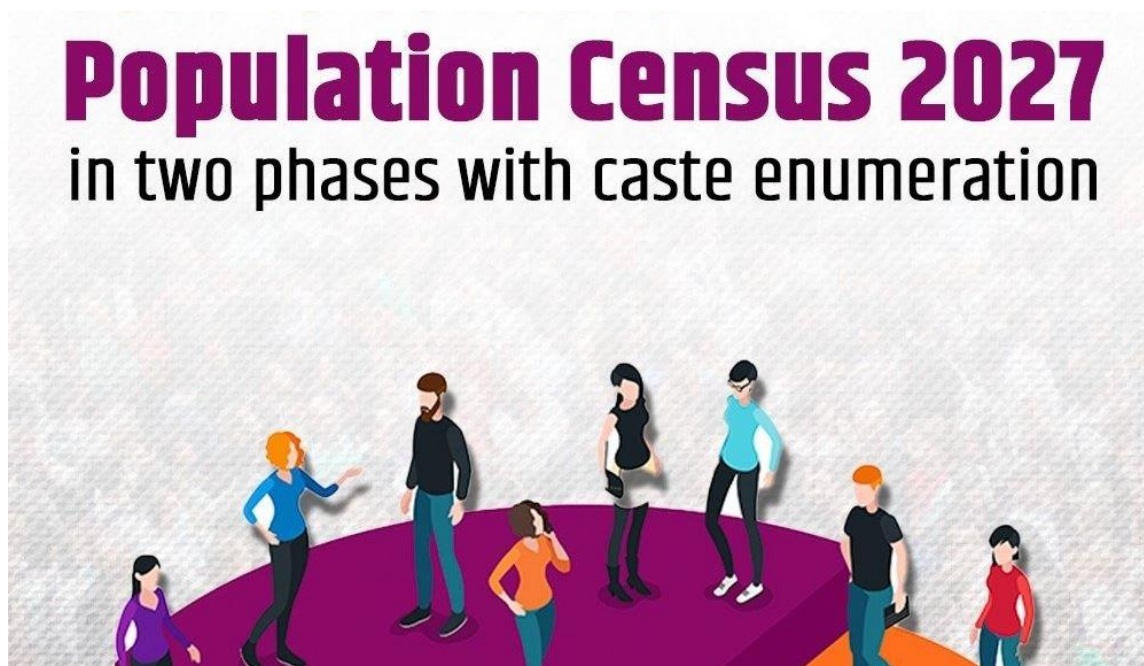


# Daily Defence Current Affairs

## 05 June 2025

### Population Census-2027 To Be Conducted In Two Phases

- It has been decided to conduct Population Census-2027 in two phases along with enumeration of castes. The reference date for Population Census - 2027 will be 00:00 hours of the first day of March, 2027.
- For the Union Territory of Ladakh and the non-synchronous snow-bound areas of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir and States of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, the reference date will be 00.00 hours of the first day of October, 2026.
- The notification for intent of conducting Population Census with the above reference dates will be published in the official gazette tentatively on 16.06.2025, as per provision of section 3 of Census Act 1948.
- The Census of India is conducted under the provisions of the Census Act, 1948 and the Census Rules, 1990. The last Census of India was conducted in 2011 in two phases.



## Bilateral Meeting With Australian Deputy PM & Defence Minister

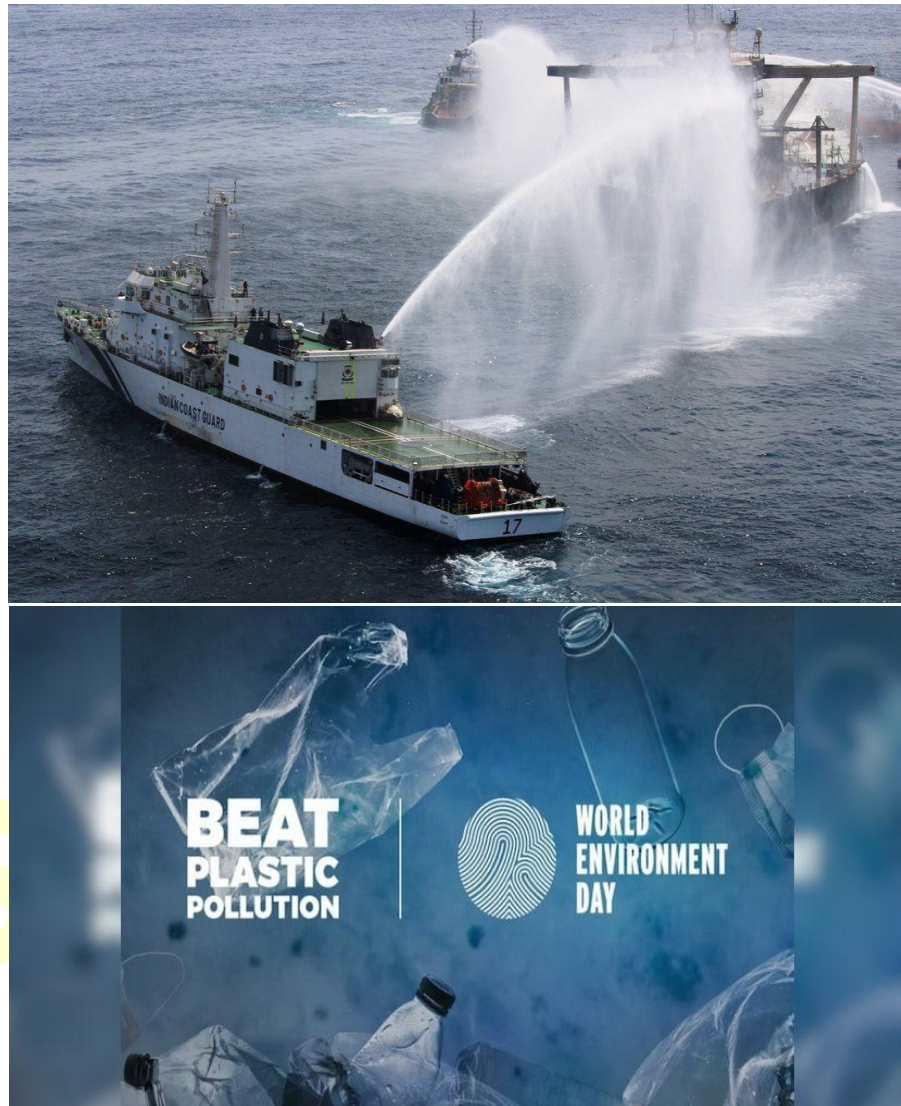
- Rajnath Singh held a bilateral meeting with Australian Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Defence Mr Richard Marles in New Delhi on June 04, 2025. Both Ministers strongly condemned the **terror attack in Pahalgam** and expressed deepest condolences to the families of the victims.
- Raksha Mantri highlighted India's right to respond in self-defence against cross-border terrorism and described New Delhi's actions against Pakistan as measured, non-escalatory, proportionate and responsible. The two sides agreed to work together to combat terrorism in all its forms.
- The two Ministers welcomed the signing of Australia-India Joint Research Project and agreed to intensify & diversify defence industry collaboration.
- They deliberated to further the defence science and technology collaboration projects when they meet in Australia later this year for the third India-Australia 2+2 ministerial meeting.
- They also reviewed the progress made since the last 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue held in November 2023.
- The discussions covered a wide range of issues such as defence strategic cooperation and security, including industry collaboration, cyber & new emerging technologies, counter-terrorism, hydrography and maritime security.



## Indian Coast Guard Leads Marine Conservation Efforts

- On the occasion of World Environment Day 2025, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) reaffirmed its leading role in marine conservation and sustainable maritime governance.
- With over 58 major coastal clean-up operations removing more than 194 tonnes of plastic waste in the past year, the ICG has significantly contributed to this year's global theme, #BeatPlasticPollution, under flagship campaigns such as **Swachh Sagar Surakshit Sagar, Puneet Sagar Abhiyan, and Mission LiFE.**
- With pollution control vessels like **Samudra Prahari, Samudra Paheredar, and Samudra Pavak**, the ICG leads swift response efforts against oil spills and chemical pollution, reinforced through large-scale NATPOLREX exercises involving over 50 national stakeholders.
- In 2025, **Operation Olivia** protected over 6.98 lakh olive ridley turtles nesting along Odisha's coast. Anti-poaching efforts in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands further curbed the illegal trade of endangered marine species, including sea cucumbers and corals.
- **Theme of World Environment Day 2025:** Beat Plastic Pollution





## Indian Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla's Launch To Space Station Postponed To June 10

- The launch of Indian Air Force Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla to the **International Space Station (ISS)**, a historic milestone for India's space program, has been postponed to June 10, 2025, at 5:52 pm IST.
- This delay, announced by Axiom Space, comes as the crew continues their mandatory two-week pre-flight quarantine at Kennedy Space Center, Florida—a standard protocol designed to prevent the introduction of infectious diseases to the ISS and ensure the health and safety of all astronauts.
- Originally scheduled for May 29 and then rescheduled to June 8, the Ax-4 mission was pushed back again due to operational adjustments and the ongoing quarantine protocols.



- Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla will serve as the mission's pilot, making him the first Indian to visit the ISS and only the second Indian to travel to space, following Rakesh Sharma's historic 1984 mission.
- During the mission, Shukla will pilot the SpaceX Dragon spacecraft and participate in a 14-day stay aboard the ISS.
- He is slated to conduct seven scientific experiments, including ISRO-led studies on food and nutrition, which are expected to significantly advance understanding of microgravity's effects and contribute to future space research.



## Indonesia Weighing Purchase Of China's J-10 Fighter Jets

- Indonesia is weighing buying China's J-10 fighter jets, given their relatively cheaper price and advanced capability, as it also considers finalising a purchase of U.S.-made F-15EX jets, a senior official said on Wednesday.
- Southeast Asia's most populous country has embarked on efforts to modernise its ageing military hardware in recent years. In 2022 it bought 42 French Rafale jets worth \$8.1 billion, six of which will be delivered next year.
- "We have had talks with China and they offered us a lot, not just J-10, but also ships, arms, frigates," said Deputy Defence Minister and retired Air Marshal Donny Ermawan Taufanto.
- A potential purchase has been considered for over a year, before the recent conflict between India and Pakistan, but Taufanto said Indonesia would factor in reports that a Pakistani J-10 plane shot down multiple Indian jets last month.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Who will be the first Indian to visit the International Space Station (ISS)?**

- A. Rakesh Sharma
- B. Kalpana Chawla
- C. Shubhanshu Shukla
- D. Sunita Williams

**ANSWER: C**

**2. Which organizations are involved in the upcoming space mission that includes Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla?**

- A. ISRO and DRDO
- B. NASA and Roscosmos
- C. ISRO, NASA, Axiom Space, and ESA
- D. ISRO and SpaceX

**ANSWER: C**

**3. What is the name of the pollution control vessel mentioned that belongs to the ICG?**

- A. INS Vikrant
- B. Samudra Shakti
- C. Samudra Prahari
- D. INS Arihant

**ANSWER: C**

**4. What is the reference date for Population Census 2027?**

- A. 1st January 2027
- B. 1st April 2027
- C. 1st March 2027
- D. 31st December 2026

**ANSWER: B**

**5. What is the theme of World Environment Day 2025?**

- A. Ecosystem Restoration
- B. Say No to Plastic
- C. Beat Plastic Pollution
- D. Clean Air for All

**ANSWER: C**

**6. What Is SARVATRA In The Context Of The Indian Army's Defence Capabilities?**

- A. Special Operations Force
- B. Tactical Reconnaissance System
- C. Rapid Deployment Platform
- D. Mobile Bridging System

**ANSWER: D**

**7. C295 Aircraft Manufactured By**

- A. Boeing
- B. Airbus
- C. HAL
- D. None

**ANSWER: B**

**8. Indian Space Science Data Centre Is Located At**

- A. Chennai
- B. Bengaluru
- C. New Delhi
- D. Kochi

**ANSWER: B**

**9. \_\_ Becomes Indian Army's First Woman Sky Diver**

- A. Roop Rai

- B. Lance Naik Manju
- C. Corporal Manju
- D. None

**ANSWER: B**

**10. \_\_Plans To Establish The National Government Cloud To Store Sensitive Data.**

- A. MOD
- B. MEA
- C. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**11. The Hawker Siddeley HS 748 Is A**

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Transport Aircraft

**ANSWER: D**

**12. 'Swift and Sure' Is The Motto Of**

- A. Army Aviation Corps**
- B. Sikh Regiment
- C. Rajput Regiment
- D. Gorkha

**ANSWER: A**

**13. Which Regiment Has Motto: "Veer Bhogya Vasundhara"?**

- A. RAJPUTANA RIFLES
- B. RAJPUT REGIMENT
- C. DOGRA REGIMENT
- D. SIKH REGIMENT

**ANSWER: A**

**14. ICMF Stands For**

- A. Integrated Cryogenic Engine Manufacturing Facility
- B. Integrated Cry Engine Manufacturing Facility
- C. Integrated Cryogenic Engine Make Facility
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**



**15. "Bolo Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj ki jai" Is The War Cry Of**

- A. Maratha Light Infantry Regiment
- B. Grenadiers
- C. Punjab Regiment
- D. Parachute Regiment

**ANSWER: A**

**16. Rabat Is The Capital Of**

- A. Morocco
- B. Montenegro
- C. Monaco
- D. Maldives

**ANSWER: A**

**17. "Without Fear or Favour" Book Written By**

- A. R K Narayan
- B. Khushwant Singh
- C. Neelam Sanjiva Reddy
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

**ANSWER: C**

**18. Exercises B/w The India And Bangladesh Is Called:**

- A. GARUDA SHAKTI
- B. SLINEX
- C. SAMPRITI
- D. Yudha Abhyas

**ANSWER: C**

**19. \_\_Is The Legal Branch Of The Indian Army.**

- A. Army Court
- B. Supreme Court
- C. Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Department
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: C**

**20. Exercises B/w India And Kyrgyzstan Is Called:**

- A. KHANJAR
- B. SLINEX
- C. NOMADIC ELEPHANT
- D. Yudha Abhyas

**ANSWER: A**