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Trump Threatens Sweeping Tariffs On Russia

- US President Donald Trump on Wednesday urged his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin to make a “deal” to stop the “ridiculous” war in Ukraine and threatened to impose “high levels” of tariffs on “anything being sold by Russia to the United States and other countries”.
- Posting on his Truth Social platform, the US president also emphasised his long-standing admiration for the Russian people and his past positive relationship with Putin.
- Settle now and stop this ridiculous war! It's only going to get worse. If we don't make a "deal," and soon, I have no other choice but to put high levels of taxes, tariffs, and sanctions on anything being sold by Russia to the United States, and various other participating countries.
- Trump and his campaign had alleged that continued US aid for Ukraine helps fund a “corrupt” pro-war nexus of defence companies and foreign policy hawks in the Biden administration.



UP Govt Nod To New Aerospace and Defence Policy

- The Uttar Pradesh government on Wednesday approved a new Aerospace and Defence Unit policy to attract Rs 50,000 crore of investments and generate jobs for 1 lakh people.
- The state cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Prayagraj also approved an FDI policy among 10 key proposals aimed at accelerating the state's development, an official release said.
- The policy sets an ambitious target of attracting **Rs 50,000 crore** in investments, with the potential to generate direct employment for **1 lakh** youth across the state. The Cabinet meeting was held at the Triveni Complex in Prayagraj amid ongoing Maha Kumbh.
- The UP government said that the Ministry of Defence has set an ambitious target to double the country's A&D production to **USD 25 billion** and exports to **USD 5 billion** by 2025-26. By 2047, the A&D manufacturing sector is expected to contribute 25 per cent to the nation's GDP.



Ministry of Defence Moves Ahead With Submarine Plan, MDL

- The defence ministry has moved ahead with a multi- billion dollar plan to construct next-generation conventional submarines in India, with **Mazagaon Dockyards Limited** qualifying after technical trials and moving to the next stage of techno-commercial negotiations.

- Sources said the bid by MDL in partnership with **Germany's Thyssenkrupp Marine Systems** (TKMS) has been given the go ahead by a technical oversight committee that looked into the bidding process and trials carried out last year.
- As per the procurement process, the next stage will be to open the commercial bids that had been submitted by MDL. After going through the offer, detailed discussions on technical aspects and commercial terms will be carried out before the estimated ₹43,000 crore proposal will be moved for approvals to the competent authorities.
- Given the enormity of the project-six submarines have to be built in India with a high degree of technology transfer-the first of the new boats is expected to enter service almost seven years after signing of a contract. A key capability the new submarines will bring is the AIP system that will give the boats the ability to stay underwater for up to two weeks, greatly enhancing stealth.



Defence Ministry finds L&T Proposal Non-Compliant in Rs 70,000 crore submarine Deal

- The Defence Ministry has found the Indian firm **Larsen and Toubro** (L&T) bid non-compliant in the **Rs 70,000 crore** tender to acquire **six submarines**.
- The Indian Navy is looking to buy six advanced submarines with the ability to stay underwater for three weeks under **Project 75 India**.
- The proposal of the L&T in partnership with Spanish Navantia has been rejected by the Ministry for not being compliant with Indian Navy requirements
- The Mazagaon Dockyards recently supplied the last of the six Project 75 Scorpene class submarine **INS Vagsheer** to the Indian Navy but is going to get orders for three more submarines under **Project 75** (Additional Submarine) to be built with **French Naval Group** support.



Tri-Services Tableau To Take Part in Republic Day Parade 2025

- Displaying the spirit of jointness and integration, a Tri-services tableau will roll down Kartavya Path for the first time during the **76th Republic Day Parade** on January 26, 2025.
- With the theme '**Shashakt aur Surakshit Bharat**', the tableau will showcase the conceptual outlook for jointness and integration in the Armed Forces, ensuring national security and operational excellence.
- The tableau would depict a Joint Operations Room facilitating networking and communication among the three Services. It would display a battlefield scenario demonstrating a synchronised operation in land, water and air with the indigenous Arjun Main Battle Tank, Tejas MKII
- fighter aircraft, Advanced Light Helicopter, destroyer INS Visakhapatnam & a Remotely Piloted Aircraft, reflecting the Tri-services synergy in multi-domain operations. These platforms exemplify the vision to achieve 'Aatmanirbharta' in defence.
- 2025 has been declared as the '**Year of Reforms**' in the Ministry of Defence. Jointness and Integration is at the core of the mandate allocated to the Department of Military Affairs.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is the theme of the Tri-services tableau being showcased during the 76th Republic Day Parade in 2025?
 - A. United India, Strong India
 - B. Shashakt aur Surakshit Bharat
 - C. India's Defence Heritage
 - D. Bharat's Joint Defence Vision

ANSWER: B

2. How much investment is the Uttar Pradesh government aiming to attract with its new Aerospace and Defence Unit policy?
 - A. Rs 25,000 crore
 - B. Rs 50,000 crore
 - C. Rs 75,000 crore
 - D. Rs 1,00,000 crore

ANSWER: B

3. What is the name of the last submarine delivered under Project 75 by Mazagaon Dockyards to the Indian Navy?
 - A. INS Vela
 - B. INS Vagir

- C. INS Karanj
- D. INS Vagsheer

ANSWER: D

4. How many additional submarines are planned to be built under Project 75 with French Naval Group support?

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 4
- D. 5

ANSWER: B

5. Yulin Naval Base Is In

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. China
- D. Cambodia

ANSWER: C

6. INS 'Vikrant' Is Designed & Built By

- A. Indian Navy & DRDO
- B. Boeing & Indian Navy
- C. DRDO & MDL
- D. Warship Design Bureau & CSL

ANSWER: D

7. Defence Research & Development Laboratory Hq Is In

- A. Hyderabad
- B. New Delhi
- C. Kochi
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

8. Lieutenant Commander Of the Indian Navy Is Equivalent to Which Rank Of IAF?

- A. Squadron Leader
- B. Major
- C. Group Captain
- D. Flying Officer

ANSWER: A

9. Which Is The Capital Of Uzbekistan?

- A. Moscow
- B. Dodoma
- C. Tashkent
- D. Dushanbe

ANSWER: C

10. Ex 'DESERT EAGLE' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

11. What Is The Highest Commissioned Rank Awarded In The IAF?

- A. Air Marshal
- B. Air Chief Marshal
- C. Wing Commander
- D. Admiral

ANSWER: B

12. Rashtriya Raksha University Is In

- A. Gandhinagar
- B. Mumbai
- C. New Delhi
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: A

13. The Zorawar Is A

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

ANSWER: A

14. Current Scientific Advisor To The Defence Minister Is

- A. Rakesh Sinha

- B. S. Somnath
- C. G. Sateesh Reddy
- D. Samir Kamat

ANSWER: C

15. The Current Chairman Of DRDO Is

- A. Rakesh Sinha
- B. S. Somnath
- C. G. Sateesh Reddy
- D. Samir Kamat

ANSWER: D

16. Ex SHAKTI, Ex VARUNA, GARUDA India conducted with

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

ANSWER: C

17. ___ Is India's 3rd Highest Military Decoration Award.

- A. PVC
- B. MVC
- C. Veer Chakra
- D. Kirti Chakra

ANSWER: C

18. Motto of THE MARATHA LIGHT INFANTRY REGIMENT

- A. Parakramo Vijayate
- B. Assam Vikram
- C. Yudhaya Krit Nishchaya
- D. Duty, Honour, courage

ANSWER: D

19. Dodoma Is The Capital Of

- A. Tanzania
- B. Turkmenistan
- C. UAE
- D. Tajikistan

ANSWER: A

20. "The Godfather" Book Written By

- A. Mario Puzo
- B. Anne Frank
- C. Amish Tripathi
- D. Albert Einstein

ANSWER: A

