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India To Request 5 Additional Squadrons of S-400

- India plans to request five additional squadrons of the Russian S-400 Triumph air defence systems during the upcoming Modi-Putin summit on December 5, 2025.
- This move follows the proven effectiveness of the three already inducted S-400 squadrons, which performed significantly during Operation Sindoor, where the system successfully shot down high-tech Pakistani fighters at long range.
- India is also preparing a large procurement of S-400 missiles worth around ₹10,000 crore to replenish stocks used in operational engagements and build reserves.
- Russia will establish a Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) facility in India for these systems under a comprehensive annual maintenance contract already approved by the Indian defence ministry.
- IAF sees these jets as a potential stopgap to fill the capability gap until indigenous stealth fighter AMCA becomes operational around 2035. Discussions for local production of up to 120-140 Su-57 jets at HAL Nashik are progressing, signalling a substantial technology transfer and boost to "Make in India" goals, but the deal remains in negotiations.



Exercise Garuda 2025

- IAF and the French Air and Space Force (FASF) are engaged in the 8th edition of their bilateral air exercise, Garuda 2025, conducted from November 16 to 27 at Mont-de-Marsan Air Base in France.
- The exercise involves over 500 airmen and 25 aircraft from both nations, reflecting the deep operational and strategic partnership between India and France.
- The exercise makes extensive use of airlift and air-to-air refuelling assets such as the C-17 Globemaster III and IL-78 tankers to extend the range and endurance of the participating fighters.
- This partnership, which began with India's first-ever Strategic Partnership in 1998, encompasses defence, security, civil nuclear cooperation, space, and now prominently includes cooperation within the Indo-Pacific region.



India-France Defence Partnership

- A landmark agreement was signed on 20 November 2025 at DRDO Headquarters in New Delhi, signalling a significant advance in India-France defence cooperation.
- Lieutenant General (Armaments) Gaël Diaz de Tuesta, National Armaments Director of the French Defence Procurement Agency (DGA), and Dr Samir V. Kamat, Chairman of DRDO, formalised the technical arrangement.
- This accord builds on the Roadmap for India-France Defence Industrial Partnership agreed upon in January 2024 during the French President's official visit to India. It establishes a structured framework for future collaboration between the DGA and DRDO.
- The framework aims to streamline decision-making processes and project management, enabling swifter progress on defence technologies of mutual interest. It is expected to accelerate the initiation of innovative and collaborative defence initiatives.



Ananth Centre of Excellence For Navigation

- ISRO Chairman V Narayanan inaugurated Ananth Technologies' Ananth Centre of Excellence for Navigation (ACEN) (named after Ananth Technologies) in Thiruvananthapuram, marking the launch of India's first private-sector navigation innovation hub.
- This development signifies a major step towards India securing full autonomy in critical navigation technologies, a sector vital for defence, space, and civilian infrastructure. The event drew senior officials from defence, space, and academic institutions, highlighting the strategic importance of the initiative.
- Ananth Technologies, established in 1992, has been a key contributor to major ISRO and DRDO missions, known for its expertise in precision sensors, airworthiness protocols, and system integration for satellites and launch vehicles.
- Navigation is described as the invisible backbone of modern defence and civilian systems, underpinning the accuracy and success of missiles, aircraft, ships, and satellites. Past experiences revealed strategic vulnerabilities arising from reliance on foreign GPS during conflicts, exposing the critical need for indigenous capabilities.
- A significant challenge ACEN aims to address is the maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) of navigation systems in defence platforms, many of which currently depend on proprietary foreign manufacturers.



Chanakya Defence Dialogue 2025

- Chanakya Defence Dialogue 2025 commenced today at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, bringing together military leaders, global strategic experts, diplomats, industry leaders and young scholars.
- Smt Droupadi Murmu, Hon'ble President of India graced the inaugural session today, with Gen Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff delivering the Keynote Address.
- Organised by the Indian Army, in collaboration with the Centre for Land Warfare Studies, the Dialogue centres on the national vision of Sashakt, Surakshit and Viksit Bharat. It examines India's security challenges and technological frontiers in an increasingly contested global landscape.
- The Second day of the Chanakya Defence Dialogue will centre on a high-level special session led by the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri, who will unveil key initiatives and deliver a major address on defence reforms for a Sashakt, Surakshit aur Viksit Bharat. The day will thereafter progress into thematic sessions.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. India plans to request five additional S-400 squadrons during which event?

- A. BRICS Summit 2025
- B. Modi–Putin Summit 2025
- C. SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting
- D. G20 Leaders' Summit

ANSWER: B

2. What major challenge will the Ananth Centre of Excellence for Navigation help address?

- A. Shortage of aviation fuel
- B. Overdependence on foreign navigation system MRO
- C. Lack of space launch vehicles
- D. Need for new airbases in India

ANSWER: B

3. Exercise Garuda 2025 is being conducted at which location?

- A. Jodhpur Air Force Station
- B. Gwalior Air Base

- C. Mont-de-Marsan Air Base, France
- D. Avord Air Base, France

ANSWER: C

4. The India–France defence framework signed in November 2025 aims primarily to:

- A. Reduce India's defence budget
- B. Promote tourism between India and France
- C. Streamline decision-making and accelerate joint defence projects
- D. Replace Russian defence imports completely

ANSWER: C

5. The Chanakya Defence Dialogue 2025 is centred on which national vision?

- A. Atmanirbhar Krishi Bharat
- B. Sashakt, Surakshit and Viksit Bharat
- C. Clean and Green Bharat
- D. Digital Bharat 2030

ANSWER: B

6. Operation Meghdoot, initiated in 1984, aimed to seize control of which strategic location?

- A. Siachen Glacier
- B. Kargil
- C. Aksai Chin
- D. Doklam

ANSWER: A

7. Operation Blue Star, started in 1984, was aimed at quelling unrest in which Indian state?

- A. Punjab
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Kerala
- D. Maharashtra

ANSWER: A

8. Operation Cactus, conducted in 1988, aimed to protect the President of which country?

- A. Maldives
- B. Sri Lanka

- C. Mauritius
- D. Seychelles

ANSWER: A

9. Operation Rajeev, carried out in 1987, targeted the capture of which post in Siachen?

- A. Kargil
- B. Dras
- C. Qaid
- D. Batalik

ANSWER: C

10. UDHR Stands For

- A. Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- B. Universal Declaration of Human Riot
- C. Universal Declared of Human Rights
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

11. Which one of the following statements is/are correct regarding BRICS?

1. It was set up with the sole purpose of countering the NATO influence and emerging as its substitute.

2. The New Development Bank is one of the initiatives of BRICS.

Choose the correct answer using the codes given below:

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: B

12. World Economic Forum Hq Is In

- A. Geneva, Switzerland
- B. Lausanne, Switzerland
- C. The Hague, The Netherlands
- D. Gland, Switzerland

ANSWER: A

13. Which Is Not An Asian Country?

- A. Singapore

- B. Brunei
- C. UAE
- D. Peru

ANSWER: D

14. GPMG Stands For

- A. General Purple Machine Gun
- B. General Purpose Machine Gun
- C. General Purpose Machine Gum
- D. None

ANSWER: B

15. 'Ex Zapad' Conducted B/W India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Russia
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: B

16. Padma Vibhushan Award Was Instituted on

- A. 2nd January 1954
- B. 2nd January 1955
- C. 2nd January 1956
- D. 2nd January 1957

ANSWER: A

17. Hq Of Department of Space Is In

- A. New Delhi
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Kochi
- D. Kolkata

ANSWER: B

18. CAIR Stands For

- A. Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Robotics
- B. Centre for Artificial Intelligent & Robotics
- C. Centre for Artillery Intelligence & Robotics
- D. Centre form Artificial Intelligence & Robotics

ANSWER: A

19. "An Odyssey in War and Peace" Book Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. SHF Manekshaw
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Lt Gen J.F.R. Jacob

ANSWER: D

20. With reference to the Project 15B warships, consider the following statements:

- 1. They are equipped with BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles and long-range Surface-to-Air Missiles.**
- 2. 'INS Surat' was the first-ever ship of Project 15B Destroyers.**
- 3. Project 15B warships are completely indigenous.**

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 2 and 3 only

ANSWER: A