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India In Talks With Philippines For Developing Submarine Infrastructure

- India is in talks with the Philippines for development of submarine infrastructure, the Indian foreign ministry said on Tuesday, at a media briefing during **Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos's** visit to India.
- The discussions signify a deepening partnership between the two nations against the backdrop of heightened geopolitical tensions and evolving security dynamics in the **Indo-Pacific region**.
- The initiative to develop submarine infrastructure is part of a broader agenda to strengthen maritime security cooperation, reflecting India's expanding role as a security partner in Southeast Asia.
- Notably, the two countries sealed a pact involving the BrahMos missile system, symbolising a milestone in bilateral defence collaboration and technology transfer.
- For India, advancing defence ties with the Philippines complements its Act East policy and underscores its commitment to being a reliable security partner for ASEAN countries.



Sweden, Norway, Denmark Give \$500 mn to NATO

- Sweden, Norway and Denmark will contribute around \$500 million to a NATO-led initiative to supply Ukraine with U.S. weapons, including Patriot missiles, to ensure it can continue to defend itself against Russia, the three countries said.
- U.S. President Donald Trump said last month the United States would supply weapons to Ukraine, paid for by European allies, but did not indicate how this would be done.
- Denmark's share is around \$90 million while Norway said it will contribute around 1.5 billion Norwegian crowns (\$146 million).
- Sweden said it was contributing \$275 million to the package, which includes Patriot missiles and other air defence equipment, as well as anti-tank munitions.
- The Netherlands on Monday was the first country to announce its participation, with 500 million euros.



DAC Clears Projects Worth Rs 67,000 Crore

- The defence ministry has given a go ahead for procurements worth ₹67,000 crore, including indigenous medium altitude long endurance drones and autonomous surface vessels that will see several Indian companies competing for orders.
- The Defence Acquisition Council, led by defence minister Rajnath Singh, approved several proposals on Tuesday, including procurement of **mountain radars** and upgrades to **infantry combat vehicles and air defence systems**.
- The procurement of indigenous MALE drones is likely to see a strong competition between Indian companies that are investing into UAV technology, including Adani Defence, Solar Defence & Aerospace Ltd and HAL.



Army Chief Inaugurates 'Agnishodh'

- **Inauguration of Agnishodh – Indian Army Research Cell (IARC)**
- COAS, General Upendra Dwivedi, inaugurated Agnishodh at IIT Madras.
- The research cell is designed to bridge academic research with real-time military operations.
- It supports the Army's modernization under the Five Pillars of Transformation framework.
- **Vision for Self-Reliance and Technological Dominance**
- General Dwivedi stressed India's preparedness for fifth-generation warfare, focusing on:
 - **Non-contact warfare**
 - **Psychological dominance**
 - **Advanced technology**
- **Vision for Self-Reliance and Technological Dominance**
- He reiterated the Indian Army's commitment to **"Swadeshikaran Se Sashaktikaran"** (Empowerment through Indigenization).
- Mentioned alignment with key national tech missions:
 - **INDIAai**
 - **Chip-to-Startup**
 - **Project QUILA**
 - **Academic and Technological Collaborations**
- AGNISHODH is built on successful collaborations with:

- IIT Delhi
- IIT Kanpur
- IISc Bengaluru
- Aims to convert academic excellence into battlefield innovation, aiding the goal of **Viksit Bharat 2047**.
- **Focus Areas of Agnishodh**
- Key emerging domains include:
- **Additive manufacturing**
- **Cybersecurity**
- **Quantum computing**
- **Wireless communication**
- **Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS)**



Trump Reacts to India Citing US trade with Russia

- US President Donald Trump on Tuesday reacted to India citing the United States doing trade with Russia and yet criticising New Delhi for doing business with Russia. "I don't know anything about it, I'd have to check, but we'll get back to you on that," he said in reply to a reporter's question.
- Trump announced 25 per cent tariffs on Indian imports and unspecified penalties last week, ahead of his August 1 deadline for tariffs to come into effect even as talks for a deal are ongoing. Later, Trump threatened to hike that rate due to New Delhi buying military equipment and oil from Russia, calling India "Russia's largest buyer of energy, along with China".
- Hitting back at Trump's tariff move, India pointed out to the US imports from Russia. "Where the US is concerned, it continues to import from Russia uranium

hexafluoride for its nuclear industry, palladium for its EV industry, fertilisers as well as chemicals,” Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

- Citing this, New Delhi called Trump's targeting of India “unjustified and unreasonable” and reiterated that the government would safeguard its national interests and economic security.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. India is in discussions with which country for developing submarine infrastructure?

- A. Vietnam
- B. Thailand
- C. Philippines
- D. Malaysia

ANSWER: C

2. What is the total amount pledged by Sweden, Norway, and Denmark to the NATO-led initiative for Ukraine?

- A. \$300 million
- B. \$400 million
- C. \$500 million
- D. \$600 million

ANSWER: C

3. What is the total value of defence procurements recently approved by the Indian Defence Ministry?

- A. ₹57,000 crore
- B. ₹67,000 crore
- C. ₹77,000 crore
- D. ₹87,000 crore

ANSWER: B

4. What is the primary objective of the newly inaugurated 'Agnishodh' Indian Army Research Cell?

- A. Train officers in cybersecurity
- B. Develop new submarine designs
- C. Bridge academic research with real-time military operations
- D. Manufacture advanced drones

ANSWER: C

5. Which Exercise Isn't Conducted B/W India & USA?

- A. Yudh Abhyas
- B. Vajra Prahar
- C. Sangam
- D. Desert Eagle

ANSWER: D

6. The Capital Of Turkmenistan Is

- A. Ashgabat
- B. Doha
- C. Tehran
- D. Moscow

ANSWER: A

7. Hq Of NITI Aayog Is In

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

ANSWER: D

8. Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Udan Akademi Is In

- A. Amethi
- B. Chennai
- C. Jammu
- D. Jalandhar

ANSWER: A

9. World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Hq Is At

- A. Vienna, Austria
- B. Washington, DC, USA
- C. Geneva, Switzerland
- D. Rome, Italy

ANSWER: C

10. War Cry Of Mechanised Infantry Regiment Is

- A. Durga Mata K Jai
- B. Raja Ram Chandra K Jai
- C. Bolo Bharat Mata Ki Jai
- D. Bajrang Bali K Jai

ANSWER: C

11. Motto Of the Mechanised Infantry Regiment Is

- A. Service Before Self
- B. Warrior
- C. Always Brave
- D. Valour & Faith

ANSWER: D

12. Dornier 228 Is A

- A. Submarine
- B. Missile
- C. Utility Aircraft
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

13. Which Nation Has to Give the Largest Funding To UN Peacekeeping Force?

- A. Russia
- B. USA

- C. China
- D. Canada

ANSWER: B

14. NASSCOM Stands For

- A. National Association of Software and Servant Companies
- B. National Association of Sewak and Service Companies
- C. National Associate of Software and Service Companies
- D. National Association of Software and Service Companies

ANSWER: D

15. Corps of Military Police (CMP) Centre and School Is At

- A. Imphal
- B. Pachmarhi
- C. Chennai
- D. Bangalore

ANSWER: D

16. Army School of Physical Training Is At

- A. Pune
- B. Pachmarhi
- C. Chennai
- D. Bangalore

ANSWER: A

17. Army Airborne Training School Is At

- A. Pune
- B. Agra
- C. Chennai
- D. Noida

ANSWER: B

18. Where Is The Hq Of The Eastern Command of The Indian Army?

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

ANSWER: C

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

- A. Garuda Shakti
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: A

20. Hq of PARA SF Is At

- A. Chennai
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Nagpur
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: B

