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GAZA PEACE SUMMIT 2025

- The Gaza Peace Summit 2025, also known as the Sharm El Sheikh Summit, was held on October 13, 2025, in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. It was a significant diplomatic meeting aimed at advancing the peace process following the Gaza war that began in 2023. The summit was co-chaired by U.S. President Donald Trump and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi. Around 30 countries participated, including key international organizations such as the Arab League, European Union, and the United Nations. However, representatives of Israel and Hamas—the main conflicting parties—were absent.
- The summit's goals were to implement the first phase of the Gaza peace plan, focusing on ending hostilities, future governance of Gaza, security, and humanitarian aid. It followed a ceasefire agreement effective from October 10, 2025, negotiated after a period of intense conflict triggered by Hamas attacks on Israel in 2023 and mediated by the U.S. and Egypt. Significant outcomes included a joint peace agreement signed by leaders from Egypt, the U.S., Qatar, and Turkey, among others. The summit also addressed critical issues like the disarmament of Hamas, the governance of Gaza, the withdrawal of Israeli forces, and reconstruction funding estimated at \$53 billion.
- The summit coincided with important humanitarian steps such as the release of Israeli hostages by Hamas and Israel freeing hundreds of Palestinian prisoners. The peace summit sought to establish a durable framework for regional stability and peace, although notable absences and ongoing challenges highlighted the fragility of the progress.
- The Sharm El Sheikh summit represents a major international effort to move towards ending the Gaza conflict and initiating a new chapter of peace and cooperation in the Middle East.



MoD Utilises Over 50% of Total FY 2025-26 Capital Outlay

- In the current Financial Year (FY) 2025-26, Ministry of Defence (MoD) has utilised more than 50% of capital outlay by the end of September 2025.
- In absolute terms, the capital expenditure stands at Rs 92,211.44 crore (51.23%) out of the total allocation of Rs 1,80,000 crore. The MoD had utilised 100% of capital expenditure amounting to Rs.1,59,768.40 crore in the last financial year.
- The utilisation of over 50% of capital outlay will result in ensuring timely delivery of vital platforms such as Aircraft, Ships, Submarines, weapon system, etc. required for the modernisation of the Armed Forces in the coming year.
- Since FY 2020-21, Ministry of Defence has been consistently strengthening the domestic industries by earmarking funds for procurement from them. For FY 2025-26, Rs 1,11,544.83 crore has been earmarked for the domestic industry.



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Afghanistan Rejects Pak Truce Bid, Denies Visas To Defence Minister, ISI Chief

- In a major setback to Islamabad's peace outreach to Kabul, the visas of Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif, ISI chief Asim Malik, and two other Pakistani generals have been rejected. Their visa requests have been rejected on three separate occasions over the past three days.
- Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump immediately seized the opportunity to play peacemaker in the ongoing Afghanistan-Pakistan conflict.
- On his way to Israel earlier in the day, Trump offered to mediate between the two sides, saying, "I heard there is now a war between Pakistan and Afghanistan, so I decided to wait until I return. I am also pursuing another case because I am skilled at resolving conflicts and establishing peace, and doing so is an honour for me."
- On the other hand, the Taliban government's chief spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, claimed that 58 Pakistani soldiers were killed and around 30 others wounded in the attacks.



UK and Ukraine Launch LYRA Program

- In a significant move to bolster defense capabilities, the UK and Ukraine have initiated the LYRA program, aimed at developing and expanding advanced battlefield technologies collaboratively.
- The essence of the LYRA program lies in uniting the industrial and scientific strengths of both nations to enhance their military readiness and capabilities.

- To facilitate this collaboration, a joint working group has been established to supervise various projects centered on the modernization and production of essential weapon systems.
- Among the first initiatives launched under the LYRA program is Project OCTOPUS, which focuses on the co-development of an innovative air defense interceptor drone.
- The LYRA program builds on prior agreements on technology sharing related to the joint development and production of cutting-edge military equipment.



India Awards Zen Technologies \$444,000 Contract

- India has awarded a significant contract to Zen Technologies Limited, a local firm, for the supply of advanced anti-drone systems valued at 37 million rupees (approximately \$444,000).
- The counter-drone systems utilize a sophisticated combination of sensors, electronic warfare tactics, and kinetic interceptors to effectively neutralize incoming threats.
- The contract is expected to be fulfilled within a 12-month timeframe, enhancing India's capabilities in countering unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), which have increasingly been employed for surveillance, smuggling operations, and asymmetric warfare tactics.
- Moreover, as part of enhancing its defensive capabilities, the Indian Army is moving quickly to secure six AK-630 air defense guns from Advanced Weapons and Equipment India to bolster protection around regions previously affected by clashes, particularly with Pakistan.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **Where was the Gaza Peace Summit 2025, also known as the Sharm El Sheikh Summit, held?**

- A. Doha, Qatar
- B. Cairo, Egypt
- C. Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt
- D. Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

ANSWER: C

2. **What percentage of the total capital outlay had the MoD utilised by the end of September 2025?**

- A. 41.12%
- B. 50.23%
- C. 51.23%
- D. 61.11%

ANSWER: C

3. **What was the name of the joint UK-Ukraine program launched to strengthen defence technology collaboration?**

- A. ARROW Program
- B. LYRA Program
- C. SHIELD Program
- D. FALCON Project

ANSWER: B

4. What is the value of the contract awarded by India to Zen Technologies Limited for anti-drone systems?

- A. \$540,000
- B. \$370,000
- C. \$444,000
- D. \$500,000

ANSWER: C

5. INS Vikramaditya Is A Modified ____ Aircraft Carrier.

- A. Kiev-Class
- B. Surya- Class
- C. Kalashnikov-Class
- D. None

ANSWER: A

6. Operational Range of Barak 8 Missile Is

- A. 70Km
- B. 80Km
- C. 90Km
- D. 100Km

ANSWER: A

7. Defence Services Staff College Is Located At

- A. Wellington
- B. Chennai
- C. New Delhi
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

8. Motto of DSSC Is

- A. To War with Wisdom
- B. Valour and Courage
- C. Fight With Determination
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

9. Cabinet Committee on Security Is Headed By

- A. PM
- B. NSA
- C. The President
- D. COAS Indian Army

ANSWER: A

10. Air Marshal Rank of IAF Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Army?

- A. Brigadier
- B. Lt. Gen
- C. Captain
- D. Major General

ANSWER: B

11. How Many States In India Have A Coastline?

- A. Seven
- B. Eight
- C. Nine
- D. Ten

ANSWER: C

12. OPEC Hq Is In

- A. Budapest, Hungary
- B. New York, USA
- C. Luanda, Angola
- D. Vienna, Austria

ANSWER: D

13. AUKUS Stands For

- A. Azerbaijan, the United Kingdom, & the United States
- B. Australia, the United Kingdom, & the United States
- C. Australia, the United Kingdom, & Uganda
- D. Argentina, the United Kingdom, & the United States

ANSWER: B

14. RIYADH Is The Capital Of

- A. SAUDI ARABIA
- B. SENEGAL
- C. SERBIA

D. SEYCHELLES

ANSWER: A

15. "2001 Space Odyssey" Book Is Written By

A. C. Clarke

B. Abhijit Chavda

C. Hew Strachan

D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

16. DRDO Lakshya Is A

A. Fighter Jet

B. Ship

C. Tank

D. UAV

ANSWER: D

17. Captain Rank of Indian Navy Equivalent to Which rank of IAF?

A. Flying Officer

B. Flight Lieutenant

C. Group Captain

D. None

ANSWER: C

18. Predator B (MQ-9 Reaper) Is A

A. Helicopter

B. Machine Gun

C. UAV

D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: C

19. International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Hq Is At

A. London, United Kingdom

B. Vienna, Austria

C. Paris, France

D. Geneva, Switzerland

ANSWER: A

20. “If you win, you need not have to explain...If you lose, you should not be there to explain!” Said By__

- A. Winston Churchill
- B. Adolf Hitler
- C. Subhas Chandra Bose
- D. Bhagat Singh

ANSWER: A

