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




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World Athletics C'ships

- Indian Olympic gold medallist Neeraj Chopra's title defence at the World Athletics Championships Tokyo 2025 was unsuccessful, as he finished in eighth spot after what was an extremely underwhelming night for him, ending a streak of 26 top-two finishes in javelin throw events.
- Meanwhile, Sachin Yadav, his compatriot, had a much better showing, finishing **fourth** in the competition.
- The world javelin title went to **Trinidad and Tobago's Keshorn Walcott**, who managed the best throw of 88.16 m, marking his first World Championship gold 13 years after his Olympic triumph in London.
- At the second spot was **Anderson Peters**, the 2024 Olympics bronze medallist with a best throw of 87.38 m, followed by America's Curtis Thompson with a throw of 86.67 m.

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P ▲	Athlete		Mark
1	Keshorn WALCOTT	 TTO	88.16 SB
2	Anderson PETERS	 GRN	87.38
3	Curtis THOMPSON	 USA	86.67
4	Sachin YADAV	 IND	86.27 FB
5	Julian WEBER	 GER	86.11
6	Julius YEGO	 KEN	85.54
7	Rumesh Tharanga PATHIRAGE	 SRI	84.38
8	Neeraj CHOPRA	 IND	84.03
9	Dawid WEGNER	 POL	83.03
10	Arshad NADEEM	 PAK	82.75
11	Jakub VADLEJCH	 CZE	78.71
12	Cameron MCENTYRE	 AUS	75.65

'Will study implications for our national security : MEA

- India on Thursday issued a response in the wake of the newly signed "**Strategic Mutual Defence Agreement**" between **Saudi Arabia and Pakistan**, stating it will closely study the pact's implications for India's national security and regional and global stability.
- New Delhi acknowledges the formalisation of what it described as a "long-standing arrangement" between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, while noting that it would closely examine its potential ramifications.
- "This agreement, which reflects the shared commitment of both nations to enhance their security and to achieving security and peace in the region and the world, aims to develop aspects of defence cooperation between the two countries and strengthen joint deterrence against any aggression.
- The agreement states that any aggression against either country shall be considered an aggression against both," the joint statement further read.



India to Buy More Heron Drones

- The Indian armed forces are set to buy more Israeli Heron UAVs drones after their successful use in Operation Sindoor earlier this year and plan to arm them with air-launched **Spike anti-tank guided missiles**.
- The Heron drones are primarily used for long-range surveillance on both the Chinese and Pakistani borders and have proved highly effective.

- The Indian armed forces already operate a large fleet of Heron drones across all three services, the **Army, Navy and Air Force**, from their respective bases.
- Intelligence agencies also use Herons for specialised operations.
- In parallel, the Indian Air Force and the Ministry of Defence have been pursuing **Project Cheetah** for several years to upgrade the surveillance and combat capabilities of the Heron fleet.
- India has also been acquiring the advanced **Heron Mark 2 drones** in recent years. These upgraded UAVs are equipped with satellite communication systems, enabling them to fly longer missions with extended ranges.
- At the same time, India also has its own indigenous programme to develop **Medium Altitude Long Endurance** (MALE) drones. Under this plan, the government is looking to procure 87 UAVs through a competitive bidding process.
- The armed forces have projected a long-term requirement of nearly 400 MALE drones over the next 10-15 years to meet the country's security needs.



Indian Navy To Buy Underwater Remotely Operated Vehicles

- A deep-tech startup based in Odisha has inked a Rs 66-crore contract with the Indian Navy to manufacture indigenously developed Underwater Remotely Operated Vehicles.
- The start-up, Coratia Technologies, signed the contract last week to supply home-built underwater robots specialising in cleaning ship hulls, conducting

minor salvage activities and performing surveys and inspections of submerged infrastructures.

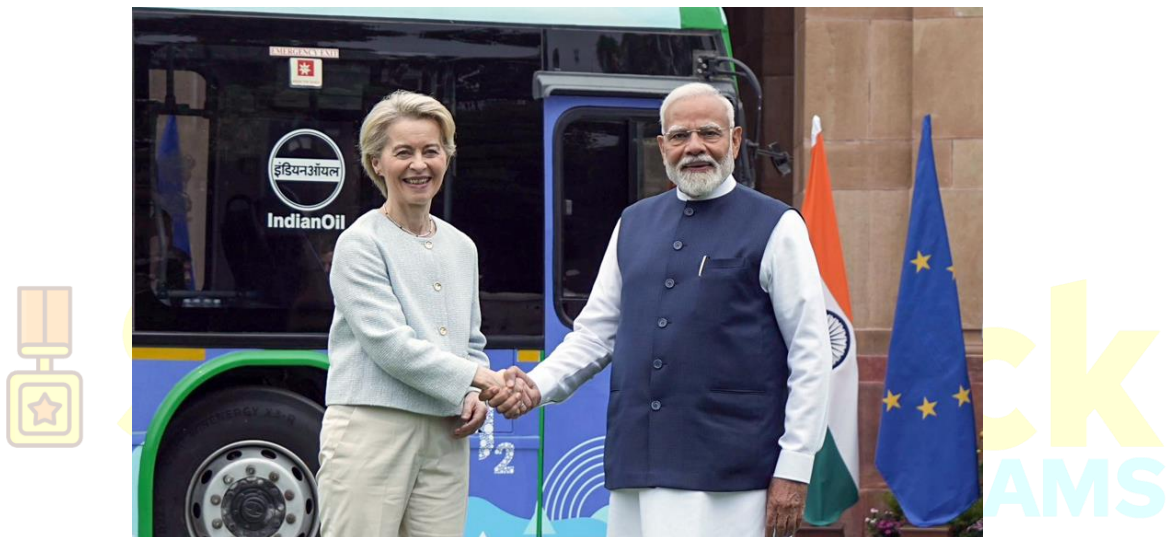
- In January 2023, the company won the Innovation for Defence Excellence (iDEX) challenge which is aimed at creating an ecosystem to foster innovation and technology development in the defence and aerospace sectors.
- Currently, the Indian Navy has commissioned the flagship product of Coratia Technologies called **Jalasimha**, which underwent rigorous testing and certifications to pass Technology Readiness Level-9, enabling its induction into Indian Naval operations.
- The deep-tech robotics startup, incubated at the **National Institute of Technology (NIT), Rourkela**, will supply and maintain its indigenously developed Underwater Remotely Operated Vehicles (UWROVs).
- The underwater robotics market size stands at **USD 5.08 billion** in 2025, and is pegged to reach **USD 9.53 billion by 2030**, according to Mordor Intelligence.



EU Unveils New Strategy To Boost Trade, Tech, And Defence

- The European Union unveiled a new strategic agenda to elevate its partnership with India, focusing on trade, technology, defence, and global cooperation.
- The European Commission and the High Representative adopted a Joint Communication outlining the 'New Strategic EU-India Agenda,' which seeks to deepen bilateral cooperation, enhance prosperity and security, and address global challenges together.

- The two leaders discussed regional and global developments, including the conflict in Ukraine, and reaffirmed their commitment to an early and peaceful resolution. Von der Leyen also conveyed birthday greetings to the Prime Minister.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcomed the new agenda, calling it a “shared commitment, shared goal, and shared responsibility.” In a telephone call with President von der Leyen, PM Modi expressed appreciation for the EU’s initiative and reiterated India’s commitment to finalising the FTA negotiations within the year. He also renewed his invitation for the next India–EU Summit to be held in India in 2026.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **At the World Athletics Championships 2025 in Tokyo, who won the gold medal in men’s javelin throw?**
A. Neeraj Chopra
B. Curtis Thompson
C. Anderson Peters
D. Keshorn Walcott
ANSWER: D

2. **The "Strategic Mutual Defence Agreement" signed between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan states that:**
A. Any trade deal violation will be considered aggression
B. Aggression against either country will be considered aggression against both

- C. Both countries will jointly develop nuclear weapons
- D. Both countries will share intelligence only on maritime issues

ANSWER: B

3. What capability upgrade is being pursued under India's Project Cheetah?

- A. Nuclear-powered submarines
- B. Surveillance and combat capabilities of Heron drones
- C. Development of stealth fighter jets
- D. Modernisation of artillery systems

ANSWER: B

4. The Indian Navy recently signed a contract worth Rs 66 crore with Coratia Technologies for which product?

- A. Anti-ship missiles
- B. Underwater Remotely Operated Vehicles (UWROVs)
- C. Long-range torpedoes
- D. Coastal radar systems

ANSWER: B

5. Under the new EU-India Strategic Agenda, what year has been proposed for hosting the next India-EU Summit in India?

- A. 2025
- B. 2026
- C. 2027
- D. 2028

ANSWER: B

6. Ex 'Nomadic Elephant' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Malaysia
- C. Mongolia
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

7. Joint Exercises B/w The India And USA Is Called:

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra

D. Tiger Triumph

ANSWER: D

8. Which Country Is Not The Member Of QUAD And?

A. USA

B. India

C. Japan

D. Russia

ANSWER: D

9. Where Is The Hq Of The Central Command of The IAF?

A. Kochi

B. Vishakhapatnam

C. Prayagraj

D. Mumbai

ANSWER: C

10. Which is Not Correctly Matched:

A. IAF Day: 8 Oct

B. Indian Navy Day: 4 Dec

C. Indian Army Day: 26 Jan

D. BSF Day: 1 Dec

ANSWER: C

11. "Sarvatra" (Everywhere) Is The Motto Of

A. JKRIF

B. RR

C. CORPS OF ENGINEERS

D. Madras Regiment

ANSWER: C

12. SLBM Stands For

A. Submarine-launched Ballistic Misery

B. Submarine-launched Ballistic Missile

C. Submarine-launched Ballet Missile

D. Solar-launched Ballistic Missile

ANSWER: B

13. Merkava Mk.4 Is The Tank Of

- A. Germany
- B. Israel
- C. USA
- D. India

ANSWER: B

14. Exercises B/w India And Egypt Is Called:

- A. SLINEX
- B. Indra
- C. Yudha Abhyas
- D. Ex CYCLONE

ANSWER: D

15. NAY PYI TAW Is The Capital Of

- A. Myanmar
- B. Mozambique
- C. Morocco
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

16. Colonel Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank Of Indian Navy Is

- A. Commander
- B. Captain
- C. Group Captain
- D. Lieutenant

ANSWER: B

17. From Which Country Has India Purchased Its Apache Helicopters?

- A. U.K.
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. USA

ANSWER: D

18. Air Commodore of IAF Is Equivalent To The Which Rank Of Indian Army?

- A. Brigadier
- B. Captain

- C. Lt. Colonel
- D. Colonel

ANSWER: A

19.What is the range of the Pinaka rocket launcher system?

- A. 50 kilometers
- B. 80 kilometers
- C. 100 kilometers
- D. 120 kilometers

ANSWER: B

20.Exercise 'Samudra Laksamana conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. Malaysia
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

