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Exercise AUSTRAHIND

- An Indian Army contingent comprising 120 personnel departed yesterday for Irwin Barracks, Perth, Australia, to participate in the fourth edition of the India-Australia joint military Exercise AUSTRAHIND 2025, scheduled to be conducted from 13th to 26th October 2025.
- The Indian Army contingent is being led by a Battalion of Gorkha Rifles along with troops from other arms and services.
- The annual Exercise AUSTRAHIND 2025 is aimed at enhancing military cooperation, improving interoperability and providing a platform for participating armies to exchange tactics, techniques and procedures in the domains of sub conventional warfare in urban/ semi urban terrain.
- Participation in Exercise AUSTRAHIND 2025 will further strengthen defence cooperation and foster camaraderie between Indian and Australian Army troops, thereby reinforcing the spirit of collaboration and mutual trust.



UN Troop Contributing Countries' (UNTCC) Chiefs' Conclave

- The Indian Army will host the United Nations Troop Contributing Countries' (UNTCC) Chiefs' Conclave in New Delhi from 14 to 16 October 2025, bringing together senior military leadership from 32 nations that play a pivotal role in UN peacekeeping operations.
- Delegations from countries that contribute troops to UN peacekeeping missions across the globe are expected to arrive at New Delhi on 13 October 2025.
- The UNTCC serves as a vital forum to address operational challenges, evolving threats, interoperability, inclusivity in decision-making and the role of technology and training in strengthening UN peacekeeping.
- As one of the largest contributors to UN missions, India is convening this high-level forum to deliberate on operational challenges, evolving threats, share best practices and build shared understanding on future peacekeeping. The Conclave reflects the ethos of **Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam** (the world is one family).
- The conclave will witness participation from Algeria, Armenia, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brazil, Burundi, Cambodia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, France, Ghana, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Poland, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Senegal, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, Uruguay and Vietnam.



Inspector Bhawna Chaudhary becomes BSF air wing's First Woman Flight Engineer

- The Border Security Force (BSF) air wing has got its first woman flight engineer in its over 50 years history following completion of a first in-house training capsule.
- Inspector Bhawna Chaudhary along with four male subordinate officers were recently awarded their flying badges by BSF director general Daljit Singh Chawdhary.
- The border force is tasked to operate the aviation unit of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) since 1969 and it caters to the operational requirements of all the paramilitary forces and special forces like the NSG and the NDRF.
- The about 3 lakh personnel strong BSF was raised in December 1965 and it is primarily tasked to guard Indian borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh apart from rendering a variety of duties in the internal security domain of the country.



DAC Clears ₹5,150 Cr 'Dharashakti' Integrated EW System

- The Dharashakthi Integrated Electronic Warfare (EW) system is engineered to provide the Indian Armed Forces with advanced capabilities in both communication (COM) and non-communication (Non-COM) electronic warfare.
- Its primary role is to intercept, monitor, and disrupt enemy electronic signals while ensuring secure military communications.

- Tailored for deployment in desert and plain terrains, Dharashakthi is optimised for regions such as the Samaghat and Shatrughat sectors. This makes it suitable for high-temperature, open-field operational theatres where visibility and range are critical.
- The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has formally sanctioned a large-scale production order for Dharashakthi valued at ₹5,150 crore. This approval marks a strategic investment in indigenous EW capability, supporting the government's focus on self-reliance in defence technologies.



India Sends Minister to Egypt for Gaza Summit

- India will send Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardan Singh to represent India at the Peace Summit on Gaza in Sharm el Sheikh to be co-hosted by Egypt and the United States on Monday (October 13, 2025).
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was among more than 20 world leaders invited over the weekend to attend the summit, which will be co-hosted by Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El Sisi and U.S. President Donald Trump, to discuss the ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas, brokered mainly by negotiators from the U.S., Egypt and Qatar.
- However, given the short notice, Mr. Modi, whose invitation was delivered by Egyptian Ambassador Kamel Galal, also met with U.S. special envoy and Ambassador-designate Sergio Gorrin in Delhi on Saturday, declined the invitation. Mr. Singh left for Cairo on Sunday and will travel to Sharm el Sheikh on Monday, the officials said. Mr. Modi is, however, expected to meet Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty later this week, who is travelling to Delhi to hold the India-Egypt Strategic Dialogue.
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- According to sources, Mr. Abdelatty's visit is part of the Sisi-Modi Strategic Partnership Agreement signed in January 2023, and this is his first visit to India since taking over in 2024. Mr. Abdelatty has had to cancel more than four previous attempts to visit Delhi in the past year, due to developments in the Gaza conflict, or scheduling difficulties in Delhi. However, he has been in frequent contact with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, including during Operation Sindoor in May, and Egypt had strongly condemned the Pahalgam terror attacks.
- Mr. Abdelatty is also expected to brief the government on the plans for the reconstruction of Gaza. Although Egypt is not a member of the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC), it has been keen to discuss alternative route alignments through Sharm el Sheikh with India, given the security issues with Israel's Haifa port, where the current alignment lies.
- "The summit seeks to help restore regional stability and alleviate the suffering of the Palestinian people in Gaza, in line with U.S. President Donald Trump's vision for peace in the region and his sincere efforts to establish peace and stability in the Middle East and resolve conflicts worldwide," it added. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had welcomed the Gaza ceasefire agreement last week and spoke to Mr. Trump over the telephone to congratulate him.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Exercise AUSTRAHIND 2025 is being held at which location?

- A. Darwin, Australia
- B. Perth, Australia
- C. Sydney, Australia
- D. Melbourne, Australia

ANSWER: B

2. Which regiment is leading the Indian Army contingent in Exercise AUSTRAHIND 2025?

- A. Rajput Regiment
- B. Gorkha Rifles
- C. Sikh Regiment
- D. Jat Regiment

ANSWER: B

3. The UN Troop Contributing Countries' (UNTCC) Chiefs' Conclave 2025 will be hosted by India in which city?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Bengaluru
- C. New Delhi
- D. Hyderabad

ANSWER: C

4. Who became the first woman Flight Engineer in the BSF Air Wing?

- A. Inspector Kavita Singh
- B. Inspector Neha Sharma
- C. Inspector Bhawna Chaudhary
- D. Inspector Ritu Verma

ANSWER: C

5. The DAC approved the 'Dharashakthi' Integrated EW System at what total cost?

- A. ₹4,500 crore
- B. ₹5,150 crore
- C. ₹6,200 crore
- D. ₹7,000 crore

ANSWER: B

6. What is the meaning of 'Udbhav' in the context of 'Project UDBHAV'?

- A. Innovation
- B. Origin
- C. Strategy
- D. Military Power

ANSWER: B

7. When is India scheduled to launch its human spaceflight mission, 'Gaganyaan'?

- A. 2022
- B. 2023
- C. 2024
- D. 2026

ANSWER: D

8. In Colonial Era CRPF Was Known As

- A. Crown Representative's Police
- B. Crown Response Force
- C. Queens Protection Force
- D. None

ANSWER: A

9. Elizabeth II was Queen Of The

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Israel
- D. China

ANSWER: B

10. Ex HARIMAU SHAKTI Conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: A

11.INS Darshak Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Hydrographic Survey Ship

ANSWER: D

12.Pangong Tso lake Is Located In

- A. Kashmir
- B. Ladakh
- C. Odisha
- D. Kochi

ANSWER: B

13. INS Khukri Is A Type Of

- A. Frigate
- B. Submarine
- C. Destroyer
- D. Missile Corvette

ANSWER: D

14.Pangong Tso lake Is Located In

- A. Kashmir
- B. Ladakh
- C. Odisha
- D. Kochi

ANSWER: B

15. Priyadarshini Is A Fast Patrol Vessel Of

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

ANSWER: A

16. Which Port Is Located In the Western Coast of India?

- A. Kandla
- B. Kolkata
- C. Mangalore

D. Visakhapatnam

ANSWER: A

17. AAI Stands For

- A. Airport Author of India
- B. Air Authority of India
- C. Airport Authority of India
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

18. India Purchased Boeing 737 from

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

ANSWER: A

19. Indian Army Flag Consist Colours of ____ Colours.

- A. Gold, Red And Black
- B. Gold, Red And Blue
- C. Gold, Rose Black And Black
- D. Green, Red And Black

ANSWER: A

20. Operation Talwar Was Conducted In

- A. 1978
- B. 1988
- C. 1998
- D. 1999

ANSWER: D