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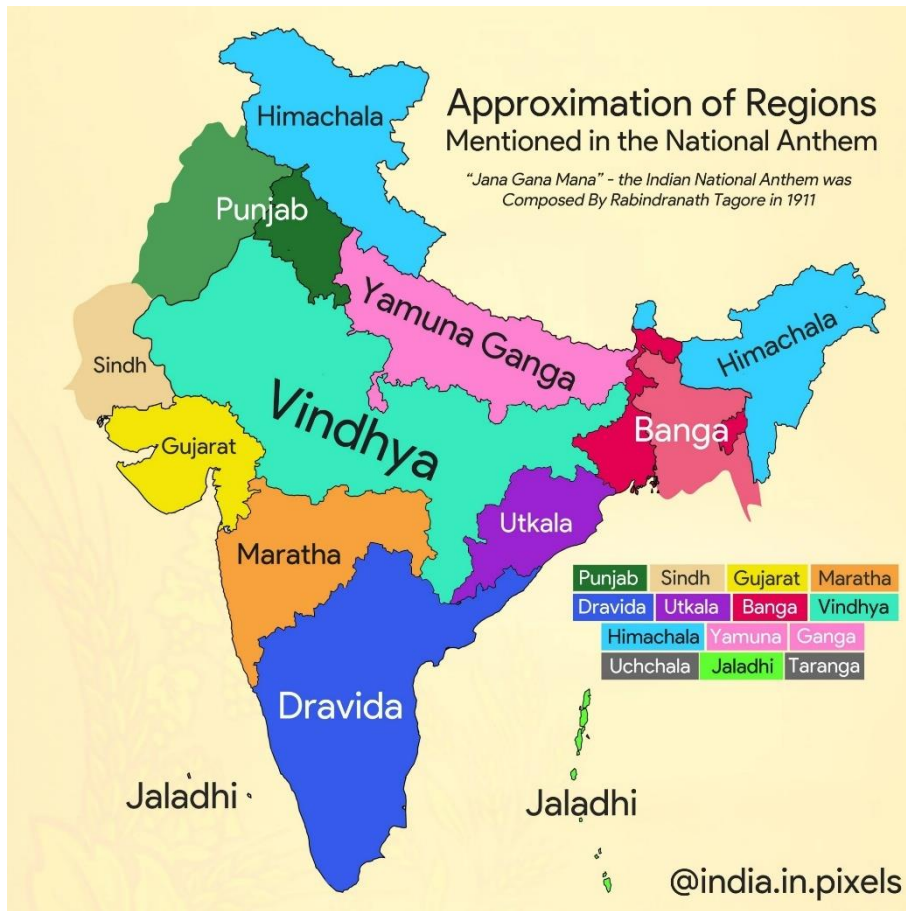
AUSINDEX 2025 Exercise

- The Indian Naval Ship INS Sahyadri, a proud example of India's indigenous defence capabilities, recently participated in the bilateral exercise AUSINDEX 2025 alongside HMAS Ballarat of the Royal Australian Navy in the Northern Pacific.
- This exercise marked a significant milestone in strengthening the strategic partnership between India and Australia.
- The warships and aircraft of the two navies conduct intensive joint naval drills and operations in the Northern Pacific. The exercise is aimed at significantly boosting interoperability and deepening the strategic partnership between the two maritime nations.
- Australia, India, Japan, and US forces participated in Exercise Malabar 2025 in and around Guam, November 10-18. This year marks the **29th iteration** of the **Malabar exercise**, which began in 1992 as a bilateral exercise between the United States and India. The exercise has since evolved in scope and complexity, now including Japan and Australia.



Sindh May Return To India Again : Defence Minister

- Recalling BJP patriarch L K Advani's words on Sindh's civilisational connect with India despite the Partition, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday said "borders can change" and "tomorrow Sindh may return to India".
- In his address at an event hosted by the Sindhi community here, he said that "Advani ji wrote in one of his books that Sindhi Hindus, especially those of his generation, still haven't accepted the matter of separation of Sindh from India".
- Pakistan was created as a result of the 1947 Partition of then-undivided India, and the Sindh region near the river Indus has been part of Pakistan since then.
- "Not just in Sindh, but throughout India, Hindus considered the Indus River (Sindhu in Hindi) sacred. Many Muslims in Sindh also believed that the water of the Indus was no less sacred than the Aab-e-Zamzam (holiest of the waters) of Mecca.
- The word Sindh is associated with the cultural identity of India and the Sindhi community, he said. Referring to the national anthem, Singh asserted that "even today people sing with pride, '...Punjab, Sindh, Gujarat, Maratha', and they will continue to sing, and forever sing it, and sing it till we exist".



10 All-women Border Outposts along LAC

- The Indo-Tibetan Border Police force, which guards the 3,488 km-long India-China LAC, is establishing 10 all-women border posts along this arduous and icy frontier, the director general of the paramilitary said.
- The force, as part of its ambitious "forwardisation" plan, initiated post the 2020 military clash in Ladakh, has also moved its 215 border posts forward along the front on India's north and eastern flank so far.
- Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) **DG Praveen Kumar** said this during the **64th Raising Day parade** of the force held in Jammu.
- The Centre had sanctioned seven more battalions and a sector office comprising about 9,400 personnel for the ITBP in 2023. The DG said the force will establish 41 more such forward bases along the India-China LAC in the near future in order to "strengthen security and coordination".
- The ITBP, with a manpower of more than one lakh personnel, has its border posts ranging between the height of 9,000 feet and over 14,000 feet, affected

by inclement weather and low levels of oxygen. The force, raised in 1962, functions under the command of the Union Home Ministry.



NCC's 78th Raising Day

- The National Cadet Corps (NCC) is set to celebrate its 78th Raising Day on November 23, 2025, with commemorative events planned across the country. As a prelude to the celebrations, a solemn wreath-laying ceremony was held at the National War Memorial, New Delhi, on November 22, 2025.
- From its establishment in 1948 with just 20,000 cadets, the NCC has grown into the world's largest uniformed youth organisation with 20 lakh cadets, including an increase of 6 lakh cadets between 2014 and 2025.
- Today, its footprint extends to 713 out of India's 780 districts, making it one of the most widely represented youth institutions in the country.
- As the NCC observes its 77th anniversary, it continues to evolve as a vibrant and future-ready organisation, preparing disciplined, socially aware and technologically skilled youth committed to strengthening a Viksit Bharat.



Indian Navy Set To Commission Mahe

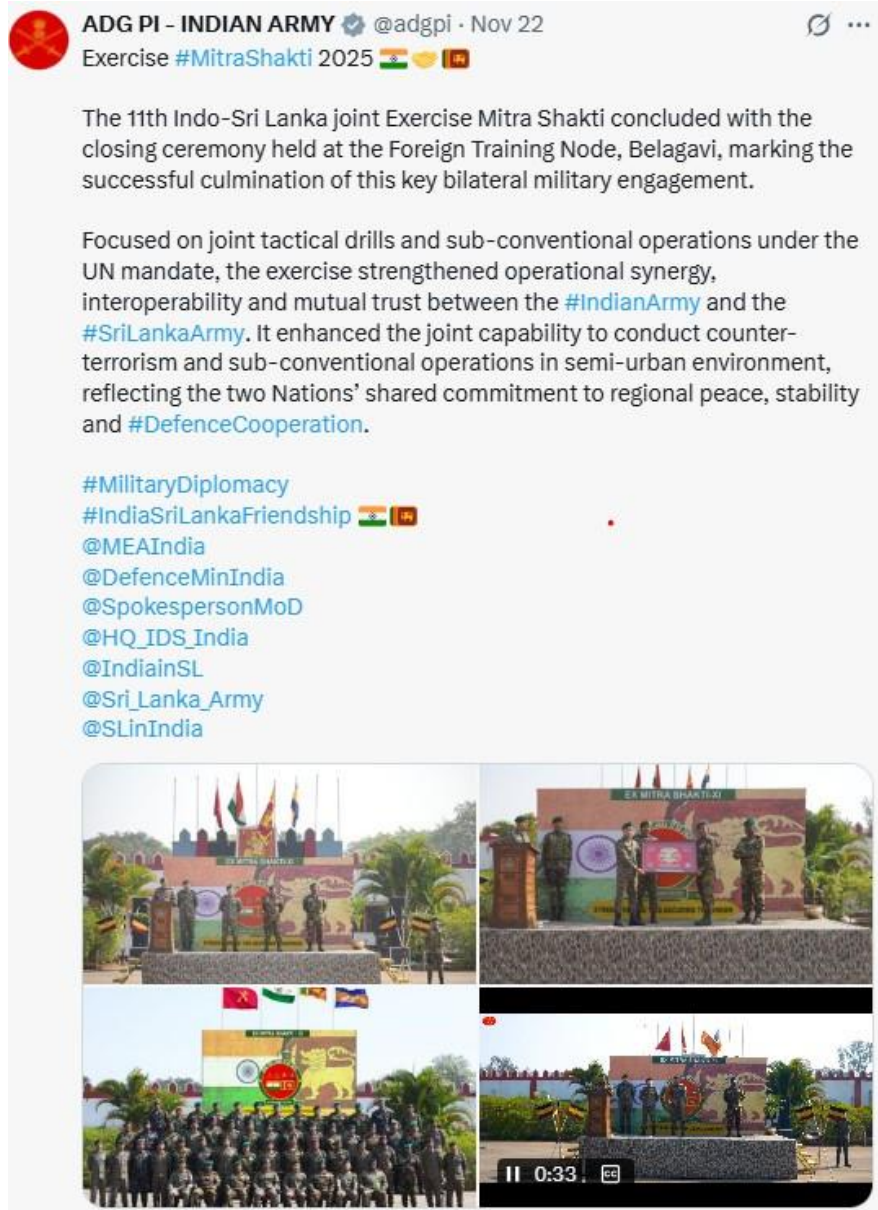
- The Indian Navy will commission Mahe, the first of the Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), at the Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, on 24 Nov 2025.
- The commissioning of Mahe will mark the arrival of a new generation of indigenous shallow-water combatants - sleek, swift, and resolutely Indian. With over 80 percent indigenous content, the Mahe-class showcases India's growing mastery in warship design, construction and integration.
- She will serve as a 'Silent Hunter' on the Western Seaboard - powered by self-reliance and dedicated to safeguarding India's maritime frontiers.



Exercise Surya Kiran 2025

- The **19th edition** of the annual bilateral Exercise SURYAKIRAN between the Indian Army and the Nepali Army will be conducted from 25 November to 08 December 2025 at Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.
- The exercise aims to strengthen operational synergy in conducting Jungle Warfare and Counter Terrorism Operations in Mountainous Terrain.
- It focuses on integration of niche technology to enhance interoperability while sharing best practices, reflecting the shared commitment of India and Nepal towards global peace and security, while further deepening Defence Cooperation, camaraderie and mutual trust between both armies.





REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **INS Sahyadri recently participated in the bilateral exercise AUSINDEX 2025 alongside which Australian naval ship?**
 - A. HMAS Sydney
 - B. HMAS Ballarat
 - C. HMAS Canberra
 - D. HMAS Darwin

ANSWER: B

2. AUSINDEX 2025 took place in which region?

- A. Indian Ocean
- B. Bay of Bengal
- C. Northern Pacific
- D. Arabian Sea

ANSWER: C

3. Exercise Malabar began in 1992 as a bilateral exercise between which two countries?

- A. India and Japan
- B. India and Australia
- C. India and United States
- D. India and Russia

ANSWER: C

4. Which countries participated in Exercise Malabar 2025?

- A. India, Australia, Japan, US
- B. India, Russia, Japan, Australia
- C. India, US, UK, Japan
- D. India, France, US, Australia

ANSWER: A

5. How many all-women border posts is the ITBP establishing along the India-China LAC?

- A. 5
- B. 8
- C. 10
- D. 12

ANSWER: C

6. In which year was the National Cadet Corps (NCC) established?

- A. 1945
- B. 1948
- C. 1950
- D. 1962

ANSWER: B

7. The first Mahe-class ASW Shallow Water Craft is

- A. Mahe

- B. Nishank
- C. Rana
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

8. Exercise SURYAKIRAN 2025 between India and Nepal will be conducted at which location?

- A. Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- B. Kathmandu, Nepal
- C. Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand
- D. Pokhara, Nepal

ANSWER: C

9. INS Arighat Is A

- A. Nuclear Powered Submarine
- B. Diesel Powered Submarine
- C. Destroyer
- D. Sailing Ship

ANSWER: A

10. Operation Meghdoot Was Conducted In

- A. 13 April 1984
- B. 14 April 1984
- C. 15 April 1984
- D. 16 April 1984

ANSWER: A

11. QRFV Stands For

- A. Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle Medium
- B. Quick Reaction Fighting Vast Medium
- C. Quick Reaction Fight Vehicle Medium
- D. None

ANSWER: A

12. The IAI Harpy Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV

D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: C

13. Motto Of Integrated Defence Staff

A. Victory Through Jointness

B. Victory Everywhere

C. Always Ahead

D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

14. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Hq Is In

A. Queenstown, Singapore

B. Berlin, Germany

C. Abu Dhabi (UAE)

D. Kathmandu, Nepal

ANSWER: A

15. XIV Corps Of Indian Army Is Also Known As

A. Fire and Fury Corps

B. Chinari Corps

C. White Knight Corps

D. None

ANSWER: A

16. First Made In India Passenger Aircraft Is____

A. Dornier 228

B. Chetak

C. Cheetah

D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

17. Operation Sarp Vinash Was Conducted In

A. 1978

B. 2016

C. 2003

D. 1980

ANSWER: C

18. "All Time Favorites for Children" Book Written By

- A. Sunita Dwivedi
- B. Avtar Singh Bhasin
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Ruskin Bond

ANSWER: D

19. War Cry Of THE BRIGADE OF THE GUARDS Is

- A. Garud ka hun bol pyare
- B. Everywhere
- C. Victory Is Mine
- D. Charge and Attack

ANSWER: A

20. Which company is manufacturing the Indian Light Tank 'Zorawar'?

- A. DRDO
- B. Larsen & Toubro
- C. HAL
- D. Bharat Forge

ANSWER: B