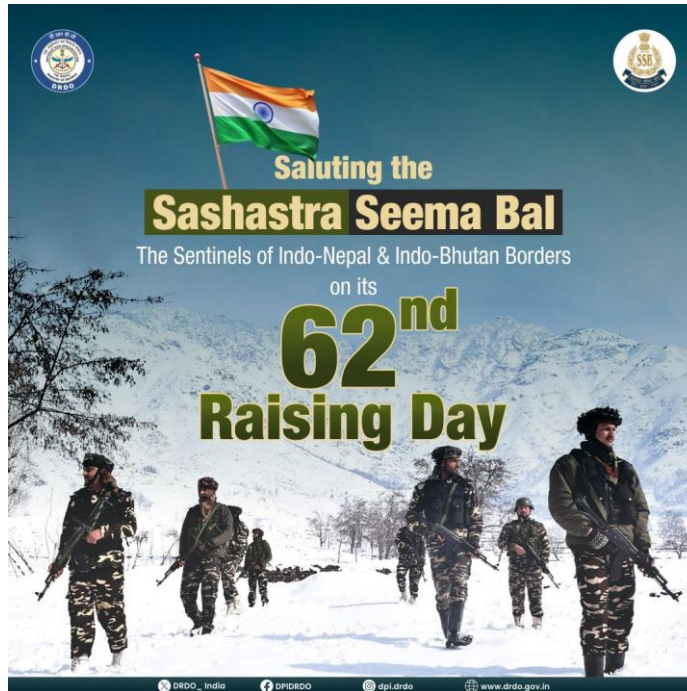


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SSB Raising Day

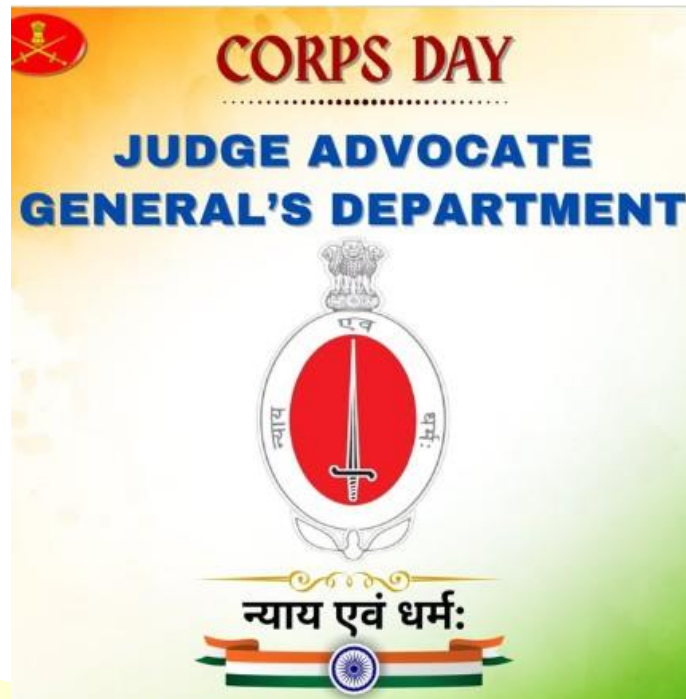
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has extended his greetings to all personnel of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) on the occasion of its Raising Day today. In a social media post, Prime Minister said that the unwavering dedication of the SSB reflects the highest traditions of service and sacrifice.
- The Sashastra Seema Bal is a central armed police force in India, under the Ministry of Home Affairs. It is responsible for guarding India's borders with Nepal and Bhutan.
- Headquarters: Udaipur
- Agency executive: Sanjay Singhal, IPS, Director General
- Founded: 1963
- Motto: Service, Security and Brotherhood
- Abbreviation: SSB
- Annual budget: ₹10,237.28 crore (US\$1.2 billion) (2025–26)
- Employees: 94,261 active personnel



Indian Army's Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Department Celebrates its Corps Day

- The Indian Army celebrated the 42nd Corps Day of Judge Advocate General's Department on Sunday, even as the Ministry of Defence paid tribute to the legal framework that strengthens the Force from within. On the Raising Day of the Judge Advocate General Branch, the Ministry also shared on social media a podcast bringing focus to the institution that upholds discipline, justice and the rule of law within the Indian Army. "In an insightful conversation, Major General Sandeep Kumar, JAG of the Indian Army, explains the role, responsibilities and evolving challenges of the JAG Branch- from military justice and operational legal advice to emerging domains of warfare," wrote the Ministry about the podcast in a message on X. The Judge Advocate General's Department traces its history to the British Articles of War-1385. The Army Act Bill was laid in Parliament on December 21, 1949, and therefore, December 21 is celebrated as the Corps Day of the Judge Advocate General's Department. Being the legal branch of the Indian Army, it deals with military-related disciplinary cases and litigation. The Judge Advocate General is the legal advisor to the Chief of Army Staff in matters of military, martial (in its fighting service aspect) and international law and also assists the Adjutant General in matters relating to discipline involving application of military law. Earlier this year, the Supreme

Court set aside the limit restricting the seats of women in the JAG Branch, holding it to be violative of the right to equality.



Harimau Shakti Military Exercise

- The fifth edition of the Joint Military Exercise Harimau Shakti-2025 between the Indian Army and the Royal Malaysian Army concluded successfully in Rajasthan. The two weeks of intensive joint training, which concluded yesterday, saw the participation of 120 Indian Army personnel, primarily from the DOGRA Regiment, and 70 troops from the 25th Battalion of the Royal Malaysian Army. During the exercise, the focus remained on rehearsing sub-conventional operations under a United Nations Chapter VII mandate, with emphasis on counter-terrorist operations.
- Troops from both sides jointly practised tactical drills, including raid, search and destroy missions, heliborne operations, employment of drones and counter-UAS measures, securing helipads, and casualty evacuation.
- The exercise also incorporated Army Martial Arts Routine, combat reflex shooting, and Yoga, promoting both combat readiness and physical resilience. Harimau Shakti-2025 enhanced interoperability, mutual understanding, and exchange of best practices, reinforcing defence cooperation and further strengthening the longstanding bilateral relationship between India and Malaysia.



INS Sindhughosh Decommissioned

- INS Sindhughosh, the lead submarine of her class with the Indian Navy, has been decommissioned after 40 years of glorious service to the nation, the Western Naval Command (WNC) said on Saturday. The decommissioning ceremony was held at the Naval Dockyard in the presence of WNC's Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief vice admiral Krishna Swaminathan.
- The submarine was paid off under the command of Lt Cdr Rajat Sharma. Capt KR Ajrekar (retd), the second commanding officer of the submarine, was the guest of honour.
- INS Sindhughosh is the lead ship of her class of diesel-electric submarines of the Indian Navy. The submarine was commissioned on 30 April 1986 in Riga, Latvia under the command of Commander K C Varghese. The submarine is diesel-powered and has a total of six motors.



MILAN 2026

- The mega event will mark a key step in operationalising the Hon'ble PM's vision of MAHASAGAR, while highlighting India's indigenous naval capabilities and its commitment to being a Preferred Security Partner across regions
- India will host three major international maritime events in Feb 2026 at Visakhapatnam, namely, the International Fleet Review (IFR) 2026, Exercise MILAN 2026, and Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Conclave of Chiefs, scheduled to be conducted from 15 to 25 Feb 2026. This marks India's maiden conduct of these major maritime events simultaneously.
- The event realises the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's MAHASAGAR vision (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions), announced in 2025.
- MAHASAGAR extends India's SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) philosophy from the Indian Ocean to across regions, emphasizing sustainability, resilience, and collective responsibility of the maritime commons. The Feb 2026 convergence is a major operational manifestation of this vision, demonstrating

India's commitment to being a 'Preferred Security Partner' for all friends and partners. Invitations have been extended to navies from across the globe to participate in this historic gathering at Visakhapatnam, India's eastern maritime gateway and home to the Eastern Naval Command.

- The event will reflect India's commitment to free, open and inclusive seas, anchored in strategic frameworks including MAHASAGAR, the Act East Policy, IONS, and the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI).



Pakistan Navy Gets Second MILGEM class ship Made by Turkiye

- The Pakistan Navy on Sunday received the second MILGEM class ship constructed by Turkiye under a transfer of technology agreement between the two countries.
- The commissioning ceremony of PNS Khaibar was held at the Istanbul Naval Shipyard. Turkiye President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Pakistan's Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf attended the ceremony, the Pakistani military's media wing said in a statement.
- "PN MILGEM ships are the most technologically advanced surface platforms. These vessels are equipped with the latest Command and Control Systems integrated with modern weapons and advanced sensors," it said.
- The contract for the construction of four MILGEM-class ships for Pakistan was signed in 2018. As per the deal, two ships were to be constructed in Turkiye and the remaining two in Pakistan.

- The commissioning of **PNS Khaibar** marks the completion of the construction of two ships in Turkiye.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) primarily guards India's borders with which two countries?
A. Pakistan and Afghanistan
B. Bangladesh and Myanmar
C. Nepal and Bhutan
D. China and Nepal

ANSWER: C

2. December 21 is celebrated as the Corps Day of the JAG Department of the Indian Army because:
A. The JAG Department was founded on this day
B. The Army Act Bill was laid in Parliament on this date
C. The first military court was established on this day
D. The Supreme Court recognised the JAG Branch on this date

ANSWER: B

3. Harimau Shakti-2025 was a joint military exercise conducted between India and:
A. Indonesia
B. Thailand
C. Malaysia
D. Singapore

ANSWER: C

4. INS Sindhughosh, recently decommissioned by the Indian Navy, belongs to which category?

- A. Nuclear-powered submarine
- B. Aircraft carrier
- C. Diesel-electric submarine
- D. Guided missile destroyer

ANSWER: C

5. The MAHASAGAR vision announced by India aims to promote:

- A. Exclusive maritime dominance in the Indian Ocean
- B. Mutual and holistic advancement for security and growth across regions
- C. Naval expansion limited to South Asia
- D. Strategic military alliances only in the Indo-Pacific

ANSWER: B

6. Indian Military Academy Situated At

- A. Ezhimala, Kerala
- B. Dundigal, Telangana
- C. Khadakwasla, Maharashtra
- D. Dehradun, UK

ANSWER: D

7. Garuda Shakti Ex Held B/w India &

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. USA
- C. Indonesia
- D. Nepal

ANSWER: C

8. Warsaw Is The Capital Of

- A. Poland
- B. Ukraine
- C. Germany
- D. Oman

ANSWER: A

9. War Cry Of MECHANISED INFANTRY REGIMENT Is

- A. Bol Bajrang Bali Ki jai
- B. Raja Ramachandra ki jai
- C. Bolo Bharat Mata ki jai
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

10. CRPF Motto Is

- A. Service Before Self
- B. Service and Loyalty
- C. We Protect
- D. Touch the sky with glory

ANSWER: B

11. ICGS Saksham Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. Aircraft Carrier
- C. OPV
- D. Refueling Ship

ANSWER: C

12. "Nuclearization of Asia" Book Written By

- A.** Rene Naba
- B.** VR Chaudhari
- C.** Gen Parvez Musharraf
- D.** APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

13. Indian Coast Guard Formed On

- A. August 18, 1978
- B. September 18, 1978
- C. March 18, 1976
- D. April 18, 1976

ANSWER: A

14. 'MBT Bhishma' Is The Name Of :

- A. Fighter aircraft

- B. Tank
- C. Armoured vehicles
- D. Infantry regiments

ANSWER: B

15. Barak Is A

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

ANSWER: A

16. INS Valsura Located At

- A. Jamnagar, Gujrat
- B. Mumbai, M.H
- C. Kochi, Kerala
- D. A & NC

ANSWER: A

17. Exercise Maitree Conducted B/w India &

- A. Thailand
- B. Nepal
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Bhutan

ANSWER: A

18. Infantry School Of Indian Army Is At

- A. Mhow
- B. Bhopal
- C. Gwalior
- D. Jammu

ANSWER: A

19. Officers Training Academy Is At

- A. Chennai
- B. Bhopal
- C. Gaya
- D. Both A & C

ANSWER: D

20. The IAI Heron UAV Developed By

- A. USA
- B. South Korea
- C. Israel
- D. China

ANSWER: C