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Infantry Day - 79th Shaurya Diwas

- The Indian Army on 27 Oct 2025 commemorated **Infantry Day**, also known as **Shaurya Diwas**, with a solemn Wreath Laying Ceremony at the National War Memorial, New Delhi, paying tribute to the valour, sacrifice and indomitable spirit of the Infantry.
- Observed on 27 October every year, Infantry Day holds a special place in the Nation's history. On this day in 1947, Infantrymen of the Indian Army were the first troops to land at Srinagar airport.
- The subsequent operations by these troops are an act of extraordinary courage that repelled the Pakistan-backed tribal invasion and safeguarded India's territorial integrity. The occasion stands as a lasting reminder of the Infantry's steadfast dedication and unmatched valour.



Ikshak To Be Commissioned on November 6

- The Indian Navy's indigenously built survey vessel Ikshak is set to be commissioned at the Naval Base here on November 6.

- The commissioning ceremony will be presided over by Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff, marking the formal induction of the third vessel in the Survey Vessel (Large) class.
- The commissioning marks a significant milestone in India's pursuit of hydrographic excellence and indigenisation.
- "As the third ship of her class, Ikshak's induction underscores the Navy's steadfast commitment to building advanced, state-of-the-art platforms, furthering the momentum of capability enhancement and self-reliance," the statement said.
- Built by **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE)** Ltd, Kolkata, under the supervision of the Directorate of Ship Production and the Warship Overseeing Team (Kolkata), Ikshak embodies over 80 per cent indigenous content, the spokesperson added.
- Ikshak is also the first SVL ship with dedicated women-specific accommodation, reflecting the Indian Navy's inclusive and progressive approach toward a future-ready fleet, the spokesperson added.
- The ship's name, **Ikshak-meaning 'the guide'**- aptly symbolises her mission to chart the unknown, ensure safe passage for mariners, and strengthen India's maritime capabilities, the statement said.



Turkey Signs Deal To Buy 20 Eurofighters

- Turkey agreed to buy 20 new Eurofighter Typhoons from Britain for 8 billion pounds (\$10.7 billion), deepening the NATO allies' ties and bolstering Turkish air defences, as Ankara said it was also seeking 24 more jets from Gulf states.
- British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, on his first visit to Turkey since taking office last year, signed the deal with President Tayyip Erdogan and called it a "landmark moment". Erdogan said joint defence industry projects could follow.
- The deal, which some analysts called expensive, comes as Turkey seeks to leverage the advanced warplanes to make up ground with regional rivals such as Israel, which has unleashed strikes across the Middle East this year.
- Europe meanwhile has increasingly turned to **Turkey, NATO's second-largest military and a major exporter of armed drones**, to reinforce its eastern flank and potentially backstop any future post-war stabilisation force in Ukraine.
- Separately, the defence ministry said Turkey plans to buy **12 more Typhoons** each from Oman and Qatar.



Putin Terminates Plutonium Disposal Agreement with US

- Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a law terminating an already defunct **plutonium disposal agreement** with the United States that aimed to prevent both sides from building more nuclear weapons.

- The move comes as ties cool between Putin and US President Donald Trump, who has expressed mounting frustration at his Russian counterpart for refusing to accept a peace deal in Ukraine.
- Trump scrapped plans for a peace summit with Putin last week, saying it would have been a "waste of time", and ruled out rescheduling unless the Russian leader sent signals he would agree to a deal.
- The Plutonium Management and Disposition Agreement, signed in 2000 and amended in 2010, committed Moscow and Washington to reduce their vast Cold War-era stockpiles of plutonium by 34 metric tonnes each and use it for nuclear power instead.
- US officials estimated the agreement would eliminate the material needed to produce the equivalent of around 17,000 nuclear weapons. Putin had already suspended Russia's participation in the agreement in 2016, when ties were fraying with Trump's predecessor Barack Obama.
- Western leaders have accused Russia of nuclear sabre- rattling since it sent troops into Ukraine in February 2022. Days after launching the offensive, Putin put his nuclear forces on high alert, and last year the Russian leader signed a decree lowering the threshold for using nuclear weapons.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Infantry Day, also known as Shaurya Diwas, is observed every year on which date?

- A. 26 January
- B. 27 October
- C. 15 August
- D. 4 December

ANSWER: B

2. What historic event does Infantry Day commemorate?

- A. The formation of the Indian Army
- B. The first landing of Indian Army Infantrymen at Srinagar airport in 1947
- C. The Kargil victory of 1999
- D. The signing of the Instrument of Accession by Jammu and Kashmir

ANSWER: B

3. The Indian Navy's indigenously built survey vessel Ikshak was built by which shipbuilder?

- A. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)
- B. Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd
- C. Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)
- D. Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL)

ANSWER: B

4. How many Eurofighter Typhoons did Turkey agree to purchase from Britain under the recent defence deal?

- A. 10
- B. 15
- C. 20
- D. 24

ANSWER: C

5. INFANTRY SCHOOL Is Located At

- A. Mumbai
- B. Kochi
- C. Mhow
- D. Panaji

ANSWER: C

6. Indian National Committee for Space Research Was The Former Name of Which Organisation?

- A. DRDO
- B. ISRO
- C. CSIR
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

7. IAI Harpy Is A

- A. Drone
- B. Tank
- C. Submarine
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

8. Operation Safed Sagar Was Launched In

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

ANSWER: C

9. INS Kadamba Is An Indian Navy Base Located At

- A. Karwar in Karnataka
- B. Mumbai, M.H.
- C. Marmugao, Goa
- D. Kochi, Kerala

ANSWER: A

10. KONKAN Ex Conducted B/W India And

- A. Oman
- B. Qatar
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. UK

ANSWER: D

11.L-HAV Stands For

- A. Lance Havildar
- B. Loco Havildar
- C. Lake Havildar
- D. None

ANSWER: A

12. The Hawker Siddeley HS 748 is a

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Transport Aircraft

ANSWER: D

13. Prahaar Missile Manufactured By

- A. MDL
- B. BDL
- C. CSL
- D. DRDO

ANSWER: B

14. SCALP Missile Is Developed By

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

ANSWER: B

15. India Purchased Sako .338 TRG-42 Sniper Rifles From

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. Finland

ANSWER: D

16. Who Became The First Woman Combat Aviator In The Indian Army? “

- A. Major Payal Goyal
- B. Flight Lt. Bhavana Singh
- C. Flight Lt. Avani Chaturvedi
- D. Captain Abhilasha Barak

ANSWER: D

17. "Old Man and the Sea" Book Is Written By

- A. Cervantes
- B. Ruskin Bond
- C. Goethe
- D. Ernest Hemingway

ANSWER: D

18. Challenger 2 Is A Tank Of

- A. Oman
- B. Qatar
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. UK

ANSWER: D

19. Havana Is The Capital Of

- A. Cuba
- B. Qatar
- C. Chad
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

20. Full-Form of ATAGS Is

- A. Adventure Towed Artillery Gun System
- B. Advanced To Artillery Gun System
- C. Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System
- D. Advanced Towed Artillery Gum System

ANSWER: C