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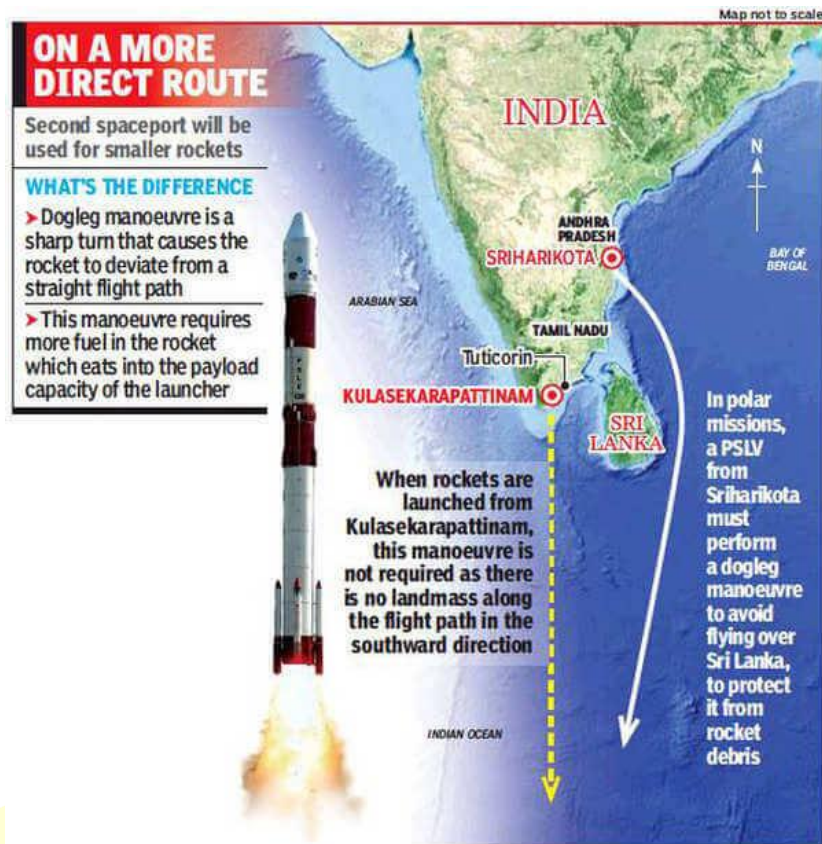
US Approves Sale Package of \$686 Million for Pakistan

- The United States (US) has approved the sale of defence goods and services worth \$686 million to Pakistan for its F-16 fighter jet fleet in order to support its national security objectives.
- This involves defence equipment worth \$37 million, along with \$649 million worth of other equipment such as identification systems, secure communication devices, navigation tools, software upgrades, mission-planning systems, missile adaptor units, and various electronic security modules.
- The defence equipment deal includes 92 Link-16 systems and 6 Mk-82 inert 500-lb general purpose bombs.
- The proposed sale is meant to maintain Pakistan's capability to meet current and future threats by updating and refurbishing its Block-52 and Mid Life Upgrade F-16 fleet.



ISRO's Third Launch Pad At Kulasekarapattinam Spaceport

- The Indian government has announced its plans to commission the Kulasekarapattinam spaceport in Tamil Nadu during the fiscal year 2026-27, marking a significant advancement in the country's space infrastructure.
- This new spaceport aims to enhance India's capability in launching small satellites, an area of growing importance for both government and commercial space activities.
- Land acquisition for the Kulasekarapattinam spaceport is nearly complete, with the only pending issue being a segment required for the rerouting of the East-Coast Road. This indicates that the project has moved past several initial hurdles and is progressing steadily.
- At present, the construction of technical facilities essential for launch operations is underway. Concurrently, fabrication of specialised equipment and associated structures is advancing at various work centres. This multipronged approach ensures that different elements of the spaceport will be ready in a coordinated manner, facilitating a streamlined commissioning process.
- Financially, the project has received a substantial allocation of ₹985.96 crore. Out of this budget, ₹389.58 crore had been utilised by the end of July 2025, reflecting steady expenditure aligned with construction and development activities. The remaining funds will likely cover the final stages of build-out and commissioning efforts.



India, France & UAE To Kick Off Air Drill

- India, France, and the United Arab Emirates have commenced an important air combat exercise over the Arabian Sea, marking a significant step forward in trilateral defence cooperation and military interoperability.
- The exercise aims to strengthen security collaboration in the Indian Ocean region as well as the broader Indo-Pacific theatre, a zone of growing strategic importance amid shifting geopolitical dynamics.
- The IAF has mobilised a substantial contingent for the drills, deploying advanced fighter jets such as Sukhoi-30MKIs and Jaguars. These frontline aircraft are supplemented by IL-78 mid-air refuelling tankers and Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) platforms to enable extended operational reach and situational awareness.
- These assets have been staged from key airbases in Gujarat, including Jamnagar and Naliya, both strategically located on India's western seaboard.
- France and the UAE are participating with their respective aircraft fleets, including Rafale and Mirage fighters. French and Emirati air forces are operating

out of the Al Dhafra airbase, a critical hub for UAE and coalition air power in the region.



Indian Navy To Commission First Indigenous ‘DSC A20’

- The Indian Navy will commission DSC A20, the first vessel of the indigenously designed and constructed Diving Support Craft (DSC), at Kochi on 16 Dec 2025 under the aegis of Southern Naval Command.
- DSC A20 is the lead ship in a series of five Diving Support Craft being built by M/s Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL), Kolkata.
- Purpose-built for a wide spectrum of diving and underwater missions in coastal waters, the vessel is equipped with advanced, state-of-the-art diving systems that meet the highest standards of safety and operational efficiency.
- Featuring a catamaran hull form, the ship offers superior stability, enhanced deck area, and improved seakeeping characteristics, and has a displacement of approximately 390 tons.
- The platform represents seamless collaboration between the Indian Navy, the indigenous shipbuilding industry, and national research organisations in delivering specialised, technologically advanced vessels.
- With its induction, the Indian Navy’s capability in diving support, underwater inspection, salvage assistance, and coastal operational deployment will be substantially strengthened. DSC A20 will be based at Kochi and operate under Southern Naval Command.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The US-approved \$686 million sale package for Pakistan primarily supports which military platform?

- A. JF-17 Thunder
- B. Mirage-III
- C. F-16 Fighter Jet Fleet
- D. AH-1Z Viper Helicopters

ANSWER: C

2. What is the total financial allocation for ISRO's upcoming Kulasekarapattinam spaceport project?

- A. ₹650.40 crore
- B. ₹1,250.75 crore
- C. ₹985.96 crore
- D. ₹789.20 crore

ANSWER: C

3. India, France, and UAE are conducting a trilateral air drill over which region?

- A. Bay of Bengal
- B. Arabian Sea
- C. South China Sea
- D. Eastern Mediterranean

ANSWER: B

4. What is the displacement of the Indian Navy's DSC A20 Diving Support Craft?

- A. 210 tons
- B. 390 tons
- C. 500 tons
- D. 750 tons

ANSWER: B

5. Which Indian Air Force bases are being used for the trilateral air exercise with France and the UAE?

- A. Ambala and Sirsa
- B. Jodhpur and Nal
- C. Jamnagar and Naliya
- D. Gwalior and Pune

ANSWER: C

6. Infantry Day Celebrated Every Year On

- A. 26 October
- B. 27 October
- C. 29 October
- D. 30 October

ANSWER: B

7. India's Shared Vision Of 'SAGAR' Stands For

- A. Security and Grown of All in Region
- B. Security and Growth of All in Rim
- C. Security and Growth of All in Region
- D. None

ANSWER: C

8. Motto of NSG Is

- A. शं नो वरुणः
- B. नभः स्पृशं दीप्तम्
- C. सर्वत्र सर्वोत्तम सुरक्षा
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

9. In Which Operation NSG Didn't Take Part?

- A. Operation Talwar
- B. Black Thunder
- C. Ashwamedh
- D. Vajra Shakti

ANSWER: A

10. SAG & SRG Stands For

- A. Special Act Group & Special Ranger Group
- B. Special Action Group & Special Roger Group
- C. Special Action Game & Special Ranger Group
- D. Special Action Group & Special Ranger Group

ANSWER: D

11. The Highest Rank Structure In NSG Is

- A. Director General
- B. Inspector General
- C. Deputy Inspector General
- D. Group Commander

ANSWER: A

12. INS Tarangini Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Sailing Ship
- C. UAV
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

13. FGM-148 Javelin Is Made By

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

ANSWER: C

14. Q.M.HAV Stands For

- A. Quarter Havildar
- B. Quartermaster Havildar
- C. Quartermaster Hawadar
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

15. Santiago Is The Capital Of

- A. Oman
- B. Colombia
- C. UAE
- D. Chile

ANSWER: D

16. "Vahana Masterclass" Book Is Written By

- A. Alfredo Covelli
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. R. Kaushik

ANSWER: A

17. "Balidanam Vir Lakshanam" Is The Motto Of

- A. JKLI
- B. THE MAHAR REGIMENT
- C. THE BIHAR REGIMENT
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

18. Prithvi III Is A

- A. Air to Air Missile
- B. Surface to Air Missile
- C. Surface to Surface Missile
- D. Air to Sea Missile

ANSWER: C

19. Shishumar Is a

- A. Air to Air missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Anti-tank Guided missile

D. Submarine

ANSWER: D

20. Defence Electronics Research Laboratory (DLRL) Centre Is Located In

A. Hyderabad, Telangana

B. Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh

C. Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

D. Tezpur, Assam

ANSWER: A

