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US Approves Sale of Excalibur Projectiles, Javelin to India

- The United States has cleared two major military sales of Excalibur projectiles and Javelin missile systems to India worth an estimated \$93 million, strengthening defence ties between the two nations.
- According to the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, the deal includes Excalibur projectiles and related equipment valued at \$47.1 million, along with Javelin missile systems and associated equipment estimated at \$45.7 million.
- As per the US agency, the Indian government had requested to buy up to two hundred sixteen (216) M982A1 Excalibur tactical projectiles. The principal contractor will be RTX Corporation, located in Arlington, VA.
- According to the US department, India has requested to buy one hundred (100) FGM-148 Javelin rounds; one (1) Javelin FGM-148 missile, fly-to-buy; and twenty-five (25) Javelin Lightweight Command Launch Units (LwCLU) or Javelin Block 1 Command Launch Units (CLU).



Bangladesh NSA Meets Ajit Doval

- National Security Advisor (NSA) of Bangladesh, Khalilur Rahman, met NSA Ajit Doval here in the national capital on Wednesday, as stated by the Bangladesh High Commission.
- According to a statement from the Bangladesh High Commission, the NSAs discussed the functioning of the Colombo Security Conclave and key bilateral issues. Rahman also invited NSA Doval to visit Bangladesh.
- Rahman is leading the Bangladesh delegation for the seventh NSA CSC Meet.
- The meeting comes amidst strained ties following Sheikh Hasina's ouster and death sentence. The meeting marks the highest-level security engagement since an interim government, led by Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus, took power in Bangladesh in August 2024.
- A Bangladesh court on Monday afternoon found ousted former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina guilty of committing "crimes against humanity" during the July-August uprising in 2024. Local media reported that the International Crimes Tribunal-1 has sentenced Hasina to death.



Ladakh LG Approves 16 Key Defence, Other Projects

- Ladakh Lt Governor Kavinder Gupta on Wednesday reviewed and cleared 16 projects of the Army, Power Development Department (PDD) and Border Roads Organisation located within Karakoram and Changthang wildlife sanctuaries.

- He, however, reiterated that while defence preparedness and infrastructure development are vital for national security in Ladakh's frontier region, they must be pursued with uncompromising adherence to environmental safeguards.
- Chairing the 14th meeting of the State Board for Wildlife here, the Lt Governor stressed full compliance with directives issued by the Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment to ensure that construction or operational activities do not disturb local biodiversity.
- Approval for all projects was granted subject to mandatory implementation of the guidelines and recommendations contained in the Biological Impact Assessment Report, which evaluates both positive and adverse effects on Ladakh's fragile high-altitude ecosystems.



Indian Army secures IPR for New Coat Combat

- The Indian Army has secured the intellectual property rights for a new coat combat (digital print) -- a three-layered garment that integrates combat functionality with comfort and protection, according to officials.
- The 'New Coat Combat' has been designed and developed by the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Delhi, as a consultancy project under the aegis of the Army Design Bureau.
- Following the unveiling of the new combat uniform (digital print), the Army introduced the new coat combat (digital print) in January 2025, marking another

milestone in its ongoing journey towards modernisation, indigenisation, and enhanced soldier comfort, it said in a statement.

- The three-layered garment incorporates advanced technical textiles and features an ergonomic design tailored to improve comfort, mobility, and operational efficiency in diverse climatic and tactical conditions, the officials said.
- The new coat combat ensemble includes an outer layer, an inner jacket and a thermal layer. The outer layer consists of digitally printed camouflage coat designed for operational durability and concealment in varied terrains.
- The inner jacket is an insulated mid-layer using lightweight, breathable material, providing warmth without restricting movement; while the thermal layer is a base layer ensuring optimal thermal regulation and moisture control in extreme weather, it said.



L&T Bags Deal For New Specialised All-terrain Armoured Vehicle

- BvS10 Sindhu -- a specialised all-terrain armoured vehicle -- is all set to be produced for the Indian Army at L&T's Hazira facilities, a regulatory filing by the company said.
- The Indian infrastructure major bagged the keenly-watched contract jointly with BAE Systems. Under the terms of the deal, L&T will indigenously produce the BvS10 Sindhu at its Armoured Systems Complex in Hazira. BAE Systems will provide L&T with technical and design support.
- It is worth mentioning here that BAE Systems Hägglunds is the original manufacturer of the BvS10 platform.

- Logistics support is also covered under the contract. According to the BSE filing by L&T, a comprehensive integrated logistics support package for "initial deployment, maintenance and life-cycle sustainment" is included in the deal.
- The company filing described the BvS10 Sindhu as an upgraded variant of the proven BvS10 all-terrain vehicle. The new variant will have adaptations tailored specifically for high altitude, desert, marshland and amphibious environments, it added.
- With its articulated design, the BvS10 offers outstanding manoeuvrability across challenging landscapes -- snowfields, icy terrain, rocky ground, deserts, marshes, mud and steep mountainous regions. Its amphibious capability further enables movement through flooded zones and along coastlines.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The US-approved defence sale to India includes how many M982A1 Excalibur projectiles?
A. 150
B. 216
C. 300
D. 100

ANSWER: B

2. Which organisation designed the Indian Army's new coat combat (digital print)?
A. DRDO

- B. OFB
- C. NIFT Delhi
- D. HAL

ANSWER: C

3. The meeting between Bangladesh NSA and Ajit Doval took place ahead of which event?

- A. BIMSTEC Summit
- B. ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting
- C. Colombo Security Conclave (CSC)
- D. SAARC Security Dialogue

ANSWER: C

4. The BvS10 Sindhu armoured vehicle will be manufactured at which L&T facility?

- A. Pune
- B. Chennai
- C. Hazira
- D. Kattupalli

ANSWER: C

5. The Ladakh LG approved 16 projects located inside which wildlife sanctuaries?

- A. Dachigam and Hemis
- B. Karakoram and Changthang
- C. Pobitora and Manas
- D. Nanda Devi and Govind

ANSWER: B

6. What is the headquarters of Allied Command Operations for NATO?

- A. Berlin, Germany
- B. Warsaw, Poland
- C. London, UK
- D. Mons, Belgium

ANSWER: D

7. India's Buys P8I Aircraft From

- A. Iran

- B. USA
- C. UK
- D. Uganda

ANSWER: B

8. JCPOA Stands For

- A. Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action
- B. Joint Comprehensive Plan of Act
- C. Joint Comprehensive Plane of Action
- D. None

ANSWER: A

9. 15th President of India Is/Was

- A. Shrimati Draupadi Murmu
- B. Shri Pratibha Singh Patil
- C. Shri Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam
- D. Shri Pranab Mukherjee

ANSWER: A

10. ___ Of The Constitution Read With The Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elections.

- A. Article 324
- B. Article 352
- C. Article 356
- D. Article 360

ANSWER: A

11. Make in India Was Launched In

- A. 2010
- B. 2014
- C. 2019
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

12. ___ holds the rank of Supreme Commander of the IAF.

- A. President of India
- B. PM
- C. NSA
- D. Chief of the Air Staff (CAS)

ANSWER: A

13. Which Is The Type Of A LUH?

- A. Chetak
- B. Apache
- C. Chinook
- D. Rafale

ANSWER: A

14. Hq of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited Is In

- A. Bangalore
- B. New Delhi
- C. Chennai
- D. Karachi

ANSWER: A

15. Iran Boundary Doesn't Touch With

- A. Iraq
- B. India
- C. Pakistan
- D. Russia

ANSWER: D

16. Wing Commander Rank of IAF Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Army?

- A. Lieutenant
- B. Captain
- C. Lieutenant Colonel
- D. Colonel

ANSWER: C

17. Luanda Is The Capital Of

- A. Azerbaijan
- B. Qatar
- C. Angola
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

18. "A Place Called Home" Book Is Written By

- A. Rizwan Khan

- B. Priya Sharma
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Preeti Shenoy

ANSWER: D

19. The G20 was founded in

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

ANSWER: A

20. Exercises B/w The India And Vietnam Is Called:

- A. VINBAX
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Vajra Prahar

ANSWER: A

