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Spring Term 2025 - Passing Out Parade

- The Passing Out Parade (POP) of Spring Term 2025 was conducted at Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala on 31 May 25.
- 186 trainees, comprising Midshipmen of the 107th and 108th Indian Naval Academy Course, and the 38th Naval Orientation Courses (NOC) (Extended), and cadets of 39th NOC (Extended), 40th NOC (Regular) and 41st NOC (Coast Guard), graduated with flying colours, marking the culmination of their ab-initio training.
- The passing out trainees included cadets from four friendly foreign countries.
- The President's Gold Medal for standing first in the Indian Naval Academy B. Tech Course was awarded to Midshipman Nakul Saxena. Rajya Raksha Mantri Trophy for the Most Promising Cadet was awarded to Midshipman Kiondo Michael Florence, a trainee from Tanzania.



POP of National Defence Academy

- On Friday when Mizoram Governor General VK Singh (Retd) reviewed the Passing Out Parade (POP) of the historic **148th course** of the NDA he said that the first batch of women cadets “embodies not just women’s development, but women-led development”.
- The first batch of 17 female cadets graduated from the National Defence Academy (NDA), scripting history by marching along side over 300 male cadets during the Passing Out Parade this morning.
- The women cadets joined the NDA in 2022, after a Supreme Court interim order allowed women to seek admission to the tri-services academy. Division Cadet Captain Shriti Daksh secured the highest rank in the Bachelor of Arts stream.
- Cadet Lucky Kumar, Battalion Cadet Captain Prince Kumar Singh Kushwaha and Cadet Captain Udayveer Singh Negi stood first in the Science, Computer Science and B. Tech streams respectively.
- “It is a deeply personal and great honour for me to stand here at the very place where my own journey began on June 7, 1969, over five decades ago. I am witnessing another chapter in the glorious history of the cradle of military leadership.”
- He also said that a future isn’t far when one of these young women may rise to the highest echelons of the service they join.



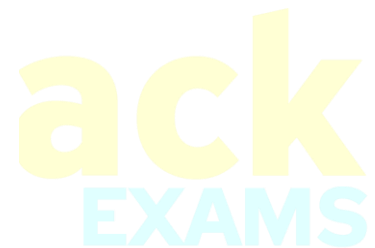
Trials of Next-Gen Defence Technologies

- The Indian Army is currently undertaking extensive Capacity Development Demonstrations at key locations across the country, including the Pokhran Field Firing Ranges, Babina Field Firing Ranges, and Joshimath, with dedicated Air Defence equipment demonstrations also scheduled at Agra and Gopalpur.
- These field trials are being conducted under near-combat conditions, integrating electronic warfare simulations to assess the performance of cutting-edge defence systems rigorously.
- **Key platforms undergoing evaluation include:**
 - Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS)
 - UAV Launched Precision Guided Munition (ULPGM)
 - Runway Independent (RWI) Remotely Piloted Aerial Systems (RPAS)
 - Counter-UAS Solutions
 - Loitering Munitions
 - Specialised Vertical Launch (SVL) Drones
 - Precision Multi Munition Delivery Systems
 - Integrated Drone Detection and Interdiction System (IDDIS)
 - Low Level Light Weight Radars
 - VSHORADS (Next Generation) IR Systems
 - Electronic Warfare (EW) Platforms
- Through these evaluations, the Indian Army aims to strengthen its technological edge, enhance operational readiness, and reaffirm its commitment to indigenous innovation and self-reliance in defence capability development.



Air Marshal Jasvir Singh Takes Over As Senior Air Staff Officer, WAC

- Air Marshal Jasvir Singh Mann took over as Senior Air Staff Officer of Western Air Command, Indian Air Force on 01 June 2025. The Air Marshal is an alumni of the NDA and was commissioned as a fighter pilot in the IAF on 16 December 1989.
- He has flown over 3000 Hrs primarily on various types of fighter aircraft. He is a pilot Attack Instructor and in his operational career, he has commanded a fighter squadron, been Chief Operations Officer of a forward base and Air Officer Commanding of a premium fighter base.
- Prior to taking over as Senior Air Staff Officer, Western Air Command, Indian Air Force, he was **Director General (Weapon Systems)** at Air Headquarters. The Air Officer is a recipient of Presidential awards 'Ati Vishist Seva Medal' and 'Vayu Sena Medal'.



Maiden Visit of Eunavfor Ships To India

- ESPS Reina Sofia, commanded by Cdr Salvador Moreno Regil, Spanish Navy and ITS Antonio Marcegaglia, commanded by Cdr Alberto Bartolomeo, Italian Navy, are in Mumbai from 26 May to 01 Jun 2025 for an operational turn around. Both ships presently operate under **European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR)**.
- The EUNAVFOR side, led by Rear Admiral Davide Da Pozzo, Force Commander, Op Atalanta, interacted with Rear Admiral Vidyadhar Harke VSM, Chief Staff

Officer (Operations), Western Naval Command of the Indian Navy at the Headquarters, Western Naval Command and discussed matters related to furthering maritime cooperation between the two sides.

- During the ships' stay in harbour, activities such as **Subject Matter Expert Exchanges (SMEEs)** and a **Table Top Exercise (TTX)** were conducted between the two sides, aimed at refining key issues necessary for tactical-level cooperation at sea.
- The exercise at sea will see participation by **ESPS Reina Sofia and ITS Antonio Marceglia** from EUNAVFOR and ships and aircraft from the Indian Navy.



Lt Gen Dinesh Singh Rana Takes Over as CINCAN

- Lt Gen Dinesh Singh Rana assumed charge as the 18th Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman & Nicobar Command (CINCAN) on June 01, 2025.
- The Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC), based at Sri Vijaya Puram, is India's first and only joint services operational command, integrating the Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard to safeguard national interests in the strategically vital Indian Ocean Region.
- Lt Gen Rana was commissioned into the 10th Battalion of The Garhwal Rifles on December 19, 1987, and later had the honour of commanding the same battalion. A graduate of the NDA, Khadakwasla, and a postgraduate of the DSSC, Wellington, he is also an alumnus of the NDC, New Delhi; Centre for National Defence Studies, Madrid, Spain; and the National Defense University, USA.



CDS Interview On Op Sindoor

- Chief of Defence Staff of the Indian Armed Forces General Anil Chauhan on Saturday categorically rejected Pakistan's claims that it had shot down six Indian warplanes during Operation Sindoor, calling the information "absolutely incorrect".
- The CDS added that "what is important is that, not the jet being down, but why they were being downed".
- "The good part is that we are able to understand the tactical mistake which we made, remedy it, rectify it, and then implement it again after two days and flew all our jets again, targeting at long range," General Chauhan said during an interview with Bloomberg TV when asked about Pakistan's claims.
- "What is important is that, not the jet being down, but why they were being down," the CDS said, adding: "Why they were down, what mistakes were made - that are important ... Numbers are not important."
- During the interview, held in the sidelines of the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore, the CDS also refuted US president Donald Trump's claim that India and Pakistan had come to the verge of a nuclear war during the four-day conflict in early May.
- General Chauhan said it was "far-fetched" to suggest either side was close to using atomic weapons. "I personally feel that there is a lot of space between conduct of conventional operations and the nuclear threshold," General Chauhan said.

- Channels of communication with Pakistan "were always open" to control the situation, he added, noting that on the escalation ladder, there were "more sub-ladders which can be exploited for settling out our issues" without needing to resort to nuclear weapons.
- General Chauhan also played down Pakistan's claims about the effectiveness of weaponry deployed from China and other countries, saying they "didn't work".
- "We were able to do precision strikes on heavily air-defended airfields of Pakistan deep 300 kilometres inside, with the precision of a meter," the CDS added.
- General Chauhan also said the cessation of hostilities is holding, and will depend on Pakistan's actions in the future. "We have laid clear red lines," he said



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Who assumed charge as the 18th Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman & Nicobar Command?

- A. Lt Gen Ajay Kumar Singh
- B. Lt Gen Rakesh Kapoor
- C. Lt Gen Dinesh Singh Rana
- D. Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi

ANSWER: C

2. Where is the Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) headquartered?

- A. Port Blair
- B. Sri Vijaya Puram

- C. Campbell Bay
- D. Car Nicobar

ANSWER: B

3. ESPS Reina Sofia and ITS Antonio Marceglia are operating under which naval force?

- A. NATO Naval Force
- B. UN Peacekeeping Fleet
- C. European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR)
- D. Indian Ocean Naval Task Force

ANSWER: C

4. Who took over as the Senior Air Staff Officer of Western Air Command, Indian Air Force?

- A. Air Marshal Rajiv Kapoor
- B. Air Marshal Sandeep Singh
- C. Air Marshal Jasvir Singh Mann
- D. Air Marshal Narmdeshwar Tiwari

ANSWER: C

5. Which country hosted the 'Dosti-16' trilateral exercise involving India, Maldives, and Sri Lanka?

- A. Maldives
- B. India
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Bangladesh

ANSWER: A

6. Which city is being transformed into India's inaugural tri-service common defence station?

- A. Delhi
- B. Bangalore
- C. Mumbai
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: C

7. What is the purpose of the MoU between RRU and Starburst Aerospace?

- A. Enhance automotive technology
- B. Advance aerospace, defence, and homeland security innovation

- C. Develop renewable energy solutions
- D. Promote agricultural research

ANSWER: B

8. What does the Transfer of Technology agreement b/w HAL and National Aerospace Laboratories focus on?

- A. Manufacture of agricultural equipment
- B. Production of renewable energy systems
- C. Development of automotive parts
- D. Manufacture of the Bismaleimide Engine Bay Door for Light Combat Aircraft Tejas Mk1A

ANSWER: D

9. Who Becomes First Woman Subedar Of Indian Army?

- A. Havildar Preeti Rajak
- B. Havildar Sucheta
- C. Havildar Neha Tyagi
- D. None

ANSWER: A

10. Exercise 'SADA TANSEEQ' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. SAUDI ARABIA

ANSWER: D

11. INS Karmuk Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. Missile Corvette
- C. Submarine
- D. Tank

ANSWER: B

12. Combat Air Teaming System (CATS) Is An Indian Unmanned & Manned Combat Aircraft Air Teaming System Developed By

- A. HAL**

B. DRDO

C. JAXA

D. Boeing

ANSWER: A

13. Ex 'Ekuverin' Conducted B/W India &

A. Qatar

B. Oman

C. UAE

D. Maldives

ANSWER: D

14. Safran Manufactures Aircraft Engines, Rocket Engines MNC Comes From

A. Germany

B. France

C. Nepal

D. UK

ANSWER: B

15. 'Praia' Is The Capital Of

A. Costa Rica

B. Comoros

C. Cameroon

D. Cape Verde

ANSWER: D

16. "Roller Coaster: An Affair with Banking" Book Is Written By

A. Tamal Bandyopadhyay

B. Ranjan Gogoi

C. Manish Tiwari

D. Neha Sharma

ANSWER: A

17. UNDP Was Established In

A. 1965

B. 1975

C. 1985

D. 1995

ANSWER: A

18. Lamitye Exercise Held B/W India And____?

- A. Thailand
- B. USA
- C. Qatar
- D. Seychelles

ANSWER: D

19. War Cry of THE MAHAR REGIMENT

- A. Bharat Mata ki Jai
- B. Bolo Hindustan Ki Jay
- C. Jai Hind
- D. Durga Mata Ki Jai

ANSWER: B

20. Yudh Abhyas Exercise Held B/W India And____?

- A. Thailand
- B. USA
- C. Qatar
- D. Seychelles

ANSWER: B