

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### POP of Fifth Batch of Agniveers at INS Chilka

- The Passing Out Parade of the fifth batch of Agniveers is scheduled at INS Chilka on 07 Mar 25. The POP marks the successful culmination of training of approx. 2972 Agniveers, including women Agniveers who have undergone rigorous training at Chilka.
- POP not only signifies the successful completion of 16 weeks of ab initio Naval training but also their voyage in the Combat-ready, Credible, Cohesive and Future-ready Indian Navy.



### Global Terrorism Index 2025

- According to the Global Terrorism Index (GTI) 2025 report, Pakistan has now become the second-most terrorism-affected country in the world, moving up from its previous position at fourth.
- The Sahel region remains terrorism's epicentre, accounting for over half of all global terrorism deaths

- Islamic State (IS) expands its operations to 22 countries and remains the deadliest organisation, causing 1,805 deaths, with 71% of its activity being in Syria and DRC
- Tehrik-e-Taliban (TTP) emerged as fastest-growing terrorist group, with 90% increase in attributed deaths
- Deaths in sub-Saharan Africa (excluding the Sahel) are now at their lowest since 2016, dropping by 10%
- Terrorist attacks jumped by 63% in the West, Europe was most affected where attacks doubled to 67
- In 2024, several Western countries reported one in five terror suspects as under 18, with teenagers accounting for most IS-linked arrests in Europe
- Seven Western countries are in the first 50 most impacted countries on the Global Terrorism Index
- Antisemitic and Islamophobic hate surged globally, with the US seeing a 200% rise in antisemitic incidents in 2024. Attacks are more deadly as the number of terrorist incidents fell by 22% to 3,350, and number of countries reporting an incident fell to 50.
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- In 2023, the US accounted for 76% of terrorism-related deaths in Western democracies, amid a 15-year low in incidents.
- The epicenter of terrorism has shifted out of the Middle East and into the Central Sahel region of sub-Saharan Africa, which now accounts for over half of all deaths from terrorism.
- Burkina Faso suffered the worst impact from terrorism, with deaths increasing by 68% despite attacks decreasing by 17%.
- Iraq recorded the largest improvement in the last decade with deaths from terrorism falling by 99% since the 2007 peak, to 69 in 2023.

- The impact of terrorism has become increasingly concentrated, with ten countries accounting for 87% of total terrorism-related deaths.
- Over 90% of terrorist attacks and 98% of terrorism deaths in 2023 occurred in conflict zones, underscoring the strong link between conflict and terrorism.
- Attacks have become more deadly with the lethality rising by 26%.
- Terrorism deaths are down 9%, although this is attributed to the Taliban's transition from terror group to state actor\*.
- Outside Afghanistan, terrorism deaths rose 4% in the rest of the world.
- Islamic State (IS) and its affiliates remained the world's deadliest terrorist group in 2022 for the eighth consecutive year, with attacks in 21 countries.
- Deaths from attacks by unknown Jihadists globally are eight times higher than in 2017, representing 32% of all terrorism deaths and 18 times higher in the Sahel.
- The Sahel is the most impacted region, representing 43% of global terrorism deaths, 7% more than the year prior.
- Declining terrorism in the West is met with intensified attacks in other regions.
- Terrorism thrives in countries with poor ecologies and climate-induced shocks.
- Drone technology and its use continues to rapidly evolve, especially with groups such as IS, Boko Haram and Houthis.
- Despite global terrorist attacks increasing to 5,226 in 2021, deaths declined slightly by 1.2%.
- The Ukraine conflict is likely to drive a rise in traditional and cyber terrorism, reversing previous improvements in the region.
- Terrorism in the West declined substantially, with attacks falling by 68%. The US recorded its lowest score since 2012.
- Sub-Saharan Africa accounted for 48% of global terrorism deaths.
- The Sahel is home to the world's fastest growing and most-deadly terrorist groups.

- • Islamic State (IS) replaces the Taliban as the world's deadliest terror group in 2021, with 15 deaths per attack in Niger.
- • Terrorism has become more concentrated, with 119 countries recording no deaths, the best result since 2007.
- • In the West, politically motivated attacks overtook religious attacks, which declined by 82%. There were five times more political attacks than religious attacks.
- • Terrorists are using more advanced technologies including drones, GPS systems and encrypted messaging services.



## **Trump: If NATO members don't pay, US won't defend them**

- U.S. President Donald Trump cast doubt on Thursday on his willingness to defend Washington's NATO allies, saying he would not do so if they are not paying enough for their own defense.
- "It's common sense, right," Trump told reporters in the Oval Office. "If they don't pay, I'm not going to defend them. No, I'm not going to defend them."
- Trump said he has been of this view for years and shared it with NATO allies during his 2017-2021 presidential term. Those efforts prompted more spending from other members of the 75-year-old transatlantic alliance, he said, but "even now, it's not enough."

- A mutual assistance clause lies at the heart of the NATO alliance, which was **formed in 1949** with the primary aim of countering the risk of a **Soviet attack on allied territory**.



## Rs 71,100 Crore Order Book

- Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), a Navratna Defence Public Sector Undertaking, has recently announced that it has secured additional orders worth **Rs 577 crore**. This announcement was made in a press release dated March 06, 2025, following the company's previous disclosure on February 20, 2025.
- The new orders encompass a range of advanced technologies, including airborne electronic warfare products, advanced composite communication systems for submarines, doppler weather radars, train communication systems, radar upgrades, and related spares and services.
- With these new orders, BEL's total accumulated orders for the current financial year have reached **Rs 13,724 crore**.
- Additionally, the company has announced an interim dividend of **Rs 1.50 per equity share (150 per cent)** for the financial year 2024-25, as declared by its Board of Directors in their meeting held on March 5th, 2025.
- The company achieved a turnover of Rs 5,643.25 crore, a substantial 36.97 per cent increase compared to the Rs 4,120.10 crore recorded during the same period in the previous fiscal year.
- The company's total turnover reached Rs 14,173.68 crore, compared to Rs 11,484.92 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year.

- The company has a **market cap** of over **Rs 2 lakh crore** and has been maintaining a healthy dividend payout of 44 per cent. The company's order book stands at **Rs 71,100 crore** as of January 01, 2025.



## SpaceX Starship blows up near Bahamas

- Elon Musk's SpaceX on Thursday lost control of the **Starship** in space minutes after its launch, with engines shutting down, company live stream showed, on social media showed fireball-like debris of the spacecraft streaking through the dusk skies near south Florida and the Bahamas.
- SpaceX said in an update later that during Starship's ascent burn, “the vehicle experienced a rapid unscheduled disassembly and contact was lost”, adding that its team “immediately began coordination with safety officials to implement pre-planned contingency responses”.
- We will review the data from today's flight test to better understand root cause. As always, success comes from what we learn, and today's flight will offer additional lessons to improve Starship's reliability.
- The 403-foot (123-meter) rocket lifted off from Texas just before sunset. As SpaceX caught the first-stage booster back at the launch pad using giant mechanical arms, the spacecraft continued its eastward trajectory toward a controlled re-entry over the Indian Ocean, thousands of miles away, before the crew on ground lost contact with it.
- Space Exploration Technologies Corp., commonly referred to as SpaceX, is an American space technology company headquartered at the Starbase development site near Brownsville, Texas.
- CEO: Elon Musk (May 2002–)
- Headquarters: Hawthorne, California, United States
- Founder: Elon Musk

- Founded: 14 March 2002



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which organization conducted the successful high-altitude trials of the ILSS for LCA Tejas?  
A. ISRO  
B. HAL  
C. BHEL  
D. DRDO

**ANSWER: D**

2. INS Chilka is located in which Indian state?  
A. West Bengal  
B. Andhra Pradesh  
C. Odisha  
D. Tamil Nadu

**ANSWER: A**

3. According to the Global Terrorism Index 2025 report, which country is ranked as the 2<sup>nd</sup> most terrorism-affected?  
A. Afghanistan  
B. Iraq  
C. Pakistan  
D. Syria

**ANSWER: C**

**4. Where is the headquarters of NATO located?**

- A. Washington, D.C., USA
- B. Brussels, Belgium
- C. Paris, France
- D. London, UK

**ANSWER: B**

**5. How many member states are part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)?**

- A. 28
- B. 30
- C. 32
- D. 34

**ANSWER: C**

**6. Operation Vijay in 1999 was primarily aimed at resolving conflicts between India and which country?**

- A. China
- B. Nepal
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Pakistan

**ANSWER: D**

**7. Operation Safed Sagar in 1999 was conducted during which conflict?**

- A. Siachen Conflict
- B. Kargil Conflict
- C. Indo-Pakistani War of 1971
- D. Operation Blue Star

**ANSWER: B**

**8. Operation Talwar in 1999 aimed to demonstrate naval strength during which conflict?**

- A. Siachen Conflict
- B. Kargil Conflict
- C. Indo-Pakistani War of 1971
- D. Operation Cactus

**ANSWER: B**



**9. Operation Parakram began in 2001 following which event?**

- A. 9/11 attacks
- B. Mumbai attacks
- C. Indian Parliament attacks
- D. Kargil Conflict

**ANSWER: C**

**10. Operation Black Tornado was initiated during which terrorist attack?**

- A. Mumbai attacks (26/11)
- B. Parliament attack
- C. Pathankot attack
- D. Pulwama attack

**ANSWER: A**

**11. Operation Polo was aimed at formally incorporating which region into the Indian Union?**

- A. Punjab
- B. Goa
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Kashmir

**ANSWER: C**

**12. 'Service And Loyalty' Is The Motto Of**

- A. CRPF
- B. BSF
- C. NSG
- D. ITBP

**ANSWER: A**

**13. SIPRI Stands For**

- A. Stockholm International Peace Rice Institute
- B. Stock International Peace Research India
- C. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute
- D. Sugar International Peace Research Institute

**ANSWER: C**

**14. "Nischay Kar Apni Jeet Karon" is The Motto Of \_\_\_\_**

- A. RAJPUT REGIMENT
- B. RAJPUTANA RIFLES

- C. THE BRIGADE OF THE GUARDS
- D. SIKH REGIMENT

**ANSWER: D**

**15. Maiden AL-Mohed AL-Hind exercise held b/w India &**

- A. Iran
- B. Iraq
- C. Indonesia
- D. Saudi Arabia

**ANSWER: D**

**16. C-17 Globemaster Manufactured By**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**17. Shakti military exercise held between India and \_\_\_?**

- A. Iran
- B. Iraq
- C. France
- D. Uzbekistan

**ANSWER: C**

**18. Air Commodore Rank Of IAF Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Army?**

- A. Brigadier
- B. Lt. Gen
- C. Captain
- D. Major General

**ANSWER: A**

**19. "Supreme Court On Commercial Arbitration" Book Written By**

- A. Dr. Manoj Kumar
- B. J. Sai Deepak
- C. Hew Strachan

D. Kapil Sibbal

**ANSWER: A**

**20. \_\_ Is The Largest Defense Contractors in the World.**

A. Lockheed Martin

B. Boeing

C. Raytheon Technologies

D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**