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Bangladesh Army Chief Bats For Balance In Ties With India

- Bangladesh's Chief of Army Staff, General Waker-Uz-Zaman, emphasised the importance of maintaining balanced and equitable relations with India, calling it an "important neighbour" in an interview with Bangladesh's highest circulated daily Prothom Alo.
- He spoke about interdependence. "India is an important neighbour. We are dependent on India in many ways, and India benefits from us too. A large number of Indians are working here, both formally and informally. Many Bangladeshis visit India for medical treatment, and we import significant quantities of goods from them," General Zaman stated, underscoring the reciprocal nature of the relationship.
- India and Bangladesh share an organic bond due to their shared cultural heritage and historical events, including the loss suffered during the Partition of India in 1947 and the separation of families on a massive scale.
- India played a great role in the emergence of independent Bangladesh during its Liberation War in 1971 and was the first country to recognize Bangladesh as a separate state. Bangladesh liberation day, 16th December, is celebrated as "Vijay Diwas" in India.
- India-Bangladesh relations the unique ties are forged in shared sacrifices.
- **Bangladesh's Strategic Importance for India**
- **Geostrategic Value:** Bangladesh's location provides critical access to the Bay of Bengal and serves as an essential trade route to Southeast Asia.
- **Regional Stability:** Crucial for maintaining regional security and peace in South Asia.
- **Economic Interdependence:** Eg., Export of Indian pharmaceuticals & import of Bangladesh textiles.

- Cultural Connections: Shared heritage and cultural links, reinforced by festivals like Durga Puja and exchanges in music, literature, and film, strengthen interpersonal bonds and foster mutual respect
- Regional Cooperation: Collaborative efforts in regional forums such as BIMSTEC and SAARC are vital for mutual development.



MoD Declares 2025 as 'Year of Reforms'

- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh chaired a meeting with all the Secretaries of the Ministry of Defence (MoD) on the eve of the New Year to review the progress on various schemes, projects, reforms and the way ahead.
- In order to give impetus to the ongoing and future reforms, it was unanimously decided to observe 2025 as the **'Year of Reforms'** in the MoD.
- This would aim at transforming the Armed Forces into a technologically-advanced combat-ready force capable of multi-domain integrated operations.



Sale of Tickets for Republic Day Parade

- The sale of tickets for Republic Day Parade 2025 and Beating Retreat will commence on January 02, 2025.
- Tickets can be purchased directly from the following portal/platform:
- aamantran.mod.gov.in
- 'Aamantran' mobile app.

S No	Event	Denomination of Tickets
1.	Republic Day Parade (26.01.2025)	₹100/- & ₹20/-
2.	Beating Retreat (Full Dress Rehearsal <i>i.e.</i> 28.01.2025)	₹20/-
3.	Beating Retreat (29.01.2025)	₹100/-

Navy to Commission 2 Frontline Warships, 1 Submarine on Jan 15

- The Indian Navy will commission two indigenously constructed frontline warships and a diesel-electric submarine on January 15 that is expected to significantly enhance the force's overall combat prowess.
- All the three platforms -- **guided-missile destroyer Surat, stealth frigate Nilgiri and submarine Vagsheer** -- are equipped with the latest weapons and sensors.
- The warships and submarine will be commissioned at a ceremony at the naval dockyard in Mumbai.
- All three platforms have been designed and constructed entirely at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai, a testament to India's growing self-reliance in the critical domain of defence production.



Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra Assumes Command

- Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra assumed command of the Indian Air Force's Western Air Command on 01 January 2025.
- The Air Marshal was commissioned into the IAF as a fighter pilot on 06 December 1986. He is an alumnus of NDA Pune, Air Force Test Pilots School, Bangalore, Air Command and Staff College, USA and Royal College of Defence Studies, UK.



Indian Armed Forces Chiefs to Get aides from Sister Services

- **In Short**
- Move aims to enhance 'theaterisation' of Indian defence forces
- India set to be 1st democratic country to achieve jointness of forces through consensus
- General Anil Chauhan leads consensus-based approach for tri-service synergy
- The personal staff officers for service chiefs of all defence forces, the Army, the Navy and the Air Force, will be appointed from their sister services from January 1, 2025, marking a significant move towards achieving uniformity in the forces.
- This will be a major move towards the '**theaterisation**' of the defence forces, a process which began with the appointment of the first Chief of Defence Staff, General Bipin Rawat, in 2020.
- All service chiefs used to get their personal staff officers, known as **Aide-de-Camp (ADCs)**, from not only their own services, but also from a unit with which they felt connected.
- This will be the first time that ADCs will be appointed for service chiefs from other services.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. From January 1, 2025, personal staff officers for the service chiefs of the Army, Navy, and IAF will be appointed from:

- A. Their own service
- B. Sister services
- C. Civilians
- D. Retired officers

ANSWER: B

2. Who assumed command of the Indian Air Force's Western Air Command on January 1, 2025?

- A. Air Marshal Rakesh Singh
- B. Air Marshal Vivek Choudhary
- C. Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra
- D. Air Marshal Arun Mehta

ANSWER: C

3. Which three combatants will the Indian Navy commission on January 15, 2025, at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai?

- A. Nilgiri, Surat, and Vaghsheer
- B. Vikrant, Vishakhapatnam, and Kalvari
- C. Shivalik, Talwar, and Khanderi
- D. Arihant, Vela, and Kiltan

ANSWER: A

4. What has the Ministry of Defence designated 2025 as?

- A. Year of Modernization
- B. Year of Reforms
- C. Year of Development
- D. Year of Innovation

ANSWER: B

5. Operation Sarp Vinash 2.0 Started By

- E. BSF
- F. Indian Army
- G. Indian Navy
- H. IAF

ANSWER: B

6. What is the meaning of 'Udbhav' in the context of 'Project UDBHAV'?

- A. Innovation
- B. Origin
- C. Strategy
- D. Military Power

ANSWER: B

7. When is India scheduled to launch its human spaceflight mission, 'Gaganyaan'?

- A. 2022
- B. 2023
- C. 2024
- D. 2026

ANSWER: D

8. In Colonial Era CRPF Was Known As

- A. Crown Representative's Police
- B. Crown Response Force
- C. Queens Protection Force
- D. None

ANSWER: A

9. Elizabeth II was Queen Of The

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

ANSWER: B

10. Ex HARIMAU SHAKTI Conducted b/w India &

- A. Malaysia
- B. Maldives
- C. Mongolia
- D. Myanmar

ANSWER: A

11.INS Darshak Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Hydrographic Survey Ship

ANSWER: D

12.Pangong Tso lake Is Located In

- A. Kashmir
- B. Ladakh
- C. Odisha
- D. Kochi

ANSWER: B

13. INS Khukri Is A Type Of

- A. Frigate
- B. Submarine
- C. Destroyer
- D. Missile Corvette

ANSWER: D

14.Pangong Tso lake Is Located In

- A. Kashmir
- B. Ladakh
- C. Odisha
- D. Kochi

ANSWER: B

15. Priyadarshini Is A Fast Patrol Vessel Of

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

ANSWER: A

16. Which Port Is Located In the Western Coast of India?

- A. Kandla
- B. Kolkata
- C. Mangalore

D. Visakhapatnam

ANSWER: A

17. AAI Stands For

- A. Airport Author of India
- B. Air Authority of India
- C. Airport Authority of India
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

18. India Purchased Boeing 737 from

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

19. Indian Army Flag Consist Colours of ___ Colours.

- A. Gold, Red And Black
- B. Gold, Red And Blue
- C. Gold, Rose Black And Black
- D. Green, Red And Black

ANSWER: A

20. Operation Talwar Was Conducted In

- A. 1978
- B. 1988
- C. 1998
- D. 1999

ANSWER: D