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Pakistan Navy Launches 2nd Hangor Class Submarine

- The Pakistan Navy has launched its second Hangor-class submarine, PNS/M Shushuk, at a ceremony in Wuhan, China, as part of efforts to strengthen its maritime defence capabilities, an official statement said on Saturday.
- This marks a significant milestone in the strategic partnership between Pakistan and China, particularly in the realm of naval defence.
- In 2015, a significant defence agreement was signed between Pakistan's Ministry of Defence and China Shipbuilding and Offshore International Company (CSOC) during Chinese President Xi Jinping's visit to Islamabad.
- These submarines are equipped with six 533mm torpedo tubes and have the capability to launch anti-ship missiles, including the Pakistan-developed Babur-3 subsonic cruise missile, which has a range of 450 km.



Rajnath Singh Launches Centre For Advanced Research-space Psychology

- Rajnath Singh recently made history by becoming the first Raksha Mantri to visit the Institute of Aerospace Medicine of the IAF in Bangalore. During his visit on March 9, 2025, he launched a significant research project titled "**Centre for Advanced Research on Space Psychology**," which is an Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Extramural Research Project.
- This initiative focuses on "**Space Psychology: Selection and Behavioural Health Training of Astronauts & Astronaut Designates for Indian Space Missions**," aiming to enhance astronaut training for upcoming human spaceflight missions under ISRO's Gaganyaan program, scheduled for launch in 2026.
- The project concentrates on psychological selection and behavioural health training to prepare astronauts for the mental and emotional challenges of space travel, including psychological resilience, isolation effects, and stress management during long-duration missions.



14th Meeting of ADMM-Plus Experts Working Group

- The 14th meeting of ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) Experts Working Group (EWG) on Counter-Terrorism will be held in New Delhi from March 19 to 20, 2025.

- India and Malaysia will co-chair the ibid meeting. Delegations from 10 ASEAN members (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Vietnam, Singapore and Thailand) and eight dialogue partners (Australia, New Zealand, RoK, Japan, China, USA and Russia) along with Timor Leste and ASEAN Secretariat will be participating in the meeting.
- This will be the first meeting for activities planned for EWG on Counter-Terrorism for the ongoing cycle from 2024-2027. Discussions will focus on evolving a robust and comprehensive strategy designed to tackle the evolving threat of terrorism and extremism.
- The EWGs are each co-chaired by one ASEAN member state and one dialogue partner following a three-year cycle.
- It currently focuses on seven areas of practical cooperation – Counter-Terrorism, Maritime Security, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Management, Peacekeeping Operations, Military Medicine, Humanitarian Mine Action and Cyber Security.



India, Bangladesh Naval Exercise

- India and Bangladesh conducted a naval exercise and coordinated patrol in the Bay of Bengal this week that provided an opportunity for both the navies to develop closer links in tactical planning, coordination and information sharing for undertaking seamless maritime operations

- **Bongosagar 2025** saw the participation of **INS Ranvir** from the Indian Navy and **BNS Abu Ubaidah**.
- The exercise involved a range of complex operations encompassing surface firing, tactical manoeuvres, underway replenishment, visit-board-search-seizure (VBSS) cross boarding, communication drills, quiz for operations team and junior officers on professional topics and a steam past.



Two Mega Defence Deals With France

- India is on the verge of finalizing two significant defence deals with France, valued at approximately \$11 billion, which are awaiting approval from the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS).
- These deals involve the procurement of **26 Rafale-M fighter jets** and the construction of three additional **Scorpene-class submarines**.
- The **Rafale-M jets**, primarily intended for deployment on the indigenously built aircraft carrier **INS Vikrant**, include **22 single-seat** and **four twin-seat trainers**.
- The deal also encompasses advanced weapons, simulators, crew training, and five-year performance-based logistics support for the jets.
- Both deals are in their final stages, with all formalities completed and the cases submitted to the CCS for approval. The Indian Navy is keen to conclude these deals before the end of the current fiscal year on March 31, ensuring they are included in this year's budget.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **With which country has India signed a \$248 million deal for advanced battle tank engines?**
 - A. United States
 - B. Russia
 - C. China
 - D. France

ANSWER: B

2. **With which country does India conduct the Joint Special Forces Exercise KHANJAR-XII?**
 - A. Kazakhstan
 - B. Kyrgyzstan
 - C. Nepal
 - D. Uzbekistan

ANSWER: B

3. **Which Indian Navy ship participated in the Bongosagar 2025 naval exercise with the Bangladesh Navy?**
 - A. INS Vikrant
 - B. INS Ranvir

- C. INS Kolkata
- D. INS Shivalik

ANSWER: B

4. Which two countries are co-chairing the 14th ADMM-Plus Experts Working Group on Counter-Terrorism in March 2025?

- A. India and Thailand
- B. India and Malaysia
- C. India and Vietnam
- D. India and Indonesia

ANSWER: B

5. What is the name of the research project launched by Rajnath Singh at the Institute of Aerospace Medicine ?

- A. Space Medicine Initiative
- B. Advanced Space Health Program
- C. Centre for Advanced Research on Space Psychology
- D. Human Spaceflight Health Research

ANSWER: C

6. Which country launched its second Hangor-class submarine, PNS/M Shushuk, in Wuhan, China?

- A. India
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Pakistan
- D. Sri Lanka

ANSWER: C

7. Which Chinese company signed a defence agreement with Pakistan in 2015 for the Hangor-class submarines?

- A. China National Shipbuilding Corporation
- B. China Shipbuilding and Offshore International Company (CSOC)
- C. Wuhan Naval Engineering Company
- D. Beijing Defence Technologies

ANSWER: B

8. Dhamma Dipa International Buddhist University (DDIBU) Located At

- A. Tripura

- B. Assam
- C. U.P.
- D. Kerala

ANSWER: A

9. Light Combat Helicopter Is Manufactured By

- A. DRDO
- B. HAL
- C. Boeing
- D. Airbus

ANSWER: B

10. Ex 'KAZIND' & 'KHANJAR' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Kazakhstan
- B. Kyrgyzstan
- C. Both a & b
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

11. Munitions India Limited Is An Indian State-owned Defence Company, HQ in

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

ANSWER: A

12. Current CDS Of India Is

- A. Gen Anil Chauhan
- B. Gen Bipin Rawat
- C. Gen M M Naravane
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

13. War Cry Of Mechanised Infantry Regiment Is

- A. Durga Mata K Jai
- B. Raja Ram Chandra K Jai
- C. Bolo Bharat Mata Ki Jai
- D. Bajrang Bali K Jai

ANSWER: C

14. Ex 'BLUE FLAG' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Israel

ANSWER: D

15. Operation Devi Shakti Was Conducted In

- A. 2016
- B. 2017
- C. 2018
- D. 2021

ANSWER: D

16. Always Alert Is The Motto Of

- A. RAW
- B. IB
- C. DRDO
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

17. Only Five-star Rank Officer Of The IAF Is

- A. K.M Karippa
- B. V R Chaudhary
- C. R K S Bhadauria
- D. Arjan Singh

ANSWER: D

18. SPYDER Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Air defence system

ANSWER: D

19. Vilnius Is The Capital Of

- A. Lithuania
- B. Qatar
- C. Malawi
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

20. President's Bodyguard Motto Is

- A. Jai Hind
- B. Sarvda Shaktishali
- C. Bharat Mata Ki Jai
- D. Rashtra Pratham

ANSWER: C

