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DRDO Conducts Successful Trials of Drone Missile

- In a major boost to India's defence capabilities, DRDO has successfully carried out flight-trials of **UAV Launched Precision Guided Missile (ULPGM)-V3** at the **National Open Area Range (NOAR)** test range in **Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh**.
- The missile is an enhanced version of the ULPGM-V2 missile developed and delivered by DRDO earlier.
- The ULPGM-V3 is equipped with a high definition dual-channel seeker that can strike a wide variety of targets. It can be fired in plain and high-altitude areas.
- It has day-and-night capability and two-way data link to support post-launch target/aim-point update.
- The missile is equipped with three modular warhead options: Anti-armour to destroy modern age armoured vehicles equipped with Rolled Homogeneous Armour (RHA) with Explosive Reactive Armour (ERA);
- Penetration-cum-Blast warhead with **Anti Bunker** application and Pre-fragmentation warhead with a high lethality zone.



MoD inks Rs 2,000 Crore Contract with BEL

- MoD has signed a contract with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for the procurement of **Air Defence Fire Control Radars** for the Indian Army, worth approx. **Rs 2,000 crore**, under the Buy (Indian-Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured) category.
- With minimum 70% indigenous content, these Fire Control Radars will be able to detect all forms of air-borne threats, including fighter aircraft, attack helicopters and enemy drones.
- This would mark a significant milestone in the modernisation of the Air Defence Regiments and enhance the Indian Army's operational readiness, while contributing to the economic growth of the nation.
- The procurement marks a pivotal step towards empowering indigenous defence industries by encouraging Indian MSMEs through components' manufacturing and raw material supply.



CISC to Witness Exercise TALISMAN SABRE 2025

- Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (CISC), Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit will visit Australia on 26 – 28 July, 2025 to witness 11th edition of ongoing Exercise TALISMAN SABRE 2025 (TS25).

- It is a premier multilateral training activity led by the Australian Defence Force and the United States Armed Forces and likely to see the participation from 19 nations, representing a wide spectrum of regional and global partners.
- Six officers from Indian Armed Forces are participating in the ongoing TS25 as Staff Planners at various levels of **Joint Operations Planning, Control, Safety and Logistics**.
- The Indian Armed Forces' participation in Exercise Talisman Sabre is a testimony to India's growing role in multilateral defense diplomacy and its active contribution to a stable Indo-Pacific.
- T25 will showcase extensive interoperability and joint warfare capabilities across **air, land, maritime, space and cyber domains**.



Britain, Australia to Sign 50-year Nuclear Submarine Treaty

- Britain and Australia announced they will sign a cooperation treaty to build Australian nuclear-powered submarines and welcomed a review by President Donald Trump's administration of the United States' role in the trilateral defence deal.
- Marles said he and Healey will sign a 50-year treaty Saturday that will underpin bilateral cooperation on building an Australian fleet of submarines powered by US nuclear technology.
- The three-way alliance was announced in 2021 to contend with growing Chinese military might in the Asia-Pacific region.
- It would deliver Australia at least eight submarines, including three to five second-hand **US Virginia-class submarines**. Britain and Australia would cooperate to build their own **SSN-AUKUS submarines**.



26th Kargil Vijay Diwas

- As part of the 26th Kargil Vijay Diwas commemorations held in Drass, the Indian Army organized a drone show to highlight the significant technological advancements made in border security since the 1999 Kargil war.
- Kargil Vijay Diwas, observed annually on July 26, honours the martyrs who sacrificed their lives during the 1999 war against Pakistani intruders.
- The Battle of Kargil came at a steep human cost. More than 500 Indian soldiers were martyred, and over 1,300 were injured. The nation still reverberates with the stories of sacrifices made by officers and jawans, such as Captain Vikram Batra and Lieutenant Manoj Pandey. Pakistani casualties remain disputed, but estimates suggest they lost several hundred soldiers and did not officially accept many casualties.
- Despite limited technological support and under extreme conditions, Indian soldiers kept fighting the war that lasted over two months. It culminated in a decisive victory on July 26, 1999, now commemorated as Kargil Vijay Diwas.
- This year, the significance of Kargil Vijay Diwas deepens in light of Operation Sindoor. Launched in the wake of a devastating terror attack, Operation Sindoor saw the Indian Armed Forces unleash a precise, multi-domain offensive against terror infrastructure, not only in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir but also deep inside Pakistan itself.
- Pakistan attempted to strike military and civilian infrastructure along the northern and western borders but failed miserably and requested a ceasefire. In Dras, drones were sighted, prompting additional air defence deployments. In fact, short-range artillery guns engaged most of these drones.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is the main objective of the three-way alliance formed in 2021 involving Australia, the US, and UK?
 - A. Promote cultural exchange
 - B. Boost economic ties
 - C. Counter growing Chinese military influence
 - D. Fight terrorism in Middle East

ANSWER: C

2. What is the estimated worth of the contract signed between the MoD and BEL for Air Defence Fire Control Radars?
 - A. Rs 1,000 crore
 - B. Rs 2,000 crore
 - C. Rs 5,000 crore
 - D. Rs 500 crore

ANSWER: B

3. Who is the CISC visiting Australia for Exercise TALISMAN SABRE 2025?
 - A. Admiral R. Hari Kumar
 - B. General Manoj Pande
 - C. Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit
 - D. Lt. Gen. Upendra Dwivedi

ANSWER: C

4. What is the name of the missile recently flight-tested by DRDO at the NOAR test range in Andhra Pradesh?

- A. BrahMos
- B. Agni-P
- C. ULPGM-V3
- D. NAG

ANSWER: C

5. Kargil Vijay Diwas is observed every year on which date to honour the martyrs of the 1999 war?

- A. 15 August
- B. 26 January
- C. 26 July
- D. 2 October

ANSWER: C

6. Ex 'SPITTING COBRA' Conducted b/w India &

- A. USA
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Russia

ANSWER: A

7. Hq Of Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL) Is In

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

ANSWER: A

8. First & Largest Defence Equipment Manufacturer In India Is

- A. BDL
- B. HAL
- C. BEL
- D. AMPL

ANSWER: B

9. V. O. Chidambaranar Port Trust Is Located In

- A. T.N

- B. M.H
- C. Goa
- D. A.P

ANSWER: A

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

- A. Lucknow
- B. Agra
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

11. "Prashata Ranvirta" Is A Motto Of

- A. Jammu And Kashmir Rifles
- B. Gorkha Regiment
- C. Punjab Regiment
- D. None

ANSWER: A

12. Bongosagar Ex Conducted B/W Bangladesh And

- A. UK
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Nepal
- D. None

ANSWER: D

13. Heron TP Is a

- A. Air to Air missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Anti-tank Guided missile
- D. Drone

ANSWER: D

14. "Balidanam Vir Lakshanam" Is The Motto Of

- A. Corps of Signals
- B. RR
- C. AAD
- D. JKLI

ANSWER: D

15. Vice Admiral Rank of Indian Navy Is Equivalent To Which Rank of Indian Army?

- A. Air Marshal
- B. Flight Lt.
- C. Captain
- D. Lt. General

ANSWER: D

16. Range of Astra Missile Mk 2 Is

- A. 110 km
- B. 160 km
- C. 170 km
- D. 250 km

ANSWER: B

17. Ex Samudra Shakti Is Held B/W India &

- A. Italy
- B. Indonesia
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. None

ANSWER: B

18. Tirana Is The Capital Of

- A. Qatar
- B. UAE
- C. Maldives
- D. Albania

ANSWER: D

19. 'Paradise Lost' Book Is Written By

- A. John Milton
- B. Jane Austen
- C. Issac Newton
- D. Daniel Defoe

ANSWER: A

20. South-Western Air Command Hq Is In

- A. Gandhinagar

- B. New Delhi
- C. Prayagraj
- D. Nagpur

ANSWER: D