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AMSL Bags New Defence Orders Worth Over Rs 100 cr

- Apollo Micro Systems Ltd (AMSL) on Friday said it has secured new defence orders worth over Rs 100 crore to supply unmanned aerial systems.
- The orders are to be executed within a period of four months, AMSL said in an exchange filing.
- "Apollo Micro Systems Ltd has received orders amounting to Rs 1,002.47 million from a private company, deliverable to the Ministry of Defence, for the supply of unmanned aerial systems," the filing said.
- AMSL offers technology-based solutions in sectors like infrastructure, transportation, aerospace, defence among others.



Defence Ministry May Clear Major Indigenous Defence Projects

- Defence Ministry's apex procurement body, Defence Acquisition Council, is expected to meet today to clear major indigenous projects for the Indian defence forces, including a homegrown integrated air defence weapon system for the protection of the Delhi NCR region from aerial threats.

- As part of augmenting the drone capabilities of the Indian Army, the Defence Ministry is likely to decide on buying around 850 loitering munitions for the Indian Army.
- An Indian Navy proposal to procure a large number of Medium-Range Surface-to-Air Missile systems from indigenous sources to counter threats to its warships is also expected to come up for discussion.
- India is also set to take a call on leasing of two Sea Guardian MQ-9B HALE drones from the US for around three years at the meeting. India has already signed a deal for 31 of these drones, which are expected to begin arriving in India from 2028 onward.
- The Defence Ministry is also likely to clear the development and procurement of a very large number of Astra Mark 2 air-to-air missiles with a strike range of over 200 km for the Indian Air Force, along with a specific number of Meteor air-to-air missiles.
- The Indian Army is also proposing to indigenously overhaul 200 T-90 tanks through a Defence public sector unit.



BEL Signs MoU With Astra Microwave

- Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), a Navratna public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Defence, has forged a strategic partnership with Astra Microwave Products Limited (AMPL) through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
- This collaboration, signed on 24 December 2025, targets the design, development, and manufacturing of advanced electronic systems for defence and aerospace sectors.

- The partnership emphasises critical domains including electronic warfare, radar systems, and satellite technologies, aiming to bolster India's indigenous capabilities in defence electronics production.
- BEL brings extensive expertise in defence and strategic electronics, encompassing radars, weapon systems, communication networks, and electronic warfare solutions.
- These milestones—BEL's technological pact with AMPL and HAL's reaffirmation of global ambitions—signal robust momentum in India's pursuit of defence self-reliance and international competitiveness.



Vajra C-UAS at Kartavya Path For Capital Defence.

- Chennai-based Big Bang Boom Solutions Private Limited (BBBS) has deployed its advanced Vajra Sentinel Anti-Drone System at Kartavya Path in New Delhi, enhancing capital defence against unmanned aerial threats.
- Big Bang Boom Solutions, a defence start-up headquartered in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, specialises in counter-unmanned aerial systems (C-UAS). The company secured a contract worth over ₹200 crore from the Indian Air Force and Army in 2024 for its Vajra Sentinel technology.
- The Vajra Sentinel System represents a next-generation C-UAS solution designed to detect, track, and neutralise hostile drones, including commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) models like DJI Mavic and Phantom.
- Upgrades such as AESA radar and kamikaze drone integration are available on demand, ensuring adaptability to evolving threats. The system's DGAQA clearance and field trial successes position BBBS as a key player in India's defence ecosystem.



Nigeria Averts Unilateral US Action By Cooperating On Airstrike

- By publicly cooperating with the United States on a Christmas Day airstrike, Nigeria's government may have averted humiliating unilateral military action threatened a month ago by President Donald Trump.
- But security experts say it is unclear whether such strikes can do much to hinder Islamist militants who have long menaced communities in the area.
- Trump announced on Truth Social on Thursday that U.S. forces had launched a strike against Islamic State militants in northwest Nigeria at the request of Nigeria's government. He said the group had been targeting Christians in the region.
- Trump said on Friday that a U.S. military strike targeting Islamic state militants in Nigeria was originally supposed to take place on Wednesday, but he ordered it delayed by a day.
- **SYMBOLIC OR LONG-TERM IMPACT?**
- After the strike, U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said on X that there was "more to come."
- The U.S. official said another strike did not appear imminent, but did not rule out future operations.
- This specific strike was carried out by the United States, the official said, in part because the location was too remote for Nigerian forces to reach.
- "It's partially symbolic," the official said, adding that the aim was also deterrence and to send a message that the Trump administration was prepared to use the military.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Apollo Micro Systems Ltd (AMSL) recently secured defence orders worth over ₹100 crore for the supply of which system?

- A. Surface-to-Air Missile systems
- B. Armoured vehicle components
- C. Unmanned Aerial Systems
- D. Naval surveillance radars

ANSWER: C

2. The integrated air defence weapon system discussed by the DAC is primarily intended to protect which region?

- A. Mumbai Metropolitan Region
- B. Chennai Coastal Belt
- C. Delhi–NCR Region
- D. Western Border Areas

ANSWER: C

3. BEL signed an MoU with which company to strengthen indigenous defence electronics production?

- A. Larsen & Toubro
- B. Astra Microwave Products Limited
- C. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- D. Tata Advanced Systems

ANSWER: B

4. The Vajra Sentinel Anti-Drone System deployed at Kartavya Path has been developed by which company?

- A. DRDO
- B. Bharat Electronics Limited
- C. Big Bang Boom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
- D. Tata Power SED

ANSWER: C

5. The recent US airstrike in northwest Nigeria targeted militants belonging to which terrorist organization?

- A. Boko Haram
- B. Al-Qaeda
- C. Islamic State
- D. Al-Shabaab

ANSWER: C

6. What Is SARVATRA In The Context Of The Indian Army's Defence Capabilities?

- A. Special Operations Force
- B. Tactical Reconnaissance System
- C. Rapid Deployment Platform
- D. Mobile Bridging System

ANSWER: D

7. C295 Aircraft Manufactured By

- A. Boeing
- B. Airbus
- C. HAL
- D. None

ANSWER: B

8. Indian Space Science Data Centre Is Located At

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

ANSWER: B

9. __ Becomes Indian Army's First Woman Sky Diver

- A. Roop Rai
- B. Lance Naik Manju
- C. Corporal Manju
- D. None

ANSWER: B

10. __ Plans To Establish The National Government Cloud To Store Sensitive Data.

- A. MOD
- B. MEA
- C. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

11. The Hawker Siddeley HS 748 Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Transport Aircraft

ANSWER: D

12. 'Swift and Sure' Is The Motto Of

- A.** Army Aviation Corps
- B.** Sikh Regiment
- C.** Rajput Regiment
- D.** Gorkha

ANSWER: A

13. Which Regiment Has Motto: "Veer Bhogya Vasundhara"?

- A. RAJPUTANA RIFLES
- B. RAJPUT REGIMENT
- C. DOGRA REGIMENT
- D. SIKH REGIMENT

ANSWER: A

14. ICMF Stands For

- A. Integrated Cryogenic Engine Manufacturing Facility
- B. Integrated Cry Engine Manufacturing Facility

- C. Integrated Cryogenic Engine Make Facility
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

15. "Bolo Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj ki jai" Is The War Cry Of

- A. Maratha Light Infantry Regiment
- B. Grenadiers
- C. Punjab Regiment
- D. Parachute Regiment

ANSWER: A

16. Rabat Is The Capital Of

- A. Morocco
- B. Montenegro
- C. Monaco
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

17. "Without Fear or Favour" Book Written By

- A. R K Narayan
- B. Khushwant Singh
- C. Neelam Sanjiva Reddy
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: C

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

- A. GARUDA SHAKTI
- B. SLINEX
- C. SAMPRITI
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: C

19. __Is The Legal Branch Of The Indian Army.

- A. Army Court
- B. Supreme Court
- C. Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Department
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

20. Exercises B/w India And Kyrgyzstan Is Called:

- A. KHANJAR
- B. SLINEX
- C. NOMADIC ELEPHANT
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: A