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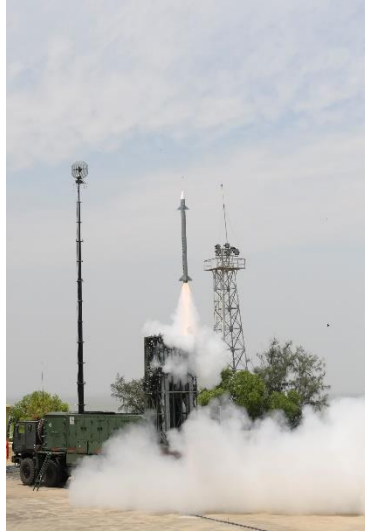
Naval Commanders' Conference 2025

- The **First Edition of Naval Commanders'** Conference 2025 is scheduled to be conducted in two phases (**Phase I at Karwar** on 05 Apr and **Phase II at New Delhi** from 07-10 Apr 25).
- The Conference will play a pivotal role in emphasising India's role as a 'Preferred Security Partner' in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR), bolstering Indian Navy's contribution to regional peace, security, and stability.
- The Conference will commence with Phase I covering 'Flag-Off of Indian Ocean Ship Sagar' by the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh on 05 Apr 25 at Karwar.
- IOS Sagar is an initiative towards continued cooperation with IOR nations in pursuance of Gol's vision of **Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security Across the Regions (MAHASAGAR)**, as elucidated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, during his visit to Mauritius in Mar 2025.
- **INS Sunayna** is being deployed to the South-West IOR with a combined crew from Indian Navy and nine friendly foreign countries: **Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, and Tanzania**.
- The Conference will bring out synergy and address critical operational, administrative and materiel issues meriting immediate attention and decisions by Naval Commanders, charting Indian Navy's course in pursuit of being a '**Combat Ready, Credible, Cohesive and Future Ready Force**'.



DRDO Successfully Flight Tests MRSAM

- DRDO and the Indian Army conducted four successful flight-tests of the Army version of **Medium-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (MRSAM)** from **Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha** on April 03 & 04, 2025.
- The four operational flight-trials were carried out against high-speed aerial targets. The missiles intercepted the aerial targets and destroyed them, registering direct hits.
- The trials were carried out to intercept four targets at long-range, short-range, high altitude and low altitude, proving the operational capability.
- The MRSAM is developed jointly by DRDO and Israel Aerospace Industries for use by the Indian Army. The MRSAM Army weapon system comprises multi-function radar, command post, mobile launcher system and other vehicles.



Bilateral Naval Exercise Indra-2025

- The bilateral Naval Exercise INDRA 2025 between Indian and Russian navies was held from 28 Mar to 02 Apr 2025.
- This **14th edition of the exercise** included a wide range of activities and structured drills designed to enhance interoperability towards countering common maritime threats.
- The INDRA series of exercises have been a cornerstone of India-Russia Defence relations since its inception **in 2003** and both countries recognise the importance of maritime security and the need for a collaborative approach to counter common threats and concerns.



Cabinet Approves “Vibrant Villages Programme-II

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the PM Narendra Modi approved the Vibrant Villages Programme -II (VVP-II) as a Central Sector Scheme (**100% Centre funding**), furthering its commitment for the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047 for ‘Safe, Secured & Vibrant land borders’.
- The Programme would help in the comprehensive development of the villages located in the blocks abutting international land borders (ILBs), other than the Northern border already covered under VVP-I.
- With a total outlay of Rs.6,839 crore, the programme shall be implemented in select strategic villages in the States/UTs of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, J&K (UT), Ladakh (UT), Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal till the FY 2028-29.
- The objective of the programme is to create better living conditions and adequate livelihood opportunities to ensure prosperous and safe borders, control trans-border crime and assimilate the border population with the nation and inculcate them ‘as eyes and ears of the border guarding forces’, crucial for internal security.

**VIBRANT
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India Will Achieve 90% Self-Reliance in Defence Production

- With a favourable geopolitical position and growing self-reliance, India is on track to achieve 90% defence production reliability in the coming years and emerge as a global defence exporter, said DRDO Chairman Sameer V. Kamat.

- "I estimate that in the next 4–5 years, we will achieve around 90% self-reliance in defence production. While 100% domestic production isn't economically viable—since we must cater to our own needs and remain relevant globally. India is considered as the neutral player so we can supply to the USA, Russia, and Southeast Asia.
- It is only we have to recognise niche technology and products that we can manufacture and become a global supplier." Kamat highlighted the UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) sector as one of the most promising areas for Indian defence startups.
- "The UAV space has really taken off," he said. "Recent wars have demonstrated that UAVs will remain a critical component on the battlefield for the next 5–10 years. They have diverse applications—ranging from surveillance and logistics to weapons deployment."



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What percentage of defence production reliability is India aiming to achieve in the coming years, according to DRDO Chairman Sameer Kamat?
 - A. 70%
 - B. 80%
 - C. 90%
 - D. 100%

ANSWER: C

2. What type of missile was successfully tested by DRDO and the Indian Army in April 2025?

- A. Agni-V
- B. BrahMos
- C. Medium-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (MRSAM)
- D. Prithvi-II

ANSWER: C

3. Where is Phase I of the First Edition of the Naval Commanders' Conference 2025 scheduled to be held?

- A. Mumbai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Visakhapatnam
- D. Karwar

ANSWER: D

4. What is the objective of the Vibrant Villages Programme-II (VVP-II)?

- A. Promote tourism in coastal regions
- B. Develop villages along international land borders
- C. Support urban infrastructure development
- D. Strengthen forest conservation efforts

ANSWER: B

5. IMEC Stands For

- A. India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor
- B. India-Middle East- Economic Corridor
- C. India-Middle Europe Economic Corridor
- D. None

ANSWER: A

6. Indian Military Academy Situated At

- A. Ezhimala, Kerala
- B. Dundigal, Telangana
- C. Khadakwasla, Maharashtra
- D. Dehradun, UK

ANSWER: D

7. Garuda Shakti Ex Held B/w India &

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. USA
- C. Indonesia
- D. Nepal

ANSWER: C

8. Warsaw Is The Capital Of

- A. Poland
- B. Ukraine
- C. Germany
- D. Oman

ANSWER: A

9. War Cry Of MECHANISED INFANTRY REGIMENT Is

- A. Bol Bajrang Bali Ki jai
- B. Raja Ramachandra ki jai
- C. Bolo Bharat Mata ki jai
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

10. CRPF Motto Is

- A. Service Before Self
- B. Service and Loyalty
- C. We Protect
- D. Touch the sky with glory

ANSWER: B

11. ICGS Saksham Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. Aircraft Carrier
- C. OPV
- D. Refueling Ship

ANSWER: C

12. "Nuclearization of Asia" Book Written By

- A.** Rene Naba
- B.** VR Chaudhari

- C. Gen Parvez Musharraf
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

13. Indian Coast Guard Formed On

- A. August 18, 1978
- B. September 18, 1978
- C. March 18, 1976
- D. April 18, 1976

ANSWER: A

14. 'MBT Bhishma' Is The Name Of :

- A. Fighter aircraft
- B. Tank
- C. Armoured vehicles
- D. Infantry regiments

ANSWER: B

15. Barak Is A

- A. Surface-to-air Missile
- B. Surface-to-Surface Missile
- C. Air-to-air Missile
- D. Surface-to-Sea Missile

ANSWER: A

16. INS Valsura Located At

- A. Jamnagar, Gujrat
- B. Mumbai, M.H
- C. Kochi, Kerala
- D. A & NC

ANSWER: A

17. Exercise Maitree Conducted B/w India &

- A. Thailand
- B. Nepal
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Bhutan

ANSWER: A

18. Infantry School Of Indian Army Is At

- A. Mhow
- B. Bhopal
- C. Gwalior
- D. Jammu

ANSWER: A

19. Officers Training Academy Is At

- A. Chennai
- B. Bhopal
- C. Gaya
- D. Both A & C

ANSWER: D

20. The IAI Heron UAV Developed By

- A. USA
- B. South Korea
- C. Israel
- D. China

ANSWER: C