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AMAR Combat Training

- Indian Army Trishakti Corps has commenced intensive Army Martial Arts Routine (AMAR) training at altitudes exceeding 14,000 ft, significantly enhancing close-combat readiness in some of the most demanding operational zones along the Northern Borders, a release said.
- According to PRO Defence, this training is conducted in sub-zero temperatures, rarefied air, and rugged terrain. This training aims to prepare soldiers to respond effectively, even when conventional weapons are not immediately available.
- Additionally, the training enhances reflexes, balance, stamina, and situational awareness, and helps control aggression, which are considered essential attributes for success in close-quarters battle in mountainous terrain.
- AMAR is a modern combat system that blends traditional Indian martial arts with globally proven close-combat techniques. The regimen covers bare-hand engagements, weapon-based combat, stress response control, and comprehensive physical and mental conditioning, which are considered critical for high-altitude operations.
- Earlier, in a significant milestone towards self-reliance, the Indian Army had indigenised 55 out of the total 57 Special Clothing and Mountaineering Equipment (SCME) for troops in Super High Altitude Areas, Additional Directorate General of Public Information (ADG PI), IHQ of MoD (Army) said.



SSS Defence Unveils Indigenous M72

- Bangalore-based defence manufacturer SSS Defence has announced a major expansion of its small-arms portfolio with the introduction of the M72 Light Machine Gun (LMG) chambered in 5.56x45mm calibre.
- The new system marks a critical step in India's efforts to strengthen indigenous small-arms manufacturing under the broader self-reliance initiative. By integrating modern design features, ergonomic refinement, and locally sourced materials, the M72 aims to meet both domestic and export requirements in the light support weapon category.
- It offers lightweight construction with robust performance, making it ideal for modern infantry and special operations roles. The weapon's 5.56x45mm NATO chambering allows interoperability with standard ammunition used by Indian and allied forces, simplifying logistics during joint missions and training activities.
- This launch builds upon the company's growing family of indigenous infantry weapons, including the M72 carbine, P-72 and G-72 assault rifles, an indigenous submachine gun (SMG), and a designated marksman rifle (DMR).



Visit of Rear Admiral Mohamed Tahin

- Rear Admiral Mohamed Tahin, Inspector of the Royal Moroccan Navy, is on an official visit to India from 24-27 Nov 2025, aimed at strengthening maritime cooperation and enhancing bilateral naval engagements. The visit underscores the growing maritime partnership between the two countries and reflects shared interests in maritime domain.
- RAdm Mohamed Tahin held a bilateral meeting with Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff, wherein discussions focused on enhancing naval engagement, structured training exchanges and collaboration in Maritime Domain Awareness.
- This was followed by laying a wreath at the National War Memorial. The visit also includes engagement at key maritime establishments such as Information Fusion Centre – Indian Ocean Region (IFC – IOR), Weapon and Electronic System and Engineering Establishment (WESEE) as well as training establishments of Indian Navy's Southern Naval Command at Kochi.
- Morocco, a North African country bordering the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea, is distinguished by its Berber, Arabian and European cultural influences. Marrakesh's medina, a mazelike medieval quarter, offers entertainment in its Djemaa el-Fna square and souks (marketplaces) selling ceramics, jewelry and metal lanterns. The capital Rabat's Kasbah of the Udayas is a 12th-century royal fort overlooking the water.
- Capital: Rabat
- Currency: Moroccan Dirham
- Official languages: Arabic, Standard Moroccan Berber
- Population: 3.81 crores (2024) World Bank
- King: Mohammed VI
- Prime minister: Aziz Akhannouch



Swavlamban 2025

- “India is entering a golden era of defence innovation, and its foundation is being laid by our innovators & young entrepreneurs who are integrating economic strength, strategic thinking and technological advancements,” said Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh
- While addressing start-ups, MSMEs, academia, industry partners & venture capitalists during the fourth edition of the Indian Navy’s Swavlamban seminar in New Delhi on November 25, 2025.
- Stressing on the need for India to remain proactive, ahead of the curve and future-ready as it cannot adopt a reactive approach in today’s rapidly evolving world & constantly shifting geopolitical landscape, he credited the innovators for coming forth with path-breaking solutions & helping the nation emerge as a builder, creator and leader & not merely a buyer.
- Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi stated that with each successive edition, Swavlamban has grown in scope, scale, and participation – evolving from 800 participants in its maiden edition to an impressive gathering of 3,000 last year.
- Out of the 565 iDEX challenges announced so far, the Indian Navy owns a significant share of 35%, and Swavlamban has been central to achieving this, he added.



Taiwan Announces Special Budget

- Taiwan's President Lai Ching-te said Wednesday he will put forth a special \$40 billion budget for arms purchases, including to build a Taiwan Dome, an air defense system with high-level detection and interception capabilities, in the face of U.S. pressure for the island to increase its defense spending.
- The budget will be allocated over eight years, from 2026 to 2033, and comes after Lai already pledged to raise defense spending to 5% of the island's GDP.
- Currently, Taiwan has budgeted an increase in its defense budget to 3.3% for 2026, allocating \$949.5 billion New Taiwan Dollars (\$31.18 billion).
- Lai had previewed the announcement in an op-ed for the Washington Post on Wednesday, saying the special budget would be used to purchase arms from the U.S.
- Wellington Koo, Taiwan's minister of national defense, said Wednesday the \$40 billion is an upper limit for the special budget and that it will be used to buy precision-strike missiles and toward the joint development and procurement between Taiwan and the U.S. of equipment and systems.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Where was the 11th ADMM-Plus meeting held?

- A. Bangkok
- B. Vientiane
- C. Jakarta
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: B

2. What is the primary goal of the OROP scheme?

- A. Increasing soldiers' salaries
- B. Equal pension for same rank & service tenure
- C. Free medical services for veterans
- D. Granting additional allowances to ex-servicemen

ANSWER: B

3. What is the main goal of the Axiom-4 mission?

- A. Conducting deep space exploration
- B. Training astronauts for Mars missions
- C. A commercial mission to the ISS
- D. Building a new space station

ANSWER: C

4. AMAR combat training is primarily conducted to enhance which capability of soldiers?

- A. Long-range artillery accuracy
- B. Close-combat readiness in difficult terrains
- C. Naval navigation skills
- D. Cyber warfare proficiency

ANSWER: B

5. The newly launched M72 Light Machine Gun by SSS Defence is chambered for which calibre?

- A. 7.62×39mm
- B. 7.62×51mm
- C. 5.56×45mm
- D. 9×19mm

ANSWER: C

6. What is the theme for National Science Day 2025?

- A. "Scientific Innovation for a Sustainable Future"
- B. "Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science & Innovation for VIKSIT BHARAT"
- C. "Advancing Technology for a Better Tomorrow"
- D. "India's Scientific Breakthroughs in the 21st Century"

ANSWER: B

7. Which organization conducted the 'Sagar Kavach' coastal security drill?

- A. Border Security Force
- B. Indian Coast Guard
- C. National Security Guard
- D. Central Industrial Security Force

ANSWER: B

8. Which two IAF astronauts are undergoing space training at NASA for the Axiom-4 mission?

- A. Group Captain Ajit Krishnan & Group Captain Angad Pratap
- B. Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair & Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla
- C. Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair & Group Captain Ajit Krishnan
- D. Group Captain Angad Pratap & Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla

ANSWER: B

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10. When was the 10th anniversary of OROP observed?

- A. October 07, 2024
- B. November 07, 2024
- C. December 07, 2024
- D. January 07, 2024

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13. "Sarvatra" (Everywhere) Is The Motto Of

- A. JKRIF
- B. RR
- C. CORPS OF ENGINEERS
- D. Madras Regiment

ANSWER: C

14. IAF Was Formed On

- A. 8 October 1932
- B. 8 October 1922

- C. 8 October 1942
- D. 8 October 1952

ANSWER: A

15. SLBM Stands For

- A. Submarine-launched Ballistic Misery
- B. Submarine-launched Ballistic Missile
- C. Submarine-launched Ballet Missile
- D. Solar-launched Ballistic Missile

ANSWER: B

16. Lima Is The Capital Of

- A. Poland
- B. Qatar
- C. UAE
- D. Peru

ANSWER: D

17. "The Epic Battle of Longewala" Book Written By

- A. Arun Kumar
- B. Ashish Ghatak
- C. Ramesh Kandula
- D. Air Marshal Retd Bharat Kumar

ANSWER: D

18. Joint Exercises B/w The India And UK Is Called:

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Konkan Shakti

ANSWER: D

19. Where Is The Hq Of The Southwestern Command of The Indian Army?

- A. Jaipur
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

20. Merkava Mk.4 Is The Tank Of

- A. Germany
- B. Israel
- C. USA
- D. India

ANSWER: B

