

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### Kathua Terror Attack

- The attack on army vehicles in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua on Monday was carried out by Pakistani terrorists who used sophisticated weapons to maximise casualties, according to sources. The terrorists also conducted reconnaissance of the area, possibly with the help of local supporters, hinting at a planned targeted attack.
- The advanced weapons included M4 Carbine rifles and explosive devices, among other ammunition, according to sources.
- One more soldier injured in the terrorist attack on an army convoy in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua on Monday has succumbed to his injuries, taking the death toll to five, a Defence official said.
- An encounter is still underway between troops and the terrorists in the area, according to a defence official.
- "A local guide helped the terrorists conduct reconnaissance of the area and also provided them with food and shelter. After the attack, he helped them reach their hideouts," the sources continued.
- A massive combing operation continued in Kathua on Tuesday to trace the attackers, who are believed to have fled to nearby forest areas. However, hilly terrain, fog, and dense vegetation have become major hurdles in the search operation.
- The terrorists targeted the army truck on the Machedi-Kindli-Malhar road near Badnota village in Lohai Malhar, approximately 150 km from Kathua town, around 3:30 pm. A Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) was among the five personnel killed in the attack. Five other soldiers were injured and hospitalised.

- Meanwhile, five soldiers who were injured in the Kathua terror attack were given primary treatment at the Community Health Centre, Billawar and have been referred to the Military Hospital, Pathankot, for further treatment.



## India Bargaining Hard For Better Deal With France For Rafale Marine Jets Contract

- India is bargaining hard for getting a better price during the ongoing negotiation with France for buying **26 Rafale Marine** jets in a deal expected to go beyond **Rs 50,000 crore**.
- The second round of negotiations between India and France started on Monday and is expected to continue for the next 10-12 days.
- The French offer includes the packages for integrating Indian weapons on the fighter aircraft including the Astra air-to-air missile, India-specific enhancements, landing equipment for the aircraft to carry out operations from the aircraft carrier and other related equipment, they said.
- The aircraft would be operated from the aircraft carriers of the Indian Navy including the **INS Vikramaditya and the INS Vikrant**.
- As per the plans, the Indian Navy will deploy these aircraft at the **INS Dega** in **Vishakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh** as their home base.



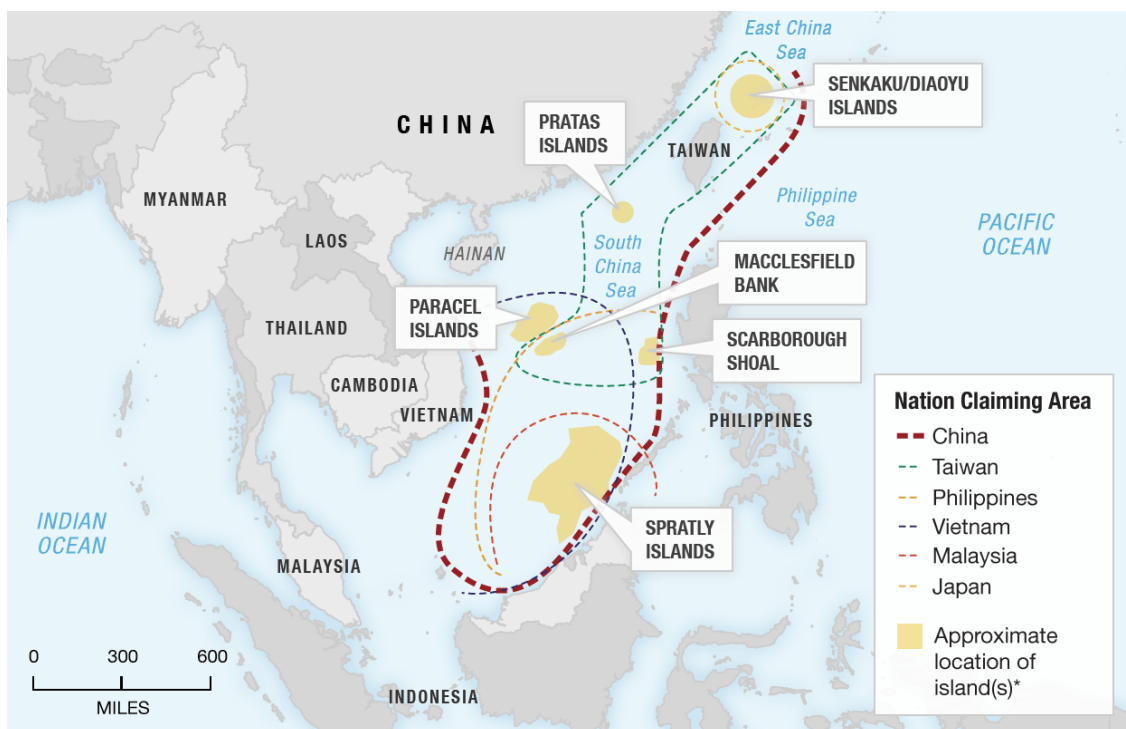
## UP Defence Corridor Attracts Rs 25,000 Crore In Deals

- The Uttar Pradesh government has signed more than **150 defence manufacturing agreements** valued at **₹25,000 crore**. This move aligns with India's record-breaking annual defence production, which reached ₹1.27 trillion in the fiscal year 2023-24, marking a **16.7% increase** from the previous year.
- The defence projects are strategically located within the **UP Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC)**, spanning six nodes across **Lucknow, Kanpur, Jhansi, Aligarh, Chitrakoot, and Agra districts**. These projects are expected to generate **40,000 new jobs**, significantly contributing to the state's economic growth.
- India's defence exports witnessed a remarkable 32% surge, reaching ₹21,083 crore (\$2.5 billion USD) in 2023-24. UP is leveraging its vast MSME (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises) base to propel the "Make in UP" initiative.



## Philippines And Japan Sign Defence Pact

- The Philippines and Japan have signed a reciprocal access agreement (RAA) allowing them to deploy their forces on each other's soil, a milestone in their security relations amid rising tensions in the Indo-Pacific.
- Philippine defence minister Gilberto Teodoro and Japanese foreign minister Yoko Kamikawa signed the deal in a ceremony in Manila witnessed by Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr, presidential communications secretary Cheloy Garafil said in a message.
- The agreement creates a framework to facilitate military cooperation, such as making the entry of foreign personnel and equipment easier for the visiting force. The deal, the first of its kind to be signed by Japan in Asia, would take effect after ratification by both countries' legislatures, officials said.
- A Japanese military presence in the Philippines could help Manila counter Chinese influence in the South China Sea, where Beijing's expansive maritime claims conflict with those of a number of Southeast Asia nations.
- An international tribunal in 2016 said China's claims had no legal basis, a ruling that Beijing rejects.



## Russia To Discharge Indians From Army : Sources

- Russia has decided to discharge all Indians working in the Russian army after Prime Minister Narendra Modi raised the issue with President Vladimir Putin during his Moscow visit, said sources.
- At least two Indians have died fighting Russia's war against Ukraine while dozens stuck in the war zone claim they were tricked into taking up the fighting role.
- PM Modi, who is in Moscow for a two-day visit, raised the issue at a private dinner hosted by Putin last evening, sources said. Russia agreed to discharge all Indians serving in their army and facilitate their return, they added.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. How many defence manufacturing agreements has the UP government signed, and what is their total value?

- A. 100 agreements worth ₹20,000 crore
- B. 150 agreements worth ₹25,000 crore
- C. 200 agreements worth ₹30,000 crore
- D. 250 agreements worth ₹35,000 crore

**ANSWER: B**

2. What significant agreement have the Philippines and Japan signed to enhance their security relations?

- A. Defence Procurement Agreement
- B. Reciprocal Access Agreement (RAA)
- C. Joint Military Exercise Agreement
- D. Strategic Defence Partnership

**ANSWER: B**

3. When was American Independence day celebrated?

- A. May 10
- B. July 4
- C. May 12

D. May 13

**ANSWER: B**

**4. With which country is India set to sign an agreement to manage Chabahar Port for the next 10 years?**

- A. Iraq
- B. Iran
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Pakistan

**ANSWER: B**

**5. Op Ajay Launched By Bharat To Rescue People From**

- A. USA
- B. Israel
- C. UK
- D. Iran

**ANSWER: B**

**6. DGAQA Stands For**

- A. Directorate General of Aeronautical Quality Assurance
- B. Directorate General of Aeronautical Query Assurance
- C. Directorate General of Aeronautical Quality Assured
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**7. Ex AL NAGAH, NASEEM-AL-BAHR, Ex EASTERN BRIDGE Conducted b/w India &**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**8. The Douglas C-47 Skytrain or Dakota Is A**

- A. UAV
- B. Military Transport Aircraft
- C. Fighter Aircraft
- D. None

**ANSWER: B**

**9. Infantry Day Is Always Observed On**

- A. 26 Oct
- B. 27 Oct
- C. 28 Oct
- D. 29 Oct

**ANSWER: B**

**10. PBG The Oldest Regiment In The Indian Army, Having Been Raised In**

- A. 1773
- B. 1774
- C. 1779
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**11.INSAS Rifle Manufactured By**

- A. ARDE
- B. HAL
- C. IAI
- D. ISRO

**ANSWER: A**

**12. ISRO Hq Is In**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**13. Brahmos Is A**

- A. Hypersonic Cruise Missile
- B. Supersonic Cruise Missile
- C. Subsonic Cruise Missile
- D. Ballistic Missile

**ANSWER: B**

**14. Where Is The Hq Of The Central Command of The Indian Army?**

- A. Kochi



- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Pune
- D. Lucknow

**ANSWER: D**

**15. 'Five S' Vision of Sammaan Coined By PM Modi Stands For**

- A. Samvaad –Sahyog –Shanti –and Suyog
- B. Samvaad –Sahyog –Sahitya –and Samriddhi
- C. Samvaad –Suknya –Shanti –and Samriddhi
- D. Samvaad –Sahyog –Shanti –and Samriddhi

**ANSWER: D**

**16. Sarmat Missile Is A**

- A. Nuclear-Capable Missile
- B. Cruise Missile
- C. Submarine Launched Ballistic Missiles
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**17. "The Broken Earth" Book Written By**

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. N.K. Jemisin
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Philip Pullman

**ANSWER: B**

**18. What Is The Capital Of Nigeria?**

- A. Oslo
- B. Abuja
- C. Cape Town
- D. Warsaw

**ANSWER: B**

**19. Ex 'Ajeya Warrior' conducted b/w India &**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**20. Operation Ganga Was Conducted By IAF In**

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

**ANSWER: C**