

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### India Successfully Test-fires Agni-III Ballistic Missile

- India on Friday successfully carried out a test launch of the Agni-III intermediate-range ballistic missile, marking another milestone in the country's strategic missile programme.
- The missile was test-fired from the Integrated Test Range. According to the Ministry of Defence, the launch met all mission objectives and validated the missile's operational as well as technical parameters.
- The test was conducted under the supervision of the Strategic Forces Command, which is responsible for managing the country's strategic assets. The defence ministry confirmed the successful trial through an official statement.
- The Agni-III is an Indian intermediate-range ballistic missile inducted into service in 2011 as the successor of the Agni-II. It has a range of 3,500 kilometres and can reach targets deep inside neighbouring countries including Pakistan and China.
- Various parameters and trajectory of the 17-meter long missile were tracked and monitored in real time by radars along the east coast, as well as by the telemetry and electro-optical systems. Two down-range ships near the impact point recorded the terminal event, they said.
- Agni-3 is one of the sophisticated and accurate missiles of its class and has already been inducted into the armed forces. It is capable of carrying a payload weighing 1.5 tons to a distance of more than 3,000 kilometres.



## Canada, France 'move into' Greenland as US seeks Control

- Canada and France planned to open diplomatic consulates Friday in the capital of Greenland, showing support for NATO ally Denmark and the Arctic island in the wake of U.S. efforts to secure control of the semiautonomous Danish territory.
- Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand was traveling to Nuuk to inaugurate the consulate that officials say also could help boost cooperation on issues like climate change and Inuit rights. She was being joined by Canada's Indigenous governor general, Mary Simon.
- France's Foreign Ministry said Jean-Noël Poirier also would take up his duties as consul general, making it the first European Union country to establish a consulate general in Greenland.
- Canada pledged to open a consulate in Greenland in 2024, before Trump's recent talk of a takeover, and the formal inauguration was delayed from November because of bad weather.
- The United States' interest in Greenland stems primarily from its critical strategic location in the Arctic for national security, specifically for monitoring missile threats, accessing vast untapped natural resources like rare earth minerals, and securing shipping lanes as ice melts. The U.S. aims to counter increasing Russian and Chinese influence in the region.
- Key reasons for the U.S. interest in Greenland include:
  - Military Strategy & Defense: Greenland is essential for the U.S. defense, offering the shortest route for missiles between Russia and North America. The Pituffik

Space Base (formerly Thule Air Base) has served as a key early-warning radar post since World War II.

- **Natural Resources:** As climate change melts the ice, Greenland's potential for mining rare earth minerals, uranium, iron, and significant oil and gas reserves becomes more accessible.
- **Geopolitical Competition:** The U.S. seeks to prevent competitors, specifically China and Russia, from gaining a foothold or controlling resources in the Arctic region.
- **Arctic Access:** With melting ice, Greenland is becoming crucial for future, shorter, and more efficient, international shipping routes.



## **Govt Starts Process To Procure 30 Low-level Light-weight Radars**

- The government has started the process to procure 30 low-level light-weight radars (LLLRs), which are envisaged to be a surveillance system for boosting the Army's air-defence mechanism, with a request for proposal (RFP) issued.
- According to a copy of the RFP, uploaded on the Indian Army's website, the defence ministry "intends to procure quantity 30 (Thirty) LLLR (I) and two (2) CRVs of LLLR (I) under 'Buy (Indian)' category and seeks participation in the procurement process from prospective bidders subject to requirements in succeeding paragraphs".

- LLLR (I) refers to low-level light-weight radars (improved) and CRV stands for class room variant. An RFP for 30 LLLRs, "for an amount, approximately Rs 725 crore" and to be procured through a fast-track procurement process, has been issued, the source said.
- The government has invited responses to the request only from original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) or authorised vendors, subject to the condition that in cases where the same equipment is offered by more than one of the aforementioned parties, preference would be given to an OEM, according to the RFP.



## Iran and US hold Indirect Talks in Oman

- Iran and the United States held indirect talks in Oman on Friday, negotiations that appeared to return to the starting point on how to approach discussions over Tehran's nuclear program. But for the first time, America brought its top military commander in the Middle East to the table.
- The presence of U.S. Navy Adm. Brad Cooper, the head of the American military's Central Command, in his dress uniform at the talks in Muscat, the Omani capital, served as a reminder that the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln and other warships were now off the coast of Iran in the Arabian Sea.
- U.S. President Donald Trump said the United States had "very good" talks on Iran and said more were planned for early next week. But he kept up the pressure, warning that if the country didn't make a deal over its nuclear program, "the consequences are very steep."

- Trump has repeatedly threatened to use force to compel Iran to reach a deal on the program after earlier sending the carrier to the region over Tehran's bloody crackdown on nationwide protests that killed thousands and saw tens of thousands of others detained in the Islamic Republic.
- Gulf Arab nations fear an attack could spark a regional war that would drag them in as well.
- That threat is real - U.S. forces shot down an Iranian drone near the Lincoln and Iran attempted to stop a U.S.-flagged ship in the Strait of Hormuz just days before Friday's talks in this sultanate on the eastern edge of the Arabian Peninsula.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. The Agni-III ballistic missile was test-fired under the supervision of which authority?**

- A. Defence Research and Development Organisation
- B. Indian Air Force
- C. Strategic Forces Command
- D. Integrated Defence Staff

**ANSWER: C**

**2. What is the approximate maximum range of the Agni-III missile?**

- A. 1,500 km
- B. 2,000 km
- C. 2,500 km
- D. 3,500 km

**ANSWER: D**

**3. Which two countries recently opened diplomatic consulates in Greenland?**

- A. United States and Germany
- B. Canada and France
- C. France and Norway
- D. Canada and Sweden

**ANSWER: B**

**4. The Low-Level Light-Weight Radars being procured by India are primarily meant to strengthen which capability of the Army?**

- A. Naval surveillance
- B. Space monitoring
- C. Cyber defence
- D. Air-defence surveillance

**ANSWER: D**

**5. Why is Greenland strategically important to the United States?**

- A. Tourism potential
- B. Agricultural expansion
- C. Missile early-warning systems and Arctic access
- D. Population growth

**ANSWER: C**

**6. Which city is being transformed into India's inaugural tri-service common defence station?**

- A. Delhi
- B. Bangalore
- C. Mumbai
- D. Chennai

**ANSWER: C**

**7. What is the purpose of the MoU between RRU and Starburst Aerospace?**

- A. Enhance automotive technology
- B. Advance aerospace, defence, and homeland security innovation
- C. Develop renewable energy solutions
- D. Promote agricultural research

**ANSWER: B**

**8. What does the Transfer of Technology agreement b/w HAL and National Aerospace Laboratories focus on?**

- A. Manufacture of agricultural equipment
- B. Production of renewable energy systems
- C. Development of automotive parts
- D. Manufacture of the Bismaleimide Engine Bay Door for Light Combat Aircraft Tejas Mk1A

**ANSWER: D**

**9. Who Becomes First Woman Subedar Of Indian Army?**

- A. Havildar Preeti Rajak
- B. Havildar Sucheta
- C. Havildar Neha Tyagi
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**10.Exercise 'SADA TANSEEQ' Conducted b/w India &**

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. SAUDI ARABIA

**ANSWER: D**

**11.INS Karmuk Is A**

- A. Destroyer
- B. Missile Corvette
- C. Submarine
- D. Tank

**ANSWER: B**

**12. Combat Air Teaming System (CATS) Is An Indian Unmanned & Manned  
Combat Aircraft Air Teaming System Developed By**

- A. HAL**
- B. DRDO**
- C. JAXA**
- D. Boeing**

**ANSWER: A**

**13. Ex 'Ekuverin' Conducted B/W India &**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**14. Safran Manufactures Aircraft Engines, Rocket Engines MNC Comes From**

- A. Germany
- B. France
- C. Nepal
- D. UK

**ANSWER: B**

**15. 'Praia' Is The Capital Of**

- A. Costa Rica
- B. Comoros
- C. Cameroon
- D. Cape Verde

**ANSWER: D**

**16. "Roller Coaster: An Affair with Banking" Book Is Written By**

- A. Tamal Bandyopadhyay
- B. Ranjan Gogoi
- C. Manish Tiwari
- D. Neha Sharma

**ANSWER: A**

**17. UNDP Was Established In**

- A. 1965
- B. 1975
- C. 1985
- D. 1995

**ANSWER: A**

**18. Lamitye Exercise Held B/W India And\_\_\_?**

- A. Thailand
- B. USA
- C. Qatar



D. Seychelles

**ANSWER: D**

**19. War Cry of THE MAHAR REGIMENT**

A. Bharat Mata ki Jai

B. Bolo Hindustan Ki Jay

C. Jai Hind

D. Durga Mata Ki Jai

**ANSWER: B**

**20. Yudh Abhyas Exercise Held B/W India And\_\_\_\_?**

A. Thailand

B. USA

C. Qatar

D. Seychelles

**ANSWER: B**

