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India To Get Remaining S-400 Missile Systems By 2026

- Russia is committed to delivering the remaining units of the S-400 air defence system to India by 2025-2026, the country's Deputy Chief of Mission in India, Roman Babushkin, said on Monday, highlighting that the system performed "very efficiently" during the recent India-Pakistan tensions.
- Babushkin also hinted at expanding bilateral cooperation with India in air defence and anti-drone systems.
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- Ukrainian special forces carried out simultaneous strikes across the length of the Russian Federation, striking air bases and damaging or destroying 41 Russian strategic bombers while they were on the ground.
- Estimates suggest that over 30 per cent of the Russian Federation's bomber fleet- Tu-95 and Tu-22s and A-50 airborne radars were destroyed by Ukrainian drones.
- Over 100 drones were flown out of shipping containers which discharged the pre-programmed vertical lift drones as they passed near Russian airbases. The bombers were those used to target Ukrainian positions during the war using stand-off weapons like cruise missiles and bombs.
- Russian media has termed these attacks a 'Pearl Harbour', referring to the Imperial Japanese Navy's surprise attack on the US Fleet in Hawaii in 1941. That attack brought the US into the Second World War.
- The Ukrainian attacks, however, come in a war that is now in its fourth year. It is one of the tactical high-points of the conflict and just before the second round of peace talks between Russia and Ukraine in Istanbul on June 2. The first round, on May 16, led to the largest prisoner swap between the two sides.
- In sheer size, scale and complexity, Ukraine has carried out one of the world's largest special forces strikes— hitting two air bases in Olenya, Murmansk and Irkutsk, Siberia— over 6000 km apart and in three time zones.



Yashasvi Solanki, First Woman Navy Officer to Become President's ADC

- Yashasvi Solanki has gained a reputation for being at important positions and at the forefront of India's security. The Lieutenant Commander is the first navy officer to become the President of India's Aide-de-Camp (ADC).
- This has been the first time that a woman officer from the Indian Navy has been appointed to this role. The President of India is also the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.
- **What is the role of the ADC?**
- The role of the Aide-de-Camp of the President is very significant as the designated person is required to facilitate coordination and communication between the President and many arms of the establishment which makes the official formalities, meetings, works and protocols smoother.
- Her work also involves her assisting the President in ceremonial duties and coordinating high-level engagements. Her appointment symbolises a major achievement in the country's military progress and has become a major example of women's progress in the field of defence and security.
- **Who is Yashaswi Solanki?**
- Yashaswi was commissioned into the Indian Navy after being commissioned in the Short Service. In her professional career, she has commanded excellent leadership and dedication towards her duties. Those who are chosen as ADCs have at least five to seven years of extraordinary service. Her new designation validates her extraordinary skills in taking the higher commands.
- The President officially has five ADCs which are selected from all the three armed forces, three from the Army, one each from the Navy and the Air Force. However, the President has the right to choose officers from among these armed forces as per their will.



PM Modi Unlikely To Attend G7 Summit In Canada Amid Strained Ties

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is unlikely to visit Canada for the upcoming G7 summit amid frosty ties between Ottawa and New Delhi. The G7 is an informal grouping of the most industrialised economies in the world -- France, Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom, Japan, the United States, and Canada. It is also attended by the European Union (EU), the IMF, the World Bank and the United Nations are also invited.
- While South Africa, Ukraine and Australia have reportedly accepted invitations from Canada, uncertainty remains over PM Modi's visit.
- Additionally, sources said there are security concerns that would need to be addressed if Prime Minister Modi were to travel to Canada in the future.
- Last month, the Ministry of External Affairs, on two occasions, stated that there was "no information" on PM Modi's visit to Canada for the G7 summit.
- Meanwhile, Canada's foreign minister, Ankita Anand, told Canadian newspaper The Globe and Mail that the newly elected
- Mark Carney government was interested in building a stronger partnership with India, while admitting that the killing of Khalistani separatist leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar on Canadian soil caused strained bilateral ties between the two sides.
- The case garnered global interest after then-Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau accused the Narendra Modi government of being involved with the incident. India vehemently dismissed Trudeau's charges, calling them "baseless."



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **Who is the first Indian Navy officer to be appointed as the Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to the President of India?**

- A. Priya Jhingan
- B. Punita Arora
- C. Yashasvi Solanki
- D. Padmavathy Bandopadhyay

ANSWER: C

2. **What is one of the key responsibilities of the Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to the President of India?**

- A. Conducting military operations
- B. Managing presidential finances
- C. Assisting in ceremonial duties and coordinating high-level engagements
- D. Monitoring national elections

ANSWER: C

3. **By when is Russia expected to deliver the remaining units of the S-400 air defence system to India?**

- A. 2024-2025
- B. 2025-2026

- C. 2023-2024
- D. 2026-2027

ANSWER: B

4. Operation Spider Web against Russia Conducted By

- A. Ukraine
- B. USA
- C. UK
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

5. When did Iran become a new permanent member of the SCO?

- A. 2017
- B. 2001
- C. 2023
- D. 2007

ANSWER: C

6. MALABAR Exercise Was Initiated In Which Year

- A. 1991
- B. 1992
- C. 1993
- D. 1994

ANSWER: B

7. Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) Comes Under

- A. MOD
- B. MHA
- C. MEA
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

8. Hambantota Port Is In

- A. Indonesia
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. India
- D. China

ANSWER: B

9. The Indian Government Plans To Construct A 2,500-metre-long Airstrip On Minicoy Island In

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

ANSWER: C

10. Pakyong Airport is located in -

- A. Sikkim
- B. Assam
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Nagaland

ANSWER: A

11. Which port is also known as the New Mangalore Port?

- A. Mormugao Port
- B. Panambur Port
- C. Kandla Port
- D. Tuticorin Port

ANSWER: B

12. Port Blair Is Located On Which Island?

- A.** The Little Andaman
- B.** The Great Nicobar
- C.** The South Andaman
- D.** The North Andaman

ANSWER: C

13. Author Of The Book 'Kerala: God's Own Country'

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Jeet Thayil
- C. Sudha Murthy
- D. Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai

ANSWER: A

14. AUSINDEX Ex Conducts B/W

- A. India & Indonesia
- B. India & Australia
- C. India & Sri Lanka
- D. India & Thailand

ANSWER: B

15. "Poverty and Un-British Rule in India" Is Written By

- A. Mahadevi Verma
- B. Premchand
- C. Dadabhai Naoroji
- D. Ratan Tata

ANSWER: C

16. Havana Is The Capital Of

- A. Cuba
- B. Qatar
- C. UAE
- D. Cyprus

ANSWER: A

17. Who Was The Prime Minister Of India During Indo-PAK War In 1965?

- A. Jawaharlal Nehru
- B. Indira Gandhi
- C. Lal Bahadur Shastri
- D. Rajiv Gandhi

ANSWER: C

18. Who Was The PM Of India During The Indo-Pak War In 1999?

- A. Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- B. Indira Gandhi
- C. Lal Bahadur Shastri
- D. Rajiv Gandhi

ANSWER: A

19.Ex 'Jal Prahar' Conducted In

- A. Pune
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Mumbai
- D. Kakinada

ANSWER: D

20.Current DG of The ICG Is

- A. VS Pathania
- B. Paramesh Sivamani
- C. R Hari Kumar
- D. None

ANSWER: B

