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Qatar Committed to investing \$ 10 billion in India

- India and Qatar upgraded their ties to a strategic partnership as PM Modi held bilateral talks with the visiting Qatar Amir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, discussing ways to enhance cooperation in areas like trade, investment, energy and security.
- Qatar committed to investing \$ 10 billion in India, as it announced Qatar Investment Authority will open an office in India.
- The leaders spoke about signing a bilateral Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement and agreed to double the current \$ 14 billion bilateral trade in the next 5 years.
- Apart from the establishment of strategic partnership, 6 other deals were signed including a revised agreement for avoidance of double taxation and another for financial and economic collaboration. They also agreed to expedite negotiations for the India-Qatar Bilateral Investment Treaty.
- Qatar is the **5th GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) country** with which India has signed a strategic partnership agreement, after **UAE, Saudi Arabia, Oman and Kuwait**.
- The official said that while talks are underway for an **India- GCC FTA**, India and Qatar at the bilateral level will look at the possibility of having an FTA in the future.



India's First Private PSLV To Launch TDS-1

- India's first privately manufactured **Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV)** is set to launch the **Technology Demonstration Satellite (TDS-1)**, which will test 35 new indigenous technologies.
- This milestone mission, scheduled for the third quarter of 2025, marks a significant step in India's space exploration efforts, as it will be the first PSLV built by the private sector under a contract for five rockets involving a consortium of **HAL and Larsen & Toubro (L&T)**.
- The **TDS-1 mission** is crucial as it represents the first PSLV manufactured by the private sector under a contract for five rockets.
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IIT-Madras Incubated Start-Up Water Fly's 'e-Flying Boat'

- Waterfly Technologies, an IIT-Madras-incubated start-up, is developing electric sea gliders, also known as Wing-In-Ground (WIG) craft, as a sustainable alternative to traditional air and ferry travel.
- The company plans to transform transportation across coastal regions. Waterfly Technologies showcased its design at Aero India in Bangalore. A prototype is expected by the end of 2025.
- These sea gliders are designed to take off from the water and fly at an altitude of around four meters, maintaining that height by leveraging ground effect for efficiency. The craft can fly up to 150 meters. Their flatter design improves aerodynamic efficiency.

- The sea gliders are expected to reach speeds of up to 500 km/h, combining the speed and comfort of aircraft with the affordability and manoeuvrability of boats.
- The initial battery-powered sea gliders will have a **500 km range**, with a hydrogen-electric variant capable of traveling up to **2,000 km**. The "E-flying boat" aims to offer zero-carbon travel.



India Donates Infantry Weapon Training Simulator To Royal Cambodian Army

- Indian Army officially handed over an **Infantry Weapon Training Simulator** to the Royal Cambodian Army (RCA) in a ceremony attended by senior officials, including H.E. Gen. Hun Manet, the Deputy Commander of the RCA.
- This donation is part of India's ongoing efforts to enhance defense cooperation and capacity building with Cambodia.
- The simulator is designed to improve the training capabilities of the RCA, enabling soldiers to practice and refine their skills in a controlled environment.
- This initiative reflects India's commitment to supporting the modernization of military training in Cambodia and strengthening bilateral defense ties.



INSV Tarini Reaches Port Stanley

- The Indian Naval Sailing Vessel Tarini entered Port Stanley on 18 Feb 25 thus completing the third and most challenging phase of Navika Sagar Parikrama II, a pioneering expedition showcasing the resilience, courage, and skill of the Indian Navy's women officers.
- They also passed through the treacherous waters of Drake Passage before crossing the Cape Horn.
- INSV Tarini embarked on its ambitious journey from Goa, India, navigating challenging sea conditions across the Indian, Atlantic, and Pacific Oceans.
- Following its stop **in Port Stanley**, **INSV Tarini** will continue its expedition, sailing through to Cape Town before returning to India. The expedition reinforces the spirit of adventure, resilience, and India's commitment to enhancing global maritime cooperation.



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EXAMS

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. Which company partnered with Safran Electronics & Defense to manufacture the HAMMER weapon in India?**
 - A. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
 - B. Tata Motors
 - C. Bharat Electronics Limited
 - D. Larsen & Toubro

ANSWER: C

- 2. Which company signed an MoU with Saab to manufacture the Electronic Warfare Laser Warning System-310 (LWS-310) in India?**
 - A. Tata Defence

- B. Bharat Dynamics Limited
- C. Larsen & Toubro
- D. HAL

ANSWER: D

3. The Indian Army handed over an Infantry Weapon Training Simulator to which country's army?

- A. Vietnam
- B. Cambodia
- C. Thailand
- D. Malaysia

ANSWER: B

4. What is Waterfly Technologies developing as a sustainable alternative to air and ferry travel?

- A. Electric submarines
- B. Electric sea gliders (WIG craft)
- C. Solar-powered ferries
- D. Autonomous underwater drones

ANSWER: B

5. What is the name of the first privately manufactured PSLV set to launch in 2025?

- A. TDS-1
- B. PSLV-MK3
- C. Gaganyaan-1
- D. Chandrayaan-PSLV

ANSWER: A

6. How much investment has Qatar committed to India as part of their upgraded strategic partnership?

- A. \$5 billion
- B. \$7 billion
- C. \$10 billion
- D. \$15 billion

ANSWER: C

7. What is the name of the first ship launched under the Indian Navy's Multi-Purpose Vessel project?

- A. Sahyadri
- B. Vikrant
- C. Samarthak
- D. Arighat

ANSWER: C

8. Awardees of PVC IN Kargil War Are

- A. Captain Vikram Batra
- B. Captain Manoj Kumar Pandey
- C. Rifleman Sanjay Kumar
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: D

9. Prevention of Money-Laundering Act Came In

- A. 2000
- B. 2001
- C. 2002
- D. 2004

ANSWER: C

10. 'Desh Pukare Jab Sab Ko' Is The March Past Song Of

- A. IAF
- B. ICG
- C. BSF
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

11. Hitler was the dictator of which country?

- A. Russia
- B. Egypt
- C. France
- D. Germany

ANSWER: D

12. On which dates did the US drop atom bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki respectively?

- A. Aug 6, 1945 & Aug 9, 1945

- B. Aug 6, 1945 & Sept 12, 1945
- C. Aug 5, 1946 & Aug 8, 1946
- D. Aug 9, 1946 & Aug 12, 1946

ANSWER: A

13. What was the name given to World War I by historians?

- A. First War
- B. European war
- C. The Great war
- D. Seven-year War

ANSWER: C

14. Cairo is the capital of

- A. Egypt
- B. Qatar
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

15. Indian Army has how many operational commands?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 6

ANSWER: D

16. SALVEX (Salvage) Ex conducted by India and

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Uganda
- D. European Union

ANSWER: A

17. Mil Mi-35 is a

- A. Attack Helicopter
- B. Fighter Jet
- C. Tank
- D. UAV

ANSWER: A

18. The Training Command of The IAF Is In

- A. Bengaluru
- B. New Delhi
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

19. "Good Economics for Hard Times" Book Written By

- A. Abhijit V. Banerjee
- B. Thomas Sowell
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

20. Germany Borders With The

- A. Netherlands
- B. Belgium
- C. Czech Republic
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: D