

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### Exercise Komodo 2025

- Indian Navy platforms **INS Shardul** and Long Range Maritime Surveillance **P8I** aircraft are in Bali, Indonesia, to participate in the International Fleet Review (IFR) 2025, scheduled from 15 Feb to 22 Feb 25.
- This follows the participation of **INS Mumbai & the P8I aircraft** in the **LA PEROUSE exercises** in Indonesia in Jan 2025 and visit of Adm Muhammad Ali, Chief of Staff of the Indonesian Navy, to India, as part of the high-level delegation for the Republic Day Parade 2025.



### Exercise Dharma Guardian

- The Indian Army will conduct the **sixth edition** of the joint military exercise Dharma Guardian with Japan at **Mount Fuji in Japan** from February 25 to March 9.

- Aim of the exercise is to enhance interoperability between the two forces while undertaking joint urban warfare and counter-terrorism operations under UN mandate.
- Along with **Exercise Dharma Guardian**, both countries attach importance to the **Malabar exercise, Exercise Shinnyu Maitri**.



## Zelenskyy Calls For Creation of European Army

- Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has called for the creation of a European Army in response to Russia's military build-up, Politico reported.
- Zelenskyy also raised suspicion of a possibility that the US might say "no" to Europe on issues that might pose a threat to it.
- "I really believe that the time has come for Europe to create its own armed forces," the Ukrainian President said. He added, "Let's be honest, now we can't rule out that America might say 'no' to Europe on issues that might threaten it."
- He said that despite facing battlefield losses, Russian President Vladimir Putin is adding 150,000 soldiers to his armed forces, which is said to be larger than the majority of European armies and is opening army recruitment offices every week.



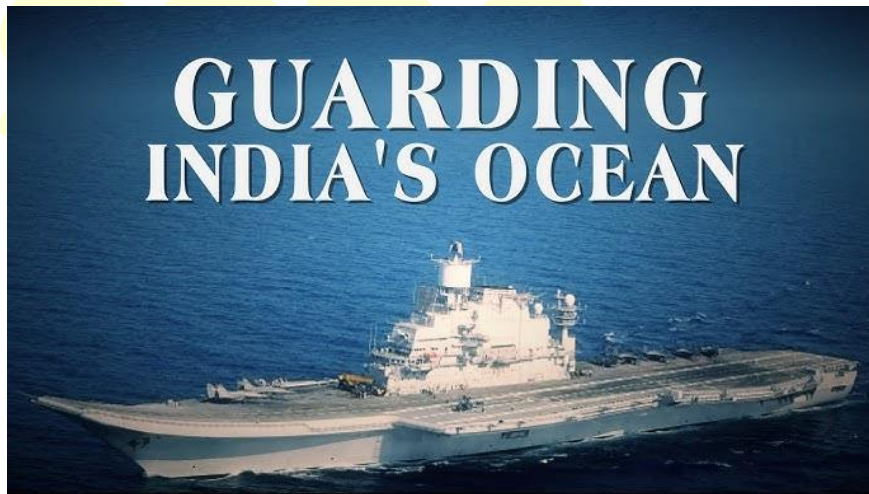
## Benjamin Netanyahu's Warning to Hamas

- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu threatened to open the “gates of hell” on Hamas if all remaining hostages aren’t released, as he touted support from the Trump administration for his policy in Gaza.
- **US Secretary of State Marco Rubio**, the prime minister said his country was working in full cooperation and coordination with the US.
- “We have a common strategy and we can’t always share details of this strategy with the public, including when the gates of hell will be opened — as they surely will if all our hostages are not released, until the last one of them,” Netanyahu said.
- Earlier, Netanyahu reiterated his support for Trump’s “bold vision” for Gaza’s future, and said he had discussed with Rubio how Israel and the US can work together to ensure that “that future becomes a reality.”



## Indian Ocean Conference

- India, with its Indian Ocean partners like Singapore and Oman, is hosting the Eighth **Indian Ocean Conference (IOC) in Muscat** this weekend.
- Foreign ministers from around 30 countries in the region will be converging at the conference to discuss the future of this most happening region.
- Oman, the host, like India, has been a major seafaring nation and has maintained linkages with India for over five millennia. Both countries are strategic partners and work closely in many areas of development in the region.
- Oman hosts a sizeable Indian community totalling approximately 664,783 individuals as of August 2024, according to the Government of Oman.
- The two leaders jointly released the logo celebrating the **70th anniversary** of the diplomatic relations.
- They also jointly released a book titled '**Mandvi to Muscat: Indian Community and the Shared History of India and Oman**'.



## US and Russian officials to hold talks in Saudi Arabia on Ukraine war

- Senior US and Russian officials are set to meet in Saudi Arabia in the coming days to initiate talks aimed at ending Moscow's nearly three-year war in Ukraine, according to a US lawmaker and sources familiar with the discussions.
- The planned negotiations come as US President Donald Trump has vowed to swiftly resolve the conflict. Trump held separate phone calls with Russian

President Putin and Ukrainian President Zelenskyy, raising concerns among European allies that they could be sidelined in the peace process.

- The ongoing conflict has seen Russia control approximately one-fifth of Ukraine's territory, with its forces making slow advances in the east. Ukraine, facing manpower shortages, has continued to push for the withdrawal of Russian troops and long-term security guarantees, including NATO membership.



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## REVIEW QUESTIONS

EXAMS

**1. Where is the International Fleet Review (IFR) 2025 being held?**

- A. Singapore
- B. Bali, Indonesia
- C. Tokyo, Japan
- D. Sydney, Australia

**ANSWER: B**

**2. Which Indian Navy platforms are participating in IFR 2025 in Bali, Indonesia?**

- A. INS Mumbai and INS Kolkata
- B. INS Shardul and P8I aircraft
- C. INS Vikrant and INS Chennai
- D. INS Talwar and P8I aircraft

**ANSWER: B**

**3. Where will the sixth edition of the joint military exercise Dharma Guardian between India and Japan be conducted?**

- A. Tokyo
- B. Kyoto

- C. Mount Fuji
- D. Okinawa

**ANSWER: C**

**4. Which minister held discussions with his Omani counterpart on trade, investment, and energy security?**

- A. Rajnath Singh
- B. Amit Shah
- C. S. Jaishankar
- D. Nirmala Sitharaman

**ANSWER: C**

**5. INS Imphal Made Under**

- A. P 15A
- B. P 15B
- C. P 17A
- D. P 75

**ANSWER: B**

**6. National Defence Academy Is In**

- A. Mumbai
- B. Pune
- C. Chennai
- D. Panaji

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Ex KAZIND & KHANJAR Conducted B/W India &**

- A. Kazakhstan
- B. Kyrgyzstan
- C. UAE
- D. Both A&B

**ANSWER: D**

**8. President of the United Nations General Assembly Is**

- A. Antonio Guterres
- B. Abdulla Shahid
- C. Donald Trump
- D. Ban ki Moon

**ANSWER: B**

**9. IACCS Stands For**

- A. Integrated Air Command & Control System
- B. Integrated Air Command & Control Source
- C. Integrated Air Command & Counter System
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**10. ATAGS Developed By**

- A. DRDO
- B. Israel Aerospace Industries
- C. NASA
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**11. India's Buys P8I Aircraft From**

- A. Iran
- B. USA
- C. UK
- D. Uganda

**ANSWER: B**

**12. Which Is The Type Of A LUH?**

- A. Chetak
- B. Apache
- C. Chinook
- D. Rafale

**ANSWER: A**

**13. Hq of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited Is In**

- A. Bangalore
- B. New Delhi
- C. Chennai
- D. Karachi

**ANSWER: A**

**14. Iran Boundary Doesn't Touch With**

- A. Iraq
- B. Afghanistan

- C. Pakistan
- D. Russia

**ANSWER: D**

**15. Wing Commander Rank Of IAF Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Army?**

- A. Lieutenant
- B. Captain
- C. Lieutenant Colonel
- D. Colonel

**ANSWER: C**

**16. "A Place Called Home" Book Is Written By**

- A. Rizwan Khan
- B. Priya Sharma
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Preeti Shenoy

**ANSWER: D**

**17. "Comedy of Errors" Book Is Written By**

- A. William Shakespeare
- B. Rabindranath Tagore
- C. Geoffrey Chaucer
- D. Karl Marx

**ANSWER: A**

**18. Hq United Nations Institute for Training and Research Is In**

- A. Geneva, Switzerland
- B. Berlin, Germany
- C. Turin, Italy
- D. Tokyo, Japan

**ANSWER: A**

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

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Pune
- D. Lucknow

**ANSWER: D**



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

- A. VINBAX
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Vajra Prahar

**ANSWER: A**