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MoD inks Rs 2,095 Crore Contract with BDL

- The defence ministry on Thursday inked a Rs 2,095 crore deal with the state-run Bharat Dynamics Ltd to procure anti-tank missiles for the Indian Army.
- The missiles are being procured to enhance the combat capabilities of the Army. The defence ministry inked a contract with Bharat Dynamics Limited for the procurement of INVAR Anti-tank Missiles at a total cost of Rs 2,095.70 crore under the 'Buy (Indian)' category, an official readout said.
- "The procurement of the INVAR anti-tank missiles enhances the firepower and lethality of Tank T-90, the mainstay of armoured regiments of the Indian Army," it said.
- "The weapon system is a sophisticated laser-guided anti-tank missile with very high hit probability. It is set to transform the conduct of Mechanised operations and offer operational advantage against the adversary," the ministry said in the readout.



Turkey Blocks Overflight of An-124

- A Russian-built Antonov An-124 strategic airlifter transporting three AH-64E Apache Guardian attack helicopters destined for the Indian Army was held up in the United Kingdom for over a week after Ankara denied airspace clearance.
- The aircraft, operated by a US-based logistics contractor, was en route from the United States when the mid-transit impasse disrupted delivery schedules for the Indian Army's first batch of attack helicopters.
- The incident reportedly stemmed from Turkey's refusal to authorise flight access through its controlled airspace, citing procedural and geopolitical reasons linked to its coordination protocols with NATO and Russia.
- Upon landing in Arizona, it was speculated that the An-124 carried military hardware, drawing interest from defence watchers who frequently monitor such transatlantic movements.
- Sources cited by The EurAsian Times indicated that the cargo onboard included Apache helicopters, which immediately raised assumptions of an ongoing or imminent delivery connected to an international defence transaction.



Jaishankar And Rubio Discuss Trade, Supply Chains, And Global Security

- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar held a significant meeting with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on the sidelines of the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Niagara, Canada. The discussion, which took place on Wednesday morning, underscored the continuing efforts of both nations to strengthen trade relations and coordinate positions on pressing global issues.

- Jaishankar, in a post on platform X, expressed appreciation for Rubio's message of condolence over the tragic loss of lives in the recent blast in Delhi. He described the meeting as constructive, noting that it reinforced the growing convergence between India and the United States on several bilateral and strategic matters.
- The meeting in Niagara formed a key part of Jaishankar's series of high-level interactions during the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting. Earlier this week, he held talks with his counterparts from Canada, Mexico, France, Brazil, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and Germany.
- These meetings collectively strengthened India's multilateral engagement and highlighted its growing role in shaping global deliberations on trade, security, and technology cooperation.



L&T Set To Manufacture ABHYAS

- In A Transfer of Technology (ToT) initiative, Larsen & Toubro (L&T), one of India's leading defence and engineering firms, is set to commence production of the High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) system named ABHYAS.
- The aerial target has been conceptualised, designed, and developed by the Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) under the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to support the Indian Armed Forces in realistic aerial threat simulation and weapon training exercises.

- ABHYAS has undergone a comprehensive series of ten successful flight trials at various test ranges, validating its design and performance parameters. All key objectives were achieved, with recent trials demonstrating exceptional system reliability, repeatability, and ease of deployment.
- These trials have confirmed that ABHYAS meets or exceeds global standards in expendable aerial target performance.



INDEC Complex

- The inauguration of the Integrated Non-Destructive Evaluation Complex (INDEC) at the High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL) on 27 September 2025 marked a major advancement in India's capability to inspect and certify high energy materials and explosive systems.
- The event was presided over by Dr Samir V Kamat, Secretary DDR&D & Chairman DRDO, who underscored the critical role of Non-Destructive Evaluation (NDE) in ensuring the safety, reliability, and quality assurance of defence and aerospace systems developed by DRDO.
- The complex will feature three integrated radiation bays, including India's first triple energy industrial LINAC with 7/11/15 MeV energies, a dual energy LINAC of 2/6 MeV, and a 450 kV X-Ray system with multiple motor radiography capabilities.
- This unique combination will allow HEMRL to conduct digital x-ray and volumetric CT inspections across the full spectrum of x-ray energies, from nano

focus x-ray to 15 MeV LINAC x-ray, making it the only centre in the country with such comprehensive capabilities.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The MoD signed a ₹2,095 crore contract with BDL for the procurement of which missile?

- A. NAG
- B. INVAR
- C. HELINA
- D. Spike-LR

ANSWER: B

2. The INVAR missile will enhance the firepower of which Indian Army tank?

- A. Arjun Mk-1A
- B. T-72 Ajeya
- C. T-90
- D. BMP-2

ANSWER: C

3. The An-124 aircraft was transporting which military platform for the Indian Army?

- A. Chinook helicopters
- B. Light Combat Helicopters (LCH)
- C. AH-64E Apache Guardians
- D. Mi-35 attack helicopters

ANSWER: C

4. ABHYAS, set for production by L&T, is classified as which type of defence system?

- A. Surface-to-air missile
- B. High-Speed Expendable Aerial Target

- C. Anti-submarine drone
- D. Artillery radar system

ANSWER: B

5. The newly inaugurated INDEC complex is located at which DRDO laboratory?

- A. GTRE
- B. HEMRL
- C. NPOL
- D. DRDL

ANSWER: B

6. The Motto Of AMC, “सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः” Which Is Derived From The

- A. Brihadaranyaka Upanishad
- B. Mundak Upanishad
- C. Taittiriya Upanishad
- D. Katha Upanishad

ANSWER: A

7. Which of the following is DRDO Technology Demonstration Vessel?

- A. INS Delhi
- B. INS Virat
- C. INS Vagir
- D. INS Anvesh

ANSWER: D

8. Ex ‘SPITTING COBRA’ Conducted b/w India &

- A. USA
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Russia

ANSWER: A

9. Hq Of Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL) Is In

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

ANSWER: A

10. First & Largest Defence Equipment Manufacturer In India Is

- A. BDL
- B. HAL
- C. BEL
- D. AMPL

ANSWER: B

11. V. O. Chidambaranar Port Trust Is Located In

- A. T.N
- B. M.H
- C. Goa
- D. A.P

ANSWER: A

12. Where Is The Hq of The Central Command of The Indian Army?

- A. Lucknow
- B. Agra
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

13. "Prashata Ranvirta" Is A Motto Of

- A. Jammu And Kashmir Rifles
- B. Gorkha Regiment
- C. Punjab Regiment
- D. None

ANSWER: A

14. Bongosagar Ex Conducted B/W Bangladesh And

- A. UK
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Nepal
- D. None

ANSWER: D

15. Heron TP Is a

- A. Air to Air missile
- B. Sniper Rifle

- C. Anti-tank Guided missile
- D. Drone

ANSWER: D

16. "Balidanam Vir Lakshanam" Is The Motto Of

- A. Corps of Signals
- B. RR
- C. AAD
- D. JKLI

ANSWER: D

17. Vice Admiral Rank of Indian Navy Is Equivalent To Which Rank of Indian Army?

- A. Air Marshal
- B. Flight Lt.
- C. Captain
- D. Lt. General

ANSWER: D

18. Range of Astra Missile Mk 2 Is

- A. 110 km
- B. 160 km
- C. 170 km
- D. 250 km

ANSWER: B

19. Ex Samudra Shakti Is Held B/W India &

- A. Italy
- B. Indonesia
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. None

ANSWER: B

20. The G20 Was Founded In

- A. 1999
- B. 2000
- C. 2004
- D. 2005

ANSWER: A