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IAF Chief Hails TEJAS' 25-Year Revolution

- India's indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) TEJAS marked a quarter-century milestone on 4 January 2001, when it undertook its maiden flight, soaring for approximately 18 minutes and attaining speeds of up to 280 knots.
- This pivotal moment, celebrated recently at a national seminar organised by the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), underscores the program's transformative impact on the nation's defence aviation landscape.
- To date, the IAF has inducted 38 TEJAS aircraft, comprising 32 fighters and six trainers, into two operational squadrons. This fleet integration represents a significant step towards self-reliance, reducing dependence on foreign imports and bolstering frontline combat capabilities.
- Looking ahead, the IAF chief expressed keen anticipation for upcoming variants, including the **TEJAS MK-1A**, **TEJAS MK-2**, and the fifth-generation Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (**AMCA**). He voiced confidence that these programs would surpass the TEJAS in success and adhere to tighter timelines.
- India's partnerships, such as with General Electric for the F414 engine in MK-1A and MK-2 variants, exemplify strategic collaborations that blend indigenous design with global best practices. This hybrid approach accelerates progress while nurturing local R&D.



After Venezuela, Trump Offers Hints About What Could Be Next

- Barely 48 hours after toppling the leader of Venezuela and asserting U.S. rights to the country's oil, President Donald Trump threatened Colombia with a similar fate, declared that Cuba was not worth invading because "it's ready to fall," and once again claimed that Greenland needed to come under U.S. control as an issue of national security.
- "We're in charge" of Venezuela, Trump claimed, as he described his plans to breathe new life into the Monroe Doctrine, the 1823 foundational statement of U.S. claims over the Western Hemisphere.
- Trump never described his philosophy in detail, or whether it applied beyond the Saturday attack on Caracas, Venezuela. But he certainly suggested that he could use the forces amassed in the Caribbean for new purposes, this time aimed at **Colombia and its president, Gustavo Petro.**
- The country, he claimed, was "run by a sick man who likes making cocaine and selling it to the United States."



Jaipur To Host Its First Army Day Parade

- Jaipur will host the Army Day parade for the first time on January 15, officials said. The event will be held on Mahal Road.
- The Army Day programmes began with a medical camp organised at the Military Hospital here for ex-servicemen, war widows and their family members. Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari attended the camp as the chief guest.
- Addressing the event, South Western Command Army Commander Lt Gen Manjinder Singh said the command has around 3.70 lakh ex-servicemen and nearly 7 lakh dependent family members.
- "Until 2022, the Army Day parade was held in Delhi. On the prime minister's initiative, it has since been organised in different cities such as Bengaluru, Lucknow and Pune," he said.



Arihant Class S4* Likely To Be Named INS Arisudan

- The Arihant-class nuclear-powered submarines represent a cornerstone of India's strategic deterrence, with the fourth vessel, designated S4*, poised to join the fleet as **INS Arisudan**.
- Launched by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on 16 October 2025, this submarine embodies the Sanskrit theme of '**destroyer of enemies**' shared by its predecessors: **INS Arihant**, **INS Arighaat**, and **INS Aridhaman**.
- The naming process for INS Arisudan follows established naval protocol, beginning with a proposal from the Indian Navy's ship-naming committee.
- This recommendation advances to the Defence Ministry for clearance before final approval by the President of India. Commissioning remains targeted for 2027, bolstering India's sea-based nuclear triad amid ongoing regional tensions.
- INS Aridhaman, the third in the class, advances towards induction in early 2026 following intensive sea trials. Launched in November 2021 at Visakhapatnam's Ship Building Centre, it features an upgraded Compact Light Water Reactor for enhanced stealth and endurance.
- Larger by about 1,000 tonnes than INS Arihant, it accommodates eight vertical launch tubes for advanced missiles.



Passing Out Parade of 02/25 batch of trainees to be held at INS Chilka

- The Passing Out Parade (POP) of the 02/25 batch of trainees is scheduled to be held at INS Chilka on January 8.
- The POP marks the successful culmination of 16 weeks of rigorous ab-initio training, which prepares them to meet the challenges of modern-day Naval operations.
- The passing-out batch comprises around 2,700 trainees, including 2,100 Agniveers (110 plus are women). This event signifies a key milestone as the Agniveers embark on their journey of service to the nation, the Ministry of Defence said.
- The Passing Out Parade stands as a testament to the Indian Navy's emphasis on training as the bedrock of a professional fighting force. INS Chilka continues to play a pivotal role in transforming raw recruits into intrepid sailors, instilling discipline, resilience and professional competence required to serve onboard advanced Naval platforms.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The maiden flight of LCA TEJAS took place in which year?

- A. 1998
- B. 2000
- C. 2001
- D. 2003

ANSWER: C

2. Which doctrine did Donald Trump refer to while speaking about U.S. influence in the Western Hemisphere?

- A. Truman Doctrine
- B. Nixon Doctrine
- C. Monroe Doctrine
- D. Reagan Doctrine

ANSWER: C

3. Which city will host the Army Day Parade for the first time in 2026?

- A. Pune
- B. Lucknow
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Jaipur

ANSWER: D

4. The Arihant-class submarine S4 is likely to be commissioned as:*

- A. INS Arighaat
- B. INS Aridhaman
- C. INS Arisudan
- D. INS Anant

ANSWER: C

5. The Passing Out Parade of the 02/25 batch of Indian Navy trainees will be held at:

- A. INS Valsura
- B. INS Shivaji
- C. INS Chilka
- D. INS Hansa

ANSWER: C

6. 'Desh Pukare Jab Sab Ko' Is The March Past Song Of

- A. IAF
- B. ICG
- C. BSF
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

7. Hitler was the dictator of which country?

- A. Russia
- B. Egypt
- C. France
- D. Germany

ANSWER: D

8. On which dates did the US drop atom bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki respectively?

- A. Aug 6, 1945 & Aug 9, 1945
- B. Aug 6, 1945 & Sept 12, 1945
- C. Aug 5, 1946 & Aug 8, 1946
- D. Aug 9, 1946 & Aug 12, 1946

ANSWER: A

9. What was the name given to World war I by historians?

- A. First War
- B. European war
- C. The Great war
- D. Seven-year War

ANSWER: C

10. With reference to Madanapalle of Andhra Pradesh, which one of the following statements is correct?

- A. Pingali Venkayya designed the tricolour Indian National Flag here.
- B. Pattabhi Sitaramaiah led the Quit India Movement of Andhra region from here.
- C. Rabindranath Tagore translated the National Anthem from Bengali to English here.
- D. Madame Blavatsky and Colonel Olcott set up headquarters of Theosophical Society first here.

ANSWER: C

11. Cairo Is The Capital Of

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

ANSWER: A

12. Indian Army Has How Many Operational Commands?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 6

ANSWER: D

13. SALVEX (Salvage) Ex Conducted B/W India And

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Uganda
- D. European Union

ANSWER: A

14. Mil Mi-35 Is A

- A. Attack Helicopter
- B. Fighter Jet
- C. Tank
- D. UAV

ANSWER: A

15. The Training Command of The IAF Is In

- A. Bengaluru
- B. New Delhi
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

16. "Good Economics for Hard Times" Book Is Written By

- A. Abhijit V. Banerjee

- B. Thomas Sowell
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

17. Germany Borders With The

- A. Netherlands
- B. Belgium
- C. Czech Republic
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: D

18. “Jat balwan, jai bhagwan” Is The War Cry Of

- A. JKRF
- B. RR
- C. CORPS OF ENGINEERS
- D. JAT REGIMENT

ANSWER: D

19. Sub Lieutenant Rank of Indian Navy Is Equivalent to which rank of Indian Army?

- A. Commodore
- B. Captain
- C. Commander
- D. Lieutenant

ANSWER: D

20. Ex ‘Nomadic Elephant’ conducted b/w India &

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

ANSWER: B