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SITMEX 2025

- The Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN), the Indian Navy (IN) and the Royal Thai Navy (RTN) completed the 5th Singapore-India-Thailand Maritime Exercise (SITMEX) from 24 to 29 November 2025. The exercise was held in Singapore and the Andaman Sea, reaffirming the strong and enduring defence relations among the three countries.
- This year, the RSN served as the host navy and led the planning and execution of the exercise. Singapore deployed the Independence-class littoral mission vessel RSS Dauntless, while India participated with the Kora-class corvette INS Karmuk, and Thailand with the Krabi-class offshore patrol vessel HTMS Krabi.
- The exercise commenced with a shore phase at RSS Singapura – Changi Naval Base, where personnel took part in professional exchanges and a sports programme to strengthen camaraderie. This was followed by a sea phase that included a series of drills such as communication exercises, boarding operations, photo exercises and a live gunnery firing serial in the Andaman Sea. These activities aimed to enhance operational coordination and readiness among the participating navies.



'EKUVERIN'2025

- The **14th edition** of the annual bilateral Exercise EKUVERIN between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Forces will be conducted from 02 to 15 December 2025 at **Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala**.
- The exercise aims to enhance interoperability while carrying out Counter Insurgency/Counter Terrorism operations in semi-urban, jungle and coastal terrain.
- It focuses on integration of niche technology to enhance interoperability while sharing best practices, reflecting the shared commitment of #India and #Maldives towards peace and security in the region, while further deepening #DefenceCooperation, camaraderie and mutual trust between both the armies.



Operation Sagar Bandhu

- External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar said that a total of 27 tonnes of relief material have been delivered by air and sea to Colombo. In a social media post, the Minister said, more relief material is on the way to support affected communities in the Cyclone Ditwah-affected areas. He said two Urban Search and Rescue Teams comprising 80 National Disaster Response Force Personnel have also been sent.
- Cyclonic Storm Ditwah is an active tropical cyclone that brought heavy rains to Sri Lanka and Southern India in November 2025. It was the fourteenth tropical depression and fourth cyclonic storm to form during the 2025 North Indian Ocean cyclone season. The system came from a well-marked low before steadily intensifying into a Cyclonic Storm and making landfall in Sri Lanka, causing heavy flooding and landslides which left more than 330 people dead. Ditwah then moved off Sri Lanka and entered the Bay of Bengal, where it reintensified and began to parallel the east coast of India.



First Indigenous Pilot Trainer Aircraft HANSA-3

- The Union Minister Jitendra Singh launched the first indigenous Pilot Trainer Aircraft Hansa-3(NG), marking a significant milestone in India's aviation and aerospace capabilities.
- This launch signifies a strategic move towards strengthening domestic production and reducing reliance on foreign technology in pilot training aircraft.
- The CSIR National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), Bangalore unveiled the "production version" of the Hansa-3(NG) trainer aircraft on Saturday. Manufacturing has already commenced by Mumbai-registered Pioneer Clean Amps, which has established a ₹150 crore production facility in Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh.
- This factory aims to produce 100 aircraft annually, reflecting a robust scale-up in indigenous manufacturing capacity.



'India Needs To Emulate Chinese Hybrid Defence Model'

- Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh at the Chanakya Defence Dialogue 2025 called for India to emulate China's successful "hybrid defence industrial machine."
- He highlighted that this model blends central government direction with market discipline, enforces dual-use research and development (R&D), and enables rapid scaling of complex defence systems.
- Singh emphasised that adopting such a hybrid model, integrating public-sector strength and private-sector agility, is essential for India to become a global defence industrial and technological powerhouse under the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.
- Singh detailed that India's current path, where Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) partner with private firms, is a step forward but insufficient without creating a unified, market-responsive defence ecosystem.
- The Chinese hybrid defence model works by integrating centralised government control with market-driven discipline, combining military and civilian sectors closely through "military-civil fusion."
- This model ensures that defence R&D, production, and innovation leverage both state direction and private sector efficiency. It enforces dual-use research and development, where technologies serve both military and civilian purposes, enabling rapid scaling of complex defence systems.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The 5th edition of SITMEX 2025 was hosted by which country?

- A. India
- B. Thailand
- C. Singapore
- D. Sri Lanka

ANSWER: C

2. Which Indian naval ship participated in SITMEX 2025?

- A. INS Vikramaditya
- B. INS Karmuk
- C. INS Teg
- D. INS Kolkata

ANSWER: B

3. Exercise EKUVERIN 2025 will be held at which location?

- A. Male, Maldives
- B. Kochi, Kerala
- C. Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- D. Port Blair

ANSWER: C

4. Under Operation Sagar Bandhu, how much relief material was delivered initially to Colombo?

- A. 10 tonnes

- B. 15 tonnes
- C. 27 tonnes
- D. 40 tonnes

ANSWER: C

5. The newly launched indigenous trainer aircraft Hansa-3(NG) is produced by which organisation?

- A. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- B. DRDO
- C. National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL)
- D. Bharat Dynamics Limited

ANSWER: C

6. Operation Vijay in 1999 was primarily aimed at resolving conflicts between India and which country?

- A. China
- B. Nepal
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Pakistan

ANSWER: D

7. Operation Safed Sagar in 1999 was conducted during which conflict?

- A. Siachen Conflict
- B. Kargil Conflict
- C. Indo-Pakistani War of 1971
- D. Operation Blue Star

ANSWER: B

8. Operation Talwar in 1999 aimed to demonstrate naval strength during which conflict?

- A. Siachen Conflict
- B. Kargil Conflict
- C. Indo-Pakistani War of 1971
- D. Operation Cactus

ANSWER: B

9. Operation Parakram began in 2001 following which event?

- A. 9/11 attacks

- B. Mumbai attacks
- C. Indian Parliament attacks
- D. Kargil Conflict

ANSWER: C

10. Operation Black Tornado was initiated during which terrorist attack?

- A. Mumbai attacks (26/11)
- B. Parliament attack
- C. Pathankot attack
- D. Pulwama attack

ANSWER: A

11. Operation Polo was aimed at formally incorporating which region into the Indian Union?

- A. Punjab
- B. Goa
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Kashmir

ANSWER: C

12. 'Service And Loyalty' Is The Motto Of

- A. CRPF
- B. BSF
- C. NSG
- D. ITBP

ANSWER: A

13. SIPRI Stands For

- A. Stockholm International Peace Rice Institute
- B. Stock International Peace Research India
- C. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute
- D. Sugar International Peace Research Institute

ANSWER: C

14. "Nischay Kar Apni Jeet Karon" is The Motto Of ____

- A. RAJPUT REGIMENT
- B. RAJPUTANA RIFLES
- C. THE BRIGADE OF THE GUARDS
- D. SIKH REGIMENT

ANSWER: D

15. Maiden AL-Mohed AL-Hind exercise held b/w India &

- A.** Iran
- B.** Iraq
- C.** Indonesia
- D.** Saudi Arabia

ANSWER: D

16. C-17 Globemaster Manufactured By

- A.** Airbus
- B.** Lockheed Martin
- C.** Dassault
- D.** Boeing

ANSWER: D

17. Shakti military exercise held between India and ____?

- A.** Iran
- B.** Iraq
- C.** France
- D.** Uzbekistan

ANSWER: C

18. Air Commodore Rank Of IAF Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Army?

- A.** Brigadier
- B.** Lt. Gen
- C.** Captain
- D.** Major General

ANSWER: A

19. "Supreme Court On Commercial Arbitration" Book Written By

- A.** Dr. Manoj Kumar
- B.** J. Sai Deepak
- C.** Hew Strachan
- D.** Kapil Sibbal

ANSWER: A

20. __ Is The Largest Defense Contractors in the World.

- A. Lockheed Martin
- B. Boeing
- C. Raytheon Technologies
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A



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