

Daily Defence Current Affairs

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Chief of Australian Army, Commences Four-day Visit To India

- Lieutenant General Simon Stuart, Chief of the Australian Army, has arrived in New Delhi on an official visit to India from 11 to 14 August 2025. The visit aims to further strengthen bilateral defence cooperation and enhance strategic engagement between the two nations.
- The Chief of Australian Army was briefed on India's security perspective, Operation SINDOOR, and recent advancements in technology absorption within the Indian Army.
- On 12 August, General Stuart will travel to Agra to visit the 50 (Independent) Parachute Brigade and interact with all ranks. He will also visit the iconic Taj Mahal before returning to New Delhi to deliver a keynote address at the National Defence College.
- **India–Australia Defence Relations**
 - **1. Background**
 - India and Australia's defence ties have grown rapidly in the past two decades, moving from limited engagement to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) in June 2020.
 - Both countries share a commitment to a free, open, and rules-based Indo-Pacific, with mutual concerns over maritime security and China's assertiveness.
 - **2. Key Frameworks & Agreements**
 - Defence Cooperation Framework (2006): Laid the foundation for regular defence dialogues.
 - Mutual Logistics Support Arrangement (MLSA) – 2020: Allows reciprocal access to military bases, refuelling, repair, and supplies.

- Defence Science and Technology Implementing Arrangement – 2020: Promotes joint defence R&D.
- Joint Working Group on Defence (JWG): Meets regularly to review cooperation.
- **3. Military Exercises**
- AUSINDEX – Bilateral naval exercise (since 2015), focuses on anti-submarine warfare, maritime security, and interoperability.
- Pitch Black – Large multilateral air combat exercise in Australia; India participates with IAF fighters.
- Malabar – Quad’s annual naval exercise (India, USA, Japan, Australia).
- Cope India & Talisman Sabre – Multinational exercises with participation from both sides.
- **4. Defence Dialogue Mechanisms**
- 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue (Defence & Foreign Ministers) – First held in September 2021.
- Defence Policy Talks – Senior-level discussions on strategic and operational matters.
- Service-to-Service Staff Talks – Between Navy, Army, and Air Force of both nations.



MoD Approves ₹30,000 Crore Indigenous UAV Deal

- The Defence Acquisition Council led by Rajnath Singh, has recently approved a major ₹30,000 crore contract to procure **87 Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE) drones** for the Indian armed forces, marking a pivotal step in unlocking and scaling the indigenous UAV manufacturing ecosystem in India.
- Crucially, the contract will be split between the two lowest bidders in a 64:36 ratio, ensuring that two separate manufacturing lines are established. This approach provides flexibility for ramping up production swiftly as well as supports future export potential.
- The drones procured will serve diverse roles including reconnaissance, electronic warfare, and precision missile strikes.



Adani Defence Joins Prime Aero To Buy Indamer Technics

- Adani Defence & Aerospace, in partnership with Prime Aero, has agreed to wholly acquire Indamer Technics Pvt Ltd (ITPL), an aircraft maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) company, deepening its presence in the fast-growing domestic aviation services market.
- The deal will be executed through Horizon Aero Solutions Ltd, an equal joint venture between Adani Defence and Prime Aero, owned by Prajay Patel. Financial details of the transaction were not disclosed.
- "The Indian aviation industry has witnessed an unprecedented transformation, becoming the 3rd largest in terms of passenger traffic. With the Indian carriers

set to induct more than 1500 aircraft in the coming years, we are on the cusp of a new era in aviation," said Jeet Adani, Director, Adani Airports.



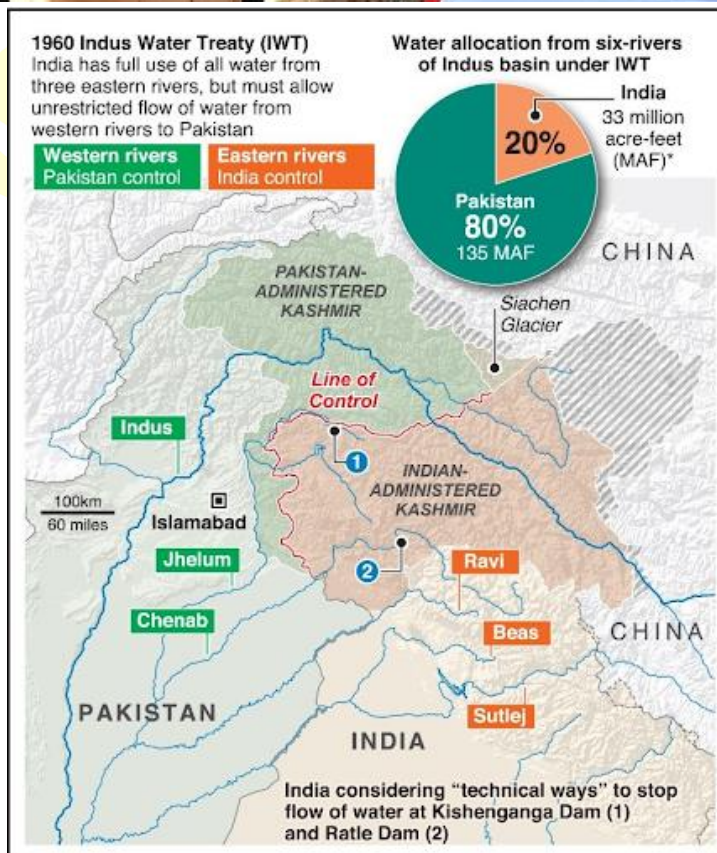
We'll Take Half World Down With Us Asim Munir's

- Pakistan's Army Chief Asim Munir has openly warned of a "nuclear war" from American soil. Addressing an event in Tampa, Florida, Pakistan's de facto military ruler threatened to take down "half the world" if his country faced an existential threat in a future war with India.
- "We are a nuclear nation. If we think we are going down, we'll take half the world down with us," he said.
- **On The Indus Waters Treaty**
- Pakistan's Field Marshal also threatened to destroy any infrastructure that India builds on the Indus water channels-- which could impede water flow to Pakistan-- saying his country has no dearth of missiles.
- Munir claimed that New Delhi's decision to place the Indus Waters Treaty into abeyance after the **Pahalgam terror attack** in April could put 250 million people at risk of starvation.
- **Nobel Prize**
- The Pakistan Army Chief is on his second visit to the US in two months. On his last visit, he was invited for a White House luncheon with President Trump on June 18. During the visit, he had recommended the US President's name for a Nobel Prize for his supposed peace-making efforts.
- **Pakistan's Nuclear Power**

- According to **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sipri)**, a leading defence and armaments think tank, Pakistan is a strong nuclear power, having an estimated **170 warheads** as per its latest assessment. In comparison, **India has 180 nuclear stored warheads** as of January 2025.



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US designates BLA, Majeed Brigade as Foreign Terrorist Organisation

- The US on Monday designated Pakistan-based Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) and its alias, The Majeed Brigade, as a Foreign Terrorist Organisation.
- BLA was designated as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT) in 2019 following several terrorist attacks. Since then, the group has claimed responsibility for several attacks, including by the Majeed Brigade, the State Department said in a statement.
- The statement said the State Department is designating BLA and its alias, The Majeed Brigade, as a Foreign Terrorist Organisation (FTO), and adding the Majeed Brigade as an alias to BLA's previous SDGT designation.
- The action, it said, "demonstrates the Trump administration's commitment to countering terrorism".
- "Terrorist designations play a critical role in our fight against this scourge and are an effective way to curtail support for terrorist activities," the State Department said.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Adani Defence Systems and Technologies Limited acquired 100% stake in Indamer Technics Private Limited through which venture?

- A. Aero India Ventures
- B. Horizon Aero Solutions Limited
- C. Sky Tech Innovations Private Limited
- D. Adani Aero Defence Limited

ANSWER: B

2. The DAC recently approved a ₹30,000 crore contract for procuring 87 drones of which category for the Indian armed forces?

- A. High Altitude Long Endurance (HALE)
- B. Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE)
- C. Short Range Reconnaissance (SRR)
- D. Micro Tactical UAVs (MTUAV)

ANSWER: B

3. When did India host the SCO summit as chair of the organisation?

- A. 2020
- B. 2021
- C. 2022
- D. 2023

ANSWER: D

4. Defence Institute of Physiology & Allied Sciences Is A Operating Agency Of

- A. ISRO
- B. BDL
- C. DRDO
- D. CSL

ANSWER: C

5. Ex 'BLUE FLAG' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. Israel
- D. Kazakhstan

ANSWER: C

6. Which Organisation Manufactured Tejas Mark-2 Fighter Jets?

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

ANSWER: C

7. Udarshakti Is A Bilateral Exercise Which 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 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 MH 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