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India, Indonesia Boost Defence Cooperation

- India and Indonesia have taken a significant step forward in their strategic partnership, strengthening defence and maritime cooperation through key agreements and initiatives.
- The two nations reaffirmed their commitment to deepening ties with the ratification of the **Defence Cooperation Agreement** and agreed to enhance collaboration through cadet exchanges between their Naval Academies.
- Additionally, both countries emphasised the importance of the **Joint Defence Cooperation Committee** in driving defence modernization and shared expertise.
- The press release further said that the two countries had adopted the "**Shared Vision of India-Indonesia on Maritime Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific**" in 2018.
- The two leaders reaffirmed that India and Indonesia as maritime neighbours and strategic partners must continue to work to further deepen and broaden the defence cooperation to a robust one.
- The two leaders expressed satisfaction at the strategic and operational interaction between the defence forces of both countries, comprising more than two decades long continuous biannual India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol, conduct of periodic bilateral Army (Ex Garuda Shakti) and Naval (Ex Samudra Shakti) exercises, and regular participation in each other's multilateral exercises- Milan, Komodo, Tarang Shakti and Super Garuda Shield.



27 Nigerian Soldiers Killed In Jihadist Suicide Attack

- At least 27 Nigerian soldiers were killed in a jihadist suicide attack in the northeast, two army sources told.
- On Friday, troops launched a ground offensive on a stronghold of Islamic State-affiliated militants in a wasteland straddling Borno and Yobe states.
- "The suicide attack killed 27 soldiers, including the commander, and left several others seriously injured," a military officer said, making this one of the deadliest suicide attacks targeting soldiers in recent years.
- A suicide bomber rammed his explosives-laden vehicle concealed in thick foliage into a convoy of advancing troops targeting the **Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP)** in Timbuktu Triangle, the two military officers said.
- ISWAP split from the mainstream Boko Haram in 2016 to become the dominant militant faction in the northeast. They seized territory hitherto under **Boko Haram control**, including the Timbuktu Triangle and Sambisa forest, a game reserve turned jihadist stronghold.



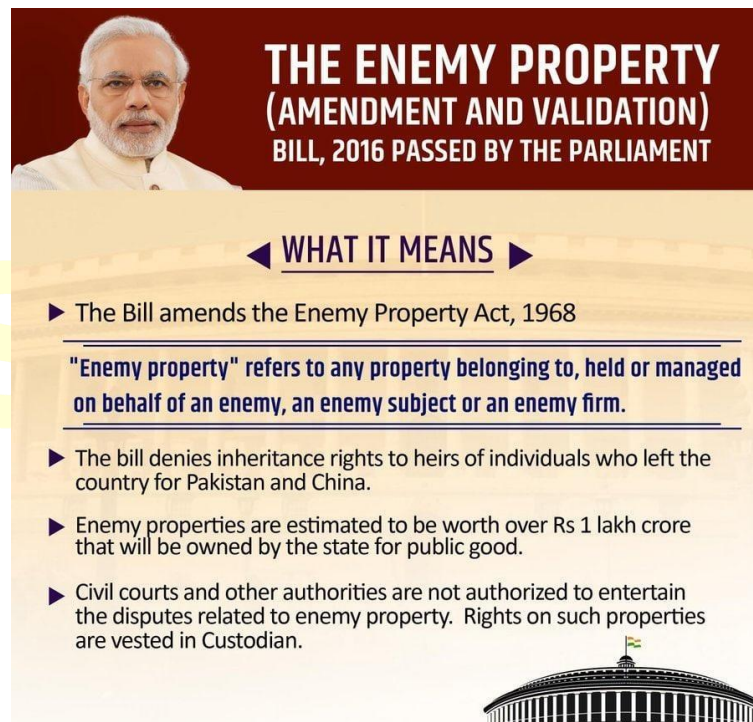
Pralay Missile Makes Debut At Republic Day Parade

- For the first time, indigenously developed **short-range tactical missile** Pralay was showcased at the Republic Day parade at Kartavya Path here on Sunday. The missile, developed by the DRDO is capable of carrying a nuclear warhead.
- It is a short-range surface-to-surface missile with a payload capacity of 500-1,000 kg. It has a range of **150 to 500 kms**.
- The grand parade in the national capital featured an array of indigenously built missiles, surveillance systems and weapon systems reflecting India's growing military prowess.
- The DRDO displayed some of its path-breaking innovations to boost national security. Its tableau, with the theme '**Raksha Kavach -- Multi-layer Protection against Multi-domain Threats**', comprised quick reaction surface-to-air missile, airborne early warning and control system, 155 mm/52 calibre advanced towed artillery gun system and drone detect, deter and destroy system.



Enemy properties: Govt plans control for public purposes

- The Centre is working on a bill proposing amendments to the Enemy Property Act that would give the Union government more powers over enemy properties, including its direct ownership for public purposes.
- The Enemy Property Act, 1968 is an Act of the Parliament of India which enables and regulates the appropriation of property in India owned by Pakistani nationals. The act was passed following the Indo-Pakistani War of 1965.
- Ownership is passed to the Custodian of Enemy Property for India, a government department. There are also movable properties categorized as enemy properties.




**THE ENEMY PROPERTY
(AMENDMENT AND VALIDATION)
BILL, 2016 PASSED BY THE PARLIAMENT**

◀ WHAT IT MEANS ▶

- ▶ The Bill amends the Enemy Property Act, 1968

"Enemy property" refers to any property belonging to, held or managed on behalf of an enemy, an enemy subject or an enemy firm.

- ▶ The bill denies inheritance rights to heirs of individuals who left the country for Pakistan and China.
- ▶ Enemy properties are estimated to be worth over Rs 1 lakh crore that will be owned by the state for public good.
- ▶ Civil courts and other authorities are not authorized to entertain the disputes related to enemy property. Rights on such properties are vested in Custodian.



JK Cement Enters Joint Venture With Kashmir's Saifco Cement

- JK Cement has entered a joint venture with J&K's Saifco Cement through which it will expand its offerings in the region where infrastructure development is a priority, as per a press release from the company.
- JK Cement Limited has announced the acquisition of a 60% equity stake in Saifco Cement Private Limited. This acquisition, valued at approximately Rs 174 Crore, was approved during the board meeting held on January 25.
- Strategically located in Khunmoh, Srinagar, Saifco brings an integrated manufacturing unit with clinker and grinding capacities that perfectly

complement JK Cement's expansion strategy. With a recent annual turnover hovering around Rs 86 crore, the acquisition represents more than a financial transaction – it's a territorial chess move in India's competitive cement landscape.

- Saifco's integrated manufacturing unit at Khunmoh in Srinagar is spread across 54 acres of land and has a clinker capacity of 0.26 million tonnes per annum and a grinding capacity of 0.42 million tonnes per annum. It has captive limestone reserves spread on an area of 144.25 hectares with a total mineable reserve of 129 million tonnes.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What does the Enemy Property Act, 1968, regulate?

- A. Allocation of land for military purposes
- B. Appropriation of property in India owned by Pakistani nationals
- C. Transfer of enemy properties to private ownership
- D. Establishment of military tribunals in border regions

ANSWER: B

2. What is the range of the indigenously developed Pralay missile showcased during the Republic Day parade?

- A. 50 to 100 km
- B. 150 to 500 km
- C. 200 to 1,000 km
- D. 500 to 1,500 km

ANSWER: B

3. What was the theme of the DRDO's tableau at the Republic Day parade?

- A. 'Defending the Future: India's Innovation'
- B. 'Raksha Kavach -- Multi-layer Protection against Multi-domain Threats'
- C. 'Suraksha Samarthan: India's Missile Power'
- D. 'Bharatiya Raksha Udyam: Innovation for Security'

ANSWER: B

4. Which of the following systems was NOT part of the DRDO's tableau?

- A. Quick reaction surface-to-air missile
- B. Airborne early warning and control system
- C. Submarine-launched ballistic missile
- D. 155 mm/52 calibre advanced towed artillery gun system

ANSWER: C

5. What significant agreement was ratified by India and Indonesia to strengthen their defence partnership?

- A. Maritime Boundary Agreement
- B. Defence Cooperation Agreement (DCA)
- C. Indo-Pacific Security Pact
- D. Comprehensive Defence Modernization Act

ANSWER: B

6. How do India and Indonesia plan to enhance their defence collaboration further?

- A. Joint development of submarines
- B. Cadet exchanges between their Naval Academies
- C. Deployment of joint naval fleets in the Indian Ocean
- D. Establishment of a new naval base

ANSWER: B

7. 'Air Independent Propulsion System' Is Inducted

- A. Helicopter
- B. UAV
- C. Submarine
- D. Destroyer

ANSWER: C

8. Regimental Centre of GARHWAL RIFLES Is In

- A. Happy Valley, Shillong, Meghalaya

- B. Ranikhet, Uttarakhand
- C. Lansdowne, Uttarakhand
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

9. “Bolo Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj ki jai” Is The War Cry Of

- A.** Maratha Light Infantry Regiment
- B.** Grenadiers
- C.** Punjab Regiment
- D.** Parachute Regiment

ANSWER: A

10. Exercises B/w The India And UK Is Called:

- A. Desert Eagle
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Indradhanush

ANSWER: D

11. ‘Nirdeshak’ Ship Is built by

- A. MDL
- B. GRSE
- C. CSL
- D. DRDO

ANSWER: B

12. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Island Is Located At

- A. A&N
- B. Ladakh
- C. J&K
- D. Puducherry

ANSWER: A

13. Full-Form of ATAGS Is

- A. Adventure Towed Artillery Gun System
- B. Advanced To Artillery Gun System
- C. Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System
- D. Advanced Towed Artillery Gum System

ANSWER: C

14. At Which Of The Following Places Is The Heavy Vehicles Factory Located?

- A. Kanpur
- B. Khadki
- C. Avadi
- D. 24 Paraganas

ANSWER: C

15. Georgetown Is The Capital Of

- A. Brunei
- B. Qatar
- C. UAE
- D. Guyana

ANSWER: D

16. "Prashata Ranvirta" Is A Motto Of

- A. Jammu And Kashmir Rifles
- B. Gorkha Regiment
- C. Punjab Regiment
- D. None

ANSWER: A

17. Exercises B/w India And Bangladesh Is Called:

- A. GARUDA SHAKTI
- B. SLINEX
- C. SAMPRITI
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: C

18. Barrett M95 Is A

- A. Sniper Rifles
- B. Helicopter
- C. ATAGS
- D. ATGM

ANSWER: A

19. Astra Is A

- A. Air-to-air Missile

- B. Air-to-surface Missile
- C. Air-to-sea Missile
- D. None

ANSWER: A

20. Where Is The Hq Of The Southern Command of The IAF?

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Pune
- D. Thiruvantpuram

ANSWER: D

