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Rs 300 crore Allocated by MoD to Foster Tech Innovations

- The Ministry of Defence has sanctioned over Rs 300 crore through its Technology Development Fund to enhance capabilities in cutting-edge technology and promote 'Aatmanirbharta' in defence, according to an official statement.
- The Technology Development Fund (TDF) is a flagship programme under the Ministry of Defence, executed by DRDO as part of the 'Make in India' initiative.
- It aims to provide grants-in-aid to Indian industries, MSMEs, startups, and academic institutions for developing defence and dual-use technologies not currently available in India's defence industry.



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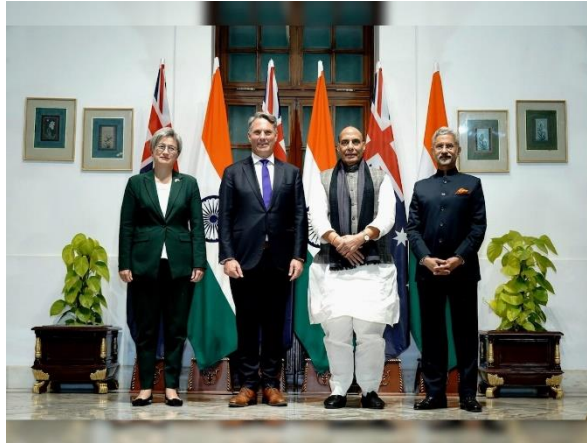
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Raksha Mantri Holds Telecon With Australian Deputy Prime Minister

- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh held a telephonic conversation with Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Mr Richard Marles on July 04, 2024.
- Both Ministers noted the transformative progress in defence cooperation under the comprehensive strategic partnership, and appreciated the momentum

achieved in the ties since the last India-Australia 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue, which the two Ministers attended in November 2023.

- Australia considers India as a top-tier security partner in their National Defence Strategy document which was released in 2024. He congratulated the Raksha Mantri on Team India becoming the T20 world champions.



India Hosts 6th EAS Conference on Maritime Security Cooperation

- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced the commencement of the 6th East Asia Summit (EAS) Conference on Maritime Security Cooperation in Mumbai.
- Co-chaired by India, Australia, and Indonesia and organised in collaboration with the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) and the National Maritime Foundation the conference aims to bolster cooperation across the Indo-Pacific region.
- Discussions at the event are set to address critical issues, including maritime domain awareness, capacity building, and joint exercises among regional navies.



Dassault Aviation To Set Up A Maintenance Facility In India

- French defence major Dassault Aviation has filed an application with the Indian government to set up a maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facility near **Jewar international airport in Uttar Pradesh** to cater to not just India's fleet of Mirage 2000s and Rafale fighter jets, but also that of Indonesia.
- Government sources told that the proposed MRO facility is a standalone venture of Dassault Aviation and will be fully owned by the **French aviation firm**.
- This means Dassault has decided to move away from its Indian partner Anil Ambani's Reliance Defence for this project. With Reliance, it has a joint venture called **Dassault Reliance Aerospace Limited (DRAL)** which operates a plant in Nagpur to make parts for the Falcon business jets and Rafales.
- They added that the facility will initially look at MRO-related work for the 36 Rafale fighter jets of the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the 26 Rafale Marine under discussion between Dassault and the Indian Navy.
- Sources also said that Dassault Aviation had informed them the MRO facility would also cater to the needs of Indonesia which operates 42 Rafale fighters with the option for more. This is the first step of a larger plan proposed by Dassault Aviation for operations in India, they added.
- Interestingly, the IAF has a long-pending requirement for new fighters under the Medium Role Fighter Aircraft (MRFA) programme, as part of which they want to procure 114 new fighters through the 'Make in India' route.



Form of War Rapidly Transforming, Will Have To Be Ready To Accept Change: CDS Chauhan

- Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan on Thursday said the form of war is transforming rapidly due to technological advancements and the country's armed forces will have to be ready to accept this change. He made the remarks while addressing a gathering of Army officers, junior commissioned officers (JCOs) and soldiers drawn from 18 Grenadiers to mark 25 years of the battles of Tololing and Tiger Hill fought during the Kargil war in 1999.
- Tiger Hill top was captured by the Indian Army on July 4, 1999. The 18 Grenadiers battalion played a pivotal role in the Kargil conflict. 'Vijay Diwas' is celebrated on July 26 every year to mark India's victory over Pakistan in the 1999 Kargil war.
- In his address, Gen Chauhan said, "We are going through an age of transformation. In today's era, the form of a war is rapidly changing. Therefore, we will always have to be ready to accept this change."
- "We want to become a professional armed force and a superpower... India. It is our desire. This can happen only if we work with new energy, new zeal and new thoughts".



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. How much funding has the Ministry of Defence sanctioned through its TDF to enhance capabilities in cutting-edge technology?

- A. Rs 100 crore
- B. Rs 200 crore
- C. Rs 300 crore
- D. Rs 400 crore

ANSWER: C

2. Where is the 6th East Asia Summit (EAS) Conference on Maritime Security Cooperation being held?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Kolkata
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: D

3. Current Raksha Rajya Mantri Is ____.

- A. Rajnath Singh
- B. Sanjay Seth
- C. Ajay Bhatt
- D. Narendra Modi

ANSWER: B

4. Which country's Navy signed a deal for an 800-ton Ocean Going Tug with India?

- A. Maldives
- B. Mauritius
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Bangladesh

ANSWER: D

5. What is the name of India's new explosive that has been certified by the Indian Navy and is reported to be twice as lethal as standard TNT?

- A. SEBEX 2
- B. SITBEX 1
- C. SIMEX 4
- D. SEBEX 1

ANSWER: A

6. With which company has Adani Defence & Aerospace signed an agreement to manufacture 70mm rockets in India?

- A. Lockheed Martin
- B. Thales Group
- C. BAE Systems
- D. Northrop Grumman

ANSWER: B

7. Which is the 6th largest Submarine Under P75?

- A. INS Karanj
- B. INS Vagsheer
- C. INS Kirpan
- D. INS Vela

ANSWER: B

8. National College for Policing and Law Enforcement is one of India's largest funded projects in

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Maldives
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

9. The MiG-29 Is A

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. UK

ANSWER: D

10. "Naam Namak Nishaan" Is The Motto Of

- A. THE GRENADIERS
- B. Rajputana Rifles
- C. Gorkha
- D. None

ANSWER: A

11. IATA Stands For

- A. International Air Transport Associate
- B. International Apex Transport Association
- C. International Air Transport Association
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

12. K2 Black Panther Tank Belongs To

- A. Oman
- B. Qatar
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. South Korea

ANSWER: D

13. Ankara Is The Capital Of

- A.** Oman
- B.** Qatar
- C.** Turkey
- D.** Maldives

ANSWER: C

14. "India 2020: A Vision for the New Millennium" Book Is Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Rabindra Nath Tagore
- C. M K Gandhi

D. Dr A P J Abdul Kalam & Dr Y S Rajan

ANSWER: D

15. North-West Region Of ICG Located In

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

ANSWER: C

16. AH-64 Apache Is A

- A. Transport Helicopter
- B. Attack Helicopter
- C. Light Utility Helicopter
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

17. Operation Ganga Was Conducted By IAF In

- A. UK
- B. USA
- C. Ukraine
- D. Afghanistan

ANSWER: C

18. Department of Defence Production Comes Under

- A. Ministry of Culture
- B. MHA
- C. MOD
- D. MEA

ANSWER: C

19. Defence Institute of High-Altitude Research Is In

- A. New Delhi
- B. Jammu
- C. Ladakh
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

20. Dhanush (howitzer) Manufactured By

- A. L & T
- B. Boeing
- C. ISRO
- D. Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited

ANSWER: D