

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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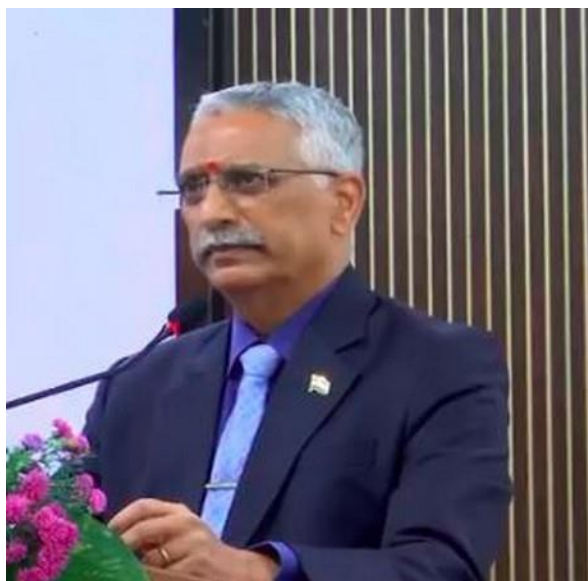
### Zelenskyy Confirms USD 90 bn US Weapons Plan

- Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy confirmed plans for Ukraine to purchase USD 90 billion worth of American weapons through European funding as part of its security guarantees, while noting that the dates for a proposed trilateral meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin and US President Donald Trump are yet to be finalised.
- Another part of the guarantees would involve Ukraine manufacturing drones, some of which would be purchased by the US, Zelenskyy said, noting that no formal agreement has been reached. The agreement will be formalized over the next week or 10 days.
- Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky and the global leaders who see Russia as a perpetual threat seem to have accepted US President Donald Trump's Moscow-mandated terms, with talks now expected to centre on unspecified "robust security guarantees" US interlocutors have promised for Ukraine if it ends the war. They want the guarantees to be legislatively binding and conforming to Article 5 of the Nato treaty that obligates all alliance members to defend any member who is attacked, which would make Ukraine a de facto Nato member.
- German Chancellor Friedrich Merz and French President Emmanuel Macron both said a ceasefire in Ukraine should be the next step, even though Trump had argued that it was not necessary before a more permanent solution is found.
- Zelensky remained conspicuously quiet on the issue.
- What we heard from the leaders suggests that their discussions behind closed doors focused on security guarantees for Ukraine and prospects for a meeting between Zelensky and Putin.



## Former Army Chief Gen Naravane Launches Book

- Former Army Chief Gen Manoj Naravane recently launched his book, "**The Cantonment Conspiracy**," at RIIM Business School in Pune, Maharashtra.
- During his address on Sunday, he emphasised the significance of defence spending, comparing it to an "insurance premium" that prevents wars and ensures national security.
- Gen Narvane also said, "The defence of a country cannot be outsourced. It has to be done by the country itself. You can outsource the security of a campus, but not of a nation. You cannot say, 'China, please come and guard us.' It is the government's primary responsibility to secure the country."



## Indian Army to organise MILMEDICON-2025

- The Indian Army will host MILMEDICON-2025, an International Conference on Physical and Mental Trauma in Military Settings, at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, on August 28-29, as per an official release.
- Organised by the Director General of Medical Services (Army), this landmark event is being conducted as part of the Ministry of Defence's declared "Year of Reforms".
- MILMEDICON-2025 will also strengthen international cooperation in military medicine with participation from delegates representing a number of Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs).
- Both a commemoration of achievements and a forward-looking initiative, MILMEDICON-2025 promises to foster global collaboration, innovation, and the exchange of knowledge in the domain of military medicine.



## 'Important That De-Escalation On Border Continues': S Jaishankar

- External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar met with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in New Delhi on Monday, August 18, 2025, in a significant diplomatic engagement ahead of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit scheduled in Tianjin later this month.

- The meeting was an opportunity to review and strengthen India-China bilateral relations amidst ongoing efforts to stabilise the situation on the border and build trust between the two neighbours, following years of tension since the deadly **Galwan Valley clashes in 2020**.
- Dr. Jaishankar emphasised the crucial importance of maintaining peace and tranquillity along the India-China border, underlining that positive momentum in bilateral ties could only be achieved if de-escalation on the border continued with mutual cooperation.
- He stressed that the differences between the two countries must not escalate into disputes, pointing towards a clear and cooperative approach as essential for moving forward.
- The External Affairs Minister also highlighted the broader context of their engagement, referring to the fight against terrorism in all its forms as a major priority for both nations. He looked forward to an exchange of views with the Chinese side on this and other issues of mutual interest.



## **Dvipa Defence's Indigenous U-19 SMG**

- Hyderabad-based Dvipa Defence India Private Limited has developed an indigenous submachine gun (SMG) known as the U-19, chambered in the popular 9×19mm calibre. This weapon is poised to soon enter trials with India's paramilitary forces, marking an important step in advancing India's self-reliance in small arms manufacturing.
- The U-19 SMG is designed with a focus on ergonomics, compactness, and operational efficiency, tailored to meet the demanding needs of paramilitary and law enforcement personnel engaged in close-quarter combat scenarios.

- The U-19 SMG benefits from Dvipa Defence's growing expertise in small arms innovation, complementing their other indigenous products like the Ugram assault rifle series.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. The Indian Army will host MILMEDICON-2025, at which venue?**

- A. India Gate, New Delhi
- B. Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- C. Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
- D. Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi

**ANSWER: C**

**2. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy confirmed plans to purchase how much worth of American weapons through European funding?**

- A. USD 9 billion
- B. USD 90 billion
- C. USD 19 billion
- D. USD 99 billion

**ANSWER: B**

**3. Hyderabad-based Dvipa Defence India Private Limited has developed which indigenous submachine gun?**

- A. INSAS-21
- B. U-19
- C. AK-203
- D. MP-9

**ANSWER: B**

**4. By which year does India aim to develop Sudarshan Chakra Mission?**

- A. 2028
- B. 2030
- C. 2033
- D. 2035

**ANSWER: D**

**5. In which states recently will the two new Defence Industrial Corridors be established?**

- A. Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu
- B. Gujarat and Rajasthan
- C. Haryana and Kerala
- D. Maharashtra and Assam

**ANSWER: D**

**6. Khardung La is located at**

- A. Leh
- B. Shimla
- C. Dharmshala
- D. J&K

**ANSWER: A**

**7. Minuteman III is a**

- A. ICBM
- B. SRBM
- C. SLBM
- D. MRBM

**ANSWER: A**

**8. Operation Sankalp was initiated and implemented by the**

- A. IAF
- B. BSF
- C. Indian Navy
- D. ICG

**ANSWER: C**

**9. Which of the following is the oldest CAPF?**

- A. CRPF



- B. BSF
- C. Assam Rifles
- D. BSF

**ANSWER: C**

**10. Prahaar Missile Manufactured By**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**11. What Is The Name Given To India's First-ever Satellite And Nuclear-missile Tracking Ship?**

- A. INS Tez
- B. INS Parvat
- C. INS Eklavya
- D. INS Dhruv

**ANSWER: D**

**12. INS Kochi Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Tank

**ANSWER: A**

**13. IBSAMAR Trilateral Naval Exercise Held Between India, Brazil And \_\_\_?**

- A. North Korea
- B. Switzerland
- C. Singapore
- D. South Africa

**ANSWER: D**

**14. The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) motto is**

- A. Always be there
- B. Service for Nation
- C. 24\*7
- D. Disaster Service Forever

**ANSWER: D**

**15. Which Honorary Rank Does Sachin Tendulkar Hold?**

- A. Lieutenant Colonel
- B. Lieutenant
- C. Major
- D. Group Captain

**ANSWER: D**

**16. The Port Duqm Is In**

- A. Yemen
- B. Iran
- C. Iraq
- D. Oman

**ANSWER: D**

**17. Regimental Centre Of THE BRIGADE OF THE**

- A. Kamptee, Maharashtra
- B. Ahmednagar, Maharashtra
- C. Delhi Cantonment
- D. Fatehgarh, Uttar Pradesh

**ANSWER: A**

**18. Lamitye Exercise Held B/W India And\_\_\_?**

- A. Thailand
- B. USA
- C. Qatar
- D. Seychelles

**ANSWER: D**

**19. War Cry of THE MAHAR REGIMENT**

- A. Bharat Mata ki Jai
- B. Bolo Hindustan Ki Jay
- C. Jai Hind
- D. Durga Mata Ki Jai

**ANSWER: B**



**20. Vajra Prahar Exercise Held B/W India And\_\_\_\_?**

- A. Thailand
- B. USA
- C. Qatar
- D. Seychelles

**ANSWER: B**

