRA regiment will participate in the joint exercise.



Military Exercise 'KAZIND-2023'

The Joint Exercise between India and Kazakhstan was instituted as 'Exercise PRABAL DOSTYK' in the year 2016. After the second edition, the Exercise was upgraded to a company-level exercise and renamed as 'Exercise KAZIND'.





REVIEW QUESTIONS

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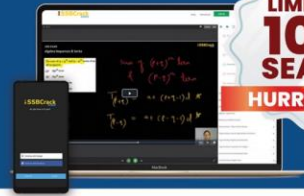




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DAC Clears Procurement Of Rs 2.23 Lakh Crore Defence Equipment

Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) approved the proposal for procurement of Rs 2.23 lakh crore defence equipment from domestic companies.



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The council has cleared procurement of additional batch of 97 Tejas Light Combat Aircraft, Su-30 fighter aircrafts and nearly 150 Prachand Light Combat Helicopters.



DAC Clears Procurement Of Rs 2.23 Lakh Crore Defence Equipment

The Indian Air Force has already ordered 83 **LCA Mark1A fighter planes** and their deliveries are expected to start in February-March 2024.

The value of the 97 aircraft is expected to be around Rs 65,000 crore which would be the largest ever fighter aircraft deal in the country.



Air Marshal Vohra Takes Over As Senior Air Staff Officer, WAC

Air Marshal Praveen Keshav Vohra has taken over as the Senior Air Staff Officer (SASO) of Western Air Command of the Indian Air Force on 01 December 2023.



Air Marshal Vohra Takes Over As Senior Air Staff Officer, WAC

The Air Marshal is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy and was commissioned as a fighter pilot in the Indian Air Force on 19 December 1987. He has served across the length and breadth of our nation having flown over 3500 Hr, primarily on Mig-21 variants and the Mig-29 aircraft.



Air Marshal Makarand Ranade Takes Over As DG

Air Marshal Makarand Ranade assumed the appointment of Director General (Inspection and Safety) [DG (I&S)] at **Air HQ New Delhi** on 01 December 2023.



Air Marshal Makarand Ranade Takes Over As DG

An alumnus of National Defence College, New Delhi and College Interarmée de Defense at Paris, France, the Air Marshal was commissioned in the fighter stream of the Indian Air Force on 06 December 1986.



Air Marshal Makarand Ranade Takes Over As DG

The Air Marshal was awarded Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry) in 2006 and Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 2020.



Lt Gen Manjinder Singh Takes Over As Army Training Command GOC-in-Chief

Lieutenant General Manjinder Singh took over as the 24th General Officer Commanding in Chief of the Shimla-based Army Training Command.



Lt Gen Manjinder Singh Takes Over As Army Training Command GOC-in-Chief

Lieutenant General Manjinder Singh succeeded Lieutenant General Surinder Singh Mahal, who was superannuated a day earlier, the army said in a statement.



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Lieutenant General Manjinder Singh is an alumnus of Sainik School Kapurthala, the NDA Khadakwasla and the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun. He was commissioned into the 19 MADRAS on December 20, 1986.



INS Sandhayak Delivered To Indian Navy

Sandhayak (Yard 3025), the first of four Survey Vessel (Large) ships, being built at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata, was delivered to the Indian Navy on 04 Dec 23. The Contract for four Survey Vessel (Large) was signed on 30 Oct 18.



INS Sandhayak Delivered To Indian Navy

The Keel for ship was laid on 12 Mar 19 and the ship was launched on 05 Dec 21. The ship has undergone a comprehensive schedule of trials in harbour and at sea, leading up to its delivery to Indian Navy on 04 Dec 23.



INS Sandhayak Delivered To Indian Navy

Sandhayak has an indigenous content of over 80% by cost. The delivery of Sandhayak is an affirmation of the impetus being given by the Government of India and the Indian Navy towards 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat'.



IAF Officer Manisha Padhi Appointed India's First Woman Aide De Camp

Squadron leader Manisha Padhi, a 2015 batch IAF officer, became the first woman in the country to ascend to the post of Aide-de-Camp (ADC).



Air Force officer Manisha Padhi Appointed India's First Woman Aide De Camp

Mizoram Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati, on November 29, appointed Squadron Leader Padhi as the ADC from the armed forces at a brief ceremony held at the Raj Bhawan in the state capital, Aizawl.



Air Force officer Manisha Padhi Appointed India's First Woman Aide De Camp

Squadron Leader Padhi formally joined her post and reported to the Governor on November 29. She was introduced to the officers and staff of the Raj Bhavan at Aizawl.



6th NSA-level Meeting of Colombo Security Conclave

National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval arrived in Mauritius & participated in the 6th NSA-level meeting of the Colombo Security Conclave.



6th NSA-level Meeting of Colombo Security Conclave

The Colombo Security Conclave comprises **India, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives**.

On May 9 last year, the 5th NSA -level meeting of the Colombo Security

Conclave was hosted by the Maldives, during which the NSAs discussed the significance of close cooperation between member and observer countries in maritime safety and security and countering terrorism and radicalization.

6th NSA-level Meeting of Colombo Security Conclave

A permanent Secretariat was established in Colombo, which coordinates all activities of the conclave and is also responsible for the implementation of the decisions taken at the NSA level.



Successful Training Launch of SRBM 'Agni-1'

Training launch of Short-Range Ballistic Missile 'Agni-1' was carried out successfully from APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha on December 07, 2023. Agni-1 is a proven very high precision missile system.



Successful Training Launch of SRBM 'Agni-1'

The user training launch, carried out under the aegis of the Strategic Forces Command, successfully validated all operational and technical parameters.



Armed Forces Flag Day 2023

Every year, December 7 is observed as the Armed Forces Flag Day in India to honour the martyrs, veterans and serving personnel of the defence forces. The day has been observed annually since 1949 to remember the services of the Army, Navy and IAF, & collect funds to ensure their and their family's well-being.



Armed Forces Flag Day 2023

Soon after India achieved independence, a need arose to support and encourage the welfare of the defence personnel. On August 28, 1949, a committee was set up under the then Defence Minister of India, which decided to observe Flag Day annually on December 7.



Armed Forces Flag Day 2023

In 1993, India's Defence Ministry combined all related welfare funds, including those for war victims and the Kendriya Sainik Board Fund, into one, named the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund (AFFDF).

The idea behind observing this day was to distribute small flags to people and collect donations from them.

Defence Ministry signs contract worth Rs 588.68cr for Digital Coast Guard project

A government statement noted that the contract was signed in alignment with the Centre's strategic vision for Digital Armed Forces, terming the initiative as pivotal for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG).



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An official said "the DCG project will unfold a comprehensive narrative of technological progression, encompassing the construction of an advanced Data Centre, the establishment of a robust Disaster Recovery Data Centre, amplification of connectivity across ICG sites, and the development of the ERP system".

Defence Ministry signs contract worth Rs 588.68cr for Digital Coast Guard project

Functioning as the nerve centre, it enables centralised monitoring and management of applications deployed by the ICG, ensuring vigilant oversight of critical IT assets of the ICG, the official added.



Table-top Exercise For ASEAN Women Peacekeepers

In a landmark initiative to promote gender inclusivity and enhancing the capabilities of women military personnel in peacekeeping operations, the Indian Army conducted a TTX for the Women Officers of ASEAN at Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi from 4th to 8th December 2023.



Table-top Exercise For ASEAN Women Peacekeepers

The Exercise is part of ongoing efforts of Centre for United Nations Peacekeeping to strengthen international cooperation and capacity-building in peacekeeping missions, with specific focus on empowering women in the field. CUNPK is a premier institution of the Indian Army to impart training in peacekeeping operations.

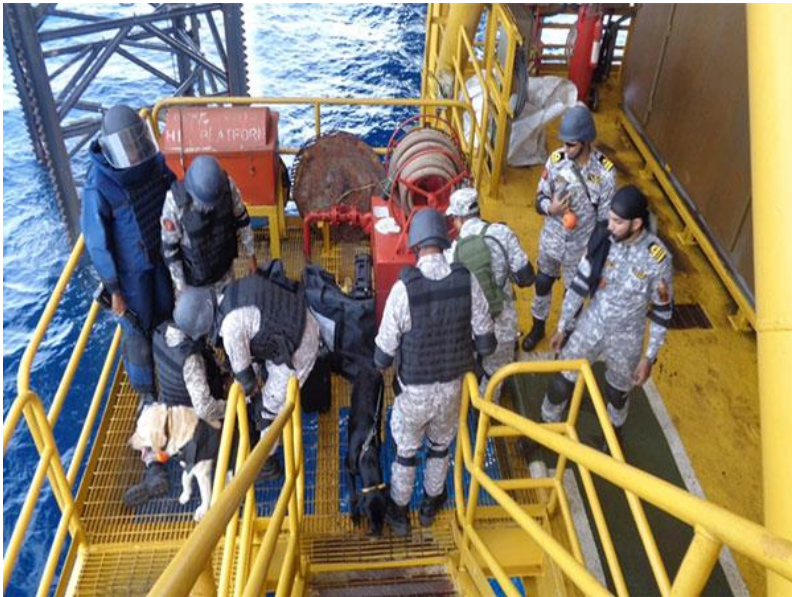
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This Exercise served as a platform for participants to simulate and strategise responses to complex peacekeeping scenarios, reflecting real-world challenges. It also included exposure to complex operational peacekeeping environment and methods to ensure women peace and security.



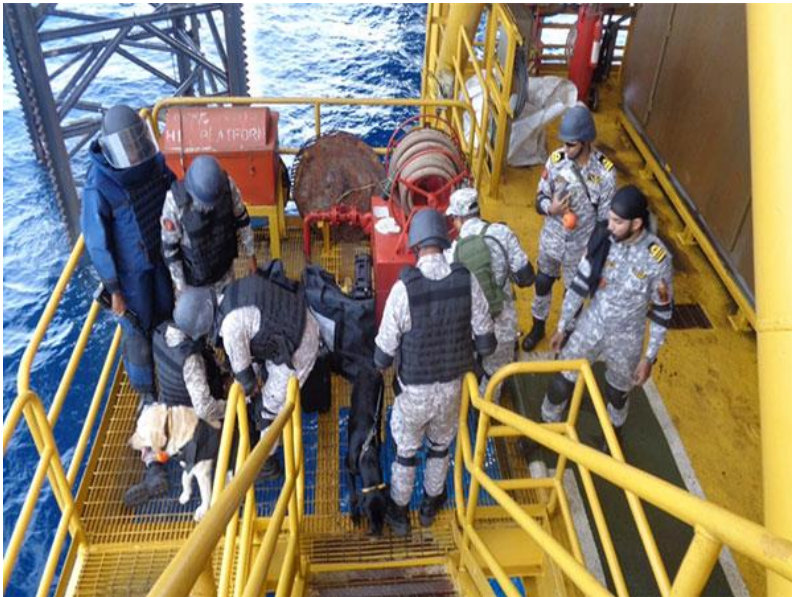
Indian Navy Conducts Bi-annual "Ex Prasthan"

The Indian Navy conducted a bi-annual exercise called Prasthan in the Western Offshore Development Area off Mumbai, according to the Ministry of Defence press release.



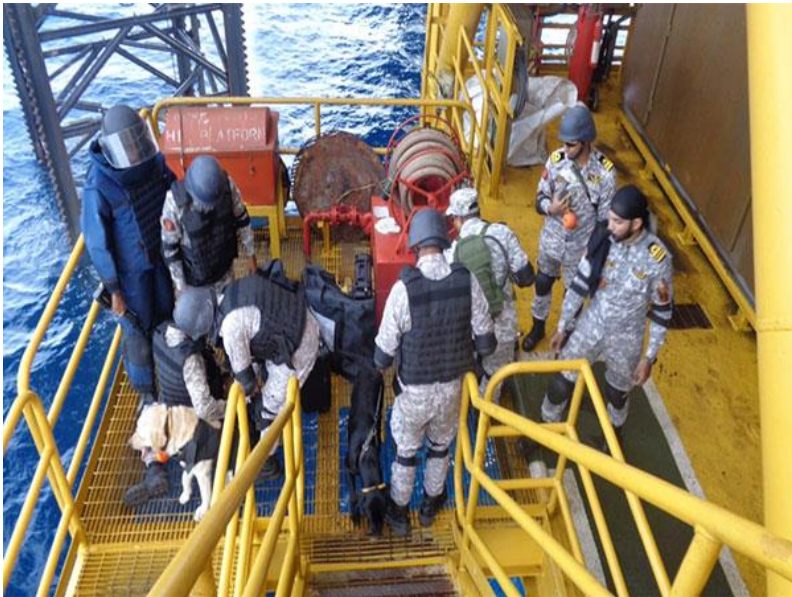
Indian Navy Conducts Bi-annual "Ex Prasthan"

The exercise conducted under the Western Naval Command and conducted every six months to validate measures and procedures to address various contingencies that may arise in the oil production platforms.



Indian Navy Conducts Bi-annual "Ex Prasthan"

The current exercise was conducted on the R12A (Ratna) platform of ONGC, located about 45 nm West of Mumbai Harbour.



Italy Wins Admiral's Cup 2023

The 12th edition of 'Admiral's Cup' Sailing Regatta concluded on 08 Dec 23 with a glittering closing ceremony at Ettikulam Beach at Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala. Team Italy represented by Midshipman Avallone Antonio & Midshipman Creati Carlo Leonardo won the Admiral's Cup 23.



Italy Wins Admiral's Cup 2023

Team India represented by Midshipman PPK Reddy and Cadet GY Reddy was the Runners-Up and Team United Kingdom & Germany represented by Officer Cadet Lucy Bell and Midshipman Aaron Middleton from United Kingdom and Cadet Beckman Carl & Cadet Hinz Anton from Germany shared the third position.



First LCA Mark1A Fighter Aircraft Squadron To Be Deployed At Nal Air Base

The Indian Air Force is planning to raise the first squadron of the indigenous LCA Mark1A fighter aircraft squadron at the Nal air base in Bikaner district of Rajasthan near the Pakistan front.



First LCA Mark1A Fighter Aircraft Squadron To Be Deployed At Nal Air Base

The aircraft, which would be much more advanced than the existing LCA Mark1 Tejas fighters, are being equipped with the latest indigenous radars and avionics.



First LCA Mark1A Fighter Aircraft Squadron To Be Deployed At Nal Air Base

The first LCA Mark1A aircraft is expected to be delivered to the Indian Air Force by February-March time frame by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, they said.



First LCA Mark1A Fighter Aircraft Squadron To Be Deployed At Nal Air Base

The LCA Mark1A fighter jets are now planned to be produced in large numbers as 83 aircraft are already under production and 97 more have been cleared by the central government.



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Along with the 40 LCA Mark-1 Tejas fighters, a total of 220 LCA Mark 1 and LCA Mark1A aircraft are planned to be inducted into service in the next 8-10 years.



EXERCISE “VINBAX-2023”

The Indian Armed Forces contingent comprising 45 personnel reached Hanoi, Vietnam took part in the fourth edition of Joint Military Exercise VINBAX-2023. The exercise conducted at Hanoi, Vietnam from 11th to 21st December 2023.



EXERCISE “VINBAX-2023”

The Indian contingent comprises 39 personnel from an Engineer Regiment of Bengal Engineer Group and six personnel of Army Medical Corps. The Vietnam People’s Army contingent represented by 45 personnel.



EXERCISE “VINBAX-2023”

Exercise VINBAX was instituted in 2018 and the first edition was conducted at Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh. It is an annual training event conducted alternatively in India and Vietnam. Last edition was conducted at Chandimandir Military Station in August 2022.



Captain Fatima Wasim Becomes First Woman Medical Officer To Be Deployed On Siachen Glacier

Captain Fatima Wasim of the Siachen Warriors created history by becoming the first woman medical officer to be deployed to an operational post on the Siachen Glacier, said the Indian Army's Fire and Fury Corps in a post on X.



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"She (Captain Fatima Wasim) was inducted to a post at an altitude of 15,200 feet after undergoing rigorous training at Siachen Battle School, which speaks of her indomitable spirit and high motivation," Fire and Fury Corps posted on X.



Captain Fatima Wasim Becomes First Woman Medical Officer To Be Deployed On Siachen Glacier

Earlier this month, **Captain Geetika Koul** from the Snow Leopard Brigade became the first woman medical officer of the Indian Army to be deployed at the world's highest battlefield, Siachen, after successfully completing the induction training at Siachen Battle School.



Indo-US Special Forces Wrap Up "Vajra Prahar"

In a significant display of military collaboration and shared expertise, the **14th edition** of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise, "Vajra Prahar 2023," concluded successfully at the Joint Training Node in **Umroi, Meghalaya**.



Indo-US Special Forces Wrap Up "Vajra Prahar"

- The US contingent was represented by personnel from the 1st Special Forces Group (SFG) of the US Special Forces. The Indian Army contingent was led by Special Forces personnel from the Eastern Command.
- Exercise Vajra Prahar is a joint exercise conducted between the Indian Army and US Army Special Forces, the ministry said in a press release.

Defence Ministry clears 70,000 Sig Sauer assault rifles for Indian Army

In a major boost to the firepower of soldiers, the Indian Army will get 70,000 more Sig Sauer assault rifles which will be given to troops deployed in counterterrorism operations and other duties.



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India has already inducted over 70,000 of these American-made assault rifles, which are being used by forces in the Ladakh sector along the China front and also in Kashmir valley. The plan to buy these rifles was taken by the force initially as it wanted to have a rifle with a longer range.



Defence Ministry clears 70,000 Sig Sauer assault rifles for Indian Army

In February 2019, 72,400 SiG 716 rifles -- 66,400 for the Army, 4,000 for the Air Force and 2,000 for the Navy -- of 7.62 x 51mm calibre were bought from SIG Sauer of the US.



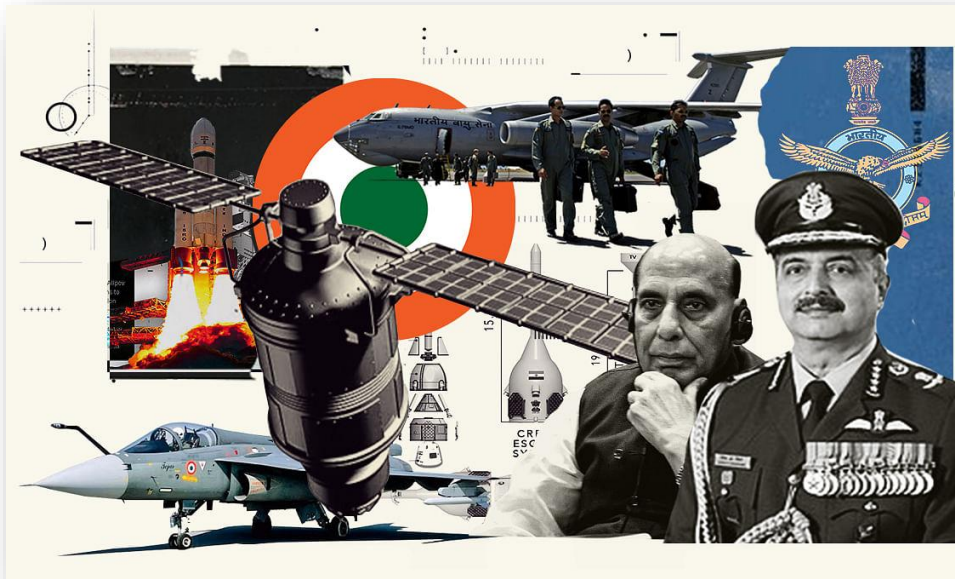
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The Indian forces are also going to soon get the **AK-203** being produced by the joint venture between two companies in the ordnance factory near Amethi.



IAF Is Planning To Become The Indian Air And Space Force

The IAF is undergoing a significant transformation as it seeks to become the **Indian Air and Space Force (IASF)** and expand its capabilities in the aerospace domain.



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In line with this transformation, the IAF is intensifying its efforts to fully exploit the potential of space, moving beyond its current focus on intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, communication, and navigation capabilities.



Military Satellites

The IAF envisions India having over 100 military satellites, both large and small, within the next seven to eight years, with active participation from the private sector. Additionally, the **Defence Space Agency**, established in 2019, is set to evolve into a fully-fledged **Space Command**.



Mission Shakti

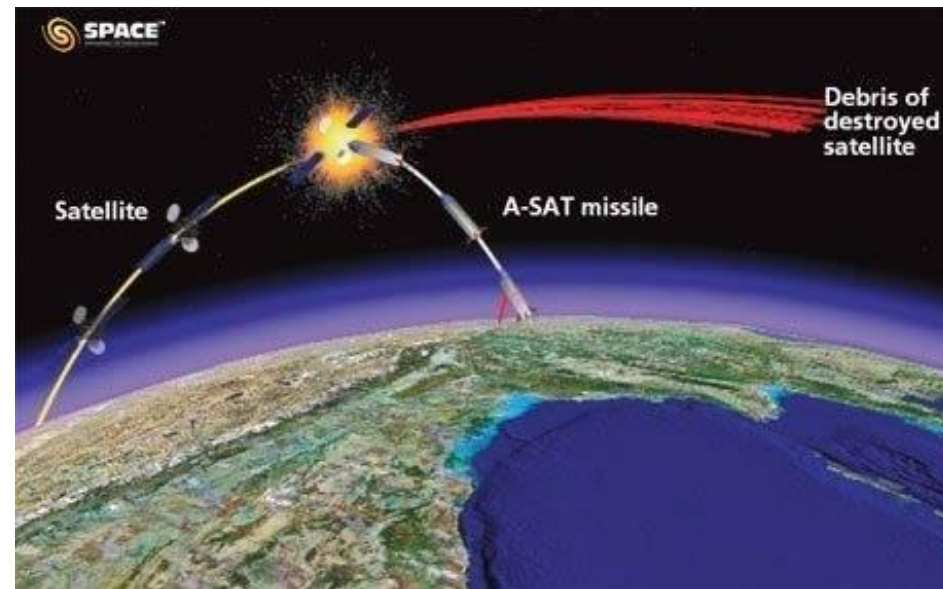
IAF chief ACM V R Chaudhari in recent months has also repeatedly stressed the need for India to develop both defensive and offensive capabilities in the space domain by building on the success of 'Mission Shakti' in **March 2019**.



The infographic features a dark space background with a satellite in the upper left and a missile in the lower left. The PIB logo is in the top left corner. The main title is in white and yellow text. Three bullet points are listed in white and cyan text.

India successfully test Anti-Satellite Missile

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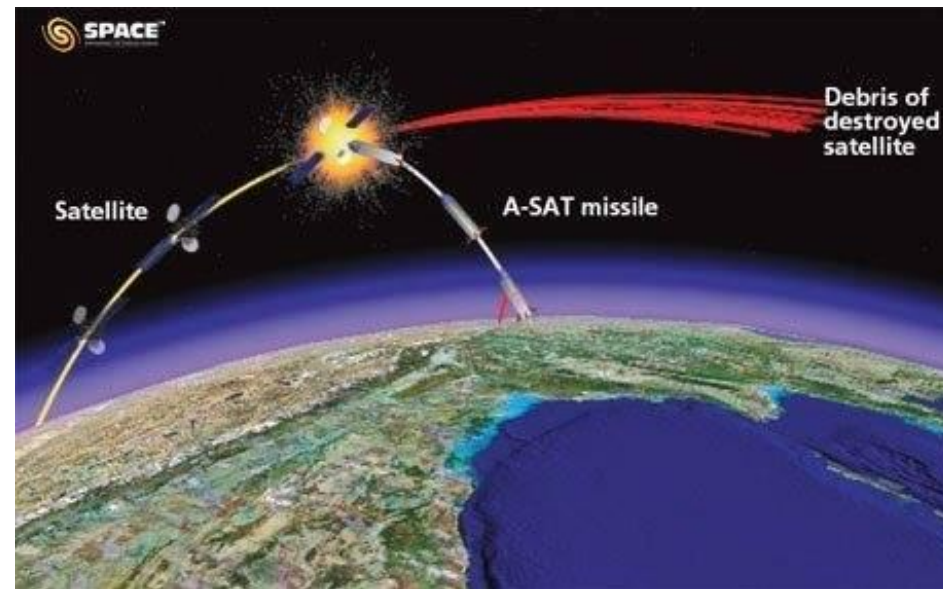
DRDO had then tested an anti-satellite (A-Sat) interceptor missile to destroy the 740-kg Microsat -R satellite at an altitude of 283-km in low earth orbit.



The infographic features a dark space background with a view of Earth's horizon. In the top left, there is a logo for 'pit' (Public Information Team) with the motto 'सत्यमेव जयते' (Truth alone triumphs). Below the logo is a small satellite icon. In the bottom left, there is a stylized illustration of a missile with a yellow flame at its base. The main text is in white and yellow, and there are three bullet points in white and cyan.

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World Space Command

If China has the **People's Liberation Army Strategic Support Force** for the space domain, the US created a full-fledged Space Force (**USSF**) as a distinct branch of its armed forces in 2019. Several other countries like the **UK, Japan, France and Russia** also have space commands or wings in their air forces.



MoD Approves Rs 2800 Cr Rockets for Pinaka weapon System

In a major boost for the Indian Army, the Defence Ministry has approved a Rs 2,800 crore proposal for buying around 6,400 rockets for Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launcher systems.



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The Defence Ministry's Defence Acquisition Council's recent meeting had cleared the proposal for the acquisition of two types of these rockets, known as **Area Denial Munition Type 2 and Type-3.**



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The rockets would be procured by the Indian Army from indigenous sources only and two main contenders include the **Economic Explosives Limited of Solar Industries** and the **Munitions India Limited**-- one of the ammunition-producing companies created by the corporatization of the erstwhile Ordnance Factories.



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The Indian-made Pinaka weapon system, named after the bow of Hindu God **Shiva**, has been developed by the **DRDO**.



MoD Approves Rs 2800 Cr Rockets for Pinaka weapon System

- The weapon system is one of the first few Indian military terms to have been exported to foreign countries, including **Armenia**.
- Private sector companies involved in the project include Larsen & Toubro, Tata Defence and Economic Explosives Limited.



Defence Ministry Inks Over Rs 5,300 Cr Deal With Bharat Electronics Ltd

The MoD sealed an over Rs 5,300 crore deal with state-run BEL for procurement of electronic fuzes for the Indian Army for a period of 10 years. An electronic fuze is an integral component of medium to heavy calibre artillery guns which provide sustained artillery firepower for military operations.



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The ministry said the fuzes are being procured for usage in artillery guns which are capable of lethal engagements in various kinds of terrain including high-altitude areas along the northern borders.



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The electronic fuzes will be manufactured by the BEL at its Pune and upcoming Nagpur Plant.



DRDO Carries Out Successful Flight Trial of AFWTV

DRDO) has successfully carried out a flight trial of Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator, an indigenous high-speed flying-wing Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) from the Aeronautical Test Range, Chitradurga in Karnataka.



DRDO carries out successful flight trial of AFWTV

The successful flying demonstration of this autonomous stealth UAV is a testimony to maturity in the technology readiness levels in the country. With this flight in the tailless configuration, India has joined the elite club of countries to have mastered the controls for the flying wing technology.



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This UAV is designed and developed by DRDO's Aeronautical Development Establishment. The maiden flight of this aircraft was demonstrated in July 2022, followed by six flight trials in various developmental configurations using two in-house manufactured prototypes.



Exercise Astrashakti

Looking to export its indigenous weapon systems, India has strongly demonstrated the firepower of its Akash surface-to-air (SAM) weapon system, where a single firing unit simultaneously engaged and destroyed four unmanned targets during the recent Exercise Astrashakti 2023.



Exercise Astrashakti

With this demonstration during the Air Force Exercise Astrashakti-2023, **India has become the first to demonstrate the capability of engaging four targets simultaneously** at such ranges by command guidance using a single firing unit



Exercise Astrashakti

Explaining the trials, the officials said that during the exercise, four targets were coming from same direction in a close formation and were split to attack their own defence assets from multiple directions simultaneously.



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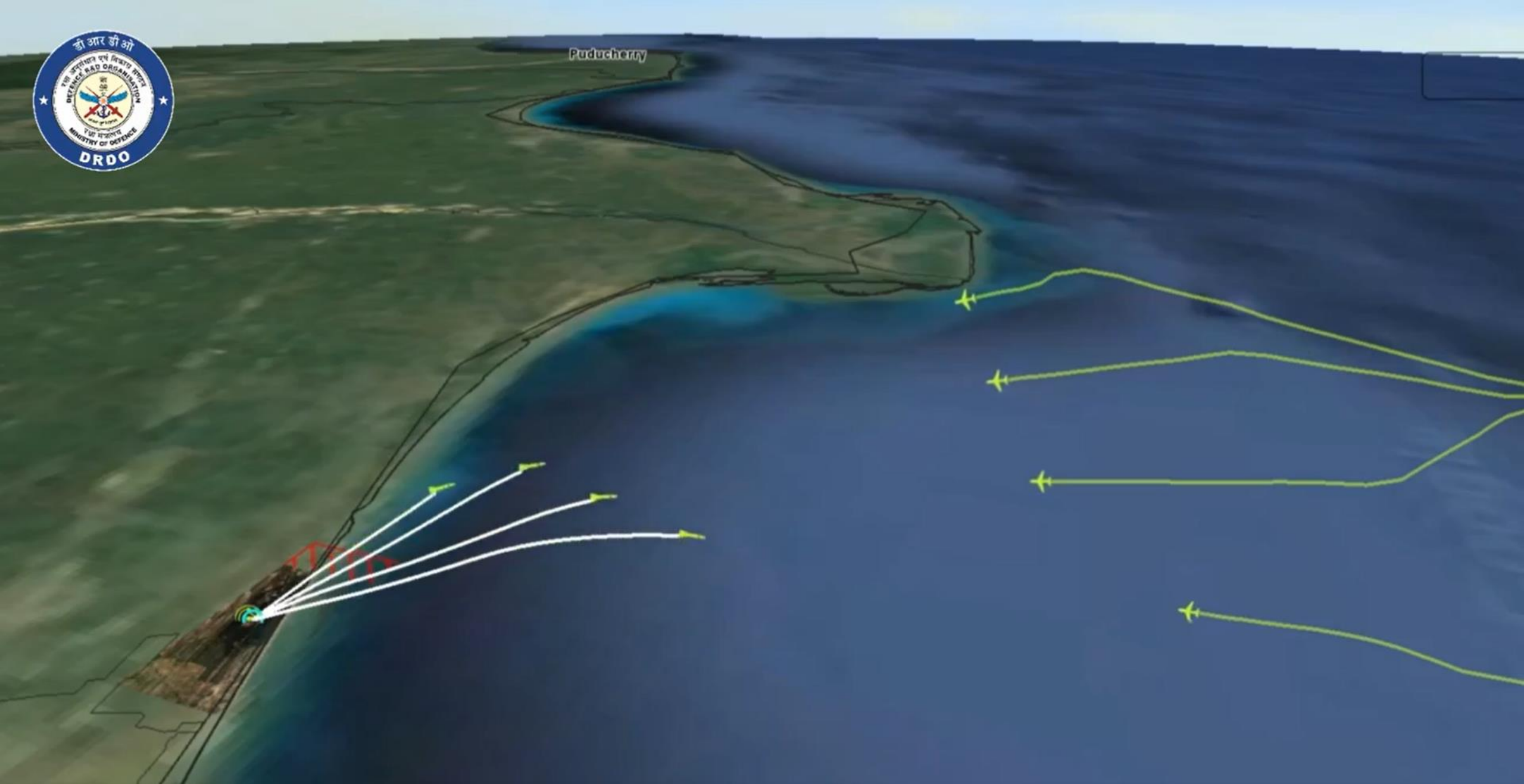
- "The Akash firing unit was deployed with Firing Level Radar, Firing Control Centre (FCC), and two Akash Air Force Launcher launchers having five armed missiles," they said.
- The FLR was detected and tracked and the air scenario with four targets was updated to a higher echelon.

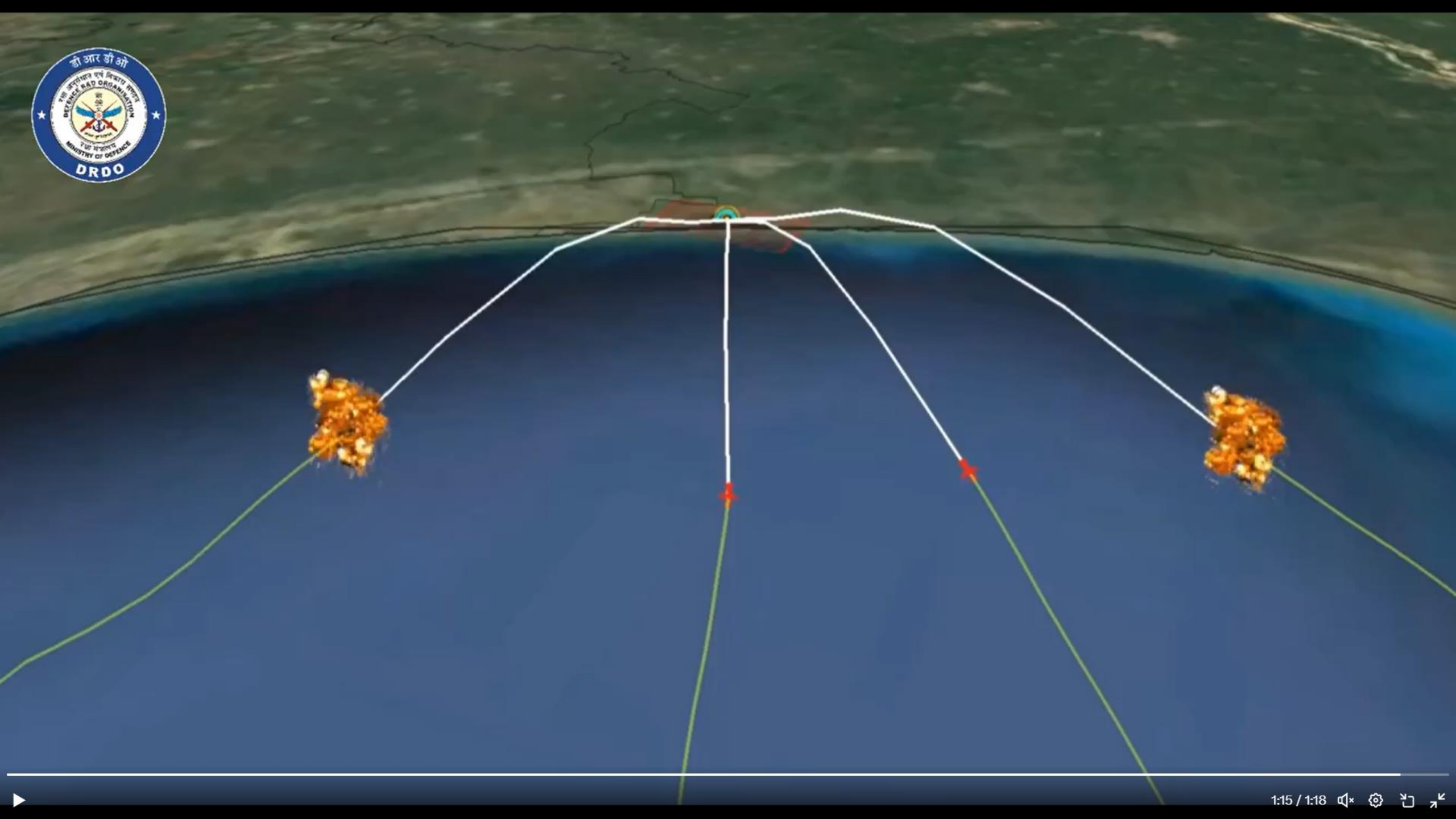






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IAF Successfully Test fires 'SAMAR' Air Defence Missile System

In a major success for its in-house design and development efforts, the Indian Air Force has successfully test fired its SAMAR air defence missile system.



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The Indian Air Force has carried out the successful firing trials of its in-house designed and developed SAMAR air defence missile system during **exercise AstraShakti-2023** at Air Force Station Suryalanka held recently. The air defence system 'SAMAR' (Surface-to-air missile for...

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IAF Successfully Test fires 'SAMAR' Air Defence Missile System

The IAF has developed the **Surface to Air Missile for Assured Retaliation (SAMAR)** air defence missile system by using its old Russian-origin air-to-air missile systems.



IAF Successfully Test fires 'SAMAR' Air Defence Missile System

The missile system participated for the first time in the exercise to test its surface-to-air weapon systems and carry out their operational field trials.

The missile system successfully achieved firing trial objectives in different engagement scenarios, they said.



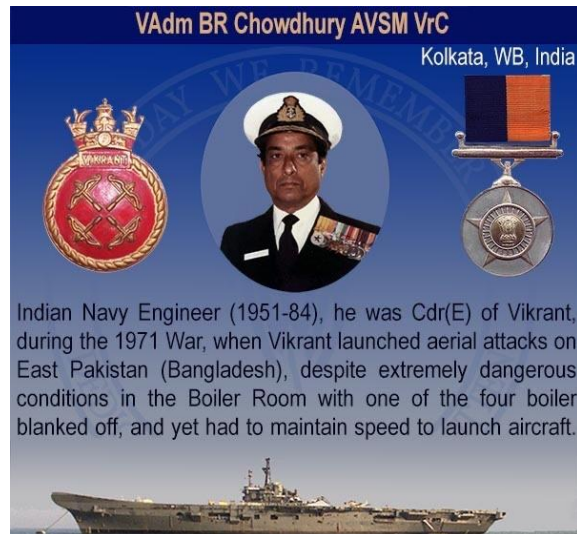
INS Shivaji Receives The Original 'Vir Chakra'

INS Shivaji, the premier Training establishment of the Indian Navy received the original 'Vir Chakra' awarded to Late Vice Admiral Benoy Roy Chowdhury, AVSM, VrC (Retd.) at a solemn ceremony at Lonavala on 18 Dec 23.



INS Shivaji Receives The Original 'Vir Chakra'

The 'Vir Chakra' is an Indian wartime military bravery award presented for acts of gallantry on the battlefield, on land or in air or at sea. **VAdm Chowdhury** is the only technical officer of the Indian Navy, who has been decorated with this prestigious award.



INS Shivaji Receives The Original 'Vir Chakra'

Vice Admiral Benoy Roy Chowdhury's gallantry is firmly rooted during the 1971 Indo-Pak War wherein, he was the Engineer Officer onboard erstwhile INS Vikrant. During the course of deployment amidst the war, one of the boilers of Vikrant was rendered non-operational while the performance of the other three boilers were observed to be sub-optimal.

US Announces Security Operation To Counter Challenges In Red Sea

The US Secretary of Defence, Lloyd Austin, announced a new US-led operation focusing on the "security challenges in the southern Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden" following recent attacks by Houthi forces on commercial marine traffic in the region.



US Announces Security Operation To Counter Challenges In Red Sea

"I am announcing the establishment of **Operation Prosperity Guardian**, an important new multinational security initiative under the umbrella of the Combined Maritime Forces and the leadership of its Task Force 153, which focuses on security in the Red Sea," Austin said in a statement.



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The statement comes during the Austin visit to Israel, where he held meetings with senior Israeli officials to discuss the Israel-Hamas war, said countries "must come together to tackle the challenge posed by this non-state actor launching ballistic missiles and UAVs at merchant vessels from many nations lawfully transiting international waters."

MoD Signs Rs 1,614.89 Crore Contract With MDL

The Ministry of Defence signed a contract with Mazagon Dockyard Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL), Mumbai, on December 20, 2023, for the procurement of six Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG).



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The contract was made under the Buy (Indian-IDDMM) category at a total cost of Rs1614.89 Crore. Out of the six vessels being procured, four would replace the existing aging OPVs and the other two would augment the ICG fleet.



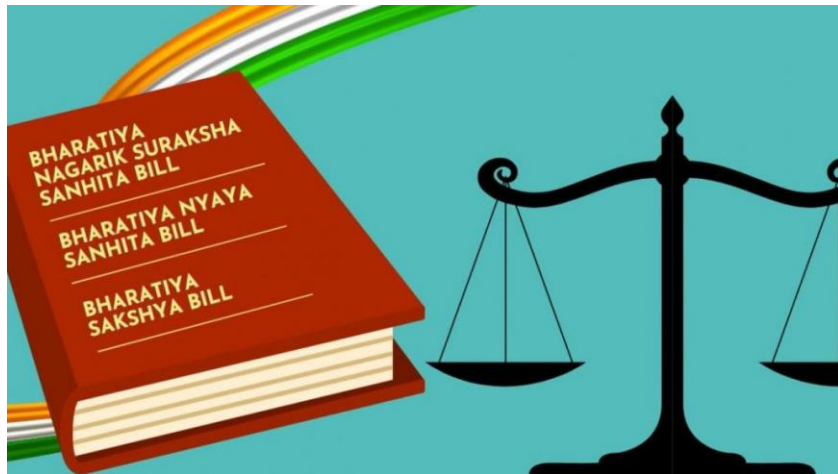
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The acquisition of these major ICG platforms is aimed to boost the ICG's capability and reinforces the increased focus of the Government towards Maritime Security.

These modern and high-tech Ships will play a critical role in enhancing surveillance, Law enforcement, Search and Rescue, Maritime Pollution Response, and other important capabilities including humanitarian assistance by the ICG.

Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Act Widens Definition Of Terrorism

The redrafted criminal law bill **set to replace the Indian Penal Code, 1860**, has widened the definition of "terrorism" and left it to an officer, not below the rank of Superintendent of Police, to invoke section 113 of Bharatiya Nyaya (2nd) Sanhita Bill (BNSB), 2023, or the Unlawful Activities (Prevention Act), 1967.



Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Act Widens Definition Of Terrorism

In the redrafted Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Act, the definition of terrorism now includes the word "**economic security**", amongst other changes.



Key changes in the bills



ADDITIONS

- Definition of terrorist acts expanded to include threats to "monetary stability" and "economic security" among other things
- Clear definition clause for "cruelty" against women in a marital relationship
- Penalises publication of court proceedings that may disclose identity of rape victims

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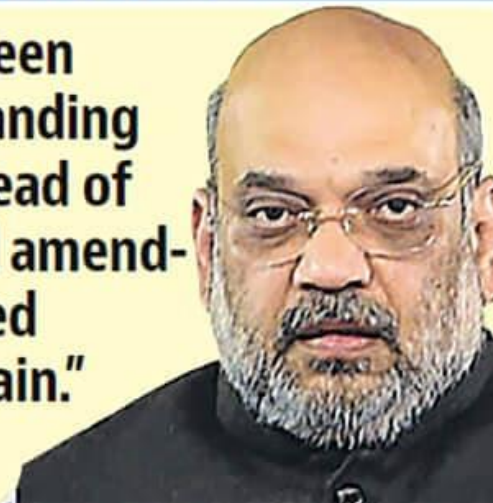
- Panel's recommendation on adultery and non-consensual gay sex not accepted
- A key provision that proposed 7 yrs in jail for mob lynching was deleted

WHAT'S NEXT?

Debate on the bills will take place on Thursday and Union home minister Amit Shah will give his reply on Friday.

"The bills had had been examined by the standing committee and instead of coming with official amendments, it was decided to bring the bills again."

— AMIT SHAH



Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Act Widens Definition Of Terrorism

As per the bill, the terrorism offence would include "**any act with the intent to threaten or likely to threaten the unity, integrity, sovereignty, security, or economic security of India or with intent to strike terror or likely to strike terror in the people or any section of the people in India or in any foreign country**".

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Damage to the monetary stability of India by way of "**production or smuggling or circulation of counterfeit Indian paper currency, coin**" would also be considered "**terrorist acts**", as per the bill.



Naval Exercise MILAN- 2024

The **12th edition** of the Multilateral Naval Exercise - 2024 (MILAN) is to be held at Visakhapatnam from February 19 to 27, and likely witness the largest-ever participation by over 50 countries and nearly 20 ships from friendly nations.



Naval Exercise MILAN- 2024

In accordance with the exercise a final Planning Conference was also held at Visakhapatnam in hybrid mode (VC + in-person) chaired by CSO (Ops), @IN_HQENC and attended by participating nations, said the Navy in an official statement.



Naval Exercise MILAN- 2024

The Flagship event, MILAN is a biennial multilateral naval exercise, which was incepted by the Indian Navy in **1995**. Originally conceived in consonance with India's 'Look East Policy, MILAN expanded in ensuing years with the Govt of India's 'Act East policy' and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Security and Growth for All in the Region (**SAGAR**) **initiative**, to include participation from other Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs).

Defence Sector Company BEL Bags Orders Worth Rs 2,673 Cr

Bharat Electronics on Friday announced it received orders worth Rs 2,673 crore collectively from Goa Shipyard Limited (Rs 1,701 crore) and Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (Rs 972 crore).



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The orders entail supply of 14 types of sensors for use on Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels (NGOPV).



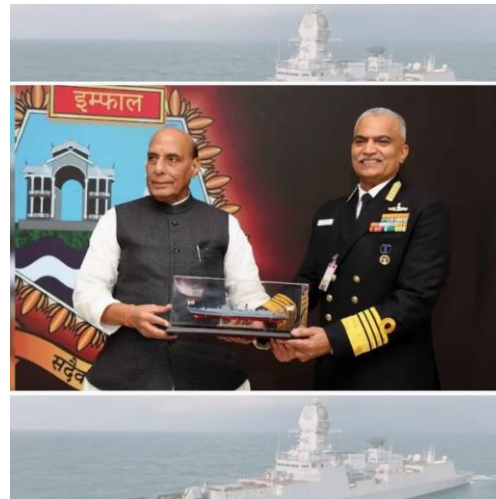
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The company had received additional orders worth Rs 86.15 crore pertaining to miscellaneous spares and services, the release added. The state-owned company has bagged cumulative orders of worth Rs 25,935.15 crore till now in the current financial year 2023-24.

The shares of Bharat Electronics have risen about 75 per cent on a cumulative basis in 2023.

Indian Navy Commissions INS Imphal

The Indian Navy commissioned its latest stealth guided missile destroyer, 'INS Imphal,' on Tuesday in Mumbai, with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh presiding over the ceremony. This event marks the formal induction of the third vessel in the indigenous 'Visakhapatnam' class destroyers.



Indian Navy Commissions INS Imphal

Designed by the Indian Navy's **Warship Design Bureau** and constructed by **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders**, INS Imphal represents a cutting-edge warship with significant contributions from public and private sectors, including MSMEs, & the DRDO.



Indian Navy Commissions INS Imphal

INS Imphal, measuring **163m** in length, **17m** in breadth, and with a displacement of **7,400 tonnes**, stands as one of the most formidable warships built in India. Propelled by four powerful gas turbines, it can achieve speeds in excess of **30 knots**.



Nina Singh Becomes 1st Woman To Head CISF

“Nina Singh has been appointed as the DG, CISF. Singh, a 1989-batch IPS officer of Rajasthan cadre, is currently working as Special DG, CISF. She has been appointed to the post till her superannuation on July 31, 2024,” the order said.

Nina Singh becomes 1st woman to head CISF, Anish Dayal new CRPF chief

Nina Singh was the first woman IPS officer allocated to the Rajasthan cadre where she served important assignments across the state.

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New Appointment In CAPF

ITBP chief Anish Dayal Singh was appointed as the Director General of CRPF on, a Personnel Ministry order said. Singh, a 1988-batch Indian Police Service officer of Manipur cadre, was holding the additional charge of the CRPF following the retirement of incumbent S L Thaosen on November 30.



Rahul Rasgotra

Rahul Rasgotra, at present a special director in the Intelligence Bureau (IB), will be the **new ITBP chief** in place of Singh. Rasgotra has handled several assignments in IB, including heading its Kashmir branch during the time Article 370 was nullified in Jammu and Kashmir.



Vivek Srivastava

Vivek Srivastava, a 1989-batch IPS officer of Gujarat cadre, will be Director General, Fire Service, Civil Defence and Home Guards. He has been appointed to the post till June 30, 2025, the date of his superannuation, the order said.





REVIEW QUESTIONS

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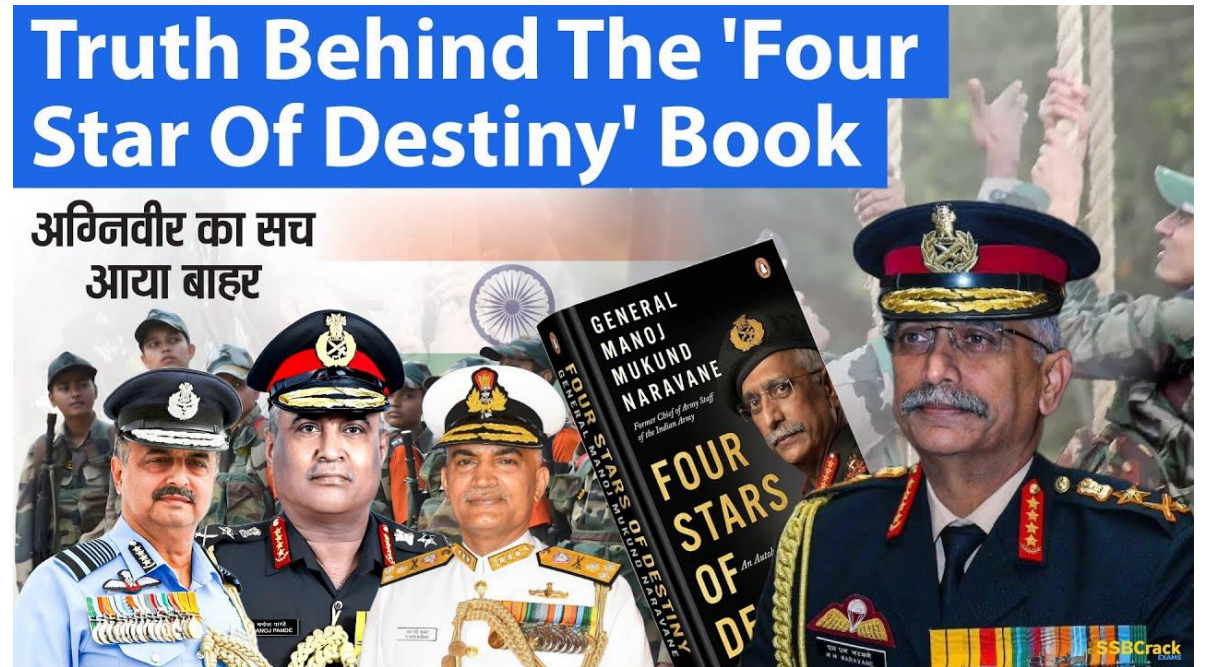
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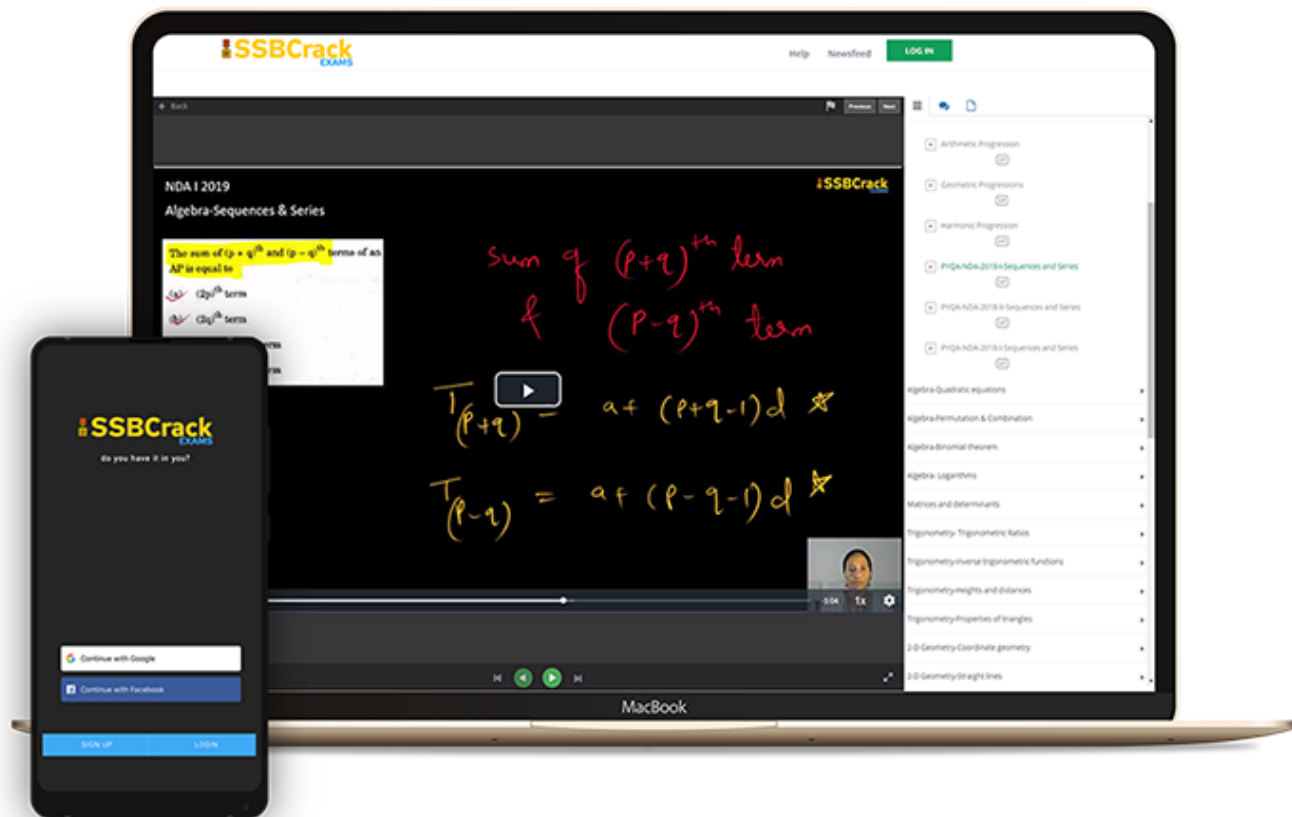
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