

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### Indian Navy's First Training Squadron Arrives

- The ships of First Training Squadron (1TS) comprising INS Sujata, INS Shardul and ICGS Veera entered Changi Naval Base, Singapore.
- The visit is part of the Long-Range Training Deployment of the Squadron to South East Asia signifying a vital step in strengthening maritime cooperative engagement and fostering mutual understanding. The squadron had previously visited Singapore in Oct 2023.
- **India-Singapore Relations**
- Singapore is India's largest trade partner in ASEAN; it's **India's 6th largest** trade partner (2023-24).
- Bilateral trade expanded after the conclusion of **Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA)** to USD 35.6 billion (2023-24).
- India is a net importer.
- Bilateral exercises by the three services: **Exercise Agni Warrior (Army)**, **Exercise SIMBEX (Navy)** and **Air Force Exercise Joint Military Training (JMT)**.



## ICC Condemns Trump's Sanctions

- The International Criminal Court (ICC) strongly condemned the sanctions imposed by US President Donald Trump, urging its member states to stand united in defence of the court's independence.
- The ICC described the United States sanctions as a "direct attempt to undermine its impartial and judicial working".
- Earlier in the day, the White House announced the executive order on Thursday for probes targeting America and its ally Israel, but the ICC on Friday vowed to continue providing "justice and hope" around the world.
- The International Criminal Court is an intergovernmental organization and international tribunal seated in **The Hague, Netherlands**.
- **Established in 2002** pursuant to the multilateral Rome Statute, the ICC is considered by its proponents to be a major step toward justice and an innovation in international law and human rights.



## Army, Air Force chiefs to fly together in LCA Tejas

- In a display of jointness among the defence forces and support for Aatmanirbharta, IAF Chief Air Chief Marshal AP Singh and Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi would be flying a sortie in the trainer version of the LCA Tejas fighter aircraft at the Air Force Station.
- The Army Chief and the Air Force Chief are course mates from the **National Defence Academy**.
- The LCA Tejas aircraft to be used for the sortie is a **trainer version** of the indigenous aircraft manufactured by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and developed by the DRDO.
- The Indian Air Force has already inducted around 40 of these planes and is looking to add another 83 LCA Mark 1As in the near future.
- The supply of these aircraft have been delayed by a few months due to the supply chain issues faced by the engine maker GE of the US.
- The Indian Air Force is also looking to add another 97 of these planes as a follow on of the 83 aircraft.



## TROPEX-25

- The 2025 edition of Indian Navy's capstone **Theatre Level Operational Exercise (TROPEX)**, is currently underway in the **Indian Ocean Region**.
- TROPEX 25 is being conducted over a duration of three months from **Jan - Mar 25**. The exercise is being conducted in various phases - both in **Harbour and at Sea**, integrating various facets of combat operations, cyber and electronic warfare operations, live weapon firings during Joint Work Up Phase and Amphibious Exercise (AMPHEX).
- During the exercise, the combined fleets comprising approximately **65 Indian Naval Ships, 09 Submarines** and over **80 Aircrafts** of different types, are put through complex maritime operational scenarios.



## GOI Scraps Deals for Defence Drones With Chinese Parts

- Cracking the whip against domestic private sector companies that are using Chinese components in drones being supplied to the armed forces, the defence establishment has now scrapped three contracts for the induction of 400 logistics drones by the Army.
- The defence establishment is also putting a “stringent mechanism” in place to ensure the military drones being acquired do not have “any Chinese parts or electronics as well as malicious codes”, sources told TOI.
- The contracts that have been scrapped for 200 medium-altitude, 100 heavy-weight and 100 light-weight logistics drones, collectively worth over Rs 230 crore, were inked with a Chennai-based company under emergency procurement provisions by the Army in 2023.
- These drones were primarily meant for deployment along the 3,488-km Line of Actual Control with China, amid the military confrontation that erupted in April

2020 after the People's Liberation Army made multiple incursions into eastern Ladakh.

- The defence ministry's department of defence production has also asked industry bodies **FICCI, CII and Assocham** to “**sensitise and caution**” their member companies from procuring Chinese components for drones and other related equipment.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Where is the International Criminal Court (ICC) headquartered?**

- A. Geneva, Switzerland
- B. The Hague, Netherlands
- C. New York, USA
- D. Vienna, Austria

**ANSWER: B**

**2. Why did the Indian defence establishment scrap three contracts for logistics drones?**

- A. Budget constraints in the defence sector
- B. The drones failed quality tests
- C. Presence of Chinese components in the drones
- D. Change in defence procurement policy

**ANSWER: C**

**3. What is the primary objective of the Indian Navy's TROPEX 25 exercise?**

- A. Conducting peacekeeping operations in the Indian Ocean
- B. Validating warfighting skills and ensuring maritime security
- C. Strengthening diplomatic ties with neighboring nations
- D. Testing new naval equipment in deep-sea environments

**ANSWER: B**

**4. Which organisation successfully conducted flight-tests of the VSHORADS in Rajasthan?**

- A. Indian Air Force
- B. Bharat Electronics Limited
- C. DRDO
- D. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

**ANSWER: C**

**5. Who is the current CEO of NITI Aayog as of 2025?**

- A. Shri Ajit Doval
- B. Shri Rajnath Singh
- C. Shri B V R Subrahmanyam
- D. Shri Narendra Modi

**ANSWER: C**

**6. Ex 'RED FLAG' Conducted b/w India &**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**7. Vayu Sena Medal Is Presented By**

- A. IAF
- B. Indian Navy
- C. MOD
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**8. IBSAMAR Is A Type Of**

- A. Army Ex

- B. Air Force Ex
- C. Naval Ex
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**9. FGM-148 Javelin Is Made By**

- A. Boeing
- B. Lockheed Martin
- C. Raytheon
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**10. Infantry School Of Indian Army Is At**

- A. Mhow
- B. Bhopal
- C. Gwalior
- D. Jammu

**ANSWER: A**

**11. HAL HPT-32 Deepak Is A**

- A. Trainer Aircraft
- B. Fighter Aircraft
- C. Helicopter
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**12. Range of Meteor BVRAAM Missile Is**

- A. 150 km
- B. 250 km
- C. 350 km
- D. 450 km

**ANSWER: A**

**13. Shishumar Is A**

- A. Air to Air missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Anti-tank Guided missile
- D. Submarine

**ANSWER: D**

**14. INS Kesari Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Landing Ship Tank

**ANSWER: D**

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

- A. Maratha Light Infantry
- B. The Grenadiers
- C. Rajput Regiment
- D. Jat Regiment

**ANSWER: A**

**16. Hwasong-17 Is An ICBM Missile of Which Country?**

- A. South Korea
- B. North Korea
- C. China
- D. USA

**ANSWER: B**

**17. 'Swift and Sure' Is The Motto Of**

- A. Army Aviation Corps
- B. Sikh Regiment
- C. Rajput Regiment
- D. Gorkha

**ANSWER: A**

**18. "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**



**19. Range of RS-28 Sarmat Missile Is**

- A. 12000 km
- B. 14000 km
- C. 16000 km
- D. 18000 km

**ANSWER: D**

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

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

**ANSWER: D**

