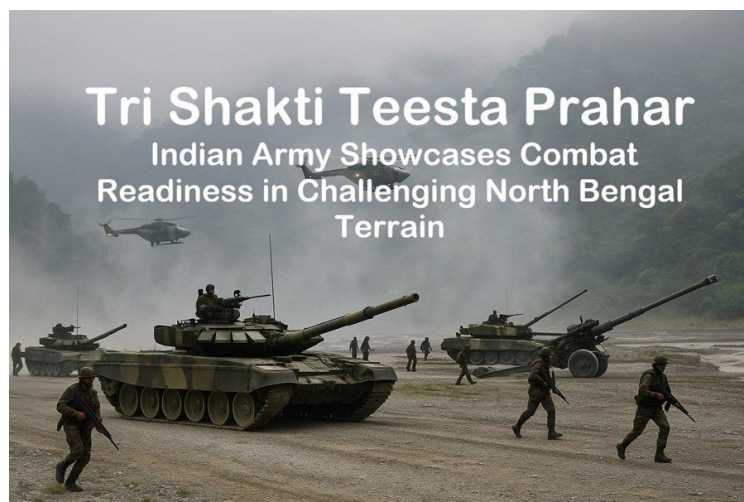


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Exercise Teesta Prahar

- The Indian Army conducted Exercise Teesta Prahar in the riverine terrain of North Bengal, showcasing joint warfare capability and technological integration
- A large-scale military field exercise conducted at the Teesta Field Firing Range, West Bengal.
- Aimed to simulate and validate combat operations in challenging riverine and all-terrain environments.
- Conducted by the Indian Army's Trishakti Corps under the Eastern Command.
- Involved integrated participation from: Infantry, Mechanised Infantry, Artillery, Armoured Corps, Para Special Forces, Army Aviation, and Engineers and Signals
- **Teesta River**
- Source: Tso Lhamo Lake
- Bridges: Coronation Bridge
- Length: 414 km
- Mouths: Brahmaputra, Jamuna River
- Cities: Sevoke, Rangpo, Jalpaiguri, Siliguri



BCAS Revokes Celebi's Security Clearance

- This decision has significant implications for airport operations, employee welfare, and the government's commitment to both safety and service continuity.
- Celebi is a Turkish-based ground handling company operating across multiple Indian airports.
- It provides services such as baggage handling, cargo loading/unloading, aircraft cleaning, and tarmac operations.
- It has had a significant presence in Indian civil aviation since 2009.
- The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) is an attached office of the Ministry of Civil Aviation (India). It is the regulatory authority for civil aviation security in India.
- Rajesh Nirwan, a 1992 batch IPS officer of Rajasthan cadre, has been appointed as the Director General of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) in the Ministry of Civil Aviation.



BEL Signs Contract with Army

- Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) and the Indian Army Air Defence have signed a contract for the Integrated Drone Detection and Interdiction System (IDDIS) on Friday.

- The system, developed jointly by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and BEL, marks a significant milestone under the Government of India's Make in India initiative.
- The IDDIS is designed to detect, track, and neutralise hostile drones, providing a crucial layer of protection against evolving aerial threats.
- "Navratna Defence Public Sector Undertaking, BEL has secured additional orders worth Rs 572 Crores since the last disclosure on 07th April 2025. Major orders received include Integrated Drone Detection and Interdiction System ,Software Defined Radio and Data Communication Unit for attack guns, AI based solutions for ships, simulators, communication equipment, jammers, spares, services etc".
- Apart from this, Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) manufactured and indigenously designed air defence system, **Akashteer**, has demonstrated its power during Pakistan's drone attacks, neutralising the threats as soon as they enter India's airspace and making it "**hell for Pakistan's air adventures.**"
- Akashteer intercepted numerous drones, missiles, micro UAVs, and loitering munitions, emerging as a globally actionable defence asset.
- The Akashteer system, developed under a **Rs 1,982 crore contract** signed in March 2023, integrates surveillance assets, radar systems, and command units into a unified network, providing seamless situational awareness to the Indian **Army's Air Defence units.**



Armenia Poised to Become First Intl Customer of Advanced Akash-NG

- Armenia is positioning itself to become the first foreign customer of India's next-generation Akash-NG surface-to-air missile system once it enters production, building upon an already robust defence partnership between the two nations.
- Armenia has already established itself as a major client for Indian defence products, having signed a substantial \$720 million deal in 2022 for 15 Akash-1S air defence missile systems.
- One of the most significant improvements in the Akash-NG is its dramatically extended range of 70-80 kilometres, compared to the 25-30 kilometre range of the current Akash-1S system.



Akashteer Neutralised Barrage Of Pakistani Missiles, Drones

- India's indigenously developed Akashteer air defence control and reporting system played a pivotal role in neutralising waves of Pakistani aerial attacks including drones and missiles during the four-day military confrontation with Pakistan. While Pakistan relied on imported HQ-9 and HQ-16 systems that failed to intercept Indian strikes, Akashteer showcased India's dominance in automated air defence, the defence ministry said on Friday.
- Manufactured by state-run Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Akashteer was inducted into the Indian Army around a year ago.

- "In the dark skies, a new kind of warrior awakened. It did not roar like a fighter jet or flash like a missile. It listened. It calculated. It struck," the defence ministry said.
- "This invisible shield, Akashteer, is no longer a concept confined to defence journals. It is the sharp edge of India's air defence, the unseen wall that stopped a barrage of missiles and drones on the night of May 9 and 10, when Pakistan launched its deadliest attack on Indian military and civilian areas," it said.
- Under Operation Sindoor, India carried out precision strikes on terror infrastructure early on May 7 in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack.
- The air defence system is part of the broader C4ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) framework, working in coordination with other systems.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which organization is responsible for regulating civil aviation security in India?
 - A. Airports Authority of India
 - B. Directorate General of Civil Aviation
 - C. Bureau of Civil Aviation Security
 - D. Indian Air Force

ANSWER: C

2. Who has been appointed as the Director General of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)?

- A. Ajay Bhalla
- B. Rajesh Nirwan
- C. Arvind Kumar
- D. Alok Verma

ANSWER: B

3. What action did BCAS take against M/s Celebi and its associated companies?

- A. Awarded them a security contract
- B. Granted new routes
- C. Revoked their security clearance
- D. Offered them a merger opportunity

ANSWER: C

4. What is the name of the Indian Army exercise conducted in North Bengal?

- A. Exercise Desert Storm
- B. Exercise Vayu Shakti
- C. Exercise Teesta Prahar
- D. Exercise Trinetra

ANSWER: C

5. Which Indian Army command conducted Exercise Teesta Prahar?

- A. Western Command
- B. Southern Command
- C. Northern Command
- D. Eastern Command

ANSWER: D

6. Range of Astra Missile Mk 2 Is

- A. 110 km
- B. 160 km
- C. 170 km
- D. 250 km

ANSWER: B

7. Ex Samudra Shakti Is Held B/W India &

- A. Italy
- B. Indonesia
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. None

ANSWER: B

8. ADRDE Stands For

- A. Aerial Delivery Research & Development Energy
- B. Aerial Delivery Research & Developed Establishment
- C. Aerial Delivery Research & Development Establishment
- D. None

ANSWER: C

9. Which Indian Army Officer commanded the International Contingent during the United Nations International Peacekeepers Day?

- A. Brigadier Vikram Parashar
- B. Major Rajeev Chaudhary
- C. Captain Abhilasha
- D. Major Jyoti Yadav

ANSWER: D

10. NIMAS Stands For

- A. National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports
- B. National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Source
- C. National Indus of Mountaineering and Allied Sports
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

11. DIPR Stands For

- A. Defence Institute of Psychological Research
- B. Disaster Institute of Psychological Research
- C. Defence Institute of Psychological Rate
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

12. INS Rana Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Tank

ANSWER: A

13. Tirana Is The Capital Of

- A. Qatar
- B. UAE
- C. Maldives
- D. Albania

ANSWER: D

14. "India and Asian Geopolitics: The Past, Present" Book Is Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Shakoor Rather
- C. Avtar Singh Bhasin
- D. Shivshankar Menon

ANSWER: D

15. INS Utkrosh Naval Air Station Is Located At

- A. A&N
- B. Lakshadweep
- C. Puducherry
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

16. DRDO Bhavan (Hq) In__.

- A. New Delhi
- B. Rome
- C. Gurugram
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: A

17. Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga Is In

- A. Mumbai
- B. Kochi
- C. New Delhi
- D. Noida

ANSWER: C

18. Javelin Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine

D. Anti Tank Weapon System

ANSWER: D

19. SNC Is In

A. Mumbai

B. Kochi

C. Chennai

D. Panaji

ANSWER: B

20. Work Area of Defence Institute of Psychological Research (DIPR) Is

A. Avionics

B. Bio-Energy Research

C. Physiology

D. Psychological Research

ANSWER: D

