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US approves Sale of AMRAAM Missiles to Pakistan

- The bromance between Pakistan and the United States keeps growing. After a rare earths deal and offering America the opportunity to build and operate a port in the Arabian Sea, Islamabad is reportedly being rewarded with Washington approving the sale of advanced air-to-air missiles to the Pakistan air force (PAF).
- An arms contract recently notified by the US Department of War (DoW), formerly known as the Department of Defence, listed Pakistan among the 35 buyers for the missiles. The contract stipulates that Pakistan will receive 120D-3 Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAMs) by 2030.
- This news triggers speculation about upgrades to the Pakistan air force's (PAF) F-16 fleet. The AMRAAM is compatible only with the F-16s operated by the PAF and was reportedly used in 2019 to down an Indian Air Force MiG-21 flown by Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman.



MoD Achieves 650 Defence Innovation Contracts Worth ₹3,000 Crore

- The ministry has now awarded a cumulative total of around 650 innovation and development contracts to Indian start-ups, MSMEs, and individual innovators.
- India's Ministry of Defence (MoD) has achieved a significant milestone under its flagship Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) initiative, marking a decisive step in strengthening indigenous defence innovation and manufacturing.
- These contracts collectively account for an investment value of approximately ₹3,000 crore, aimed at accelerating rapid prototyping and technology maturation across diverse domains within the national defence ecosystem.
- The iDEX platform, launched in 2018, has evolved into a major catalyst for India's Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision in defence R&D.
- The milestone aligns with the Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP 2020) and MoD's goal to channel at least 25% of its R&D budget toward industry-led innovation. The Defence India Start-up Challenge (DISC) and iDEX Prime verticals continue to identify mission-ready technologies for field deployment by 2026–27.



France Targets 30,000 Indian Students By 2030

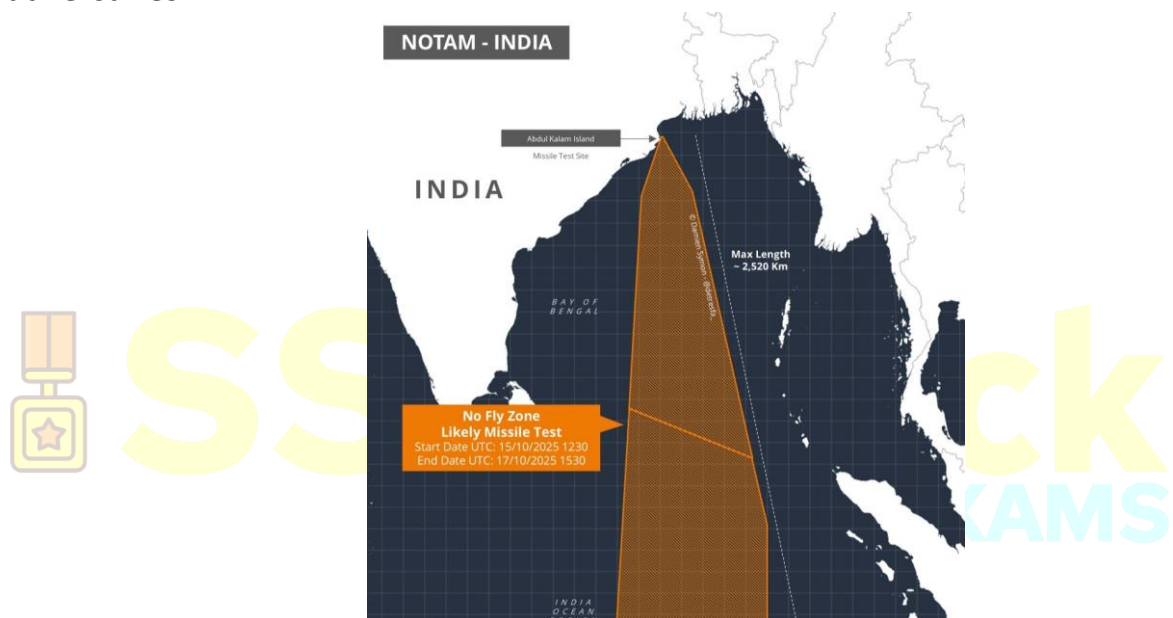
- Counsellor for Education, Science, and Culture at the French Embassy in India, Gregor Trumel, has reaffirmed France's commitment to strengthening educational collaboration with India.
- Speaking during the Choose France Tour held across Chennai, Delhi, Mumbai, and Kolkata, Trumel announced that France aims to host 30,000 Indian students by 2030, highlighting a steady upward trend in enrolments and enhanced bilateral academic ties.
- Trumel revealed that Indian student enrolments in France have grown significantly, marking a 17 percent increase this year. This follows a 25 percent jump two years ago, demonstrating strong momentum in academic exchanges.
- Currently, around 10,000 Indian students are studying in France. Trumel observed that 85 percent of these students are enrolled in management and business schools, most of which are private institutions.



India Issues Fresh NOTAM

- India has issued a new Notices To Airmen (NOTAM) and maritime safety notifications establishing an extended danger zone over the Bay of Bengal, with a maximum range stretching to approximately 2,520 km.

- The test window, active between 15 and 17 October 2025, signals potential preparations for a forthcoming long-range missile evaluation.
- The location of launch and impact zones, when mapped against recent NOTAM patterns, points to a likely test originating from either Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Island off Odisha or from its associated test range infrastructure.
- This planned trial follows the monumental successful test of the Agni-V ICBM in August 2025, which demonstrated India's long-range strike capability with a 5000 km range. The Agni-V marked a strategic milestone in India's missile deterrence, reinforcing credible second-strike capability against potential adversaries.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Off the coast of which city is the 10th National Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX-X) being conducted by the ICG?
 - A. Mumbai
 - B. Visakhapatnam
 - C. Chennai
 - D. Kochi

ANSWER: C

2. In which Indian state was Exercise 'Drone Kavach' conducted by the Indian Army in September 2025?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Sikkim
- C. Nagaland
- D. Mizoram

ANSWER: A

3. Under the iDEX initiative, how many innovation and development contracts has the Ministry of Defence achieved so far?

- A. 550 contracts worth ₹2,000 crore
- B. 600 contracts worth ₹2,500 crore
- C. 650 contracts worth ₹3,000 crore
- D. 700 contracts worth ₹3,500 crore

ANSWER: C

4. What is the maximum range of the extended danger zone established under India's latest NOTAM over the Bay of Bengal?

- A. 1,500 km
- B. 2,000 km
- C. 2,520 km
- D. 3,000 km

ANSWER: C

5. DARPAN Stands For

- A. Defence Accounting Receipts and Payment System
- B. Defence Accounts Receipts and Payment System
- C. Defence Accounts Reserve and Payment System
- D. None

ANSWER: B

6. Operation SANKALP Was Launched By The

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

ANSWER: C

7. INS Mysore Is A

- A. OPV
- B. Frigate
- C. Destroyer
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: C

8. NSG Stands For

- A. Nuclear Suppliers Group
- B. Nucleoid Suppliers Group
- C. Non-Suppliers Group
- D. Nuclear Supply Group

ANSWER: A

9. Motto Of CBI Is

- A. Victory Everywhere
- B. Always Alert
- C. Industry, Impartiality, Integrity
- D. None

ANSWER: C

10. First Made In India Passenger Aircraft Is ____

- A. Dornier 228
- B. Chetak
- C. Cheetah
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

11. The Cheetah Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: A

12. INS Sindhukesari Is A

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

D. Tank

ANSWER: C

13. "Billions & Billions" Book Is Written By

A. Shashi Tharoor

B. Carl Sagan

C. Hew Strachan

D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: B

14. WNC Is In

A. Mumbai

B. Kochi

C. Chennai

D. Panaji

ANSWER: A

15. QRFV Stands For

A. Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle Medium

B. Quick Reaction Fighting Vast Medium

C. Quick Reaction Fight Vehicle Medium

D. None

ANSWER: A

16. Aeronautical Development Agency Is In

A. Bengaluru

B. Noida

C. New Delhi

D. Gurugram

ANSWER: A

17. Joint Exercises B/w The India And UAE Is Called:

A. Yama

B. SLINEX

C. Indra

D. Zayed Talwar

ANSWER: D

18. Indian Army Artillery School Devlali Comes Under

- A. Northern Command
- B. Eastern Command
- C. Western Command
- D. Southern Command

ANSWER: D

19. Strength's Origin is in Science Is The Motto Of

- A. ISRO
- B. DRDO
- C. NASA
- D. Indian Army

ANSWER: B

20. INS Airavat Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Amphibious warfare

ANSWER: D

