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Pahalgam Terror Attack & Decision By CCS

- India has taken a series of strong measures following the Pahalgam terror attack, including suspending the **Indus Waters Treaty, 1960**, and closing the **Integrated Check Post Attari** with immediate effect. The **Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS)** reviewed the overall security situation in its meeting at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's residence last evening and directed all forces to maintain high vigil.
- Briefing media in New Delhi last night, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said that **Pakistani nationals will not be permitted to travel to India under the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme (SVES) visas.**
- He further stated that **any SVES visas issued in the past to Pakistani nationals are deemed cancelled.**
- He said any Pakistani national currently in India under an SVES visa has **48 hours to leave India.**
- The **Foreign Secretary informed that the Defence/Military, Naval and Air Advisors in the Pakistani High Commission in New Delhi have been declared Persona Non Grata.**
- He emphasised that they have a week to leave India. **India will be withdrawing its own Defence/Navy/Air Advisors from the Indian High Commission in Islamabad.**
- Mr Misri stated that these posts in the respective High Commissions are deemed annulled. Five support staff of the Service Advisors will also be withdrawn from both High Commissions.
- Foreign Secretary said the overall strength of the High Commissions will be brought down to 30 from the present 55 through further reductions by 1st May. Mr Misri said the CCS, chaired by Prime Minister Modi, was briefed in detail on

the terrorist attack that took place on Tuesday in Pahalgam. In the briefing to the CCS, the cross-border linkages of the terrorist attack were brought out. It was noted that this attack came in the wake of the successful holding of elections in Jammu and Kashmir and its steady progress towards economic growth and development.

- The CCS condemned the attack in the strongest terms and expressed its deepest condolences to the families of the victims and hoped for the early recovery of the injured.
- Strong expressions of support and solidarity have been received from many Governments around the world, which have unequivocally condemned this terror attack. The CCS recorded its appreciation for such sentiments, which reflect zero tolerance for terrorism.





India's Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS)

PURPOSE
Highest decision-making body on security issues

MEMBERS



- Prime Minister (Chairperson)
- Defence Minister
- Home Minister
- Finance Minister
- External Affairs Minister

FUNCTIONS


- Deals with national security and defence policy
- Handles internal and external security
- Considers foreign strategic policy matters
- Authorizes military action

PAST EXAMPLES

- Met after the 2016 Uri attack
- Convene during security crises; military ops

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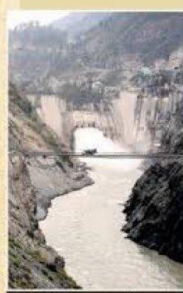


The Indus Waters Treaty (IWT)

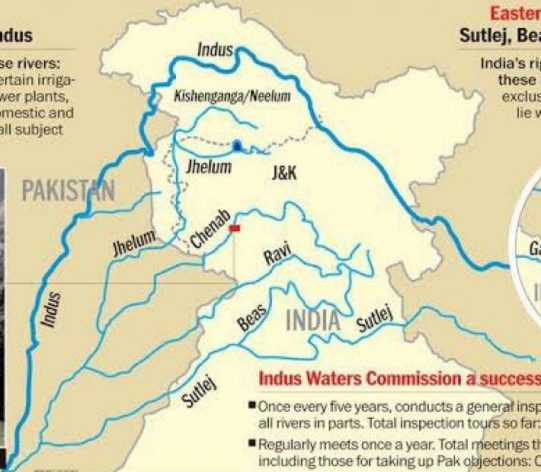
- The distribution of waters of the Indus and its tributaries between India and Pakistan is governed by the Indus Water Treaty (IWT).
- Was signed on Sept 19, 1960, between India, Pakistan and a representative of World Bank after nine years of negotiations.
- Partition of India cut across the Indus river basin, which has the Indus river, plus five of its main tributaries.

Western rivers
Chenab, Jhelum, Indus

India's rights over these rivers: Limited — can set up certain irrigation, run-of-the-river power plants, very limited storage, domestic and non-consumptive use, all subject to conditions



Baglihar dam on Chenab




Eastern rivers
Sutlej, Beas, Ravi

India's rights over these rivers: All exclusive rights lie with India.

Indus Waters Commission a success story

- Once every five years, conducts a general inspection of all rivers in parts. Total inspection tours so far: Over 100
- Regularly meets once a year. Total meetings thus far, including those for taking up Pak objections: Over 100



Army Re-Deploys Grounded Dhruv Helicopters

- In the wake of the deadly terrorist attack on tourists in Pahalgam, the Indian Army has redeployed its **Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH)** Dhruv fleet for counter-terror operations in Srinagar and adjoining areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

- This marks a significant operational move, as the Dhruv helicopters had been grounded for over two months following a crash involving Indian Coast Guard officers near Porbandar in January 2025.
- The grounding of the entire ALH Dhruv fleet was prompted by the discovery of a critical flaw in the helicopter's swashplate—a vital component of the transmission system responsible for controlling the movement of the rotor blades. The January 5 crash was traced to a fractured swashplate, which led to a catastrophic loss of control.
- The clearance for redeployment is conditional and applies only to helicopters that have passed stringent inspections and are deemed airworthy.
- Engine type: Turboshaft
- Top speed: 282 km/h
- Manufacturer: Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- Range: 660 km
- Weight: 2,502 kg
- Introduced: March 2002



Delivery of 10th ACTCM

- Induction ceremony of 10th ACTCM Barge, LSAM 24 (Yard 134) was held on 22 Apr 25 at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai. Chief Guest for Induction Ceremony was Cmde AKK Reddy, AGM(PR), ND(Mbi).

- The contract for construction and delivery of eleven (11) Ammunition Cum Torpedo Cum Missile (ACTCM) Barges was concluded with M/s Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd, Thane on 05 Mar 21, an MSME Shipyard.
- Barges would provide impetus to operational commitments of Indian Navy by facilitating Transportation, Embarkation and Disembarkation of articles/ammunition to Indian Navy platforms both alongside jetties and at outer harbours.



India and Saudi Arabia New Ties

- India and Saudi Arabia have reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening ties across education, connectivity, global economic coordination, and regional peace, as outlined in the joint statement issued at the conclusion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's state visit to the Kingdom.
- As per a joint statement shared by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), both sides welcomed the growing momentum in **educational and scientific collaboration**, highlighting its strategic importance in promoting innovation, capacity building, and sustainable development.
- Both nations reiterated their mutual commitment to the principles of the **India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor**, following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding during the crown prince's State Visit to India in September 2023.
- Both leaders welcomed the progress made under the October 2023 MoU on **Electrical Interconnections, Clean/Green Hydrogen, and Supply Chains**, seeing

it as a critical step in realising the broader vision of regional integration and sustainability.

- The countries committed to establish **two oil refineries in India** and collaborate on everything from petrochemicals to electricity, renewable energy and climate policy.



Rubio says Iran Must Give Up Nuclear Enrichment

- Secretary of State Marco Rubio said in an interview released Wednesday that Iran must give up all nuclear enrichment if it wants to make a deal during talks with the Trump administration and head off the threat of armed conflict.
- Iran insists its nuclear program is for civilian energy use and says it does not seek to make weapons-grade uranium to build atomic bombs.
- "If Iran wants a civil nuclear program, they can have one just like many other countries can have one, and that is they import enriched material," Rubio said in a podcast interview with journalist Bari Weiss.
- But Iran has long refused to give up its ability to enrich uranium. President Donald Trump in his first term pulled the U.S. out of a Obama-era nuclear deal focused on monitoring to ensure Iran did not move toward weapons-grade enrichment.
- In the first months of his second term, Trump opened talks that he says will get a tougher agreement on Iran's nuclear program, with a second round of negotiations held Saturday and technical-level talks expected this weekend. Iran wants the easing of sanctions that have damaged its economy and is facing threatened Israeli or U.S. strikes aimed at disabling its nuclear program by force.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. 'The Conqueror' Is The Motto of

- A. Rastriya Rifle
- B. Para SF
- C. Sikh Regiment
- D. NSG

ANSWER: B

2. Operation Green Hunt Was Conducted In

- A. 1978
- B. 1988
- C. 2012
- D. 2010

ANSWER: D

3. When was the Indus Water Treaty signed between India and Pakistan?

- A. 1955
- B. 1960
- C. 1965
- D. 1972

ANSWER: B

4. Which international organization helped in the mediation of the Indus Water Treaty?

- A. United Nations
- B. International Monetary Fund

- C. World Bank
- D. World Trade Organization

ANSWER: C

5. According to the Indus Water Treaty, which three rivers were allocated to Pakistan?

- A. Ganga, Yamuna, Brahmaputra
- B. Ravi, Beas, Sutlej
- C. Indus, Jhelum, Chenab
- D. Godavari, Krishna, Kaveri

ANSWER: C

6. Who signed the Indus Water Treaty on behalf of India?

- A. Jawaharlal Nehru
- B. Lal Bahadur Shastri
- C. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
- D. Rajendra Prasad

ANSWER: A

7. AMCA Is A Jointly Project Developing By

- A. DRDO & ISRO
- B. DRDO & Israel Aerospace Industries
- C. DRDO & HAL
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

8. Operation Safed Sagar Was Launched In

- A. 1997
- B. 1998
- C. 1999
- D. 2000

ANSWER: C

9. SCALP Missile Is Developed By

- A.** UK
- B.** France
- C.** Israel

D. USA

ANSWER: B

10. Range of Sagarika Missile Is

- A. 500 km
- B. 600 km
- C. 700 km
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

11. India Purchased Jaguar Fighter Aircraft from

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

12. At Which Of The Following Places Is The Headquarters Of A Naval Command NOT Located?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Goa
- C. Kochi
- D. Visakhapatnam

ANSWER: B

13. M61 Vulcan Is A

- A. Six- barrelled Gatling gun
- B. Heavy machine gun
- C. Pistol
- D. Rocket

ANSWER: A

14. Hq Of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Is At

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. Austria

ANSWER: D

15. Lusaka Is The Capital Of

- A. Zambia
- B. Venezuela
- C. United Kingdom
- D. Uganda

ANSWER: A

16. Rashtriya Raksha University Is In

- A. Gandhinagar
- B. Mumbai
- C. New Delhi
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: A

17. The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Is A Project Of

- A. Brazil
- B. Russia
- C. China
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

18. Which Is Not A Member Of SAARC?

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Bhutan
- D. Madagascar

ANSWER: D

19. THAAD System Designed and Manufactured By

- A. Lockheed Martin
- B. Almaz – Antey
- C. Raytheon
- D. MBDA/ Eurosam

ANSWER: A

20. Indian Naval Academy Is In

- A. Ezhimala

- B. Mumbai
- C. New Delhi
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: A