

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### SLINEX 2025

- Indian naval ships '**Rana**' and '**Jyoti**' have arrived at Colombo to participate in a bilateral exercise between the navies of India and Sri Lanka that aims at enhancing interoperability and maritime cooperation.
- Conceptualised in **2005**, **Sri Lanka-India Naval Exercise (SLINEX)** is a bilateral exercise that has strengthened maritime cooperation between the two nations over two decades.
- **INS Rana**, a **guided missile destroyer**, and **INS Jyoti**, a **fleet tanker**, have arrived at Colombo to participate in the **12th edition of the exercise**, running from August 14-18, a Navy spokesperson said.
- The previous edition of SLINEX was conducted at **Visakhapatnam**, India from December 17-20 last year.



## MoD to Establish Services Selection Board in Guwahati

- The Ministry of Defence has informed that the proposal of the Government of Assam seeking to establish a Services Selection Board (SSB) Centre at Guwahati is under active consideration.
- This has been informed through a communiqué written to Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on 6th August, 2025.
- It may be noted that with an aim to provide a vital platform for the selection of officers in the Armed Forces and inspire the local youth to pursue careers in the Defence Forces, Sarma wrote a letter to the Ministry of Defence on 20th February, 2025.
- Sarma stated that the candidates from the North Eastern Region find it challenging to access existing SSB Centres, as they are located in the Northern, Central and Southern Indian regions.



## PM Launches 'Sudarshan Chakra' Mission

- In a significant announcement that will have far reaching consequences for the future of the armed forces and defence of the nation, PM Narendra Modi announced a new mission that will identify and induct future weapons over the next decade to provide a comprehensive national security shield.
- It is learnt to be an advanced, multi-tiered air defence system, aimed at creating a nationwide security shield to thwart enemy attacks across domains and strengthen the country's deterrent and offensive capabilities.

- “In the next 10 years, by 2035, I want to expand, strengthen and modernise this national security shield,” he said, adding that the country will launch the Sudarshan Chakra mission. “Taking inspiration from Shri Krishna, we have chosen the path of his Sudarshan Chakra,” he said.



## Delivery of Yard 3027 (IKSHAK)

- Ikshak (Yard 3027), the third of four Survey Vessel (Large) ships, 102<sup>nd</sup> ship steered by the Indian Navy's **Warship Design Bureau**, built at **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers** (GRSE), Kolkata and overseen by Warship Overseeing Team (Kolkata) was delivered to the Indian Navy on 14 Aug 25.
- The first ship of the class, INS Sandhayak was commissioned on 03 Feb 24 and second ship, INS Nirdeshak, on 18 Dec 24. The contract for four Survey Vessel (Large) was signed on 30 Oct 18.
- The ship will also collect oceanographic and geophysical data for defence and civil applications. With a displacement of about 3400 tons and overall length of 110 meters
- Ikshak has an indigenous content of over 80% by cost. The delivery of Ikshak is a reassurance on impetus of the Government of India and the Indian Navy towards 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'.



## China Hands Over Third Hangor-class Submarine to Pakistan

- China has delivered the third of the eight new "advanced" Hangor-class submarines to Pakistan as part of Beijing's efforts to upgrade Islamabad's naval strength to support its growing presence in the Indian Ocean, India's backyard.
- The launching ceremony of the third Hangor-class submarine was held in Wuhan, Central China's Hubei province, on Thursday, the state-run Global Times reported on Saturday.
- The second of the eight submarines China is building for Pakistan was handed over in March this year.
- This is in addition to four modern naval frigates that China supplied to Pakistan in the last few years as part of its efforts to boost Pakistan's naval strength amid the Chinese navy's steady expansion in the Arabian Sea, where it is developing the Gwadar port in Balochistan, as well as in the Indian Ocean.
- Speaking at the launch of the third submarine, Pakistan's Deputy Chief of Naval Staff Project-2 Vice Admiral Abdul Samad said the Hangor-class submarine's cutting-edge weaponry and advanced sensors would be instrumental in

sustaining regional power equilibrium and ensuring maritime stability, the daily quoted a Pakistan defence statement as saying.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **Ikshak (Yard 3027), recently delivered to the Indian Navy, was built at which shipyard?**

- A. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)
- B. Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)
- C. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)
- D. Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL)

**ANSWER: C**

2. **What is the name of the mission announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi after Operation Sindoor?**

- A. Mission Shakti Vayu
- B. Mission Sudarshan Chakra
- C. Mission Trishul
- D. Mission Varuna

**ANSWER: B**

3. **INS Rana and INS Jyoti recently arrived at Colombo to participate in which edition of SLINEX?**

- A. 10th edition
- B. 11th edition
- C. 12th edition



D. 13th edition

**ANSWER: C**

**4. INS Rana, which participated in the India-Sri Lanka bilateral exercise, is classified as what type of ship?**

- A. Aircraft Carrier
- B. Guided Missile Destroyer
- C. Submarine
- D. Amphibious Assault Ship

**ANSWER: B**

**5. Where is the proposal for establishing a new SSB Centre under consideration by the MoD?**

- A. Shillong
- B. Imphal
- C. Guwahati
- D. Dispur

**ANSWER: C**

**6. The Motto Of AMC, “सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः” Which Is Derived From The**

- A. Brihadaranyaka Upanishad
- B. Mundak Upanishad
- C. Taittiriya Upanishad
- D. Katha Upanishad

**ANSWER: A**

**7. Which of the following is DRDO Technology Demonstration Vessel?**

- A. INS Delhi
- B. INS Virat
- C. INS Vagir
- D. INS Anvesh

**ANSWER: D**

**8. Ex ‘SPITTING COBRA’ Conducted b/w India &**

- E. USA
- F. Oman
- G. UAE

H. Russia

**ANSWER: A**

**9. Hq Of Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL) Is In**

A. Kochi

B. Chennai

C. Mumbai

D. Marmugao

**ANSWER: A**

**10. First & Largest Defence Equipment Manufacturer In India Is**

A. BDL

B. HAL

C. BEL

D. AMPL

**ANSWER: B**

**11. V. O. Chidambaranar Port Trust Is Located In**

A. T.N

B. M.H

C. Goa

D. A.P

**ANSWER: A**

**12. Where Is The Hq of The Central Command of The Indian Army?**

A. Lucknow

B. Agra

C. Pune

D. Mumbai

**ANSWER: A**

**13. "Prashata Ranvirta" Is A Motto Of**

A. Jammu And Kashmir Rifles

B. Gorkha Regiment

C. Punjab Regiment

D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**14. Bongosagar Ex Conducted B/W Bangladesh And**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**15. Heron TP Is a**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**16. "Balidanam Vir Lakshanam" Is The Motto Of**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**17. 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**

**18. Range of Astra Missile Mk 2 Is**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**19. Ex Samudra Shakti Is Held B/W India &**

- A. Italy
- B. Indonesia



- C. Sri Lanka
- D. None

**ANSWER: B**

**20. The G20 Was Founded In**

- A. 1999
- B. 2000
- C. 2004
- D. 2005

**ANSWER: A**

