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MoU With Israeli Company To Bring Advanced Drone Camera

- An Indian defence firm has signed an MoU with an Israeli company to bring advanced drone camera technology to the country. The pact has been inked between **Paras Defence and Space Technologies** and **MicroCon Vision of Israel**, part of Controp and the Rafael Group.
- The collaboration will position Paras Defence as the exclusive supplier of advanced drone camera technology in India at "much lower cost", it said.
- The Indian firm will bring indigenous content in these drone cameras and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) payloads, improving the country's self-reliance while lowering costs, the statement said.
- It will offer two models, whose usual import price is "around Rs 20 lakh and Rs 40 lakh per unit", the statement said.
- Paras Defence "anticipates 50-60 per cent price reduction for each model", making advanced surveillance technology more accessible to Indian defence forces and for commercial applications.



Iran Considers Pre-emptive Strike on Diego Garcia as US Bombers Mobilise

- Iran's top military leaders are reportedly exploring the possibility of a pre-emptive strike against **Diego Garcia**, the massive U.S. base in a remote corner of the Indian Ocean, where around one-third of **America's B-2 "Stealth" bombers** are currently deployed.
- The presence of the advanced **\$2-billion warplanes** on the US-British military base comes as President Donald Trump has stepped up his dire threats to Iran, warning it not to continue with its nuclear programme.
- Seven bombers have been flown into Diego Garcia, with Trump warning that if Iran doesn't make a deal, "there will be bombing. It will be bombing—the likes of which they have never seen before."
- The US has a total of about **20 B-2 bombers**, so bringing such a large number of aircraft to Diego Garcia could indicate that the U.S. intends to attack both Iran and the Iran-backed Houthis in Yemen. Alternatively, it serves as a powerful warning to Iran, meant to intimidate its leaders.
- The B-2 bombers are known as the "**ghosts of the sky**" because they can slip past the most sophisticated air defences.

- The shortest distance between Iran and Diego Garcia is an enormous **3,795km**. B-2 bombers can cover this distance with the aid of the **six KC-135 tankers** parked on the Diego Garcia airfield's apron, which provide mid-air refuelling.



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Harbour And Sea Training Phase Of International Crew

- Indian Navy's maiden initiative of **Indian Ocean Ship Sagar (IOS Sagar)** concluded its harbour and sea training phase at Southern Naval Command, Kochi, and the ship with her crew, has left for Karwar.
- 44 International trainees of 09 friendly foreign countries underwent a specially curated training capsule ranging from basic seamanship activities to state-of-the-art simulator training.
- Over the past decades, Indian Navy's maritime training institutions have trained over 20,000 officers and sailors from over 50 FFC ranging from ab initio training to trade specific professional courses enhancing maritime expertise and capability.



BEL Secures ₹593.22 Crores Order From IAF

- Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), a Navratna Defence Public Sector Undertaking, has secured a significant contract worth ₹593.22 crore (excluding taxes) from the IAF for the comprehensive maintenance of the **Akash Missile System**.
- Akash is a medium-range mobile surface-to-air missile system developed by the DRDO. The Army and the Air Force variants of the missile system are produced by **Bharat Dynamics Limited and Bharat Electronics Limited**.
- This system was originally supplied by BEL, reinforcing the company's pivotal role in India's defence infrastructure and after-sales support. The contract marks a strong start for BEL in the financial year 2025-26, positioning the company for further growth and expansion in the defence sector.

- Beyond this contract, BEL has concluded negotiations for additional orders valued at approximately **₹5,000 crore**, indicating a robust pipeline of business opportunities.
- BEL reported a provisional turnover of **₹23,000 Crores**, marking a 16% year-on-year growth compared to the previous year.



6th BIMSTEC Summit

- PM Narendra Modi has arrived in **Bangkok, Thailand**, to attend the 6th BIMSTEC Summit, marking a significant moment for regional cooperation under the **Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)**.
- His visit comes at the invitation of Thai Prime Minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra. This summit is the first physical meeting of BIMSTEC leaders since 2018, with previous gatherings held virtually due to the pandemic.
- The summit, themed "**BIMSTEC - Prosperous, Resilient and Open**," aims to enhance cooperation among member nations, including **India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, Bhutan, and Thailand**.
- Leaders are expected to deliberate on key deliverables such as the **BIMSTEC Bangkok Vision 2030** and strategies to strengthen ties within the region.
- PM Modi's visit is part of a broader diplomatic tour that includes a state visit to Sri Lanka following his engagements in Thailand. Members of the Indian diaspora in Bangkok have warmly welcomed him, expressing enthusiasm for his leadership and its impact on **India-Thailand relations**.



Defence Ministry Grants In Principle Approval for Adilabad Airport in Telangana

- The Ministry of Defence has granted in-principle approval for civil aircraft operations at Adilabad airfield, originally established during the Nizam era. In a letter to the Telangana government, the MoD stated that the Indian Air Force (IAF) plans to set up a training establishment at the location in the future.
- "However, the IAF has considered the request and agreed in principle to the Telangana government's proposal for civil aircraft operations from Adilabad airfield," the letter read.
- The IAF suggested that the airfield be developed as a joint-use facility, with the Airports Authority of India (AAI) acquiring adjacent land for a civil terminal, aircraft parking apron, and other infrastructure. The AAI may be required to submit a detailed proposal for an NOC from the IAF, the letter added.
- This is the second airport approved by the Centre since the Congress government took office in the state in December 2023.
- Telangana Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu for granting permission.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which company has secured a ₹593.22 crore contract from the Indian Air Force for the maintenance of the Akash Missile System?

- A. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- B. Bharat Dynamics Limited
- C. Bharat Electronics Limited
- D. Larsen & Toubro

ANSWER: C

2. What is the theme of the 6th BIMSTEC Summit attended by PM Narendra Modi in Bangkok?

- A. "Strengthening Regional Ties"
- B. "BIMSTEC - Prosperous, Resilient and Open"
- C. "Bay of Bengal Unity"
- D. "South Asia United for Progress"

ANSWER: B

3. Which Indian Navy initiative recently concluded its training phase at the Southern Naval Command, Kochi?

- A. Mission Samudra
- B. Operation Sea Guardian
- C. Indian Ocean Ship Sagar (IOS Sagar)
- D. Coastal Watch Initiative

ANSWER: C

4. Paras Defence and Space Technologies signed an MoU with which Israeli firm for advanced drone camera technology?

- A. Elbit Systems
- B. Israel Aerospace Industries
- C. MicroCon Vision
- D. Rafael Advanced Defense Systems

ANSWER: C

5. Why are B-2 bombers referred to as the "ghosts of the sky"?

- A. They operate only at night
- B. They carry stealth nuclear weapons
- C. They can bypass the most advanced air defences
- D. They are painted with a special camouflage

ANSWER: C

6. Foreign Secretary of India Is

- A. Ajit Doval
- B. Vikram Misri
- C. S. Jaishankar
- D. Rajiv Kumar

ANSWER: B

7. Ex CYCLONE Conducted b/w India &

- A. France
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Egypt

ANSWER: D

8. Infantry Day of Indian Army In India Is Observed On

- A. 13 Sep
- B. 14 Sep
- C. 27 Oct
- D. 16 Sep

ANSWER: C

9. India's Largest Floating Solar Power Project Commissioned In

- A. Pune, M.H.
- B. Chennai, T.N

- C. Ranikhet, UK
- D. Ramagundam, Telangana

ANSWER: D

10. Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) Is Located In

- A. New Delhi
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Chennai
- D. Kochi

ANSWER: B

11. Central Air Command of IAF Is Located In

- A. Shillong
- B. Gandhinagar
- C. Prayagraj
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

12. The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) motto is

- A. Always be there
- B. Service for Nation
- C. 24*7
- D. Disaster Service Forever

ANSWER: D

13. Third-generation anti-tank missile is _____?

- A. Prithvi
- B. Akash
- C. Trishul
- D. Nag

ANSWER: D

14. Range of the K-15 Sagarika missile is-

- A. 700 km
- B. 500 km
- C. 400 km
- D. 200 km

ANSWER: A

15. SLNS Sayurala Is A Ship Of

- A. Oman
- B. Qatar
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

16. The Headquarters and Secretariat of the SAARC Is In

- A. Kathmandu
- B. Dhaka
- C. New Delhi
- D. None

ANSWER: A

17. Bangui Is The Capital Of

- A. Cape Verde
- B. Qatar
- C. Central African Republic
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

18. "Arms and the Man" Book Is Written By

- A. George Bernard Shaw
- B. Jules Verne
- C. Gunnar Myrdal
- D. Lewis Wallace

ANSWER: A

19. The Port Duqm is in

- A. Yemen
- B. Iran
- C. Iraq
- D. Oman

ANSWER: D

20. Regimental Centre Of THE BRIGADE OF THE GUARDS

- A. Kamptee, Maharashtra
- B. Ahmednagar, Maharashtra

- C. Delhi Cantonment
- D. Fatehgarh, Uttar Pradesh

ANSWER: A