

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### Army Chief Launches 'Agniastra'

- The Army Chief, General Upendra Dwivedi on Friday, officially launched "Agniastra," a portable **multi-target detonation device**, during the Army Commanders Conference in Gangtok.
- This device was developed by **Major Rajprasad RS** from the Indian Army's Corps of Engineers and is seen as a major advancement in both conventional and counter-terrorism operations.
- The device holds "tremendous potential" **for use in room interventions, remote bunker or hideout destruction, and reserve demolitions**. Speaking about its capabilities, they added, "It has tremendous potential in both **conventional and counter-terrorist operations** like room intervention, remote bunker/hideout bursting, and reserve demolition."
- The new system is a **microprocessor-based electronic device** that can operate in both wired and wireless modes with a much-improved range of 2.5 kilometres.



### US To Deploy THAAD Missile Defense System In Israel

- The United States (US) is sending its advanced anti-missile system -- **Terminal High-Altitude Area Defence (THAAD)** battery, to Israel, along with a US military crew to operate it.
- "This is not the first time the US has deployed a THAAD battery to the region. The President directed the military to deploy a THAAD battery to the Middle East last year following the October 7<sup>th</sup> attacks to defend American troops and interests in the region," he said.
- The United States previously deployed a THAAD battery to Israel in 2019 for training and an integrated air defense exercise, he added.
- Earlier, a large barrage of anti-tank missiles was fired towards Israeli troops in southern Lebanon on Sunday, a statement by the IDF said.
- The Ministry of External Affairs is in regular consultation with the Ministry of Defence over the welfare of Indian troops deployed in the UNIFIL mission in Lebanon that recently came under Israeli attack.
- The two ministries are constantly monitoring the ground situation while India has aligned itself with a Polish-led joint statement in the UN on peacekeepers in Lebanon.



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## U.S. sending additional air defense systems to Middle East, Pentagon says

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Palestinians search for casualties at the site of an Israeli strike on a house, in Khan Younis, in the southern Gaza Strip, October 21, 2023. REUTERS/Ibraheem Abu Mustafa [Purchase Licensing Rights](#)

WASHINGTON, Oct 21 (Reuters) - The U.S. will send a Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system and additional Patriot air defense missile system battalions to the Middle East, the Pentagon said on Saturday, in response to recent attacks on U.S. troops in the region.

## Bharat To Develop New Missile Testing Range On East Coast

- At a time when the Indian defence researchers are developing a large number of tactical missile systems, the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has given approval for setting up a new missiles testing range in Andhra Pradesh.
- The proposal was cleared by the CCS headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi last week as per which the new missile range will come up in the Nagayalanka area of Andhra Pradesh, government sources told ANI.
- The new missile testing range will be used for test firing of tactical missile systems like the surface to air missile systems, anti tank missiles and various other projects being developed by the R&D Organisation, they said.
- The CCS in its meeting last week gave clearance to major proposals of the armed forces including that of buying 31 Predator drones from the US and two nuclear submarines to be built by the Project ATV for developing strategic submarines for the Indian Navy, they said.



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### REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is the name of the portable multi-target detonation device recently launched by the Indian Army?
  - A. Agniastra
  - B. Brahmastra
  - C. Pinaka
  - D. Pralay

**ANSWER: A**

**2. Who developed the "Agniakra" device for the Indian Army?**

- A. Major Rajprasad RS
- B. General Upendra Dwivedi
- C. Colonel Abhay Sharma
- D. Lieutenant General Anil Chauhan

**ANSWER: A**

**3. Which advanced anti-missile system is the United States sending to Israel?**

- A. THAAD
- B. Iron Dome
- C. Patriot
- D. S-400

**ANSWER: A**

**4. Which Indian organization was recently upgraded to a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE)?**

- A. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- B. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
- C. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- D. Steel Authority of India (SAIL)

**ANSWER: C**

**5. What did the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) recently approve in Andhra Pradesh?**

- A. Setting up a new naval base
- B. Establishment of a missile testing range
- C. Construction of a new defense research center
- D. Establishment of a nuclear facility

**ANSWER: B**

**6. In which city did INS Tir and ICGS Veera arrive as part of their Long Range Training Deployment?**

- A. Doha
- B. Manama
- C. Muscat
- D. Abu Dhabi

**ANSWER: B**

**7. KHARDUNG LA Is Located At**

- A. Leh
- B. Shimla
- C. Dharmshala
- D. J&K

**ANSWER: A**

**8. Minuteman III Is A**

- A. ICBM
- B. SRBM
- C. SLBM
- D. MRBM

**ANSWER: A**

**9. Op Sankalp Was Initiated And Implemented By The**

- A. IAF
- B. BSF
- C. Indian Navy
- D. ICG

**ANSWER: C**

**10. Which Of The Following Is The Oldest CAPF?**

- A. CRPF
- B. BSF
- C. Assam Rifles
- D. BSF

**ANSWER: C**

**11. Prahaar Missile Manufactured By**

- A. MDL
- B. BDL
- C. CSL
- D. DRDO

**ANSWER: B**

**12. What Is The Name Given To India's First-ever Satellite And Nuclear-missile Tracking Ship?**

- A. INS Tez

- B. INS Parvat
- C. INS Eklavya
- D. INS Dhruv

**ANSWER: D**

**13. INS Kochi Is A**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**14. IBSAMAR Trilateral Naval Exercise Held Between India, Brazil And\_\_\_?**

- A. North Korea
- B. Switzerland
- C. Singapore
- D. South Africa

**ANSWER: D**

**15. The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) motto is**

- A. Always be there
- B. Service for Nation
- C. 24\*7
- D. Disaster Service Forever

**ANSWER: D**

**16. Which Honorary Rank Does Sachin Tendulkar Hold?**

- A. Lieutenant Colonel
- B. Lieutenant
- C. Major
- D. Group Captain

**ANSWER: D**

**17. The Port Duqm Is In**

- A. Yemen
- B. Iran
- C. Iraq
- D. Oman

**ANSWER: D**

**18. Regimental Centre Of THE BRIGADE OF THE**

- A. Kamptee, Maharashtra
- B. Ahmednagar, Maharashtra
- C. Delhi Cantonment
- D. Fatehgarh, Uttar Pradesh

**ANSWER: A**

**19. Lamitye Exercise Held B/W India And \_\_\_?**

- A. Thailand
- B. USA
- C. Qatar
- D. Seychelles

**ANSWER: D**

**20. War Cry of THE MAHAR REGIMENT**

- A. Bharat Mata ki Jai
- B. Bolo Hindustan Ki Jay
- C. Jai Hind
- D. Durga Mata Ki Jai

**ANSWER: B**