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76th Territorial Army Day

- Since then, the annual Territorial Army Day is observed on **9 October**. The Territorial Army functions as a reserve force that supports the regular Indian Army, with volunteers trained to respond during national emergencies and assist in internal security operations.
- A notification issued on May 6 as per the Rule 33 of the Territorial Army Rules, 1948, the government of India has authorised the Army Chief to call every officer and enrolled personnel of the TA as needed, either for guard duties or for full embodiment to support and supplement the regular armed forces. At present, there are **32 Infantry Battalions** of the Territorial Army.
- Recently, **Malayalam actor Mohanlal**, who was conferred with the honorary rank of **Lieutenant Colonel** in the Territorial Army in May 2009, was conferred with the Chief of Army Staff Commendation Card for his outstanding contribution to society and his continued association with the Armed Forces.
- Other prominent personalities who are part of the TA include Bollywood actor Nana Patekar, Indian cricketers Kapil Dev, Sachin Tendulkar and MS Dhoni, Iconic Indian shooter Abhinav Bindra, and politicians Anurag Thakur and Sachin Pilot.



Indian Army Deploys SAKSHAM System

- The Army has fast-tracked procurement of an indigenous counter-drone grid, with both soft and hard kill options, in the aftermath of Operation Sindoor during which several Pakistani drone swarms were sent across the border.
- The Situational Awareness for Kinetic Soft and Hard Kill Assets Management (SAKSHAM) system has been developed in collaboration with Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) and will operate over the secure Army Data Network (ADN) to provide an integrated drone awareness picture to all formations in real time.
- Officials said the fully indigenous platform reflects the army's commitment to the Atmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India) initiative in defence technology. With approval under the Fast Track Procurement (FTP) route, SAKSHAM is slated for field induction within a year. "This is about more than drones - it's about autonomy, speed, and control of our battlespace," a defence source added.
- **Strategic Impact**
- Once deployed, SAKSHAM will form the backbone of India's Counter-UAS grid, offering commanders seamless situational awareness across land and air. It will integrate with existing air defence and surveillance systems, ensuring rapid response to drone threats in sensitive zones.



Indian Army to Rejig Physical Fitness Norms

- Aiming to bolster combat readiness within its ranks, the Army has decided to recast its physical fitness norms with new prospective guidelines for its personnel -- from Agniveers to topmost officers -- who will have to undergo and clear combined physical tests twice a year.
- So far, officers and men up to the age of 50 had to clear two separate physical tests -- the battle physical efficiency test (BPET) and the physical proficiency test (PPT) every year. And, this meant that the senior-most officers were exempt by age factor.
- However, as per the revised norms that will come into effect from April 1, 2026, the age limit for the new tests has been raised to 60, they said.
- Horizontal rope and vertical rope apply for age groups up to 35 years and 35-45 years for men and women but are not applicable for the age group above 45, it says.



UK Signs \$468 mn Defence Deal With Bharat

- Britain said it had signed a 350 million pound (\$468 million) contract to supply the Indian army with UK-manufactured lightweight missiles, as part of a deepening weapons and defence partnership between the two countries.
- The announcement came as British Prime Minister Keir Starmer was visiting Indian Prime counterpart Narendra Modi in Mumbai, where the pair hailed the potential of the commercial links from their months-old trade deal.
- In its statement on the defence deal, the British government said the new contract for Lightweight Multirole Missiles made by Thales in Northern Ireland would secure 700 jobs at a factory which currently makes the same weapons for Ukraine.
- Starmer has over the last 12 months thrown his weight behind Britain's defence sector to try to drive higher economic growth, pledging to up spending in line with NATO targets, as well as focusing on winning exports, such as a recent \$13.5 billion frigate contract with Norway.
- Britain also said on Thursday it reached a new milestone with India on a tie-up for electric-powered engines for naval ships as both countries signed the next phase of a deal, worth an initial 250 million pounds.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **When is Territorial Army Day observed every year?**

- A. 8 October
- B. 9 October
- C. 15 August
- D. 26 January

ANSWER: B

2. **What is the full form of the SAKSHAM system recently deployed by the Indian Army?**

- A. Smart Anti-Kinetic Surveillance and High Mobility
- B. Situational Awareness for Kinetic Soft and Hard Kill Assets Management
- C. Secure Automated Kill System for Hostile Aerial Management
- D. Surveillance and Kinetic Strike Handling Automated Mechanism

ANSWER: B

3. **From which date will the revised physical fitness norms of the Indian Army come into effect?**

- A. January 1, 2025
- B. April 1, 2025
- C. April 1, 2026

D. July 1, 2026

ANSWER: C

4. Which Indian actor was recently conferred with the Chief of Army Staff Commendation Card?

- A. Nana Patekar
- B. Mohanlal
- C. Anurag Thakur
- D. Abhinav Bindra

ANSWER: B

5. What is the value of the defence deal signed between the UK and India for Lightweight Multirole Missiles?

- A. \$350 million
- B. \$500 million
- C. \$468 million
- D. \$600 million

ANSWER: C

6. IORA Stands For

- A. Indian Ocean Rim Associate
- B. Indian Ocean Rome Association
- C. Indian Ocean Recall Association
- D. Indian Ocean Rim Association

ANSWER: D

7. IORA Established In

- A. 6 March 1997
- B. 6 March 1998
- C. 6 March 1999
- D. 6 March 2000

ANSWER: A

8. Project 75 Is Related To the Manufacturing Of

- A. Tank
- B. Socrpean Submarine
- C. Sniper Rifle
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: B

9. HELINA Missile Has A Maximum Range Of

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

ANSWER: A

10. Amman Is The Capital Of

- A.** Oman
- B.** Qatar
- C.** UAE
- D.** Jordan

ANSWER: D

11. Which Department Doesn't Come Under MOD?

- A.** Department of Defence
- B.** Department of Military Affairs
- C.** Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare
- D.** Department Of Border Management

ANSWER: D

12. Training Command of IAF is located at

- A.** New Delhi
- B.** Bangalore
- C.** Gurugram
- D.** Lucknow

ANSWER: B

13. ISRO Was Established On

- A.** 15 August 1969
- B.** 1 September 1965
- C.** 1 October 1975
- D.** 18 December 1985

ANSWER: A

14. INS Visakhapatnam (D66) Manufactured By

- A. GRSE
- B. MDL
- C. CSL
- D. Boeing

ANSWER: B

15. Rashtriya Rifles Motto Is

- A. Courage and Valor
- B. Always Brave
- C. Service Before Self
- D. Lethal

ANSWER: A

16. Parakram Diwas Celebrated On

- A. December 1
- B. October 8
- C. January 23
- D. March 10

ANSWER: C

17. Amogha Is A

- A. Anti-tank guided missile
- B. Surface-to-surface tactical ballistic missile
- C. Quick reaction surface-to-air missile
- D. Multiple rocket launcher

ANSWER: A

18. Operation Steeplechase Launched In

- A. July 1971
- B. July 1972
- C. July 1973
- D. July 1974

ANSWER: A

19. War Cry of THE BIHAR REGIMENT

- A. Parakramo Vijayate
- B. Rhino Charge
- C. Jai Bajrangbali

D. Duty, Honour, courage

ANSWER: C

20.Operation Green Hunt Launched In

A. 2010

B. 2011

C. 2012

D. 2013

ANSWER: A

