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MoD inks Rs 642 Crore Contract with BEL

- The Ministry of Defence signed a contract with **Bharat Electronics Limited** in New Delhi for procurement of **28 EON-51 systems** for 11 New Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels and three Cadet Training Ships for the Indian Navy at a total cost of **Rs 642.17 crore**, including taxes under Buy (Indian-IDDMM) category.
- EON-51 is an Electro Optical Fire Control System which provides search, detection and classification of targets using Electro Optical and Thermal Imagers devices.
- The scheme will generate employment over a period of three years and encourage active participation of various Indian industries including MSMEs, thus significantly contributing to the Government's efforts to achieve 'Aatmanirbharta' in defence.



Commanders' Conference Held At Gandhinagar

- Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, Chief of the Air Staff attended the Annual South Western Air Command Commanders' Conference, which was held from 05 to 07 February 2025 at Headquarters South Western Air Command, Gandhinagar.

- CAS highlighted the crucial role played by the command. He stressed on capability development and exhorted all personnel to imbibe the spirit of the IAF doctrine which envisages the IAF as an agile, adaptive and decisive aerospace power.
- The CAS appreciated the efforts of the Commanders especially during **Exercise Tarang Shakti-24**. In culmination, the CAS awarded trophies to stations for their noteworthy performances in various spheres.



Indian Navy Chiefs' Conclave 2025

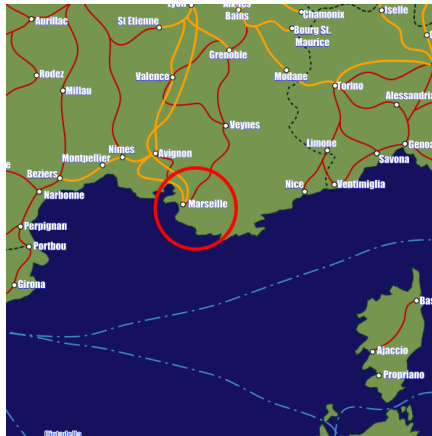
- The Indian Navy Chiefs' Conclave was held at the Naval Headquarters, New Delhi from 08 - 09 Feb 25, bringing together eight Former Naval Chiefs and the current Naval leadership.
- The aim of the Conclave was to gain from the collective experience and knowledge of the former Chiefs and also update them on the latest developments and policy initiatives of the Navy.
- "We are committed to carrying forward your illustrious legacy and the Indian Navy will continue to safeguard India's national maritime interests, anytime, anywhere, anyhow" - CNS



PM Modi Heads to France

- PM Narendra Modi is headed to Paris on Monday to co-chair the **Artificial Intelligence Action Summit** along with French President Emmanuel Macron on Tuesday.
- The summit is expected to announce a key outcome — a foundation that will look at AI in the public interest to cater to the needs of the Global South.
- India and France will likely make announcements on small modular reactors, boosting civil nuclear cooperation. An India-France Triangular Development Cooperation initiative is also likely to be launched.
- The two countries will declare that 2026 will be celebrated as India-France Innovation year and launch a logo. Macron and Modi will visit the city of **Marseille** and inaugurate an Indian consulate there.
- Marseille is also a **strategic telecommunications** connection hub. Its location at the heart of the **Mediterranean** makes it the gateway for submarine cables linking Europe to Africa, West Asia and Asia. Submarine cables carry 99% of the world's data traffic (internet and telephony).





Self-reliance of new India: Rajnath Singh

- **In Short**
- Aero India 15th edition starts on February 10
- Over 900 exhibitors, including 150 foreign, will participate
- India's defence production to exceed Rs 1.60 lakh crore by 2025-26, Rajnath Singh said
- The **15th edition of Aero India** will open on February 10, with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurating the event at Air Force Station, Yelahanka. The biennial air show, described as **Asia's largest**, will run until February 14.
- The Ministry of Defence said more than 900 exhibitors, including 150 foreign companies, will participate. Singh, who arrived in Bengaluru.
- The defence minister noted that India's defence production, which has crossed **Rs 1.27 lakh crore**, is expected to exceed Rs 1.60 lakh crore by 2025-26. Defence exports, which reached Rs 21,000 crore, are projected to surpass Rs **30,000 crore**.
- Officials said the event will feature displays by the Indian Air Force and global aerospace firms. The **Russian Su-57 and the American F-35 Lightning II**, two advanced fifth-generation fighter aircraft, will participate for the first time.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is the purpose of the EON-51 system procured for the Indian Navy?

- A. Long-range missile guidance
- B. Submarine warfare operations
- C. Electro Optical Fire Control for target detection and classification
- D. Underwater surveillance

ANSWER: C

2. Why is Marseille considered a strategic telecommunications hub?

- A. It hosts the headquarters of global telecom giants
- B. It is a major port for naval operations
- C. It serves as a gateway for submarine cables linking Europe to Africa, West Asia, and Asia
- D. It is a center for cybersecurity research

ANSWER: C

3. What is the projected target for India's defence exports by 2025-26?

- A. Rs 21,000 crore
- B. Rs 25,000 crore
- C. Rs 30,000 crore
- D. Rs 35,000 crore

ANSWER: C

4. Where was the Indian Navy Chiefs' Conclave 2025 held?

- A. Mumbai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Visakhapatnam

D. Kochi

ANSWER: B

5. In which year was the IAF established?

A. 1947

B. 1932

C. 1950

D. 1965

ANSWER: B

6. What is the theme for Indian Air Force Day 2024?

A. Bhartiya Vayu Sena: Swatantra, Surakshit, Shaktishali

B. Bhartiya Vayu Sena: Balwaan, Surakshit, Atmanirbhar

C. Bhartiya Vayu Sena: Saksham, Sashakt, Atmanirbhar

D. Bhartiya Vayu Sena: Surakshit, Saksham, Shaktishali

ANSWER: C

7. India's First Aircraft Carrier Was

A. INS Chakra

B. INS Arihant

C. INS Virant

D. INS Virat

ANSWER: C

8. Ex 'NASEEM-AL-BAHR' Conducted b/w India &

A. Qatar

B. Oman

C. UAE

D. Maldives

ANSWER: B

9. NISTAR & NIPUN Is A

A. Diving Support Vessels

B. OPV

C. Tank

D. Frigate

ANSWER: A

10. NISTAR & NIPUN Is Manufactured By

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

ANSWER: B

11. Group Captain Rank Of IAF Is Equivalent to Which Rank of Indian Navy?

- A. Colonel
- B. Captain
- C. Commander
- D. Major

ANSWER: B

12. F 18 Super Hornet Fighter Aircraft Manufactured By

- A. Boeing
- B. Lockheed Martin
- C. Airbus
- D. HAL

ANSWER: A

13. Which of the following is the Parent Agency of MOD?

- A. DRDO
- B. Delhi Police
- C. NIA
- D. NHRC

ANSWER: A

14. Defence Electronics Research Laboratory (DLRL) Centre Is Located In

- A. Hyderabad, Telangana
- B. Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
- C. Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
- D. Tezpur, Assam

ANSWER: A

15. IAI Harpy Is A

- A. Drone

- B. Tank
- C. Submarine
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

16. INS Kadamba Is An Indian Navy Base Located At

- A. Karwar in Karnataka
- B. Mumbai, M.H.
- C. Marmugao, Goa
- D. Kochi, Kerala

ANSWER: A

17. CID Stands For

- A. Crime Investigation Depo
- B. Crime Investigate Department
- C. Crime Investigation Department
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

18. Aizawl Is The Capital Of

- A. Mizoram
- B. Manipur
- C. Odisha
- D. Punjab

ANSWER: A

19. India Meteorological Department Comes Under The Ministry Of__.

- A. MHA
- B. Ministry of Earth Sciences
- C. Ministry of I&T
- D. MOD

ANSWER: B

20. Which Country Isn't The Signatory Of CTBT?

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Australia
- D. India

ANSWER: D

