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Centre Approves ₹62,000-crore Order

- In a boost to indigenous fighter jet development efforts, the Centre has cleared an order for 97 additional LCA Mk1a aircraft that are to be made by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL).
- The order, valued at ₹62,000 crore, will take the total number of LCA Mk1A fighters in the air force to 180, adding to an earlier order of 83 that is in the process of being delivered.
- The latest version of the fighter jets will be manufactured at two production lines in **Bengaluru and Nashik**. The plan is to ramp up production capacity to deliver 24 jets on an annual basis in the coming years.
- The LCA Mark 1A plane has more advanced avionics and radars than the initial 40 LCAs being supplied to the Air Force.
- The indigenous content in the new LCA Mark1As is going to be more than 65 per cent.
- The programme has been the harbinger of the Atmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiatives of the nation. More importantly, it is a flag bearer of India's self-reliance in the aerospace sector.
- The HAL is also set to bag deals for buying over 200 LCA Mark 2s and a similar number of fifth-generation Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft.



Himachal Pradesh Cadet as first-ever Hindu Chaplain

- The UK's Royal Navy has appointed its first-ever Hindu chaplain, the first non-Christian to be appointed for the official role of offering spiritual support to fellow naval officers based on the tenets of Hinduism.
- Bhanu Attri, originally from Himachal Pradesh, took over his new role last week after undergoing a somewhat different course from other Navy cadets.
- He went through six weeks of officer instruction, including sea survival with four weeks at sea aboard the warship HMS Iron Duke, and three weeks focused on the role of a military chaplain.



Breaking Down The Chinese Wall

- Taking the first big steps to reset the entire trajectory of bilateral relations, India and China have decided to work on a settlement of the boundary question and an expert group will be set up to explore an early solution to boundary delimitation.
- After Prime Minister Narendra Modi, External Affairs Minister and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval met Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, the MEA issued a statement and said the two sides have also decided to **resume direct flights** at the earliest and increase the scale of Indian pilgrimage to Mount **Kailash and Lake Manasarovar**.
- PM Narendra Modi will attend the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation** summit in China and the two sides also agreed to the reopening of border trade through the three designated trading points - **Lipulekh Pass, Shipki La and Nathu La**.
- Mr Doval and Mr Wang, who are the countries' Special Representatives (SR) on the Boundary Question, held the 24th round of the SR dialogue.
- The countries agreed to support each other in hosting diplomatic events, including the **2026 BRICS summit in India and the 2027 summit in China**.



Rudra, Bhairava, Divyastra and Shaktibaan

- The Indian Army has entered the first phase of a comprehensive transformation aimed at integrating traditional strengths with modern warfare capabilities. Announced by Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi on Vijay Diwas (July 26), the changes are

part of the army's 'Decade of Transformation' (2023 to 2032) and are being implemented as India marks 79 years of independence.

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- The transformation includes the creation of new formations such as all-arms Rudra Brigades, Bhairav Battalions, Divyastra Batteries, and Shaktibaan units. These developments aim to enhance the army's adaptability and firepower, using advanced technologies such as drones, loitering munitions, indigenous missile systems, and upgraded air defence capabilities.
- The Army's Air Defence (AAD) branch is also strengthening its capabilities with the deployment of two new regiments of Akash Prime surface-to-air missiles, specifically designed for high-altitude areas along the border with China. These systems are capable of intercepting aircraft, helicopters, and drones up to 25 km away.
- By the end of August, the Indian Army is expected to raise five Bhairav Battalions. These lethal special forces units serve as a bridge between elite special forces and conventional infantry. While similar in nature to special forces, Bhairav battalions focus on less strategic tasks, freeing up elite units for high-priority, deep-penetration missions.
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- Rudra Brigades to integrate multiple combat arms
- Two Indian Army brigades have already been converted into Rudra Brigades. These all-arms formations combine infantry, artillery, and armoured units into a single operational structure. Designed for flexible deployment and increased combat effectiveness, Rudra Brigades represent a structural shift toward integrated warfighting teams.
- Divyastra and Shaktibaan units for advanced artillery warfar
- The artillery arm is also undergoing changes. At least five regiments will include Divyastra Batteries, which integrate traditional guns with drones and loitering munitions for hybrid precision attacks. According to an officer, "The primary goal of Divyastra batteries is to enhance the artillery's firepower and operational

effectiveness by enabling deep-strike capabilities, real-time target tracking, and precision engagement of both static and moving threats.”



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REVIEW QUESTIONS

EXAMS

1. What is the primary role of drone platoons being integrated into infantry battalions?

- A. Logistic supply support
- B. Improving surveillance, reconnaissance, and strike capabilities
- C. Enhancing communication systems
- D. Training new recruits

ANSWER: B

2. What does the structure of Rudra Brigades include?

- A. Only Infantry units
- B. Infantry and Naval units
- C. Infantry, Artillery, and Armoured units
- D. Artillery and Air Defence units

ANSWER: C

3. What is the primary goal of Divyastra Batteries in the artillery arm?

- A. To enhance logistic mobility
- B. To improve training and doctrine
- C. To enable deep-strike, real-time tracking, and precision engagement
- D. To support naval operations

ANSWER: C

4. How many artillery regiments are set to include Divyastra Batteries?

- A. Three
- B. Five
- C. Seven
- D. Ten

ANSWER: B

5. Ex 'SURYA KIRAN' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Nepal

ANSWER: D

6. Pinaka Is Developed By

- A. JAXA
- B. DRDO
- C. Boeing
- D. CSL

ANSWER: B

7. Ex 'IBSMAR' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Brazil
- B. South Africa
- C. UAE
- D. Both A&B

ANSWER: D

8. "High Altitude Warfare School" Comes Under Which Command?

- A. Eastern Command
- B. Northern Command

- C. Western Command
- D. Army Training Command

ANSWER: B

9. PATRIOT Guidance Missile System Developed By B/W

- A. USA
- B. China
- C. Germany
- D. Russia

ANSWER: A

10. 'Konkan - Shakti' conducted b/w India &

- A. Singapore
- B. Oman
- C. Indonesia
- D. United Kingdom

ANSWER: D

11. The Karakoram Range covers parts of

- A. Afghanistan, China, Indonesia
- B. Afghanistan, China, India
- C. Afghanistan, China, India, Pakistan, and Tajikistan
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

12. Sarvatra Vijay Is The Motto Of

- A. RAJPUT REGIMENT
- B. DOGRA REGIMENT
- C. SIKH REGIMENT
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

13. "Kartavyam Anvatma" (Duty before death) Is The Motto Of

- A. RAJPUT REGIMENT
- B. DOGRA REGIMENT
- C. SIKH REGIMENT
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

14. Which of the following is NOT a landlocked country?

- A. Laos
- B. Serbia
- C. Ethiopia
- D. Cambodia

ANSWER: D

15. QRFV Stands For

- A. Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle
- B. Query Reaction Fighting Vehicle
- C. Quick Reaction Fighter Vehicle
- D. Quick Reactive Fighting Vehicle

ANSWER: A

16. Which Is The 3rd Highest Rank of The Indian Army?

- A. Major General
- B. Lt Colonel
- C. Major
- D. Captain

ANSWER: A

17. Which Countries Are Divided By The Nine Dash Line?

- A. People's Republic of China and PRC Taiwan
- B. Afghanistan and Pakistan
- C. Afghanistan and Iran
- D. India and Myanmar

ANSWER: A

18. Kakrapar Atomic Power Station is located in ____.

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Gujarat
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Uttarakhand

ANSWER: B

19. Mil Mi-35 Is A

- A. Attack Helicopter

- B. Fighter Jet
- C. Tank
- D. UAV

ANSWER: A

20. LCA Tejas Mk A Is A

- A. Attack Helicopter
- B. Fighter Jet
- C. Tank
- D. UAV

ANSWER: B

