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PM Modi In Malaysia

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two-day official visit to Malaysia has injected strong momentum into transforming the upgraded Comprehensive Strategic Partnership into concrete achievements.
- Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim described his discussions with PM Modi as "very vital, very strategic, and critical" for advancing bilateral relations. He recalled the elevation of ties in 2024 and affirmed both sides' commitment to implementing agreed decisions swiftly.
- PM Modi characterised the India-Malaysia relationship as "special", highlighting shared maritime interests, deep cultural linkages, and a common dedication to democratic values. He reiterated India's unwavering stance against terrorism, insisting on no double standards or compromises.
- The leaders conducted extensive delegation-level talks in Kuala Lumpur, concluding with the exchange of 11 documents and a series of key announcements to deepen cooperation across diverse sectors.
- Among the exchanged documents were agreements on audio-visual co-production, disaster management, combating corruption, UN peacekeeping via an exchange of letters, semiconductor cooperation through notes, the International Big Cats Alliance framework, social security between ESIC and PERKESO, vocational education and training (TVET), security cooperation between national security councils, and health and medicine.



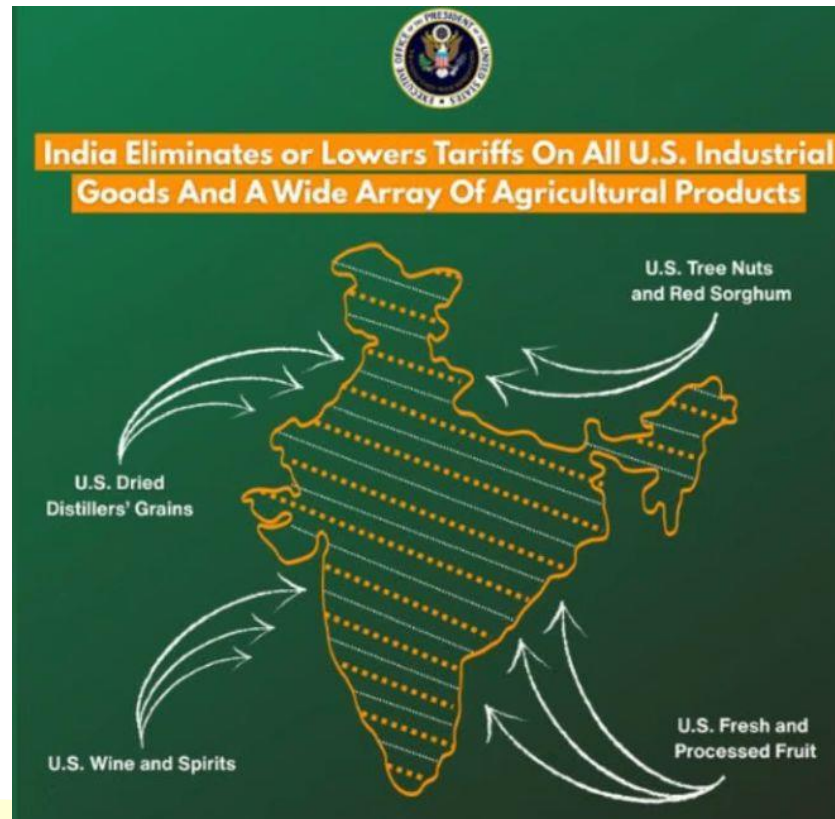
Sagar Defence Invests In Indian Drone Innovator

- Sagar Defence (SDE) has announced a strategic investment in Endure Air Systems, a Kanpur-based start-up specialising in unmanned aerial systems. The deal underscores SDE's broader push into advanced defence technologies and reflects a growing interest among Indian defence players to accelerate domestic innovation through targeted equity support.
- By taking an equity stake, SDE aims to align Endure Air Systems with its long-term vision for scalable, mission-ready drone capabilities that can be integrated into both civilian and defence sectors.
- Endure Air Systems has built a portfolio centred on lightweight, transferable drone platforms designed for rapid deployment and cost-effective maintenance.
- The Kanpur company brings a mix of in-house hardware design, avionics integration, and complementary software development, enabling a tighter end-to-end solution for clients seeking reliable aerial intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capabilities.
- The investment is expected to assist Endure Air Systems in expanding its manufacturing capacity, accelerating product qualification processes, and broadening its sales network across India and potentially international markets.



US Trade Map Silently Embraces Undivided India

- The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) recently shared a post on X to highlight a new India-US trade agreement. Rather than focusing solely on tariff reductions for US goods such as tree nuts, sorghum, grains, and wine, the accompanying map drew widespread notice.
- It portrayed **India as a single, undivided territory**, incorporating the whole of Jammu and Kashmir without any demarcations for areas administered by Pakistan or China.
- This cartographic depiction marked a subtle departure from typical US practice. Observers on social media quickly pointed out the significance, with one user remarking that the map's portrayal of an undivided India—including regions under foreign occupation—carried more diplomatic weight than the trade commodities listed.
- Historically, the United States has adopted a stance of formal neutrality on the Kashmir dispute between India and Pakistan. Official maps often employ dotted lines or disclaimers to denote contested boundaries.
- The USTR's map, however, omitted these markers entirely, prompting speculation despite no accompanying official commentary or evidence of a broader policy change.
- That State Department map, displayed under its "Diplomacy in Action" section, diverged sharply from India's official boundaries and lacked any indication of the region's disputed status. It sparked formal protests from New Delhi.
- In response, India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) issued a 2012 statement rejecting such "incorrect depictions" of its borders.
- The MEA emphasised its ongoing efforts to address these issues with Washington, urging corrections to align with India's sovereign claims. Following diplomatic pressure over prior inaccuracies, the US State Department eventually revised its maps.
- It adopted a neutral approach by using a dotted line to represent the 1972 Line of Control in Kashmir.



US Exposes China's Covert Nuclear Test Post-Galwan Clash

- The United States has accused China of conducting a secret nuclear explosive test in June 2020, mere days after the deadly Galwan Valley clash in eastern Ladakh. This confrontation resulted in the deaths of 20 Indian soldiers, with intelligence assessments indicating over 30 Chinese casualties.
- The timing of the alleged test, disclosed by Washington at a global disarmament forum, heightens concerns in New Delhi regarding Beijing's military posture amid one of the most tense phases of the India-China border crisis in decades.
- U.S. Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, Thomas DiNanno, revealed that the U.S. government possesses evidence of China performing nuclear explosive tests, including preparations for yields in the hundreds of tons. He specified that Beijing executed a yield-producing test on 22 June 2020.
- DiNanno accused the Chinese military of concealing these explosions through 'decoupling' techniques, which reduce the effectiveness of seismic monitoring, thereby violating international test ban commitments.
- China's ambassador on disarmament, Shen Jian, dismissed the claims without directly addressing the specific allegation. He asserted that Beijing has always

acted prudently and responsibly on nuclear matters, while countering that the U.S. exaggerates the so-called 'China nuclear threat' to justify its own arms race. Shen positioned Washington as the primary culprit in escalating global nuclear tensions.



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 on.
- These 30 LLLRs are to be procured through a "fast-track procurement process", a source in the Army said.
- 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 classroom 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.
- Also, the search radar of the Low Level Light Weight Radar (Improved) "should provide continuous 3D surveillance of friendly and hostile aerial targets in the area of responsibility".

- The radar should be able to detect all types of aerial targets up to 50 km, with a wide beam coverage in elevation, the RFP said.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. During PM Narendra Modi's visit to Malaysia, how many agreements/documents were exchanged between the two countries?
A. 7
B. 9
C. 11
D. 15

ANSWER: C

2. Sagar Defence Engineering (SDE) has made a strategic investment in which Indian drone start-up?
A. Idea Forge
B. Endure Air Systems
C. New Space Research
D. Asteria Aerospace

ANSWER: B

3. What unique feature of the USTR trade map drew significant public attention?
A. It highlighted new trade routes
B. It marked Kashmir as disputed with dotted lines

- C. It showed India as an undivided territory
- D. It excluded Jammu and Kashmir

ANSWER: C

4. According to US allegations, China conducted a covert nuclear explosive test in which month and year?

- A. May 2019
- B. June 2020
- C. August 2021
- D. March 2022

ANSWER: B

5. The Low-Level Light-Weight Radars (LLLRs) proposed for procurement by India are primarily meant for:

- A. Naval coastal surveillance
- B. Missile launch detection
- C. Army air-defence surveillance
- D. Space object tracking

ANSWER: C

6. MALABAR Exercise Was Initiated In Which Year

- A. 1991
- B. 1992
- C. 1993
- D. 1994

ANSWER: B

7. Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) Comes Under

- A. MOD
- B. MHA
- C. MEA
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

8. Hambantota Port Is In

- A. Indonesia
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. India

D. China

ANSWER: B

9. The Indian Government Plans To Construct A 2,500-metre-long Airstrip On Minicoy Island In

- A. Goa
- B. Mumbai
- C. Lakshadweep
- D. Kochi

ANSWER: C

10. Pakyong Airport is located in -

- A. Sikkim
- B. Assam
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Nagaland

ANSWER: A

11. Which port is also known as the New Mangalore Port?

- A. Mormugao Port
- B. Panambur Port
- C. Kandla Port
- D. Tuticorin Port

ANSWER: B

12. Port Blair Is Located On Which Island?

- A.** The Little Andaman
- B.** The Great Nicobar
- C.** The South Andaman
- D.** The North Andaman

ANSWER: C

13. Author Of The Book 'Kerala: God's Own Country'

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Jeet Thayil
- C. Sudha Murthy
- D. Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai

ANSWER: A

14. AUSINDEX Ex Conducts B/W

- A. India & Indonesia
- B. India & Australia
- C. India & Sri Lanka
- D. India & Thailand

ANSWER: B

15. "Poverty and Un-British Rule in India" Is Written By

- A. Mahadevi Verma
- B. Premchand
- C. Dadabhai Naoroji
- D. Ratan Tata

ANSWER: C

16. Havana Is The Capital Of

- A. Cuba
- B. Qatar
- C. UAE
- D. Cyprus

ANSWER: A

17. Who Was The Prime Minister Of India During Indo-PAK War In 1965?

- A. Jawaharlal Nehru
- B. Indira Gandhi
- C. Lal Bahadur Shastri
- D. Rajiv Gandhi

ANSWER: C

18. Who Was The PM Of India During The Indo-Pak War In 1999?

- A. Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- B. Indira Gandhi
- C. Lal Bahadur Shastri
- D. Rajiv Gandhi

ANSWER: A

19.Ex 'Jal Prahar' Conducted In

- A. Pune
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Mumbai
- D. Kakinada

ANSWER: D

20.Current DG of The ICG Is

- A. VS Pathania
- B. Paramesh Sivamani
- C. R Hari Kumar
- D. None

ANSWER: B

