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US, France, Armenia emerge as India's Top Defence Export Customers

- Amid a growing push to increase export of indigenous defence equipment, the US, France and Armenia have emerged as the top three customers for Indian military exports.
- India is presently exporting military equipment to more than 100 nations across the world. The top three countries in the last financial year include the US, France and Armenia.
- The Defence Ministry has been pushing defence exports and manufacturing in the country to improve domestic production of these equipment to meet internal and international requirements.
- "There has been around three times increase in value of production since 2014-15. While the Indian firms produced equipment worth **Rs 46,429 crores** in 2014-15, it has come to **Rs 1.27,265 crores** in the last fiscal," they said.



Satellite Images Show Damage From Israeli Attack

- An Israeli attack on Iran damaged facilities at a secretive military base southeast of the Iranian capital that experts in the past have linked to Tehran's onetime nuclear weapons program and at another base tied to its ballistic missile program, satellite photos.
- Some of the buildings damaged sat in Iran's Parchin military base, where the International Atomic Energy Agency suspects Iran in the past conducted tests of high explosives that could trigger a nuclear weapon.
- Iran long has insisted its nuclear program is peaceful, though the IAEA, Western intelligence agencies and others say Tehran had an active weapons program up until 2003.
- The other damage could be seen at the nearby **Khojir military base**, which analysts believe hides an underground tunnel system and missile production sites.



PM Modi, Spanish PM To Inaugurate C295 Military Transport Aircraft Setup

- PM Narendra Modi and his Spanish counterpart Pedro Sanchez will inaugurate a new facility in Vadodara on Monday that will produce C295 military transport aircraft.

- The first private sector facility to build military aircraft in India will get a boost as additional orders are being processed that will bring more work to the Indian defence ecosystem.
- Sources said that the facility will produce a **total of 52 aircraft** - 40 for the IAF and 12 for the Navy and Coast Guard. The additional order for 15 aircraft for the **Navy and Coast Guard - 3** will be bought off the shelf and rest produced in India - has been okayed by the defence ministry and is being processed.
- Air Force already has an order for 56 of the military aircraft that was signed in September 2021 for **₹2,1935 crore**. Out of these, 40 are to be produced at the Vadodara facility.
- Sources said work on production will start this year and first aircraft from the facility will be delivered by 2026. All Air Force aircraft will be delivered by August 2031, as per current plans.



Germany & Spain Eye P75(I) Submarine Project

- India's decision to host leaders of Germany and Spain on succeeding days is a part of New Delhi's broad strategy for the continent that is focused on niche defence industry collaboration, FDI, mobility of skilled Indians, technology transfer and boosting manufacturing sector in the country amid moves by Europe to diversify from China.
- With the aim to create partnerships for stabilizing the Indo-Pacific region both Germany and Spain are lobbying to clinch India's P75(I) submarine project (six advanced submarines equipped with air-independent propulsion (AIP) systems).
- Chancellor Olaf Scholz and Spanish PM Pedro Sanchez visits were aimed at impressing New Delhi about the quality and lethality of respective submarines.
- India is looking to boost its submarine fleet to create deterrence amid China's long-term strategic outreach for the Indo-Pacific region. From Europe France, Germany and Spain are keen to be India's preferred partners in this endeavour.
- While the Indian Navy operates four **Shishumar class submarines**, which are based on the **Type 209** submarines designed by Howaldtswerke-Deutsche Werft (HDW) of Germany, India purchased six Scorpene-class submarines from France. In 2023 the Indian government approved the purchase of three more Scorpene-class submarines.



78th Infantry Day

- Infantry Day is celebrated every year to commemorate the landing of the 1st Battalion of the SIKH Regiment at Srinagar airfield on **27 Oct 1947** to protect the

people of Jammu and Kashmir from the nefarious designs of Pakistani Kabaili Raiders aided by the Pakistan Army.

- This gallant action resulted in the foiling of Pakistan's plans to occupy Jammu and Kashmir. The infantry is also known as the "**Queen of the Battle**" and its history is as old as the first human war.
- Somnath Sharma, PVC, was an Indian military officer and the **first recipient of India's highest military decoration, Param Vir Chakra**, which he was awarded posthumously. Sharma was commissioned into the 8th Battalion, 19th Hyderabad Regiment, in 1942.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is commemorated on Infantry Day in India?

- A. Victory over Pakistan in 1971
- B. Landing of the 1st Battalion of the Sikh Regiment in Srinagar
- C. Establishment of the Indian Army
- D. India's Independence Day

ANSWER: B

2. Which countries emerged as the top three customers for Indian military exports recently?

- A. Russia, Israel, and Australia
- B. US, France, and Armenia
- C. Germany, Japan, and UAE

D. UK, Canada, and South Korea

ANSWER: B

3. Which city will host the new facility for producing C295 military transport aircraft in India?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Chennai
- C. Vadodara
- D. Hyderabad

ANSWER: C

4. What nickname is given to the infantry in military terminology?

- A. King of Combat
- B. Shield of the Army
- C. Backbone of Battle
- D. Queen of the Battle

ANSWER: D

5. Which companies are competing for the P75(I) submarine project with their Indian partners?

- A. Lockheed Martin and HAL
- B. ThyssenKrupp and Mazagon Docks Limited
- C. Dassault and DRDO
- D. Boeing and Tata Advanced Systems

ANSWER: B

6. Armaments Research & Development Establishment (ARDE) Is Located In

- A. Pune, Maharashtra
- B. Bengaluru, Karnataka
- C. Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

7. United States Indo-Pacific Command Is Responsible For

- A. West Pacific Ocean Region
- B. South China Sea Region
- C. Indo-Pacific region
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

8. INS Arighat Is A

- A. Nuclear Powered Submarine
- B. Diesel Powered Submarine
- C. Destroyer
- D. Sailing Ship

ANSWER: A

9. The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Is A Project Of

- A. Brazil
- B. Russia
- C. China
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

10. Operation Meghdoot Was Conducted In

- A. 13 April 1984
- B. 14 April 1984
- C. 15 April 1984
- D. 16 April 1984

ANSWER: A

11. QRFV Stands For

- A. Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle Medium
- B. Quick Reaction Fighting Vast Medium
- C. Quick Reaction Fight Vehicle Medium
- D. None

ANSWER: A

12. The IAI Harpy Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: C

13. Motto Of Integrated Defence Staff

- A. Victory Through Jointness

- B. Victory Everywhere
- C. Always Ahead
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

14. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Hq Is In

- A. Queenstown, Singapore
- B. Berlin, Germany
- C. Abu Dhabi (UAE)
- D. Kathmandu, Nepal

ANSWER: A

15. XIV Corps Of Indian Army Is Also Known As

- A. Fire and Fury Corps
- B. Chinar Corps
- C. White Knight Corps
- D. None

ANSWER: A

16. First Made In India Passenger Aircraft Is ___

- A. Dornier 228
- B. Chetak
- C. Cheetah
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

17. Operation Sarp Vinash Was Conducted In

- A. 1978
- B. 2016
- C. 2003
- D. 1980

ANSWER: C

18. "All Time Favorites for Children" Book Written By

- A. Sunita Dwivedi
- B. Avtar Singh Bhasin
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Ruskin Bond

ANSWER: D

19. War Cry Of THE BRIGADE OF THE GUARDS Is

- A. Garud ka hun bol pyare
- B. Everywhere
- C. Victory Is Mine
- D. Charge and Attack

ANSWER: A

20. C-130J Super Hercules Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Transport Aircraft

ANSWER: D

