

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### Epicentres of terror are no longer safe, India will target them: Rajnath Singh

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh participated in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' meeting in Qingdao, becoming the first senior Indian minister to visit China since the violent standoff along the LAC began in May 2020.
- Singh made a forceful statement at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' meeting in Qingdao on Thursday, warning that states using terrorism for political ends must be held accountable.
- **Pahalgam attack: LeT proxy 'The Resistance Front' blamed**
- Singh directly referenced the 22 April attack in Pahalgam, where 26 civilians, including a Nepali national, were gunned down. The Resistance Front (TRF), which claimed responsibility, is a proxy of the UN-proscribed group Lashkar-e-Taiba.
- "The joint statement of the Council of SCO Heads of State on 'Countering Radicalisation leading to Terrorism, Separatism and Extremism' issued during India's Chairmanship symbolises our shared commitment."

## **Why the SCO is important for India**

Founded in 2001 by China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, the SCO has expanded to include India, Pakistan (2017), and more recently Iran and Belarus. It is now a regional forum of ten full members, covering political, security, and economic interests.

India sees the SCO as a critical diplomatic space to:

- Advance regional counter-terrorism cooperation
- Push for a more balanced, multipolar security framework
- Deepen engagement with Central Asian nations
- Support infrastructure goals like the International North-South Transport Corridor and Chabahar Port

## **Pakistan Army officer, who captured IAF pilot Abhinandan in 2019, killed**

- An officer of the Pakistan Army's Special Services Group, who had claimed to have captured Indian Air Force pilot Abhinandan Varthaman after his jet was shot down in a dogfight in 2019, was killed in a clash with the Taliban militants.
- Major Syed Moiz Abbas Shah, 37, was killed in a clash with the Taliban militants in the Sararogha area of South Waziristan near the Afghan border, according to a statement by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the media wing of the army.
- The army troops killed 11 terrorists belonging to the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and wounded seven others in the same operation, the statement said.
- The TTP, also known as the Pakistan Taliban, was set up as an umbrella group of several militant outfits in 2007. Its main aim is to impose its strict brand of Islam across Pakistan.



## **RINFRA Arm Secures ₹600 Crore Export Order**

- Reliance Infrastructure Ltd's defence arm, Reliance Defence Ltd, has secured a landmark export order worth ₹600 crore from Germany's Rheinmetall Waffe Munition GmbH, one of the world's largest defence and ammunition manufacturers.
- This deal, announced on June 25, 2025, is among the largest ever for an Indian private company in the high-tech ammunition sector and follows the recent strategic partnership between the two firms.
- The order involves Reliance Defence supplying explosives and propellants for ammunition to Rheinmetall, marking a significant expansion of Reliance's footprint in the European defence market.
- The facility aims for an annual capacity of up to 200,000 artillery shells, 10,000 tons of explosives, and 2,000 tons of propellants.



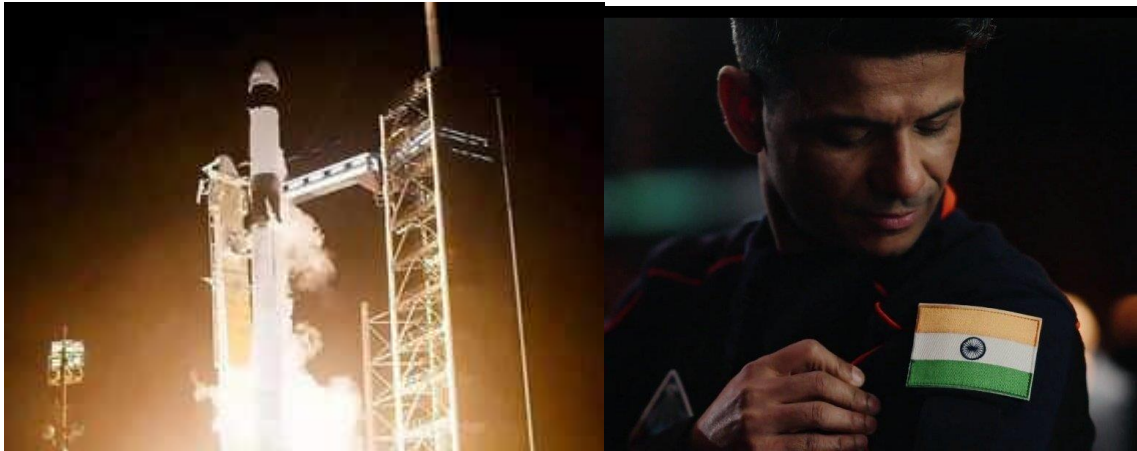
## NATO Allies Agree To Hike Defence Spending

- NATO leaders on Wednesday backed the big increase in defence spending that U.S. President Donald Trump had demanded and restated their commitment to defend each other from attack after a brief summit in the Netherlands.
- While Trump got what he wanted at the annual meeting, tailor-made for him, his NATO allies will be relieved that he committed to the fundamental principle of collective defence after less clear-cut language on Tuesday.
- Trump told a press conference that "we had a great victory here", adding that he hoped that the additional funds would be spent on military hardware made in the U.S.
- **TRUMP THREATENS TO PUNISH SPAIN**
- However, he threatened to punish Spain after Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez declared it could meet its commitments to NATO while spending much less than the new target of 5% of GDP.
- "I think it's terrible. You know, they (Spain) are doing very well ... And that economy could be blown right out of the water when something bad happens," Trump said, adding that Spain would get a tougher trade deal from the U.S. than other European Union countries.



## IAF on Axiom-4 Mission

- Hailing Axiom-4 mission, the IAF on Wednesday said Group Captain Shubahanshu Shukla has set forth on a landmark space odyssey, carrying the pride of the nation beyond the Earth, and asserted it is reaffirmation of India's ever-expanding horizon.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, too, shared his thoughts on the feat and posted on X, "The Space Mission carrying astronauts from four countries including India is going to be a significant milestone in the history of space exploration."
- After the lift-off from the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida at 12.01 pm IST towards the International Space Station, the Indian Air Force's post on X called it a "deja vu moment for India", coming after astronaut Rakesh Sharma's mission in 1984.
- Shukla scripted history by embarking on the space odyssey along with three others to the ISS as part of a commercial mission by Axiom Space.
- He became the first Indian astronaut to travel to the International Space Station, a journey that comes 41 years after Sharma's eight days in orbit as part of the then Soviet Union's Salyut-7 space station in 1984.
- The much-delayed mission blasted off from the Kennedy Space Centre in the US amid cheers from watch parties organised across the world, including at Shukla's City Montessori School in Lucknow where his parents witnessed the historic launch.
- Shukla, former NASA astronaut Mission Commander Peggy Whitson, Slawosz Uznanski-Wisniewski of Poland, and Tibor Kapu of Hungary are part of the Axiom-4 mission that marks the return to space for the three nations.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Which organization has offered 28 indigenous weapon systems for emergency procurement by the Indian armed forces?**

- A. DRDO
- B. HAL
- C. ISRO
- D. BEML

**ANSWER: A**

**2. What is the name of the operation launched by India to evacuate its nationals from Iran amid the Iran-Israel conflict?**

- A. Operation Surya
- B. Operation Shakti
- C. Operation Raksha
- D. Operation Sindhu

**ANSWER: D**

**3. When was the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) originally founded?**

- A. 1996
- B. 2001
- C. 2017
- D. 2005

**ANSWER: B**

**4. Which countries joined the SCO in the year 2017?**

- A. Iran and Belarus



- B. China and Russia
- C. India and Pakistan
- D. Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan

**ANSWER: C**

**5. The new Close Quarter Battle Carbine has been jointly developed by DRDO and which private defence company?**

- A. Larsen & Toubro
- B. Tata Advanced Systems
- C. Bharat Forge
- D. Adani Defence

**ANSWER: C**

**6. Reliance Defence Ltd has signed an export order worth ₹600 crore with which German company?**

- A. Krauss-Maffei Wegmann
- B. Rheinmetall Waffe Munition GmbH
- C. Heckler & Koch
- D. ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Udarshakti Is A Bilateral Exercise Which Is Held Between India And Which Other Country?**

- A. Malaysia
- B. Singapore
- C. Russia
- D. Japan

**ANSWER: A**

**8. What Is The Name Of The Submarine Which Has been Decommissioned From The Indian Navy?**

- A.** INS Rajput
- B.** INS Nishank
- C.** INS Sindhudhvaj
- D.** INS Ranjit

**ANSWER: C**

**9. Heron MK II Is A**

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Fighter Jet

**ANSWER: C**

**10. Chabahar Port Is Located In**

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. Iran

**ANSWER: D**

**11. SCO Member Countries Contribute About \_\_\_Of Global GDP.**

- A. 30%
- B. 40%
- C. 50%
- D. 60%

**ANSWER: A**

**12. Pratap Chandra Lal Was A Former Chief Of**

- A. IAF
- B. Indian Army
- C. Indian Navy
- D. BSF

**ANSWER: A**

**13. Space & Upper Atmosphere Research Commission Is A Space Agency Of**

- A. USA
- B. Pakistan
- C. China
- D. Bhutan

**ANSWER: B**

**14. RS-28 Sarmat "Satan 2" is a**

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun



- C. Missile
- D. Fighter Jet

**ANSWER: C**

**15. BELMOPAN Is The Capital Of**

- A. BELIZE
- B. BENIN
- C. BHUTAN
- D. Maldives

**ANSWER: A**

**16. "The Living Mountain" Book Is Written By**

- A. JK Rowling
- B. Aakash Ranison
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Amitav Ghosh

**ANSWER: D**

**17. Joint Exercises B/w India And Sri Lanka Is Called:**

- A. Ashoka
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. MITRA SHAKTI

**ANSWER: D**

**18. India Purchased Sig Sauer assault rifles from**

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**19. India Purchased Romeo 64 Helicopter from**

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. Russia

**ANSWER: A**

**20. Which Is Not The Member Of BIMSTEC?**

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Bhutan
- C. India
- D. Pakistan

**ANSWER: D**



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