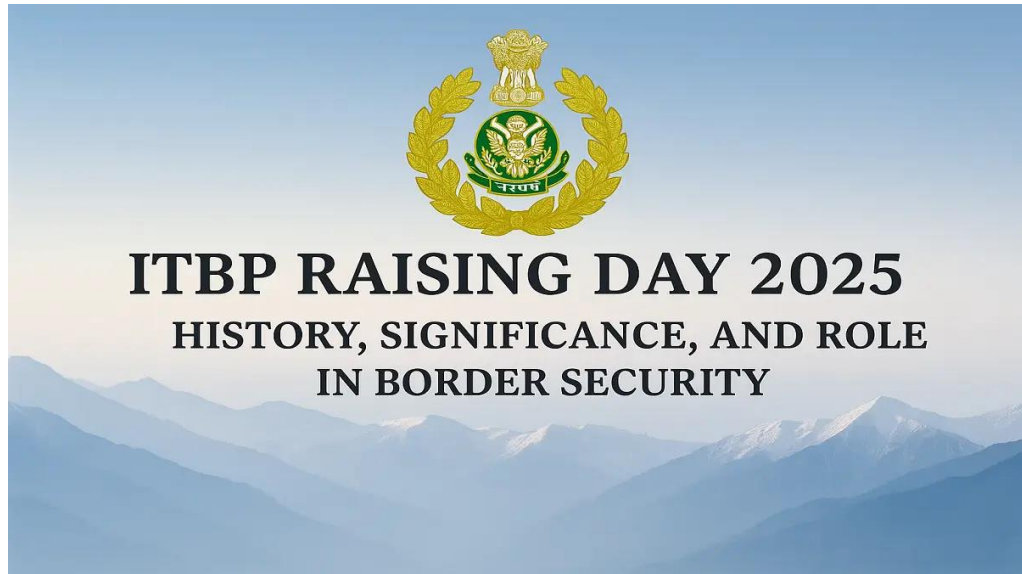


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ITBP Raising Day 2025

- ITBP Raising Day is observed every year on 24th October to commemorate the formation of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) — a specialized force that guards the Indo-China border across some of the most challenging terrains on earth.
- The ITBP Raising Day 2025 marks 63 years of dedicated service, celebrating the courage, discipline, and resilience of personnel who protect India's borders at altitudes often exceeding 14,000 feet.
- ITBP stands for Indo-Tibetan Border Police, one of India's five Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs). It plays a crucial role in border security, disaster relief, and counter-insurgency operations in the Himalayan region.
- The ITBP guards the **3,488-km**-long Indo-China border extending from Ladakh (Kashmir) to Arunachal Pradesh, facing extreme weather conditions and temperatures that can drop below **-25°C**.
- Initially, the ITBP started with just four battalions, but over time, it has grown into a force of nearly 85,000 personnel, organized into **60+ battalions**. In 1992, ITBP was restructured under the **ITBP Force Act**, defining its modern role as India's first line of defence along the Himalayan frontier.



Exercise Sudarshan Vayu Sanchar

- Reflecting the national vision of JAI - Jointness, Atmanirbharta, and Innovation, the Southern Command has showcased the strength of unified air defence through a joint exercise Sudarshan Vayu Sanchar as part of Exercise Trishul in the Desert Sector, demonstrating how seamless coordination across services is redefining India's air defence architecture.
- The exercise brought together Army Air Defence units, Indian Air Force elements, and naval surveillance inputs into a single, integrated control and reporting network, ensuring real-time threat detection, identification, and engagement.
- This unified structure validated joint airspace management, enhanced command-and-control integration. It demonstrated how a layered defence grid can operate at speed, precision, and resilience in high-tempo combat environments.



5th Counter Ransomware Initiative Summit

- Singapore hosted the 5th International Counter Ransomware Initiative (CRI) Summit on 24 October 2025 at Marina Bay Sands, in conjunction with the Singapore International Cyber Week 2025 organised by the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA).
- The 5th CRI Summit brought together nearly 150 international representatives from 60 countries, international organisations and private sector entities, reflecting strong global cooperation in the fight against ransomware. This is the first time the Summit is held outside the US. Singapore together with Australia, Germany, the UK, and the US co-chairs the CRI.
- Established in 2021, the CRI, comprising 74 member countries and international organisations, is the only multilateral platform dedicated to fostering international collaboration to combat ransomware threats.
- Members agreed to
 - - improve communication between private organisations and governments,
 - - develop capacity building initiatives to share best practices,
 - - enhance information sharing,
 - - improve communication between governments and the private sector, and
 - - adopt effective recommendations and guidance to address emerging ransomware threats.



HAL's First HTT-40 Series Takes Maiden Flight

- Hindustan Aeronautical Limited (HAL) announced that its first Hindustan Turbo Trainer-40 series production aircraft, TH 4001, which will train the Air Force personnel, completed its maiden flight at HAL's facility in Bengaluru.
- HAL shared a post on their official 'X' handle and informed about the development. TH 4001 is a fully aerobatic, tandem-seat turboprop aircraft designed for basic flight training and night flying.
- This fully aerobatic tandem-seat turbo trainer will have an air-conditioned cockpit, modern avionics, hot refuelling, quick pilot changeover, and zero-zero ejection seats. Built around a proven turboprop engine, this aircraft is designed to offer good low-speed handling for improved training effectiveness.
- "India must always stay ahead in this new race, and not lag behind," he said, exhorting HAL to make its mark in the fields of next-generation aircraft, unmanned systems & civil aviation, and not limit itself to LCA Tejas or HTT-40.



India, Russia foil CIA plot to assassinate PM Modi?

- Recent news reports and social media speculation claim that India and Russia have worked together to foil a CIA plot to assassinate Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The rumors gained traction after the mysterious death of Terrence Jackson, an American in Dhaka, Bangladesh, fueled further speculation about possible international intrigue. However, as of October 25, 2025, these claims appear to be largely based on speculation and social media chatter, rather than confirmed reports by authoritative sources.
- There are also ongoing discussions and conspiracy theories in Indian media and online forums alleging that Western intelligence agencies, particularly the CIA, may have been involved in plots to destabilize the Indian government or target high-profile leaders, including PM Modi. One video cites claims by BJP-affiliated sources about a larger conspiracy involving American interests, but such claims have not been substantiated by concrete evidence presented by official government channels or investigative agencies.
- So far, no official announcements have been made by the Indian or Russian governments confirming the foiling of a specific CIA plot against Prime Minister Modi. Reports on this matter are largely speculative and should be treated with caution until corroborated by reliable, official sources.
- Key Points from Current Reports
- Multiple online posts reference cooperation between Indian and Russian intelligence services in preventing an assassination attempt on PM Modi, supposedly orchestrated by the CIA.

- The mysterious death of an American, Terrence Jackson, in Dhaka, Bangladesh, has been linked to these rumors, although details are scarce and the connection remains speculative.
- There is increased rhetoric across social media and partisan forums, but no confirmation from government sources or major international news agencies.
- The context includes previous public allegations around foreign involvement in plots against Indian leaders, but those primarily referenced other targets and older incidents, not this specific case



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) guards which international border?

- A. India-Pakistan Border
- B. India-Nepal Border
- C. India-China Border
- D. India-Bhutan Border

ANSWER: C

2. What is the total length of the Indo-China border guarded by ITBP?

- A. 2,488 km
- B. 3,488 km
- C. 4,488 km
- D. 5,488 km

ANSWER: B

3. What Is The Range Of The Nirbhay Class Long-range Cruise Missiles?

- A. 500 Km
- B. 750 Km
- C. 1,000 Km
- D. 1,250 Km

ANSWER: C

4. Which aircraft recently completed its maiden flight at HAL facility in Bengaluru?

- A. HTT-40 (TH 4001)
- B. HJT-16 Kiran
- C. Tejas Mk-1A
- D. IJT Sitara

ANSWER: A

5. The 5th International Counter Ransomware Initiative (CRI) Summit 2025 was hosted by which country?

- A. Australia
- B. Germany
- C. Singapore
- D. United States

ANSWER: C

6. Exercise Sudarshan Vayu Sanchar, conducted under Exercise Trishul, demonstrated which key aspect of?

- A. Maritime dominance in the Indian Ocean
- B. Jointness and integrated air defence operations
- C. Space-based missile tracking
- D. Cyber warfare capability

ANSWER: B

7. Defence Innovation Start-up Challenge Is An Initiative Of

- A. MHA
- B. MEA
- C. MOD
- D. PMO

ANSWER: C

8. Ex 'Harimau Shakti' Conducted b/w India &

- A. Malaysia
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

9. Navigation Training School of IAF Is In

- A. Begumpet
- B. Noida
- C. Kochi
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: A

10. Hq of White Knight Corps Is In

- A. Nagrota
- B. Udhampur
- C. Jaipur
- D. Noida

ANSWER: A

11. Which Company Is The Manufacturer of The HAL Rudra?

- A. Boeing
- B. DRDO & Israel Aerospace Industries
- C. HAL
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

12. Lieutenant colonel Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Navy?

- A. Commander
- B. Wing Commander
- C. Captain
- D. Admiral

ANSWER: A

13. Secretariat of ASEAN Is In

- A. Jakarta
- B. Dhaka

- C. New Delhi
- D. Doha

ANSWER: A

14. "An Introduction to Dreamland" Book Written By

- A. Bhagat Singh
- B. Raja Ram
- C. Leo Tolstoy
- D. George Bernard Shaw

ANSWER: A

15. Wassenaar Arrangement Works On Transfer Of

- A. Conventional weapons and dual-use goods and technologies
- B. Wheat and Rice
- C. Space Technology
- D. High yielding seeds

ANSWER: A

16. Which One Of The Following Pairs Is Not Correctly Matched?

- A. Christ Church - New Zealand
- B. Nairobi - Kenya
- C. Budapest - Hungary
- D. Kinshasa - Zaire

ANSWER: A

17. "Sita: Warrior of Mithila" Book Is Written By

- A. Amish Tripathi
- B. Rabindranath Tagore
- C. Amrita Pritam
- D. Chetan Bhagat

ANSWER: A

18. Which Of The Following Is Not Correctly Matched?

- A. Chennai - Deepest port of India
- B. Cochin - Natural port
- C. Kandla - Tidal port
- D. Jawaharlal Nehru port - Sole mechanized port

ANSWER: A

19. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Hq Is In

- A. Nairobi, Kenya
- B. New York City, USA
- C. Rome, Italy
- D. Washington, DC, USA

ANSWER: A

20. What is the primary purpose of the Multi-Purpose Vessels launched for the Indian Navy?

- A. Submarine detection and rescue operations
- B. Towing ships, operating autonomous vehicles, and weapon trials
- C. Surveillance and coastal patrol
- D. Combat operations and anti-piracy missions

ANSWER: B