

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### IAF Plane Crash

- A twin-seater Mirage 2000 fighter aircraft crashed near Shivpuri in Madhya Pradesh, while it was on a routine training sortie on Thursday, according to defence officials.
- A Court of Inquiry has been ordered to ascertain the cause of the crash.
- Shivpuri SP, Aman Singh Rathore, confirmed the incident and stated that the pilots were safe.
- The multirole fighter jet Mirage 2000, built by France's Dassault Aviation, flew for the first time in 1978.
- The French Air Force inducted it in 1984; 600 Mirage 2000 were produced, of which 50 per cent were exported to eight countries including India, Dassault says on its website.
- There is also a single-seater version of the Mirage 2000.
- In the IAF, the Mirage 2000 saw action in the Kargil war with a high success rate. It dropped laser-guided bombs on hilltops occupied by terrorists and Pakistani forces with great accuracy.



## JWG Meeting between India & Spain

- The 5th Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting between the Ministry of Defence of India and Spain took place in New Delhi on February 06, 2025.
- The meeting was co-chaired by Joint Secretary, International Cooperation Shri Amitabh Prasad and Special Advisor on Defence Diplomacy to the Secretary General of Defence Policy Brigadier General Paulino Garcia Diego.
- Both sides reviewed the ongoing bilateral defence cooperation activities and discussed the plan for multiple joint activities, including in the maritime domain. They agreed to focus on a closer collaboration in defence, particularly in technology and armament production areas.
- The **C295 Project with Airbus Spain and Tata Advanced Systems Limited**, the first Make-in-India project in the defence aircraft sector, has encouraged more Indian and Spanish companies to collaborate with each other and explore options to work together in the aerospace domain.



## NIBE Limited Celebrates Foundation Day

- NIBE Limited, a pioneering name in manufacturing critical systems for the defence sector, inaugurated its state-of-the-art Missiles Complex and Precision Machining (Small Arms Complex) facility in Pune on Thursday. The event also coincided with the celebration of the company's Foundation Day.
- The newly launched facility is equipped with advanced Vertical Machining Centres (VMCs) with Computer Numerical Control (CNC), such as the Kairos V5 16000, and the BMV 50 and 60+ machines.
- NIBE also announced a licensing agreement with DRDO for the transfer of technology of **35 Mountain Foot Bridge** (including its Launching System), represented by Arun Chaudhary and Makarand Joshi, Director R&DE, Pune.



## India, Israel Hold 13<sup>th</sup> Round of Staff Talks

- India and Israel successfully held the 13th round of Staff Talks from February 3 to 6 in New Delhi, which focused upon improving several areas of defence cooperation such as joint training, technology sharing, and regional security.
- Highlighting the importance of the dialogue, the Indian Army added, "This strategic dialogue reaffirms the commitment to mutual growth in defence capabilities, fostering deeper bilateral ties between the two nations united by shared interests and trust."
- In 2024, the two countries held the 17th India-Israel Foreign Office Consultations, reflecting the strength of the India-Israel Strategic Partnership. The discussions included an exchange of views on the prevailing situations in West Asia and the Indo-Pacific.



## Trump Administration's Sweeping Cuts To Leave USAID

- Donald Trump administration is set to reduce the US Agency for International Development (USAID) workforce to fewer than 300 staff globally, from over 10,000
- The proposed plan would leave USAID, the US's primary agency for delivering foreign humanitarian assistance, with a skeletal staff. Sources revealed that only 294 employees would remain, including just **12 in the Africa bureau** and **8 in the Asia bureau**, areas that are critical to combating poverty, disease, and conflict.
- The cutbacks come as part of a reorganization initiative, driven in part by businessman Elon Musk, a key Trump ally, who has supported government downsizing. The administration has long targeted USAID for reform, and these cuts appear to fulfill that goal.
- USAID's projects focus on critical areas such as disease prevention, disaster relief, and poverty alleviation in some of the world's most impoverished regions. In 2023, the agency provided assistance to over 130 countries, with top recipients being Ukraine, Ethiopia, Jordan, Somalia, and Afghanistan.



## Iran Inaugurates Its First Drone-carrier Warship

- Iran has inaugurated its first drone-carrier warship, saying the vessel is capable of operating in oceans far from its mainland.
- The report said the vessel, manned by the paramilitary Revolutionary Guard's navy, can carry several squadrons of drones as well as helicopters and cruise missiles. Named **Shahid Bagheri**, it's capable of launching cruise missiles.
- With a 180-meter-long runway for drones, the vessel can travel up to 22,000 nautical miles without needing to refuel in ports. The report said it was converted from a commercial ship and would increase Iran's power of deterrence.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. What major change is the Donald Trump administration planning for the US Agency for International Development (USAID)?**

- A. Expanding its global operations
- B. Reducing its workforce to fewer than 300 employees
- C. Increasing foreign humanitarian aid funding
- D. Merging USAID with the Department of State

**ANSWER: B**

**2. Which institute has partnered with the Indian Army to develop bamboo-based composite bunkers?**

- A. IIT Delhi
- B. IIT Guwahati
- C. IIT Madras
- D. IIT Kanpur

**ANSWER: B**

**3. Where was the 5th Joint Working Group meeting between the Ministry of Defence of India and Spain held?**

- A. Madrid
- B. New Delhi
- C. Barcelona
- D. Mumbai

**ANSWER: B**

**4. What is the first Make-in-India project in the defence aircraft sector, developed in collaboration with Spain?**

- A. Tejas Fighter Jet
- B. Rafale Aircraft Program
- C. C295 Transport Aircraft Project
- D. BrahMos Missile System

**ANSWER: C**

**5. Which Indian city recently saw the inauguration of the state-of-the-art Missiles Complex and Precision Machining facility by NIBE Limited?**

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Pune
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Chennai

**ANSWER: B**

**6. Defence Institute of Physiology & Allied Sciences Is A Operating Agency Of**

- A. ISRO
- B. BDL
- C. DRDO
- D. CSL

**ANSWER: C**

**7. Ex 'BLUE FLAG' Conducted b/w India &**

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. Israel
- D. Kazakhstan

**ANSWER: C**

**8. Which Organisation Manufactured Tejas Mark-2 Fighter Jets?**

- A. BEL
- B. BDL
- C. HAL
- D. DRDO

**ANSWER: C**

**9. Udarshakti Is A Bilateral Exercise Which Held Between India And Which Other Country?**

- A. Malaysia
- B. Singapore
- C. Russia
- D. Japan

**ANSWER: A**

**10. What Is The Name Of The Submarine Which Has been Decommissioned From The Indian Navy?**

- A.** INS Rajput
- B.** INS Nishank
- C.** INS Sindhudhvaj
- D.** INS Ranjit

**ANSWER: C**

**11. Heron MK II Is A**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**12. Chabahar Port Is Located In**

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. Iran

**ANSWER: D**

**13. Pratap Chandra Lal Was A Former Chief Of**

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

**ANSWER: A**



**14. Space & Upper Atmosphere Research Commission Is A Space Agency Of**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**15. RS-28 Sarmat "Satan 2" Is A**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**16. BELMOPAN Is The Capital Of**

- A. BELIZE
- B. BENIN
- C. BHUTAN
- D. Maldives

**ANSWER: A**

**17. "The Living Mountain" Book Written By**

- A. JK Rowling
- B. Aakash Ranison
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Amitav Ghosh

**ANSWER: D**

**18. Joint Exercises B/w India And Sri Lanka Is Called:**

- A. Ashoka
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. MITRA SHAKTI

**ANSWER: B&D**

**19. India Purchased Sig Sauer Assault Rifles From**

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France

D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**20. India Purchased MH Romeo 64 Helicopter from**

A. USA

B. Sweden

C. France

D. Russia

**ANSWER: A**

