

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### **BEML Gets Order Worth Rs 157.33 cr**

- BEML Ltd, a public sector undertaking, on Friday said it has been awarded a Rs 157.33 crore order by the Ministry of Defence for the supply of 79 units of its flagship Power Angling & Tilting (PAT) Bulldozers.
- Building on its proven track record of delivering robust machinery for challenging environments, BEML continues to play a vital role in supporting critical infrastructure and snow-clearing operations along India's frontiers, the company said.
- This new order follows the company's successful execution of an earlier contract for 66 Bulldozers, all of which were delivered well within the stipulated timeline, reflecting BEML's commitment to quality and timely delivery.
- With an established in-house R&D setup and state-of-the-art production facilities in Bengaluru, Mysuru and KGF, BEML continues to strengthen India's self-reliance in defence manufacturing, the company said.



## DRDO Achieves 70%+ Indigenisation In DEW

- DRDO has achieved a remarkable milestone with over 70% indigenisation in Directed Energy Weapons (DEWs), as confirmed by Dr. Jagannath Nayak, Director of the Centre for High Energy Systems and Sciences (CHESS).
- This significant achievement represents a major breakthrough in India's defence technology capabilities, placing the country among an elite group of nations possessing advanced laser weapon systems.
- The development of directed energy weapons has been a strategic priority for India, particularly given the evolving nature of modern warfare and the proliferation of drone threats along the country's borders.
- The flagship achievement of DRDO's DEW program is the Mk-2(A) laser-directed energy weapon system, which successfully demonstrated its capabilities on April 13, 2025, at the National Open Air Range (NOAR) in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh.
- This 30-kilowatt system combines six 5-kilowatt fibre lasers to deliver a concentrated beam capable of neutralising aerial targets at ranges up to 5 kilometres.



## MoS Defence visits DRDO's Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Missile Complex in Hyderabad

- New Delhi, Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth visited DRDO's Dr J Abdul Kalam Missile Complex in Hyderabad and reviewed the missiles and weapon systems programme being pursued by its various laboratories.

- The minister visited various work centres of DRDL Astra Mk I & II, vertically-launched short-range surface-to-air missile and scramjet engine facilities, the ministry said.
- Earlier in April, the DRDO had conducted scramjet combustor ground testing for more than 1,000 seconds.



## INS 'Nistar' Commissioned

- India commissioned its first indigenously built Diving Support Vessel (DSV), INS Nistar, on July 18, 2025, at the Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam, marking a substantial achievement in the nation's maritime capabilities and self-reliance.
- INS Nistar—meaning “rescue” or “salvation” in Sanskrit—was wholly designed and constructed by Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), with more than 80% of its components sourced from Indian suppliers and active involvement from approximately 120 micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs).
- INS Nistar is now part of the Eastern Naval Command, significantly boosting India’s operational readiness for submarine rescue and complex underwater missions in the Indian Ocean and beyond.



## **Durand Cup to See Prize Money Pool Grow Three Times to Rs 3 crore**

- The 134th IndianOil Durand Cup Organizing Committee (DCOC) announced on Friday that the total cash prize money pool of this year's tournament will increase three times to Rs 3 Crore. The announcement was made during the trophy unveiling ceremony in Kolkata as the City of Joy geared up to host Asia's oldest football tournament.
- Along with the winners and runners-up, teams reaching the semifinals and quarterfinals, as well as three individual awards, will also receive a share of the prize pool. The three trophies of the Durand Cup were showcased here at AOI Vijay Durg in the presence of Aroop Biswas, Minister-in-Charge, Department of Power, Housing, Youth Services and Sports, Government of West Bengal, who was the Chief Guest of the event. Also present were Rajesh Kumar Sinha IAS, Principal Secretary, Housing, Youth Services and Sports, Disaster Management and Civil Defence Department, Government of West Bengal, Lt Gen Mohit Malhotra AVSM, SM, Chief of Staff HQ Eastern Command and Chairman Durand Cup Organising Committee and Maj Gen Rajesh Arun Moghe VSM, General Officer Commanding Bengal Sub Area and Vice-Chairman of Durand Cup Organising Committee.
- The three glittering pieces of silverware, the Durand Cup, the original prize and the rolling Shimla Trophy (presented by residents of Shimla in 1904), as well as the President's Cup, which the winners keep permanently, were unveiled by the dignitaries, as per a press release.





## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is the new total cash prize pool for the 134th Indian Oil Durand Cup?

- A. ₹1 Crore
- B. ₹2 Crore
- C. ₹3 Crore
- D. ₹4 Crore

**ANSWER: C**

2. How many Power Angling & Tilting Bulldozers has BEML been ordered to supply under the new contract?

- A. 66
- B. 79
- C. 88
- D. 100

**ANSWER: B**

3. What is the power output of DRDO's Mk-2(A) laser-directed energy weapon system?

- A. 10 kilowatts
- B. 15 kilowatts

- C. 25 kilowatts
- D. 30 kilowatts

**ANSWER: D**

**4. Where was the DRDO's scramjet combustor tested for over 1,000 seconds?**

- A. Thiruvananthapuram
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Kurnool

**ANSWER: C**

**5. Which organization designed and constructed INS Nistar?**

- A. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
- B. Cochin Shipyard Limited
- C. Hindustan Shipyard Limited
- D. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers

**ANSWER: C**

**6. INS Karmuk Is A**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**7. 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**

**8. "Sarvatra" (Everywhere) Is The Motto Of**

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

**ANSWER: C**

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

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

**ANSWER: D**

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

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

**ANSWER: A**

**11. Moroni Is The Capital Of**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**12. "An Introduction to Dreamland" Book Is Written By**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**13. Current NSA Of India Is**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**14. Ex 'AUSINDEX' conducted b/w India &**

- A. Angola

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

**ANSWER: D**

**15. Vice Chief of the Naval Staff (India) Is**

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

**ANSWER: A**

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

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

**ANSWER: D**

**17. Where Is The Hq Of The Eastern Command of The IAF?**

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

**ANSWER: C**

**18. Indian Military Academy Is Located At**

- A. Pune
- B. Mumbai
- C. Pune
- D. Nagpur

**ANSWER: A**

**19. Current Raksha Mantri Is**

- A. Rajnath Singh
- B. Ajay Bhatt
- C. Smriti Irani



D. Anurag Thakur

**ANSWER: A**

