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Emergency Landing of British Navy's F-35B Jet

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) on Sunday evening confirmed that a British Royal Navy F-35B fighter jet made an emergency landing at Thiruvananthapuram airport on Saturday night (June 14).
- The aircraft was operating from UK Aircraft Carrier, **HMS Prince of Wales**, it was undertaking routine flying outside Indian ADIZ with Thiruvananthapuram earmarked as the emergency recovery airfield.
- "On having declared a diversion off an emergency, the F-35 B was detected and identified by the IAF's IACCS network and cleared for the recovery. IAF is providing all necessary support for the rectification and subsequent return of the aircraft," the IAF added.
- Meanwhile, the Indian Navy and the United Kingdom's Carrier Strike Group (UK CSG25) conducted a joint naval drill, commonly known as a Passage Exercise (PASSEX), in the western Arabian Sea earlier this week.
- This marked the UK Strike Group's "first major engagement" after entering the Indo-Pacific region.
- "UK CSG25 joined the Indian Navy for an exercise in the western Arabian Sea," read a post from the UK Carrier Strike Group.
- The Indian Navy had earlier stated, "**INS Tabar**, along with a submarine and P-8I aircraft of the Indian Navy, participated in a Passage Exercise in the North Arabian Sea on 09 and 10 June 2025 with HMS Prince of Wales and HMS Richmond from the UK Carrier Strike Group."
- The two-day exercise included various naval activities such as coordinated anti-submarine operations, tactical manoeuvres, unified control of helicopters, and professional exchanges between naval officers.



India Distances Itself From SCO Statement On Israel-Iran Tensions

- India on Saturday distanced itself from a Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) statement that strongly condemned Israeli airstrikes on Iran, stating that it had not participated in the consultations that led to the declaration.
- The statement, issued by the China- and Russia-led bloc, termed the Israeli strikes on Iranian territory on June 13 a "gross violation of international law and the UN Charter." It also said the attacks on civilian targets, including energy and transport infrastructure, resulted in casualties and undermined regional stability.
- India's own position on the matter had been articulated by us on June 13, 2025, and remains the same. We urge that channels of dialogue and diplomacy be utilised to work towards de-escalation, and it is essential that the international community undertake endeavours in that direction." It said that India's "overall position" was communicated to other SCO members.
- The MEA statement came a day after India abstained from a vote in the UN General Assembly (UNGA) on a draft resolution that demanded an "immediate, unconditional and permanent" ceasefire in Gaza.
- The 193-member UNGA voted overwhelmingly to adopt the resolution introduced by Spain. India was among the 19 nations that abstained, while 12 nations voted against the resolution, which got 149 votes in favour.

- The SCO has **India, Iran, Kazakhstan, China, the Kyrgyz Republic, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Belarus** as member states.



Netanyahu Says Regime Change In Iran Could Be Result of Israel's Attacks

- Regime change in Iran could be a result of Israel's military attacks on the country, Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu told Fox News on Sunday, saying Israel would do whatever is necessary to remove the "existential threat" posed by Tehran.
- Israel launched "**Operation Rising Lion**" with a surprise attack on Friday morning that wiped out the top echelon of Iran's military command and damaged its nuclear sites and says the campaign will continue to escalate in coming days. Iran has vowed to "open the gates of hell" in retaliation.
- Asked by Fox's Bret Baier on his "Special Report" program if regime change was part of Israel's military effort, Netanyahu said: "Could certainly be the result because the Iran regime is very weak."
- Trump has repeatedly said Iran could end the war by agreeing to tough restrictions on its nuclear program, which Iran says is for peaceful purposes but Western countries say could be used to make a bomb.



Indian Army Gets 419 New Officers

- In a ceremony at the Indian Military Academy (IMA) in Dehradun on Saturday (14 June) , 419 young officers were formally commissioned into the Indian Army.
- A total of 451 Gentleman Cadets participated in the parade, including 32 cadets from friendly foreign countries.
- The event was reviewed by **Lieutenant General B K G M Lasantha Rodrigo**, Chief of the Sri Lankan Army, who attended the occasion as the Reviewing Officer.
- The prestigious 'Sword of Honour' for overall excellence in training was awarded to Annie Nehra. Ronit Ranjan Nayak secured the first position in the Order of Merit and received the Gold Medal. Annie Nehra stood second, while Anurag Verma ranked third and was awarded the Bronze Medal.
- The cadets demonstrated exemplary discipline, dedication, and military excellence during the ceremony. Set against the rich traditions and glorious legacy of the Indian Army, the event was filled with a profound sense of patriotism.



ISRO Achieves Historic First Rocket Launch From Uttar Pradesh

- ISRO marked a significant milestone by successfully conducting its first-ever rocket launch from Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh. This event, carried out in collaboration with **Thrust Tech India Limited**, represents the inaugural instance of a payload being launched via rocket from the soil of Uttar Pradesh.
- This successful test serves as a prelude to a much larger event planned for October-November, during which approximately 900 youth-built satellites will be tested. The initiative aims to foster interest in space technology among children and youth across the region and the entire country.
- This achievement not only highlights ISRO's commitment to expanding its launch operations across new regions but also marks a significant step in engaging the next generation in India's rapidly advancing space sector.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which fighter jet made an emergency landing at Thiruvananthapuram airport, as confirmed by the IAF?

- A. Rafale
- B. F-16
- C. F-35B
- D. Eurofighter Typhoon

ANSWER: C

2. What is the name of the joint naval drill recently conducted between the Indian Navy and the UK Carrier Strike Group?

- A. SIMBEX
- B. PASSEX
- C. INDRA NAVY
- D. VARUNA

ANSWER: B

3. Where did ISRO conduct its first-ever rocket launch in Uttar Pradesh?

- A. Lucknow
- B. Prayagraj
- C. Varanasi
- D. Kushinagar

ANSWER: D

4. Which of the following countries is not a member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)?

- A. Belarus
- B. India
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Russia

ANSWER: C

5. Op Kaveri Launched By Bharat To Rescue People From

- A. USA
- B. Israel
- C. Sudan

D. Iran

ANSWER: B

6. Full Form of 'SAMAR' is

- A. System for Advance Manufacturing Assessment and Rating
- B. System for Array Manufacturing Assessment and Rating
- C. System for Advance Manufacturing Assessment and Rate
- D. None

ANSWER: A

7. Where is the world's highest battlefield, Siachen Glacier, located?

- A. Near the Indo-Pak Line of Control
- B. On the Indian Peninsula
- C. In the Southern Naval Command (SNC) region
- D. In the Indian Search and Rescue Region (ISRR)

ANSWER: A

8. Manufacturing Facility For Production Of Airbus C295 Aircraft To Come Up In ____.

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Vadodara
- D. Noida

ANSWER: C

9. On 1 Apr 1954, the President's Colours Were Presented To The IAF By Which President Of India?

- A. Rajendra Prasad
- B. V.V. Giri
- C. Radhakrishnan
- D. Pratibha Singh Patil

ANSWER: A

10. Ex GARUDA SHAKTI, IND-INDO CORPAT, IND-INDO BILAT Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar

- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Indonesia
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

11. SIMBEX Series Of Exercises Began In 1994 And Were Initially Known As

- A. Exercise Lion King
- B. Exercise Asia King
- C. Exercise Jungle King
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

12. WNC Is In

- A. Mumbai
- B. Kochi
- C. Chennai
- D. Panaji

ANSWER: A

13. Northrop Grumman Is The Defence Manufacturing Company Of Which Nation?

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Israel
- D. Russia

ANSWER: A

14. The Unending Game Book Is Written By

- A. Vikram Sood
- B. Shivshankar Menon
- C. Ravi Shastri
- D. Salman Rushdie

ANSWER: A

15. "The School for Good Mothers " Book Is Written By

- A. Jessamine Chan
- B. Beatrice Hitchman
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Nikki May

ANSWER: A

16. Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration Is In

- A. H.P
- B. U.P
- C. U.K
- D. M.H

ANSWER: C

**17. "Discipline and united action are the real sources of strength for the nation."
Said By**

- A. Gandhi Ji
- B. Lal Bahadur Shastri
- C. Pt. Nehru
- D. Gopal Krishna Gokhale

ANSWER: B

18. PVSM Stands For

- A. Param Vishisht Seva Medal
- B. Param Vishisht Sainik Medal
- C. Param Vishisht Seva Medal
- D. None

ANSWER: A

19. Commodore Rank Of Indian Navy Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of IAF?

- A. Air Commodore
- B. Air Marshal
- C. Wing Commander
- D. Major

ANSWER: A

20. The Wings of Fire Book Is Written By

- A. APJ Kalam
- B. Shivshankar Menon
- C. Ravi Shastri
- D. Salman Rushdie

ANSWER: A