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India-Afghanistan Agree to Form Trade Committee

- Afghanistan and India have agreed to set up a trade committee aimed at enhancing economic cooperation, Afghanistan's Foreign Minister Mawlawi Amir Khan Muttaqi said.
- "Both sides agreed to create a trade committee... Due to opportunities opened in Afghanistan in terms of investment, and activities in minerals and energy, we invited the Indian side to explore work in these areas," Muttaqi said, highlighting the potential for increased business and investment ties between the two countries.
- The Afghan FM also highlighted that his discussions with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar covered a wide range of issues. "I had a detailed meeting with EAM Jaishankar, including economic, political, diplomatic, regional and security... Some of the achievements were the Indian government's upgradation of technical presence at the embassy... And a diplomatic delegation of the Islamic Emirate will arrive in Delhi."
- "We also agreed to strengthen the **air corridor** to strengthen our trade. EAM pledged to broaden health activities in Afghanistan, and we appreciate the assistance provided for the victims of the earthquake," the visiting minister said.
- During bilateral meeting with Muttaqi, Jaishankar said that India would upgrade its Kabul mission to embassy in Kabul. The embassy was shut after the Taliban seized power in 2021.
- Earlier in the day, Jaishankar handed over five ambulances as a "gesture of goodwill" to Afghanistan's Foreign Minister, Amir Khan Muttaqi, on Friday in the national capital. The five ambulances are a part of the gift of 20 ambulances to Afghanistan as a gesture of goodwill.



US Denies Reports of Supplying New AMRAAM Missiles to Pakistan

- The United States refuted media reports claiming that Pakistan would receive new **Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missiles** (AMRAAMs) under a recently modified defense contract. The US clarified that the agreement only covers maintenance and spare parts support, not the delivery of new weapons.
- It further emphasized that “contrary to false media reports, no part of this referenced contract modification is for deliveries of new AMRAAMs to Pakistan,” and added that the sustainment work “does not include an upgrade to any of Pakistan's current capabilities.”
- Pakistan had previously purchased about 700 AMRAAMs in 2007 for its F-16 fleet, marking one of the largest international orders for the missile system at the time.



MoS Defence of India and UK Meet

- Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth and his UK counterpart Vernon Coaker on Friday reviewed the ongoing defence engagements and discussed ways to deepen cooperation between the two countries.
- They held a meeting here on the sidelines of the visit of the UK Carrier Strike Group (CSG) to India.
- "During the meeting, both sides reviewed the ongoing defence engagements and discussed ways to further deepen cooperation between India and the United Kingdom," an official statement said.
- Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to a robust, multi-faceted and mutually beneficial defence partnership, guided by the India-UK **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership** and the '**India-UK Vision 2035**', adopted during PM Modi's visit in July 2025 to the United Kingdom, the statement said.
- The UK minister said the agreement should move forward with respect to **electric propulsion** and Indian ships, and increasing training and educational opportunities for Indian officers to come to the UK and, hopefully, in the not-too-distant future, for UK officers to come to India.



UK Signs £350 Million Defence Deal with India

- The United Kingdom signed a new £350 million defence deal with India that will support hundreds of jobs in Northern Ireland while supplying India, "a key

strategic partner," with air defence missiles and launchers, the UK government said.

- The contract is set to deliver UK-manufactured Lightweight Multirole Missiles (LMM) built in Belfast to the Indian Army, delivering on the Government's Plan for Change in another significant boost for the UK defence industry.
- According to the UK government, the project secures over 700 jobs in Northern Ireland, as the air defence missiles and launchers to be manufactured for the Indian Army are the same as those currently being manufactured in Belfast for Ukraine.
- The UK CSG, currently on an eight-month deployment to the Indo-Pacific region known as **Operation Highmast**, linked up with the Indian Navy's Carrier Strike Group, led by the aircraft carrier **INS Vikrant**, to begin four days of complex maritime exercises involving ships, submarines, and aircraft from both forces, the UK government noted.



Rolls-Royce Envisions Collaborating With Indian Navy

- Rolls-Royce expressed its intent to collaborate with the Indian Navy in designing and deploying the country's first electric warship, marking a significant step in India's journey towards sustainable and future-ready naval power.
- The company was well-positioned to support India's naval modernisation with a portfolio that includes hybrid-electric and full-electric propulsion systems.
- With a legacy spanning 90 years in India, Rolls-Royce has established strong local partnerships, academic collaborations, and a robust engineering ecosystem. Over 1,400 Rolls-Royce engines currently power platforms of the IAF, Navy,

Coast Guard, and Army, supported by a workforce of more than 4,000 across its Indian operations.



Major Rajprasad RS Gets Patent

- The Centre has granted a patent to the Indian Army's **'Vidyut Rakshak'**, an integrated generator monitoring, protection and control system, developed by Major Rajprasad RS.
- This indigenous innovation enables integrated monitoring, protection and control of multiple generators and power systems which are agnostic of type, make, rating or vintage, thereby optimising resources and enhancing operational efficiency.
- According to the patent certificate, the patent has been granted for a term of 20 years from June 13, 2023, in accordance with the provisions of the Patents Act, 1970.
- Earlier in June 2025, Indian Army Officer Major Rajprasad RS from the Corps of Engineers received the **'NSG Counter IED Innovator Award'**.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which of the following statements best describes the recent India–Afghanistan agreement?

- A. It focuses on military cooperation and joint training exercises.
- B. It aims to establish a trade committee to enhance economic cooperation.
- C. It deals with the restoration of Afghanistan’s railway network.
- D. It seeks to open new border checkpoints for civilian movement.

ANSWER: B

2. What clarification did the United States provide regarding reports about supplying AMRAAM missiles to Pakistan?

- A. The US confirmed new missile deliveries to Pakistan’s F-16 fleet.
- B. The deal included new upgrades to Pakistan’s air defence systems.
- C. The agreement only covered maintenance and spare parts, not new weapons.
- D. The US cancelled all missile support contracts with Pakistan.

ANSWER: C

3. During the meeting b/w India and the UK MoS for Defence, which framework guided their cooperation discussions?

- A. Indo-Pacific Defence Dialogue 2024
- B. India–UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and Vision 2035
- C. Indo-Atlantic Defence Cooperation Plan
- D. UK–India Maritime Security Agreement 2025

ANSWER: B

4. What is the main highlight of the £350 million defence deal signed between India and the UK?

- A. Supply of fighter jets and radar systems to the Indian Air Force
- B. Joint development of submarines for the Indian Navy
- C. Supply of Lightweight Multirole Missiles (LMM) and launchers to the Indian Army
- D. Production of missile guidance systems for Ukraine

ANSWER: C

5. What innovation by Major Rajprasad RS recently received a patent from the Government of India?

- A. A drone-based battlefield surveillance system
- B. The 'Vidyut Rakshak' integrated generator monitoring and control system
- C. A portable solar-powered charging unit for field use
- D. An AI-based ammunition inventory management system

ANSWER: B

6. Which Of The Following Helicopters Did Not Operate By The Indian Army?

- A. HAL Cheetah
- B. HAL LANCER
- C. HAL Rudra
- D. Chinook

ANSWER: D

7. Which Regiment Of The Indian Army Is Called As 'The Gods Of War'?

- A. Mechanised Infantry
- B. Gorkha Regiment
- C. Regiment Of Artillery
- D. Rajput Regiment

ANSWER: C

8. Department Executive Of The Department Of Military Affairs Is

- A. Defence Minister
- B. NSA
- C. CDS
- D. Prime Minister

ANSWER: C

9. Rapid Action Force Hq Is In

- A. Mumbai
- B. Lucknow
- C. Surat
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: D

10. Baku Is In Which Continent

- A. Africa
- B. Asia
- C. Australia
- D. North America

ANSWER: B

11. ISRO Hq Is In

- A. Mumbai
- B. Kochi
- C. Chennai
- D. Bangalore

ANSWER: D

12. India Purchased Bofors Gun from

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

ANSWER: B

13. "Naam Namak Nishaan" Is The Motto Of

- A. THE GRENADIERS
- B. Rajputana Rifles
- C. Gorkha
- D. None

ANSWER: A

14. Civil Services Day Every Year Observed On

- A. 20 April

- B. 21 April
- C. 22 April
- D. 23 April

ANSWER: B

15. The SAMHO Is An

- A. Anti-tank Guided Missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Ballistic missile
- D. Communication satellite

ANSWER: A

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

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Tiger Triumph

ANSWER: D

17. AH-64 Apache Is A

- A. Transport Helicopter
- B. Attack Helicopter
- C. Light Utility Helicopter
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

18. Dhanush (howitzer) Manufactured By

- A. L & T
- B. Boeing
- C. ISRO
- D. Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited

ANSWER: D

19. INS Arihant Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Ballistic missile submarine
- D. Tank

ANSWER: C

20. Operation Vijay Was Conducted In

- A. 1978
- B. 1988
- C. 1999
- D. 1980

ANSWER: C

