

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### Global Firepower Index 2025

- India has secured **4th place** in the Global Firepower Index 2025 (GFP Index), showcasing its military strength on the global stage.
- The ranking highlights India's expanding defence capabilities across the Army, Navy, and Air Force, reinforcing its position as one of the world's most powerful military forces.
- Meanwhile, Pakistan has dropped from **9th place** in 2024 to 12th in the latest rankings.
- The Global Firepower Index 2025 evaluates military power based on over 60 parameters, including defence technology, financial resources, logistics, and strategic positioning.
- The **United States** remains the most powerful military, followed by **Russia and China**. Other countries in the **top 10** include **South Korea, the United Kingdom, France, Japan, Turkey, and Italy**.



## Trump withdraws US from UNHRC

- President Donald Trump signed an executive order withdrawing the US from the UN Human Rights Council, prohibiting any future funding for the UN agency for Palestinian refugees.
- Trump on Tuesday also directed the US to review its participation in the UN's Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), the body that uses culture and history as a bridge-building mechanism between nations.
- "The United States helped found the UN after World War II to prevent future global conflicts and promote international peace and security. But some of the UN's agencies and bodies have drifted from this mission and instead act contrary to the interests of the United States while attacking our allies and propagating anti-Semitism," the Executive order said.
- The executive order said that as in 2018, when the US withdrew from the UNHRC, the US will reevaluate its commitment to these institutions and three UN organisations that deserve renewed scrutiny are the UNHRC; the UNESCO and the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).
- Israel and the US have accused the Human Rights Council of unfairly targeting and maligning Israel. In 2019, the US and Israel withdrew from UNESCO, with Israel criticising the agency as "erasing" Jewish history within Israel's borders.



## India To Receive 4th Squadron S-400 by year-end

- **In Short**
- Three S-400s deployed in key strategic areas
- Army gets fourth S-400 squadron by 2024
- 70,000 AK-203 rifles to be procured in 2025
- India will receive the fourth of five Russian-made S-400 air defence system squadrons by the end of 2025, Defence Ministry sources confirmed adding that the final squadron is expected in 2026.
- The Rs 35,000 crore deal for five S-400 squadrons was signed in 2018, and three squadrons have already been deployed.
- Each S-400 squadron includes 16 vehicles, comprising launchers, radar, control centres, and support vehicles. It can track aerial threats up to 600 km away. The S-400 uses four missile types, capable of engaging targets at ranges of up to 400 km.
- It can intercept fighter jets, ballistic missiles, and drones, making it a vital part of India's defence arsenal. These systems are critical for protecting India's strategic assets.
- Sources also stated that the Army is set to receive 70,000 AK-203 assault rifles in 2025, followed by an additional one lakh units in 2026 under an arms deal with Russia.



## India Inks Contract With Russia For Procurement of Anti-Ship Cruise Missiles

- India has officially signed a contract with Russia for the procurement of anti-ship cruise missiles, a strategic move aimed at enhancing the combat capabilities of the Indian Navy's submarine fleet.
- The contract was finalized on February 4, 2025, during a ceremony in New Delhi attended by Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh.
- The acquisition of these missiles is intended to significantly bolster the operational effectiveness of India's Sindhughosh-class submarines, which are an Indian variant of the Russian Kilo-class submarines
- While specific details about the number of missiles and their delivery schedule have not been disclosed, it is speculated that the missiles may be the 3M-54 Klub-S, an export variant (3M-54 Kalibr) capable of engaging both naval and land targets at ranges between 220 to 300 kilometers.



## Army honours sniffer dog Teena for exemplary service in Jammu

- The Army on Wednesday honoured a sniffer dog for exemplary service in detecting explosive materials, including Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) in Jammu, officials said. Teena, a highly skilled specialist in explosive detection, was honoured by General Officer Commanding, Tiger Division, Major General Mukesh Bhanwala, at headquarters in Jammu, the defence spokesperson said.

- Teena has been stationed in Jammu and Kashmir for over two years in her current assignment and has participated in various important events and operations, providing critical support to the security forces, he continued.
- Teena leaves behind a legacy of bravery, loyalty, and selflessness, the spokesperson said.
- "Her contributions to the security forces will never be forgotten, and she will always be remembered as a hero and a loyal companion," he said.



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EXAMS

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is India's ranking in the Global Firepower Index 2025?
  - A. 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - B. 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - C. 4<sup>th</sup>
  - D. 5<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: C**

2. As per Forbes' latest ranking, what is Pakistan position among the most powerful countries?
  - A. 10<sup>th</sup>
  - B. 12<sup>th</sup>
  - C. 15<sup>th</sup>
  - D. 8<sup>th</sup>

**ANSWER: B**

3. Which international body did U.S. President Donald Trump withdraw funding from, specifically targeting Palestinian refugee aid?

- A. United Nations Human Rights Council
- B. World Health Organization
- C. United Nations Security Council
- D. United Nations Development Programme

**ANSWER: A**

**4. When is India expected to receive its fourth squadron of the Russian-made S-400 air defence system?**

- A. 2024
- B. 2025
- C. 2026
- D. 2027

**ANSWER: B**

**5. How many AK-203 assault rifles is the Indian Army set to receive in 2025?**

- A. 50,000
- B. 70,000
- C. 90,000
- D. 1,00,000

**ANSWER: B**

**6. Army Airborne Training School Is Located At**

- A. Agra
- B. Mumbai
- C. Pune
- D. Nagpur

**ANSWER: A**

**7. "Early Intervention Centre- Prayas" Has Been Established At**

- A. ARMY HOSPITAL (R&R)
- B. AIIMS Delhi
- C. Northern Army Command
- D. Eastern Army Command

**ANSWER: A**

**8. Ex EASTERN BRIDGE Conducted B/W India &**

- A. UK
- B. Oman
- C. Sri Lanka

D. USA

**ANSWER: B**

**9. Duty, Honour, Courage Is The Motto Of**

A. Maratha Light Infantry

B. The Grenadiers

C. Rajput Regiment

D. Jat Regiment

**ANSWER: A**

**10. Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation Hq Is In**

A. Mauritius

B. Qatar

C. Sri Lanka

D. Maldives

**ANSWER: A**

**11. Surface Mine Clearing System on Sarath manufactured by**

A. Ordnance Factory Medak

B. HAL

C. DRDO

D. MDL

**ANSWER: A**

**12. College of Defence Management Is In**

A. Secunderabad

B. Chennai

C. Noida

D. New Delhi

**ANSWER: A**

**13. GAGAN Stands For**

A. GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigate

B. GPS Aided Geography Augmented Navigation

C. GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigation

D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**14. 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**

**15. Harare Is The Capital Of**

- A. Uzbekistan
- B. Qatar
- C. Zambia
- D. Zimbabwe

**ANSWER: D**

**16. "Forging Mettle : Nrupender Rao and the Pennar Story" Book Written By**

- A. Vijay Sharma
- B. Manish Kumar
- C. Sumit Nayar
- D. Pavan C Lall

**ANSWER: D**

**17. The Eurocopter Tiger Is A**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**18. INS Jalashwa Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Amphibious transport dock

**ANSWER: D**

**19. CDAC Stands For**

- A. Centre for Development of Advanced Concept
- B. Centre for Development of Adert Computing
- C. Centre for Development of Advanced Computing

D. None

**ANSWER: C**

**20. Heckler & Koch PSG1 Is A**

A. Tank

B. Missile

C. Sniper Rifle

D. Submarine

**ANSWER: C**

