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Army Drone Deal: India Orders 450 Nagastra-1R

- The Indian Army's recent acquisition of 450 NAGASTRA-1R loitering munitions from **Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited (SDAL)** represents a significant milestone in India's defence modernization and self-reliance strategy.
- This procurement, combined with successful trials of SDAL's Rudrastra VTOL UAV and Bhargavastra counter-drone system, demonstrates India's growing capabilities in indigenous defence technology development and its strategic response to evolving warfare paradigms witnessed in recent global conflicts.
- The system's precision targeting capability stands out with a circular error probability (CEP) of just 2 meters, ensuring highly accurate strikes while minimizing collateral damage.
- A particularly noteworthy aspect of the NAGASTRA-1R is its impressive indigenous content of over 80%, substantially higher than the 75% threshold typically required under India's Make in India initiative.

Nagastra-1

Nagastra-1 is a fixed-wing electric unmanned aerial vehicle which is a loitering munition

450 completely indigenous UAVs to be purchased by the Indian Army

More than **75%** indigenous parts

RANGE

30KM AUTONOMOUS MODE

15KM MAN-IN-LOOP

ENDURANCE

60 MINS

Day-night surveillance cameras

Fragmenting warhead

KAMIKAZE MODE

Neutralise any hostile threat with an accuracy of **2 meters** USING GPS

If the mission is cancelled, the UAV can be called back and make a soft landing through a parachute recovery mechanism

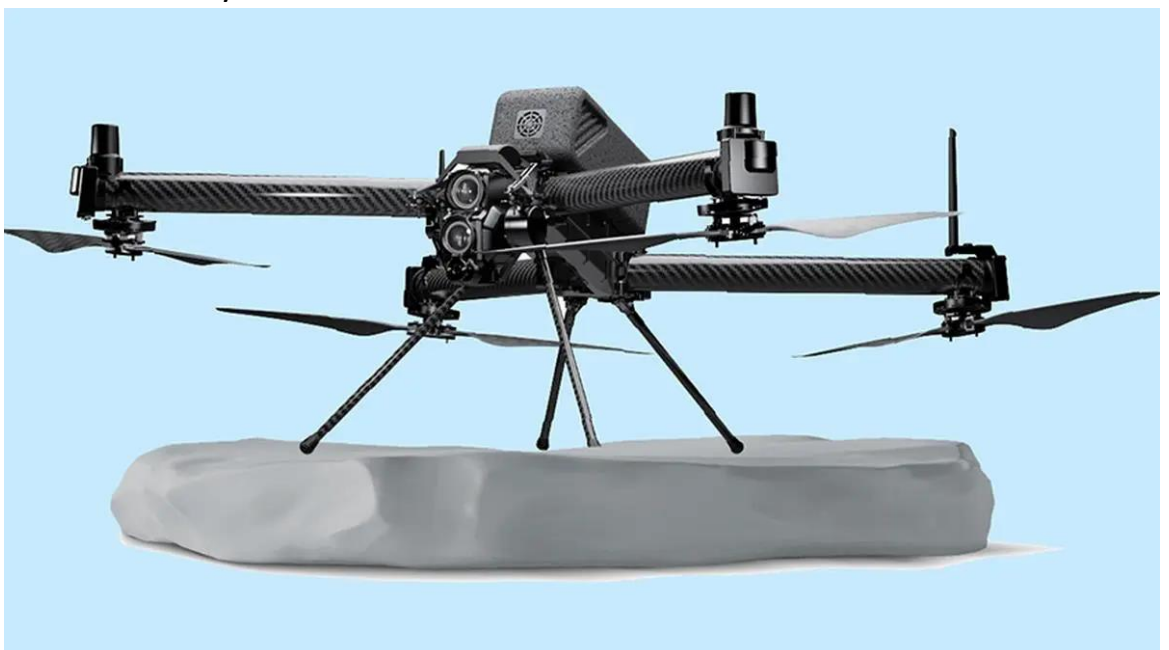
Bharat Forge To Supply 4.25 Lakh CQB Carbines

- Bharat Forge, through its defence subsidiary Kalyani Strategic Systems, has emerged as the lowest bidder (L1) in the Indian Army's major tender for the supply of over 4.25 lakh indigenously developed 5.56×45 mm close-quarter battle (CQB) carbines.
- This contract, estimated at approximately ₹2,000 crore, marks the single largest order for domestically designed and manufactured carbines since the induction of the INSAS rifles more than two decades ago.
- The CQB carbine was designed and developed by the Armament Research and Development Establishment of the DRDO and will be produced by Bharat Forge.



Idea Forge Bags Around ₹137 Crore Drone Order

- Drone technology firm idea Forge Technology has secured a major order worth approximately ₹137 crore from the Indian Army for its hybrid mini unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) systems.
- This contract was awarded through the emergency procurement route, reflecting the Army's urgent need to bolster its intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities with advanced and reliable drone technology.
- The hybrid mini UAVs ordered are high-performance, vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) drones that combine fixed-wing endurance with quadcopter-style manoeuvrability.



Avantel Ltd Bags New Order From DEAL (DRDO)

- Avantel Ltd, a leading Indian telecom and defence electronics company, has secured a major purchase order valued at ₹13.67 Crores (inclusive of taxes) from the Defence Electronics Applications Laboratory (DEAL), a key laboratory under the DRDO.
- The order was formally confirmed via email on June 20, 2025, and is specifically for the development of **Software Defined Radios (SDRs)**, with execution scheduled to be completed by August 2027.
- The company has recently secured additional significant contracts, including a ₹17.7 Crore order from BEL for the supply, installation, and commissioning of 1 KW HF SDRs for ground and aerospace applications.
- It has developed and manufactured various radio components and unique products such as satellite communications, HF communications, electronic warfare, and radar systems. Currently, Avantel is working on expanding its portfolio by developing SCA-compliant software-defined radios, high-power HF systems, air defence radars, and small satellites.



Iran hits US Bases In Doha Shortly After Qatar Airspace Closure

- Iran launched at least six missiles towards US bases in Qatar on Monday shortly after the Qatari airspace was temporarily closed, citing heightened threats of Iranian retaliation against the United States over the strikes the President Donald Trump-led administration carried out targeting nuclear facilities in Iran this weekend.
- Reports said that missile were launched under 'Operation Basharat al-Fath', what was loosely translated to as 'Annunciation Of Victory' or 'Operation Glad Tidings', against US bases in Iraq and Qatar.
- The decision of airspace closure, announced by Qatar's foreign ministry, came following Iran's pledge of retaliation to US airstrikes on the three Iranian nuclear

facilities - Fordow, Natanz, Esfahan. Bahrain also suspended air traffic 'temporarily' after Iran attack on US base in Qatar.

- Purported videos showed missiles being intercepted over Doha in Qatar.
- Qatar condemned the attack on Al Udeid airbase attack, saying "reserves the right to respond" but said it successfully intercepted the missiles and that no casualties were reported. It later its airspace was safe. Officials had described the airspace closure as a precautionary and temporary measure.





Donald J. Trump ✓
@realDonaldTrump

Iran has officially responded to our Obliteration of their Nuclear Facilities with a very weak response, which we expected, and have very effectively countered. There have been 14 missiles fired — 13 were knocked down, and 1 was “set free,” because it was headed in a nonthreatening direction. I am pleased to report that NO Americans were harmed, and hardly any damage was done. Most importantly, they’ve gotten it all out of their “system,” and there will, hopefully, be no further HATE. I want to thank Iran for giving us early notice, which made it possible for no lives to be lost, and nobody to be injured. Perhaps Iran can now proceed to Peace and Harmony in the Region, and I will enthusiastically encourage Israel to do the same. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

DONALD J. TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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EXAMS

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Under which operation did Iran launch missiles targeting US bases in Iraq and Qatar?

- A. Operation Desert Storm
- B. Operation Basharat al-Fath
- C. Operation Victory Dawn
- D. Operation Al-Quds

ANSWER: B

2. How many NAGASTRA-1R loitering munitions has the Indian Army recently acquired?

- A. 150
- B. 300
- C. 450
- D. 600

ANSWER: C

3. Which company supplied the NAGASTRA-1R loitering munitions to the Indian Army?

- A. Bharat Dynamics Limited
- B. Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited
- C. Bharat Forge
- D. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

ANSWER: B

4. Which company emerged as the lowest bidder for supplying over 4.25 lakh CQB carbines to the Indian Army?

- A. Tata Advanced Systems
- B. Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited
- C. Bharat Forge (Kalyani Strategic Systems)
- D. Larsen & Toubro

ANSWER: C

5. idea Forge Technology received a ₹137 crore order from the Indian Army for which of the following?

- A. Loitering Munitions
- B. Assault Rifles
- C. Hybrid Mini UAV Systems
- D. Combat Drones

ANSWER: C

6. INS Chennai Is A

- A. Missile Destroyer
- B. Submarine
- C. Landing Ship Tank
- D. None

ANSWER: A

7. INS Karmuk Is A

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

ANSWER: B

8. R&AW Stands For

- A. Research and Analytical Wing
- B. Raw and Analysis Wing
- C. Research and Analysis Wing
- D. Research and Analysis Wet

ANSWER: C

9. "Sarvatra" (Everywhere) Is The Motto Of

- A. JKRIF
- B. RR
- C. CORPS OF ENGINEERS
- D. Madras Regiment

ANSWER: C

10. Joint Exercises B/w The India And UK Is Called:

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Konkan Shakti

ANSWER: D

11. Where Is The Hq Of The Southwestern Command of The Indian Army?

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

ANSWER: A

12. Moroni Is The Capital Of

- A. Comoros
- B. Costa Rica
- C. Cuba
- D. Dominica

ANSWER: A

13. "An Introduction to Dreamland" Book Is Written By

- A. Bhagat Singh
- B. Leo Tolstoy
- C. Jules Verne
- D. Gunnar Myrdal

ANSWER: A

14. Current NSA Of India Is

- A. S Jaishankar
- B. Ajit Doval
- C. R Hari Kumar
- D. V R Chaudhari

ANSWER: B

15. Ex 'AUSINDEX' conducted b/w India &

- A. Angola
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Australia

ANSWER: D

16. Vice Chief of the Naval Staff (India) Is

- A. Satish Namdeo Ghormade
- B. R Hari Kumar
- C. Karambir Lamba
- D. Sunil Singh

ANSWER: A

17. Joint Exercises B/w The India And USA Is Called:

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Tiger Triumph

ANSWER: D

18. Where Is The Hq Of The Eastern Command of The IAF?

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Shillong

D. Mumbai

ANSWER: C

19. Joint Exercises B/w The India And Russia Is Called:

A. Yama

B. SLINEX

C. Indra

D. Tiger Triumph

ANSWER: C

20. Cyclone Remal Name Given By:

A. Angola

B. Oman

C. UAE

D. Australia

ANSWER: B

