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India, Australia firm up air-to-air Refuelling Arrangement

- India and Australia have firmed up an arrangement to enable the air forces of the two countries to carry out air-to-air refuelling, a move expected to increase the Indian military's reach in the Indo-Pacific region, officials said.
- An implementing arrangement on air-to-air refuelling was also exchanged between both the countries, which would strengthen the interoperability between the two air forces, marking a significant step forward in bilateral relationships, the defence ministry said.
- Under the agreement, the RAAF's KC-30A Multi-Role Tanker Transport will be able to refuel Indian aircraft that have entered airspace near Australia. It remains unclear whether Australian aircraft will receive the same courtesy when they enter the eastern Indian Ocean.
- The Indian Air Force currently refuels from ageing Ilyushin-78 airborne tankers, which may not be interoperable with the RAAF's more modern fighters.
- RAAF Deputy Chief Air Vice-Marshal Harvey Reynolds signed the arrangement in New Delhi at the Australia-India air staff talks.



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- Speaking in a televised address, Putin justified the attack as a response to Ukraine's use of US and British-supplied missiles to strike Russian territory earlier in the week. He warned that Russia would retaliate "decisively and in kind" against any further strikes, even hinting at targeting NATO nations supplying such weapons.
- The Oreshnik is part of Russia's growing hypersonic arsenal. It is an intermediate-range ballistic missile capable of travelling up to 5,500 kilometres (3,400 miles), carrying either conventional or nuclear warheads. The missile is reportedly based on Russia's RS-26 Rubezh missile model, an experimental system designed for both conventional and nuclear payloads. Putin described it as a response to the US deployment of similar intermediate-range ballistic missiles in Europe.
- Meanwhile, US officials, speaking anonymously, downplayed the long-term significance of the missile, noting that Russia likely has only a limited number of these experimental weapons. However, the attack has heightened concerns about the war's trajectory, with UK Defence Secretary John Healey describing the situation as "a serious moment" and accusing Russia of escalating attacks on civilian and energy infrastructure.
- The missile strike comes as the Biden administration approved Ukraine's use of longer-range Western missiles inside Russia. This decision, criticised by Moscow, coincides with reports of North Korean troops bolstering Russian forces in the conflict zone.



DRDO Organises 11th Asian Fire Protection Inspection Council Meet

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- The AFSE 2024 is being held as a Focused Show at India Industry Expo 2024, where Republic of Korea is participating as Country Partner. The expo is aimed at bringing key stakeholders from the Fire Safety technology industry under a platform to showcase advanced technologies and products for the fire safety and protection in India.
- CFEES is holding three events concurrently under one roof, and has taken the challenge to bring all fire safety researchers, academicians, decision makers, users, professionals and industries at common platform. The event aligns with several key objectives, like encouraging innovation and self-reliance, building

advanced capabilities, fostering industry collaboration, promoting technology transfer and domestic manufacturing, and strengthening national security.

Netanyahu's Arrest Sought By International Criminal Court

- Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Thursday that the arrest warrant issued against him by the International Criminal Court over his conduct during the Gaza war would not stop the country from defending itself, reported news agency AFP.
- Netanyahu and former defence minister Yoav Gallant face charges of “war crimes” and “crimes against humanity” for their actions in Gaza.
- The Israeli PM stated that the ICC which was established to protect human rights had become “an enemy of humanity” and called their decision a "dark day in the history of nations".
- He also denied the allegations made by the international body as “utterly baseless”.
- Israel has been engaged in a conflict in Gaza since October 7, 2023, when a cross-border attack by Hamas militants resulted in the deaths of 1,206 people, mostly civilians, according to an AFP tally of Israeli official figures.
- Their retaliatory campaign over the past year has led to the deaths of 44,056 people in Gaza, most of them civilians, according to figures from the Hamas-run health ministry which the United Nations considers reliable.
- UN agencies have warned of a severe humanitarian crisis in Gaza, with the potential for famine due to shortages of food and medicine.



International Court of Justice

The International Court of Justice, or colloquially the World Court, is the only international court that adjudicates general disputes between nations, and gives advisory opinions on international legal issues. It is one of the six organs of the United Nations, and is located in The Hague, Netherlands. [Wikipedia >](#)

Founded: 26 June 1945, [San Francisco, California, United States](#)

Established: 26 June 1945

Judge term length: 9 years

Jurisdiction: Worldwide, 193 state parties

Number of positions: 15

50 Killed, Dozen Injured In Latest Attack On Shia Muslims In Pakistan

- Gunmen opened fire on passenger vehicles carrying Shiite Muslim civilians in northwest Pakistan on Thursday, killing at least 50 people, and injuring 20 others. The attack is one of the deadliest in the region in recent years, according to police.
- The militants ambushed the vehicles in the Kurram district of restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province bordering Afghanistan, which has witnessed deadly sectarian clashes between Sunni and Shiite Muslims in recent months. No group has claimed responsibility for the assault till now.
- The vehicles were traveling in a convoy from Parachinar to Peshawar, the capital of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa when gunmen opened fire, the officials said. Rescue authorities said 50 people, including eight women and five children, and 20 others were killed in the attack. Most of the victims belonged to the Shia community, they said.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What was the purpose of the Indian Air Force's test of BHISHM portable cubes at Agra?

- A. To test a new fighter jet.
- B. To assess air quality in urban areas.
- C. To evaluate the effectiveness of a portable hospital for emergencies.
- D. To demonstrate the use of drones for medical deliveries.

ANSWER: C

2. What does the Indian Army's latest innovation, a hexacopter drone armed with a machine gun, represent?

- A. A breakthrough in space technology.
- B. A step towards enhancing border security.
- C. A new method for agricultural surveillance.
- D. Development in renewable energy sources.

ANSWER: B

3. What event is Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) celebrating on May 14, 2024?

- A. Launching a new warship
- B. Completing a major infrastructure project
- C. Celebrating its 250th Foundation Day
- D. Introducing a new research institute

ANSWER: C

4. The __ edition of Exercise 'DHARMA GUARDIAN' held in 2024.

- A. 4th
- B. 5th

- C. 6th
- D. 7th

ANSWER: B

5. Full Form of 'SAMAR' is

- A. System for Advance Manufacturing Assessment and Rating
- B. System for Array Manufacturing Assessment and Rating
- C. System for Advance Manufacturing Assessment and Rate
- D. None

ANSWER: A

6. Where is the world's highest battlefield, Siachen Glacier, located?

- A. Near the Indo-Pak Line of Control
- B. On the Indian Peninsula
- C. In the Southern Naval Command (SNC) region
- D. In the Indian Search and Rescue Region (ISRR)

ANSWER: A

7. Manufacturing Facility For Production Of Airbus C295 Aircraft To Come Up In___.

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Vadodara
- D. Noida

ANSWER: C

8. On 1 Apr 1954, the President's Colours Were Presented To The IAF By Which President Of India?

- A. Rajendra Prasad
- B. V.V. Giri
- C. Radhakrishnan
- D. Pratibha Singh Patil

ANSWER: A

9. Ex GARUDA SHAKTI, IND-INDO CORPAT, IND-INDO BILAT Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar

- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Indonesia
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

10. SIMBEX Series Of Exercises Began In 1994 And Were Initially Known As

- A. Exercise Lion King
- B. Exercise Asia King
- C. Exercise Jungle King
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

11. WNC Is In

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

ANSWER: A

12. Northrop Grumman Is The Defence Manufacturing Company Of Which Nation?

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

ANSWER: A

13. The Unending Game Book Is Written By

- A. Vikram Sood
- B. Shivshankar Menon
- C. Ravi Shastri
- D. Salman Rushdie

ANSWER: A

14. What Is The Capital Of Andorra?

- A. Maseru
- B. Andorra la Vella
- C. Yamoussoukro
- D. Addis Ababa

ANSWER: B

15. "The School for Good Mothers " Book Is Written By

- A. Jessamine Chan
- B. Beatrice Hitchman
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Nikki May

ANSWER: A

16. Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration Is In

- A. H.P
- B. U.P
- C. U.K
- D. M.H

ANSWER: C

17. "Discipline and united action are the real sources of strength for the nation."

Said By

- A. Gandhi Ji
- B. Lal Bahadur Shastri
- C. Pt. Nehru
- D. Gopal Krishna Gokhale

ANSWER: B

18. PVSM Stands For

- A. Param Vishisht Seva Medal
- B. Param Vishisht Sainik Medal
- C. Param Vishishthtm Seva Medal
- D. None

ANSWER: A

19. Commodore Rank Of Indian Navy Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of IAF?

- A. Air Commodore
- B. Air Marshal
- C. Wing Commander
- D. Major

ANSWER: A

20.The Wings of Fire Book Is Written By

- A. APJ Kalam
- B. Shivshankar Menon
- C. Ravi Shastri
- D. Salman Rushdie

ANSWER: A



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