

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### Praveen Kumar Gets Appointed as DG of ITBP

- Senior IPS officers **Praveer Ranjan** and **Praveen Kumar** were on Friday appointed as the chiefs of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), respectively.
- Ranjan, a 1993-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of AGMUT (Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram, and Union Territories) cadre, is currently serving as the Special Director General of CISF.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved his appointment as Director General, CISF, for a period up to July 31, 2029, the date of his superannuation, an order issued by the Ministry of Personnel said.
- Praveen Kumar, Special Director, Intelligence Bureau, has been appointed as the Director General, ITBP, for a period up to September 30, 2030, the date of his superannuation.
- Kumar is a 1993-batch West Bengal cadre IPS officer. He will take over the charge of the border guarding force from incumbent Rahul Rasgotra, who is due to superannuate on September 30.



## ICG Launches Fast Patrol Vessel ICGS 'Adamya'

- The Indian Coast Guard commissioned the fast patrol vessel (FPV) Adamya at Paradip, Odisha, on September 19, 2025, marking an important boost to maritime security in the Bay of Bengal.
- Built by state-owned Goa Shipyard Limited as part of a series of eight FPVs, Adamya has been designed for high-speed interdiction, coastal surveillance, and rapid-response missions.
- With a top speed of 27 knots (around 50 kmph), the vessel is capable of swift pursuit and interception to counter threats such as infiltration, smuggling, and piracy.
- Equipped with advanced navigation and communication systems, the FPV will operate with a complement of five officers and 34 enlisted staff.
- Its deployment at **Paradip** is strategically significant, given the port's proximity to vital shipping lanes, offshore assets, and key approaches along India's eastern seaboard.



## US in Talks With Taliban On Re-establishing Counterterrorism Forces

- The United States is in discussions with the Taliban about re-establishing a small U.S. military presence at Afghanistan's Bagram air base as a launch point for counterterrorism operations, the Wall Street Journal reported on Friday, citing people with knowledge of the negotiations.
- The Journal, citing a U.S. official, also reported that the talks - headed by Special Envoy for hostage response Adam Boehler - include a potential prisoner exchange, a possible economic deal and a security component.
- China and the Taliban rejected US President Donald Trump's proposal to reclaim Afghanistan's strategic **Bagram air base** near the Chinese border, with Beijing cautioning against efforts to stir regional confrontation and Kabul reiterating that Afghans never accepted foreign military presence.
- The sprawling Bagram air base was abandoned by American troops four years ago in 2021 during their chaotic withdrawal ordered by then president Joe Biden, as Taliban militants took control of Kabul.
- Trump, speaking at a joint press conference in the UK with British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, on Thursday said he was trying to get the base back because of its proximity to where **China makes nuclear weapons**. The US President was on a state visit to the UK.

- "China respects Afghanistan's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity... Afghanistan's future should rest in the hands of the Afghan people," Lin Jian said.



## Diamond Jubilee Of India's Victory Over Pak

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday interacted with the brave veterans and the families of the fallen heroes of the 1965 war at an event organised by the Army at South Block, New Delhi, to commemorate the diamond jubilee of India's victory over Pakistan.
- Ministry of Defence, in his address, Singh paid glowing tributes to the bravehearts who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty 60 years ago and ensured that India emerged victorious.
- "Our brave Abdul Hamid taught us that bravery is not about the size of the weapon, it is about the size of the heart. His valour teaches us that even in the most difficult circumstances, the combination of courage, restraint and patriotism can make the impossible possible," the Defence Minister said.
- **Background**
- The war was fought between **India and Pakistan from April to September 1965**.
- It was primarily triggered by **Pakistan's Operation Gibraltar**, in which Pakistani soldiers disguised as locals infiltrated Jammu & Kashmir to incite insurgency.
- India responded with full military force, leading to a large-scale conflict across the western border.

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- **Major Events**
  - **Operation Gibraltar (August 1965):** Pakistan's plan to infiltrate Kashmir with the aim of causing rebellion against Indian rule.
  - **Operation Grand Slam (September 1965):** Pakistan's attempt to capture Akhnoor in Jammu, which was considered a strategic gateway to Kashmir.
  - India retaliated by launching a **counter-offensive across the international border**, advancing towards Lahore and Sialkot.
  - Some of the fiercest tank battles since World War II were fought, notably at **Asal Uttar (Punjab)** and **Chawinda (Sialkot sector)**.
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- **Heroes of the War**
  - **Company Quartermaster Havildar (CQMH) Abdul Hamid** of the Indian Army destroyed multiple Pakistani Patton tanks at Asal Uttar using a recoilless gun, earning the **Param Vir Chakra (PVC)** posthumously.
  - Several Indian Air Force and Army officers showed exceptional bravery during the conflict.
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- **Outcome**
  - The war ended in **stalemate** with both sides suffering heavy casualties and territorial losses.
  - The **Tashkent Agreement** was signed on **10 January 1966**, brokered by the Soviet Union (led by Premier Alexei Kosygin), where both countries agreed to withdraw to pre-war positions.
  - Indian Prime Minister **Lal Bahadur Shastri** passed away in Tashkent shortly after signing the agreement.
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- **Significance**
  - The war demonstrated India's resilience in defending its territory despite Pakistan's initial surprise.
  - It highlighted the importance of **armored warfare and air power** in modern battles.
  - Abdul Hamid and other war heroes became enduring symbols of patriotism.
  - The conflict deepened hostility between India and Pakistan, setting the stage for the **1971 war**.



## Airbus To Set Up A Centre of Excellence In Bharat

- Airbus is establishing a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Research and Development at Vadodara-based Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV), a specialised university dedicated to transportation and logistics education in India.
- This Centre aims to foster cutting-edge aerospace research, innovation, and capacity-building programs focused on the aviation sector and broader transport domains.
- Airbus will fund the infrastructure and critical equipment for the centre while deploying technology solutions to support training and research efforts, enhancing the employability of GSV students.
- The partnership includes appointing a Guest Chair Professor to drive academic excellence and develop a comprehensive aerospace curriculum, including undergraduate, postgraduate, and executive courses in areas such as Safety Management, Flight Data Analysis, and Air Cargo Management.
- Airbus will also provide scholarships to 40 meritorious and underprivileged students, with a commitment to gender diversity by reserving 33% of scholarships for female students.
- This initiative aligns with Airbus' Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and India's Skill India program to build a skilled talent pipeline for the country's growing aerospace industry.





## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Who has been appointed as the new Director General (DG) of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)?

- A. Praveer Ranjan
- B. Rahul Rasgotra
- C. Praveen Kumar
- D. Adam Boehler

**ANSWER: C**

2. The Indian Coast Guard commissioned the fast patrol vessel (FPV) Adamyra at which location?

- A. Kochi, Kerala
- B. Paradip, Odisha
- C. Mumbai, Maharashtra
- D. Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

**ANSWER: B**

3. Bagram Air Base is in

- A. China
- B. USA
- C. Bharat
- D. Afghanistan

**ANSWER: D**

**4. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh recently paid tributes to the heroes of which war during its diamond jubilee commemoration?**

- A. Kargil War 1999
- B. India-Pakistan War 1965
- C. India-Pakistan War 1971
- D. Operation Vijay 1961

**ANSWER: B**

**5. Airbus is establishing a Centre of Excellence for Research and Development at which Indian university?**

- A. Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
- B. Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, Vadodara
- C. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
- D. Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

**ANSWER: B**

**6. European ASRAAM Stands For**

- A. Advanced Short Range Air Missile
- B. Advanced Short Ring Air-to-Air Missile
- C. Advanced Short Range Air-to-Air Missile
- D. None

**ANSWER: C**

**7. Marine Engineering Training Establishment of the Indian Navy located at**

- A. Noida
- B. Kochi
- C. Pune
- D. Wayanad

**ANSWER: C**

**8. Where Is The Hq Of The Southern Western Command of The Indian Army?**

- A. Jaipur
- B. Jabalpur
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

**ANSWER: A**



**9. Sea Dragon Exercise Hosted By**

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**10. India Purchased C 130 J from**

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**11. College of Military Engineering (CME) Is Located At**

- A. Pune
- B. Kamptee
- C. Mumbai
- D. Noida

**ANSWER: A**

**12. Which Country Ranked Third Highest In The World Defence Expenditure?**

- A. Australia
- B. USA
- C. France
- D. Bharat

**ANSWER: D**

**13. Regimental Center Of PUNJAB REGIMENT Is In**

- A. Balasore, Odisha
- B. Chennai, T.N.
- C. Trombay, M.H.
- D. Ramgarh Cantonment, Jharkhand

**ANSWER: D**

**14. India Purchased IAI Searcher UAV from**

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. Israel

**ANSWER: D**

**15. KHARTOUM Is The Capital Of**

- A. Spain
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Suriname
- D. Sudan

**ANSWER: D**

**16. "A Promised Land" Book Is Written By**

- A. Barack Obama
- B. Meena Iyer
- C. Amish Tripathi
- D. PS Sreedharan Pillai

**ANSWER: A**

**17. HELINA Missile Has A Maximum Range Of**

- A. 7 kilometres
- B. 8 kilometres
- C. 9 kilometres
- D. 10 kilometres

**ANSWER: A**

**18. "We Protect" Is The Motto Of**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**19. Joint Exercises B/w The India And France Is Called:**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**20. India Purchased MiG-21 from**

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. Russia

**ANSWER: D**