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India's BEL, France's Safran Launch Equal-share

- India has taken another step towards strengthening domestic defence manufacturing. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) and France's Safran Electronics & Defence have signed an agreement to produce HAMMER smart precision-guided air-to-ground weapons within the country.
- According to the ministry, the agreement confirms the creation of a joint venture company with equal shareholding. The new entity will focus on manufacturing the HAMMER weapon system in India, supporting the government's broader push for defence indigenisation.
- "The agreement formalises establishment of a Joint Venture private limited company with 50:50 shareholding," the ministry said in a statement.
- The **HAMMER (Highly Agile Modular Munition Extended Range)** is known for its precision, modular design, and ability to strike targets with high accuracy.
- Producing it in India is expected to boost self-reliance, reduce import dependence, and open new avenues for advanced defence technology collaboration between India and France.



INS Mahe Commissioned

- The Indian Navy commissioned INS Mahe, the first of the indigenously designed and built Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), during a ceremony held at the Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, on 24 Nov 2025.
- The ship takes her name from the historic coastal town of Mahe on the Malabar Coast. The town's maritime heritage and tranquil estuary mirror the ship's balance of elegance and strength.
- Her mascot, the Cheetah, embodies speed and focus, while the motto "**Silent Hunters**" reflects the ship's stealth, vigilance, and unyielding readiness.
- Designed and constructed by **Cochin Shipyard Limited**, Kochi, INS Mahe is the lead ship of eight vessels in her class. Drawing on the expertise of BEL, L&T Defence, Mahindra Defence Systems, NPOL, and more than 20 MSMEs, the project reinforces India's expanding ecosystem of naval design, equipment, and system integration.



13th India-Oman JMCC Meet

- Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh and Secretary General, Ministry of Defence, Oman Dr Mohammed Bin Naseer Bin Ali Al Zaabi co-chaired the 13th Joint Military Cooperation Committee meeting in New Delhi on November 24, 2025.

- Both officials reviewed & appreciated the robust defence cooperation between the two countries and discussed ways to further strengthen bilateral engagements in various areas. They also shared perspectives on regional and international security developments, particularly relating to the IOR.
- Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to deepening defence industrial cooperation, emphasising on joint development, technology sharing, and expanded production partnerships.
- They highlighted the importance of strengthening supply chains, enhancing interoperability, and fostering innovation in emerging defence technologies.
- **Army exercises**
- AL-NAJAH
- **Naval exercises**
- Naseem Al Bahr



Akash Air Defence System Production From 50 To 100 Missiles A Month

- Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) has doubled the monthly production of the indigenous Akash surface-to-air missile (SAM) from approximately 50 missiles to 100 missiles.
- This significant ramp-up in production capacity demonstrates India's strategic intent to bolster its air defence capabilities. The increase aligns with government

directives to expand missile production to meet the requirements of the Indian Armed Forces and also supports planned export ambitions.

- This expansion will ensure a steady supply of Akash missiles across multiple Indian Air Force squadrons and Army regiments that currently rely on this medium-range mobile missile system for layered air defence coverage.
- The enhanced production capacity also facilitates planned export to friendly countries interested in acquiring the system, following government policies prioritising domestic military needs before international sales.



Pakistani Strikes on Afghanistan

- Pakistan-Afghanistan Conflict: As tensions continue to rise between the two neighbouring countries, Pakistan carried out airstrikes inside Afghanistan on Monday night, killing at least 10 civilians, including nine children, according to the Taliban administration.
- Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said the strikes hit a residential home in Khost province late Monday, claiming the lives of five boys, four girls and a woman.
- "Last night, around 12 o'clock, Pakistani invading forces carried out a bombing on the home of a local resident, Wilayat Khan son of Qazi Mir, in the Mughalgay area of Gerbaz district in Khost province, as a result of which 9 children (5 boys and 4 girls) and one woman were martyred, and his home was destroyed," said Mujahid in a post on social media platform X.
- He added that four more civilians have been wounded in Pakistani airtstikes at the border regions of Kunar and Paktika.

- The move comes hours after Pakistan faced fresh security turmoil at home as gunmen launched an attack on the Frontier Constabulary headquarters in Peshawar, a key security installation near the military cantonment area.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. INS Sahyadri recently participated in the bilateral exercise AUSINDEX 2025 alongside which Australian naval ship?

- A. BrahMos
- B. ASTRA
- C. HAMMER
- D. Pralay

ANSWER: C

2. INS Mahe belongs to which class of naval vessels?

- A. Kolkata-class destroyers
- B. Mahe-class ASW Shallow Water Craft
- C. Kamorta-class corvettes
- D. Talwar-class frigates

ANSWER: B

3. Which two countries participated in the 13th JMCC meeting held in New Delhi?

- A. India and UAE

- B. India and Oman
- C. India and France
- D. India and Indonesia

ANSWER: B

4. The motto of INS Mahe is:

- A. "Guardians of the Sea"
- B. "Silent Hunters"
- C. "Steadfast and Resolute"
- D. "Swift and Strong"

ANSWER: B

5. BDL has increased monthly production of Akash missiles from 50 to how many?

- A. 70
- B. 120
- C. 100
- D. 150

ANSWER: C

6. Which country's Sittwe Port has India gained operational control over, expanding its maritime presence?

- A. Myanmar
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

7. Ex 'AUSINDEX' conducted b/w India &

- A. Angola
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Australia

ANSWER: D

8. North-West Region Of ICG Located In

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam

- C. Gandhinagar
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: C

9. Joint Exercises B/w The India And USA Is Called:

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Tiger Triumph

ANSWER: D

10. Department of Defence Production Comes Under

- A. Ministry of Culture
- B. MHA
- C. MOD
- D. MEA

ANSWER: C

11. Which Country Is Not The Member Of QUAD?

- A. USA
- B. India
- C. Japan
- D. Russia

ANSWER: D

12. Dhanush (howitzer) Manufactured By

- A. L & T
- B. Boeing
- C. ISRO
- D. Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited

ANSWER: D

13. Where Is The Hq Of The Eastern Command of The IAF?

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Shillong
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: C

14. PVSM Stands For

- A. Param Vishisht Seva Medal
- B. Param Vishisht Sainik Medal
- C. Param Vishishthtm Seva Medal
- D. None

ANSWER: A

15. Canberra Is The Capital Of

- A. Armenia
- B. Qatar
- C. UAE
- D. Australia

ANSWER: D

16. "Broken Wing" Book Written By

- A. Sarojini Naidu
- B. Jawaharlal Nehru
- C. Maithili Sharan Gupt
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

17. Israeli 'Non-Line of Sight (NLOS) Is A

- A. Ballistic Missile
- B. ATGM
- C. Helicopter
- D. Tank

ANSWER: B

18. Chairman Of NITI Aayog Is

- A. Rajiv Kumar
- B. Rakesh Asthana
- C. R Hari Kumar
- D. Narendra Modi

ANSWER: D

19. Leclerc Is A

- A. Tank
- B. Missile
- C. Gun

D. Rocket

ANSWER: A

20. Sena Medal Award Is Given To The Soldiers Of

A. Indian Army

B. IAF

C. Indian Navy

D. ICG

ANSWER: A

