

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### 'Ex Winged Raider' 2025

- The troops of the Indian Army recently participated in a comprehensive training exercise christened Ex Winged Raider. The exercise focused on special airborne operations, demonstrating a high level of operational readiness and inter-service synergy.
- The exercise involved rehearsing various airborne insertion techniques from both fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft, enhancing the skills of participating personnel.
- The exercise also witnessed a first in the Eastern Theatre in terms of training on airborne operations from the Chinook Helicopter.



### Exercise Cyclone 2025

- The special forces of the Indian and Egyptian armies have engaged in joint military exercises known as "Exercise Cyclone". The inaugural exercise, "Exercise Cyclone-I," took place in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, starting on January 14, 2023.

- The second edition occurred in Anshas, Egypt, from January 22 to February 1, 2024. In 2025, a joint military exercise between special forces is scheduled to be held at Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan from February 10-23.
- The exercises aim to enhance defence cooperation between India and Egypt by focusing on sharing professional skills and improving interoperability of special forces in desert environments.



## HAL's Upgraded Flagship Jet Training Aircraft

- HAL has rebranded its **Hindustan Jet Trainer (HJT)-36** as '**Yashas**'. The unveiling took place at the Aero India 2025 event in Bangalore. The renaming follows major modifications to resolve departure characteristics and spin resistance throughout the aircraft envelope.
- The Yashas is designed for Stage-II pilot training, counter-insurgency operations, counter surface force operations, armament training, and aerobatics.
- It is powered by a **FADEC-controlled AL-55I Jet engine**, which provides a best-in-class thrust-to-weight ratio, optimized thrust management, and reliability.
- The Yashas features a stepped-up rear cockpit with a drooped nose for excellent all-around vision and enhanced situational awareness, as well as a state-of-the-art glass cockpit with **multi-function displays (MFDs)** and a **head-up display (HUD)**.
- The HAL HJT-36 "**Sitara**", now known as Yashas, is an intermediate jet trainer and light attack aircraft.



## Trump's Hostage Warning To Hamas

- A shadow of doom looms over the future of Gaza and Palestinians living in the enclave as US President Donald Trump has doubled down on his threat to take over the territory and end the fragile ceasefire between Israel and Hamas.
- Trump said Palestinians would have no right to return to Gaza under his US takeover plan, describing his proposal in excerpts of an interview released Monday as a "real estate development for the future."
- US President Trump proposed to move the Gazans out of the territory to other countries in the region, while the United States would take charge of redeveloping it, sparking a diplomatic backlash. The plan has faced widespread criticism, particularly from Arab allies. His own aides have sought to tone down the proposal, saying the US would not foot the bill and no US soldiers would be deployed.
- But the proposal has gained support from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called it "revolutionary", striking a triumphant tone in a statement to his cabinet following his return to Israel from Washington.



## HAL's Dhruv-NG Makes Debut at Aero India Bengaluru

- Soon after inaugurating Aero India on Monday, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh set the tempo that the air show means business. He took a walk through the stalls of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), taking in details of new technology and aircraft, including the Dhruv-(ALH)-NG, which made its maiden entry at the air show. HAL's spokesperson told TNIE that so far the aircraft, meant for civil use, has not been utilised, but the Indian Air Force is keen on procuring it.
- "They have shown interest to procure them, but we cannot divulge details till things are finalised," the official said. This is the first time it is on display and seating capacity can be customised from 6 to 14.
- Weighing 5,500kg, it has a maximum cruise speed of 250kmph and fuel tank capacity, it can also be used for heli-tourism with 9-14 seats, VIP travel, offshore operations, medical services including carrying stretchers, disaster and flood management, rescue and search operations and exploring and mining operations.
- The new systems in Dhruv include passenger address system, passenger headset, area navigation system, terrain awareness warning system, traffic collision avoidance system, satellite flight following system and automatic dependent surveillance broadcast. The HAL spokesperson added that the Dhruv

MK-3 has emergency flotation gear, a crashworthy structure, fuel tanks and life rafts.



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REVIEW QUESTIONS EXAMS

**1. What is the primary focus of the Indian Army's Ex Winged Raider exercise?**

- A. Naval warfare operations
- B. Special airborne operations
- C. Cybersecurity training
- D. Amphibious assault tactics

**ANSWER: B**

**2. Where is the third edition of Exercise Cyclone held in 2025?**

- A. Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
- B. Cairo, Egypt
- C. Anshas, Egypt
- D. Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan

**ANSWER: D**

**3. Which organization has rebranded the Hindustan Jet Trainer (HJT)-36 as 'Yashas'?**

- A. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- B. DRDO
- C. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- D. Indian Air Force (IAF)

**ANSWER: C**

**4. Where is Aero India Show 2025 held?**

- A. Mumbai
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Visakhapatnam
- D. Kochi

**ANSWER: B**

**5. Amini Island Is In**

- A. Mumbai
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Lakshadweep
- D. None

**ANSWER: C**

**6. The Motto Of AMC, "सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः" Which Is Derived From The**

- A. Brihadaranyaka Upanishad
- B. Mundak Upanishad
- C. Taittiriya Upanishad
- D. Katha Upanishad

**ANSWER: A**

**7. Which of the following is DRDO Technology Demonstration Vessel?**

- A. INS Delhi
- B. INS Virat
- C. INS Vagir
- D. INS Anvesh

**ANSWER: D**

**8. Ex 'SPITTING COBRA' Conducted b/w India &**

- E. USA
- F. Oman
- G. UAE

H. Russia

**ANSWER: A**

**9. Hq Of Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL) Is In**

A. Kochi

B. Chennai

C. Mumbai

D. Marmugao

**ANSWER: A**

**10. First & Largest Defence Equipment Manufacturer In India Is**

A. BDL

B. HAL

C. BEL

D. AMPL

**ANSWER: B**

**11. V. O. Chidambaranar Port Trust Is Located In**

A. T.N

B. M.H

C. Goa

D. A.P

**ANSWER: A**

**12. Where Is The Hq of The Central Command of The Indian Army?**

A. Lucknow

B. Agra

C. Pune

D. Mumbai

**ANSWER: A**

**13. "Prashata Ranvirta" Is A Motto Of**

A. Jammu And Kashmir Rifles

B. Gorkha Regiment

C. Punjab Regiment

D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**14. Bongosagar Ex Conducted B/W Bangladesh And**

- A. UK
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Nepal
- D. None

**ANSWER: D**

**15. Heron TP Is a**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**16. "Balidanam Vir Lakshanam" Is The Motto Of**

- A. Corps of Signals
- B. RR
- C. AAD
- D. JKLI

**ANSWER: D**

**17. Vice Admiral Rank of Indian Navy Is Equivalent To Which Rank of Indian Army?**

- A. Air Marshal
- B. Flight Lt.
- C. Captain
- D. Lt. General

**ANSWER: D**

**18. Range of Astra Missile Mk 2 Is**

- A. 110 km
- B. 160 km
- C. 170 km
- D. 250 km

**ANSWER: B**

**19. Ex Samudra Shakti Is Held B/W India &**

- A. Italy
- B. Indonesia



- C. Sri Lanka
- D. None

**ANSWER: B**

**20. The G20 Was Founded In**

- A. 1999
- B. 2000
- C. 2004
- D. 2005

**ANSWER: A**

