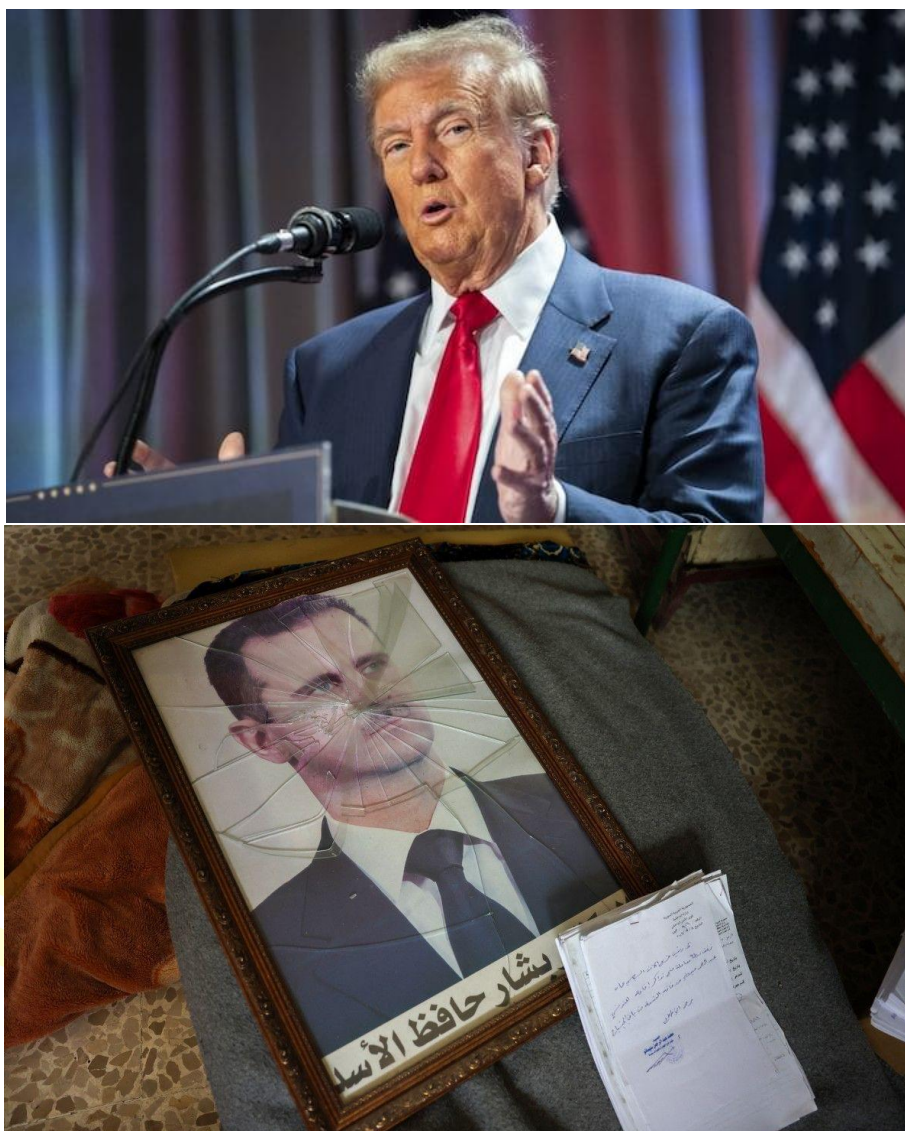


# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### 'New era, Free of Assad'

- Syrian rebels claimed on Sunday that President Bashar al-Assad had fled the country, urging Syrians abroad to return to a "free Syria" and announcing that Damascus was liberated from the "tyrant."
- "The tyrant Bashar al-Assad has fled" and "we declare the city of Damascus free", the rebel factions said on Telegram, adding that "after 50 years of oppression under Baath rule, and 13 years of crimes and tyranny and (forced) displacement... we announce the end of this dark period and the start of a new era for Syria".
- The statement comes just minutes after the Syrian army command reportedly informed officers that Assad's rule had come to an end following a swift rebel offensive, according to Reuters.
- Assad had flown out of Damascus for an undisclosed destination on Sunday, while rebels entered the capital with no signs of military resistance. Witnesses reported thousands of people gathering in a central square in Damascus, celebrating and chanting "Freedom."
- US President-elect Donald Trump has said the U.S. should not be involved in the conflict and should "**let it play out**".



## Netanyahu says Israeli forces have seized buffer zone in Golan Heights

- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says Israeli forces have seized a buffer zone in the Golan Heights established by a 1974 ceasefire agreement with Syria. He spoke on Sunday after a lightning rebel advance ended Syrian President Bashar Assad's rule.
- Netanyahu said the decades-old agreement had collapsed and that Syrian troops had abandoned their positions, necessitating the Israeli takeover.
- Israel captured the Golan Heights in the 1967 Mideast war and annexed it. The international community, except for the United States, views it as occupied Syrian territory.



## India To Set Up Anti-drone Unit For Border Security: Amit Shah

- Union home minister Amit Shah on Sunday said that fencing has been completed along 591 kilometers of the border with Bangladesh. Shah was speaking at the annual raising day of BSF at Jodhpur in Rajasthan.
- The issue of human trafficking has been gaining attention in wake of the regime change in the neighbouring Bangladesh. India and Bangladesh share 4,096 kilometres of borders. Shah noted that floodlights have been installed along 1,159 kilometres of the border, and 573 border outposts, along with 579 observation posts, have been constructed.



## Commanders' Conference-2024 Western Air Command

- A two day Commanders' Conference of Western Air Command (WAC) of the Indian Air Force was held on 06 & 07 December 2024 at New Delhi, with Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, Chief of the Air Staff (CAS) as the chief guest.
- He emphasised the theme for this year "**Bharatiya Vayu Sena - Sashakt, Saksham, Atmanirbhar**", and sought the collective capability, capacity and commitment of all commanders to take the IAF to even greater achievements.
- The Western Air Command (WAC) is the regional command of Indian Air Force headquartered in New Delhi. It is the largest and most important Air Command of the IAF, comprising sixteen Air Force Bases (AFBs), and is responsible for aerial defence of North India.
- WAC's Area of Responsibility extends from Jammu and Kashmir to Rajasthan, also covering the states of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, New Delhi and Western Uttar Pradesh.
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Founded: 22 July 1949
- Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief(AOC-in-C): Air Marshal Pankaj Mohan Sinha, AVSM, VSM
- Motto(s): Sanskrit: Akasha Pasmatsoma
- Role: Air Defence, OCA, Offensive Ground Support, Civilian Relief



## Armed Forces Flag Day

- **December 7** is celebrated as **Armed Forces Flag Day** or Flag Day in India. The day is commemorated to honour the soldiers and the Bravehearts, who lost their lives in the line of duty. Since **December 7, 1949**, this day has been observed to pay respect to the military forces.
- The Armed Forces Flag Day is also dedicated to raising funds from Indian citizens for the welfare of Indian Armed Forces troops.
- The decision to commemorate an Armed Forces Flag Day dates back to August 28, 1949, by a committee appointed under the then Defence Minister of India.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. When is Armed Forces Flag Day observed in India?**

- A. December 6
- B. December 7
- C. December 8
- D. December 9

**ANSWER: B**

**2. Which company delivered the first batch of indigenously developed Nagastra-1 Loitering Munitions to the Indian Army?**

- A. Bharat Electronics
- B. Larsen & Toubro
- C. Tata Advanced Systems
- D. Solar Industries

**ANSWER: D**

**3. Who is the woman entrepreneur behind Ingenious Research Solutions Pvt Ltd. that developed the AI tool "Divya Drishti"?**

- A. Dr. Shivani Verma
- B. Dr. Nandini Sharma
- C. Dr. Meera Rao
- D. Dr. Anjali Gupta

**ANSWER: A**

**4. Drishti 10 Starliner Is A**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**5. Current Executive of Defence Planning Committee**

- A. Rajnath Singh
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Nirmala Sitaraman

D. Ajit Doval

**ANSWER: D**

**6. Field Marshal Of Indian Army Is A**

A. 2 Star General

B. 3 Star General

C. 4 Star General

D. 5 Star General

**ANSWER: D**

**7. Defence Space Agency Hq Is Located At**

A. New Delhi

B. Bengaluru

C. Chennai

D. Noida

**ANSWER: B**

**8. INS Kochi Is A**

A. Guided-missile destroyers

B. Landing ship tank

C. Submarine

D. Frigates

**ANSWER: A**

**9. \_ Is Not A G7 member.**

A. China

B. USA

C. UK

D. France

**ANSWER: A**

**10. The Standard Meridian Of India Is**

- A. 82 degrees 30' E
- B. 84 degrees 30' E
- C. 72 degrees 30' E
- D. 92 degrees 30' E

**ANSWER: A**

**11. Army Medical Corps Motto Is**

- A. Courage and Valor
- B. Sarve santu niramaya
- C. Service Before Self
- D. Lethal

**ANSWER: B**

**12. Glock 18 Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. Machine Pistol
- C. Assault rifle
- D. Submachine gun

**ANSWER: B**

**13. Which Is the Largest Uranium-producing Country In The World?**

- A. USA
- B. India
- C. Kazakhstan
- D. Uzbekistan

**ANSWER: C**

**14. Kaiga Atomic Power Plant Is In**

- A. Karnataka
- B. Gujarat



C. Madhya Pradesh

D. Uttarakhand

**ANSWER: A**

**15. Who established the Atomic Energy Commission of India in 1948?**

A. P.K. Iyengar

B. M.R. Srinivasan

C. Vikram Sarabhai

D. Homi Bhabha

**ANSWER: D**

**16. Nay Pyi Taw Is The Capital Of**

A. Bhutan

B. Nepal

C. Afghanistan

D. Myanmar

**ANSWER: D**

**17. "India's Women Unsung Heroes" Book Is Written By**

A. Chandrachur Ghose

B. Ruskin Bond

C. Dr. Thomas Matthew

D. Meenakshi Lekhi

**ANSWER: D**

**18. Ex 'Konkan Shakti' conducted b/w India &**

A. Qatar

B. UK

C. UAE

D. Japan

**ANSWER: B**

**19. “Kartavyam Anvatma” (Duty before death) Is The Motto Of**

- A. RAJPUT REGIMENT
- B. DOGRA REGIMENT
- C. SIKH REGIMENT
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: B**

**20. Which Country Isn't the member of NSG?**

- A. USA
- B. China
- C. Pakistan
- D. France

**ANSWER: C**

