

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

## 08 May 2025

### Chandigarh on Alert After Air Warning Issued By Air Force Station

- Residents in Chandigarh were urged to stay indoors and away from balconies on Friday after an air warning was issued by the Air Force Station. Sirens were sounded across the city, alerting people of a possible attack.
- On the intervening night of 8 and 9 May 2025, the Indian Army revealed that over 50 drones were shot down during Pakistan's attacks. The Army used L-70 guns, Zu-23mm cannons, Schilka systems, and other anti-drone technologies to neutralise them.
- **Operation Sindoor**
- This latest exchange comes just two days after India launched Operation Sindoor, where missile strikes destroyed nine terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir. These camps were linked to Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed, the two groups blamed for the April 22 attack in Pahalgam that killed 26 civilians.
- Defence sources told ANI that two Pakistani drones were shot down in Naushera during heavy shelling. Loud blasts were also heard in Poonch and Rajouri early Friday. Some areas experienced complete blackouts for safety.
- **Shelling damages homes in J&K**
- Several houses near the border were damaged in the Pakistani shelling. A local from Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, told ANI, "When the blackout happened at 9 pm, we heard explosions. At first, we thought they were firecrackers. But then we realised it was a real bomb, aimed at us. We never imagined going through this."
- **Infiltration attempt foiled in Samba**

- Meanwhile, the Border Security Force (BSF) foiled a major infiltration attempt on Thursday night near the International Boundary in Samba district, Jammu & Kashmir. BSF confirmed the attempt happened around 11 pm on 8 May.



## Indian Army Neutralises Over 50 Drones

- The Indian Army's Air Defence units on the night of Thursday neutralised over 50 drones launched by Pakistan in what official sources termed 'failed attempts' to attack various places along the Line of Control (LoC) and International Borders (IB).
- The engagement involved extensive use of L-70 guns, Zu-23mm, Schilka systems, and other advanced counter-UAS equipment, sources told news agency ANI.
- Pakistan attempted to target India's western borders with swarm drones, however, the bid remained unsuccessful after Indian Army's intervention.
- "Yesterday night, when Pakistan made failed attempts to send swarm drones all across various places along the Line of Control (LoC) and International Borders (IB), over 50 drones were successfully neutralized during a large-scale counter-drone operation conducted by Indian Army Air Defence units in the areas of Udhampur, Samba, Jammu, Akhnoor, Nagrota, and Pathankot areas. The engagement involved extensive use of L-70 guns, Zu-23mm, Schilka systems, and other advanced counter-UAS equipment, demonstrating the Army's robust capability to counter aerial threats," ANI quoted sources as saying.



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OPERATION SINDOOR

Pakistan Armed Forces launched multiple attacks using drones and other munitions along entire Western Border on the intervening night of 08 and 09 May 2025. Pak troops also resorted to numerous cease fire violations (CFVs) along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir.

The drone attacks were effectively repulsed and befitting reply was given to the CFVs.

#IndianArmy remains committed to safeguarding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Nation. All nefarious designs will be responded with force.

#PahalgamTerrorAttack  
#IndianArmy  
#JusticeServed  
@DefenceMinIndia  
@SpokespersonMoD  
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## Delivery of 'Arnala'

- 'Arnala', the first of the eight ASW SWCs (Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft), indigenously designed and built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata, was delivered to the Indian Navy on 08 May 25 at M/s L&T Shipyard, Kattupalli.
- Arnala is named after the historic fort 'Arnala' located off Vasai, Maharashtra, a reflection of India's rich maritime heritage. The 77 m long warship, is the largest Indian Naval warship propelled by a Diesel Engine-Waterjet combination.

- The ship has been designed for underwater surveillance, search & rescue operations and Low Intensity Maritime Operations (LIMO).
- Arnala's delivery is yet another milestone in the Indian Navy's quest for indigenous shipbuilding and upholding the Government's vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' with over 80% indigenous content.



## MRSAM-India Eco-System Summit 2.0

- The Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS), in collaboration with Aerospace Services India (ASI) and Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI), successfully hosted the Medium-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (MRSAM) India Eco-System Summit 2.0 at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.
- The day-long summit brought together key stakeholders from India's defence eco-system, highlighting collaborative achievements and future possibilities in enhancing the country's air & missile defence capabilities under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make-in-India initiatives.
- **Key sessions of the summit included:**
  - Panel discussions on operational readiness and self-reliance in missile systems.
  - Technology showcases featuring AI-powered service management systems like STORMS developed by ASI.
  - Industry interactions on building India's long-term capability in indigenous defence manufacturing.



## INS Sunayna (IOS Sagar) Returns To Kochi

- Indian Navy's maiden initiative of Indian Ocean Ship Sagar, jointly crewed by personnel from nine IOR Navies, concluded its month-long deployment in SW IOR region and returned to Kochi on 08 May 25.
- IOS Sagar was flagged off by the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri, Shri Rajnath Singh from Karwar on 05 Apr 25. During the deployment, the ship undertook port calls at **Dar-es-Salaam, Nacala, Port Louis, Port Victoria and Male.**
- The key highlights of the mission included joint naval exercises, professional & cultural exchanges and joint EEZ surveillance of key IOR nations - Tanzania, Mozambique, Mauritius & Seychelles.
- Strengthening regional maritime cooperation between India and African nations, the ship participated in **AIKEYME 2025** alongside INS Chennai & INS Kesari, which was jointly hosted by India and Tanzania from 13 - 18 Apr 25.
- It was a unique experience for the 44 international crew of nine partner nations - Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Sri Lanka and Tanzania who jointly manned the ship alongside Indian Navy crew, truly signifying the motto of '**One Ocean One Mission**'.





## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. What is the name of the first indigenously built ASW Shallow Water Craft delivered to the Indian Navy?**

- A. INS Vikrant
- B. INS Kattupalli
- C. Arnala
- D. INS Kochi

**ANSWER: C**

**2. Which shipyard designed and built the ASW SWC 'Arnala'?**

- A. Cochin Shipyard
- B. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
- C. Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE)
- D. Hindustan Shipyard

**ANSWER: C**

**3. Where was the MRSAM India Eco-System Summit 2.0 held?**

- A. Vigyan Bhavan
- B. Hyderabad International Convention Centre
- C. Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
- D. India Habitat Centre

**ANSWER: C**

**4. What was the name of the Indian Navy's maiden initiative jointly crewed by personnel from nine IOR navies?**

- A. Sagar Nidhi
- B. Ocean Shield
- C. Indian Ocean Ship Sagar
- D. Maritime Unity

**ANSWER: C**

**5. Ex VARUNA' Conducted b/w India &**

- A. Qatar
- B. USA
- C. France
- D. Maldives

**ANSWER: C**

**6. The Headquarters and Secretariat of the SAARC Is In**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**7. Air Vice-Marshal Rank of the IAF Is Equivalent to Which Rank Of Indian Navy?**

- A. Rear Admiral
- B. Vice Admiral
- C. Captain
- D. Colonel

**ANSWER: A**

**8. "Merciless Criticism And Independent Thinking Are The Two Necessary Traits Of Revolutionary Thinking." Said By Whom**

- A. Bhagat Singh
- B. Rabindranath Tagore
- C. Chandrasekhar Azad
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**9. World's longest Atal tunnel above 10,000 feet, at Rohtang built by\_\_\_\_**

- A. MHA

- B. BRO
- C. NHAI
- D. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

**ANSWER: B**

**10. EX Naseem Al Bahr Held B/W India &**

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Qatar
- C. Oman
- D. Saudi Arabia

**ANSWER: C**

**11. The Port Duqm is in**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**12. Regimental Centre Of THE BRIGADE OF THE GUARDS**

- A. Kamptee, Maharashtra
- B. Ahmednagar, Maharashtra
- C. Delhi Cantonment
- D. Fatehgarh, Uttar Pradesh

**ANSWER: A**

**13. Western Air Command (WAC) Is In**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**14. 'Bolo Bharat Mata Ki Jai' Is The War Cry Of \_\_\_\_**

- A. RAJPUT REGIMENT
- B. RAJPUTANA RIFLES
- C. THE BRIGADE OF THE GUARDS
- D. MECHANISED INFANTRY REGIMENT

**ANSWER: D**



**15. Range of K-9 Vajra Howitzer Is**

- A. 40km
- B. 38km
- C. 20km
- D. 55km

**ANSWER: B**

**16. "Glimpses of World History" Book Is Written By**

- A. J L Nehru
- B. Mahatma Gandhi
- C. Lala Lajpat Rai
- D. Pranab Mukerjee

**ANSWER: A**

**17. Which country doesn't share a land boundary with Ukraine?**

- A. Moldova
- B. Belarus
- C. Poland
- D. Serbia

**ANSWER: D**

**18. Black Hawk Helicopter Manufactured By**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**19. Varunastra Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. Helicopter
- C. Anti-submarine torpedo
- D. Sniper Rifle

**ANSWER: C**

**20. 'Seema Bhawani' Is The Name Of Which Team Of BSF?**

- A. Camel Contingent

- B. Creek Crocodile
- C. All-women Biker Team
- D. All-women Creek Crocodile

**ANSWER: C**