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Navy Seals P-75(I) Deal With TKMS

- Reports indicate that the Indian Navy has successfully concluded cost negotiations with ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems (TKMS), the German shipbuilder, for the construction of six advanced diesel-electric submarines under the ambitious Project 75(I).
- This pivotal development marks a significant stride towards enhancing India's underwater warfare capabilities amid evolving regional security dynamics. The negotiations, which spanned several months, focused on optimising costs while ensuring the submarines incorporate cutting-edge indigenous technologies.
- Project 75(I), formally known as the Programme for Indigenous Construction of Six Conventional Submarines, was cleared by the Cabinet Committee on Security in 2019 with an estimated project cost of ₹43,000 crore.
- India's submarine fleet currently comprises 16 conventional boats, many nearing obsolescence, alongside two nuclear-powered attack submarines. The P-75(I) addition will elevate the total to 24 diesel-electric units by the mid-2030s, complementing the ongoing P-75 project at MDL, where INS Kalvari and its sisters are already operational.

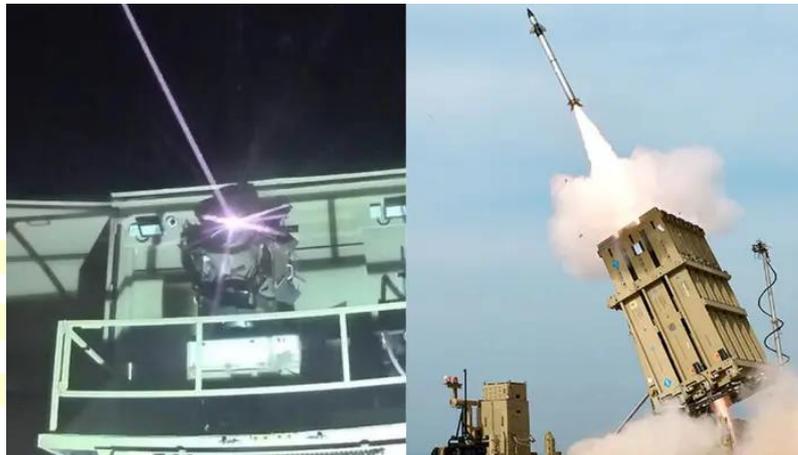


Israel To Share Iron Dome, Iron Beam

- Israel is set to share its cutting-edge Iron Dome defence technology underpinnings with India, marking a significant escalation in their strategic partnership. Reports indicate that Benjamin Netanyahu will authorise the

transfer of the technological foundations of both the Iron Dome and the newer Iron Beam systems to Narendra Modi.

- The Iron Dome has proven instrumental in protecting Israel from short- and long-range missile threats launched by groups such as Hamas, the Houthis, and Iran. Its success rate remains impressively high, intercepting rockets with precision.
- An anticipated MOU could unlock up to \$10 billion in defence deals between the nations. While neither government has officially confirmed the details, the inclusion of full technology transfer for Iron Dome and Iron Beam would place India on par with the United States in terms of Israeli trust.



Sunita Tools Clinches ₹576 Crore Order

- Sunita Tools Limited has secured a landmark ₹576 crore defence order for the supply of 2,40,000 empty NATO-specification 155mm M107 artillery shells.
- This significant contract, marks a pivotal moment for the company as it cements its foothold in India's burgeoning defence manufacturing sector. The order comes from a domestic entity and is classified as a deemed export, with delivery scheduled for completion within 24 months.
- The deal promises a steady revenue influx, with approximate monthly billing of ₹24 crore, translating to the total contract value over the two-year period. This influx significantly exceeds Sunita Tools' current market capitalisation, underscoring the order's transformative potential for the firm's financial trajectory.

- The 155mm M107 shells adhere to NATO standards, positioning Sunita Tools favourably amid India's push for indigenous ammunition production. As a deemed export, the contract aligns with national goals to boost defence exports, potentially opening avenues for international partnerships.



Vayushakti-26

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) has successfully concluded its full dress rehearsal for the forthcoming Vayushakti-26 exercise at Pokhran, Jaisalmer, confirming its operational supremacy.
- In a compelling post on X, the IAF declared: "Indian Air Force: Infallible, Impervious and Precise. 1 day to go." It added that air warriors are now fully mission-ready for the main event on 27 February at Pokhran.
- Vayushakti-26 will showcase how tactical strikes evolve into strategic victories, transforming the operational landscape decisively. The demonstration will also spotlight the IAF's vital contributions to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, including rapid airlifts, rescues, and evacuations from domestic and international conflict zones.



Pakistan Strikes Afghanistan Targets As Clashes Intensify

- Pakistan struck targets inside Afghanistan's major cities overnight, Pakistani and Taliban officials said on Friday, as cross-border fighting intensified following months of tensions and skirmishes between the two countries.
- Security sources in Pakistan said the strikes involved air and ground strikes against Taliban posts, headquarters and ammunition depots in multiple sectors along the border.
- Both sides reported heavy losses, issuing sharply differing figures that Reuters could not independently verify.
- The strikes mark the most serious escalation between the neighbours in months, threatening a fragile ceasefire along the 2,600-km (1,615-mile) frontier and deepening a long-running dispute over Islamabad's accusation that Kabul harbours Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) militants, a charge the Taliban deny.
- "Pakistani counterstrikes against targets in Afghanistan continue," a Pakistani government spokesperson, Mosharraf Zaidi, said in a post on X, describing the action as a response to "unprovoked Afghan attacks."
- The latest fighting follows Pakistani airstrikes earlier this week that Islamabad said targeted camps of TTP and Islamic State militants in eastern Afghanistan. Kabul denies allowing militants to operate from its territory and had warned it would respond.
- Clashes erupted along the frontier on Thursday night after the Taliban launched what it described as retaliatory attacks on Pakistani military installations. Both sides had claimed to destroy border posts in that fighting.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Project 75(I) is primarily related to which of the following?

- A. Acquisition of fighter aircraft
- B. Construction of advanced diesel-electric submarines
- C. Development of ballistic missiles
- D. Purchase of aircraft carriers

ANSWER: B

2. The Iron Dome defence system is developed by which country?

- A. United States
- B. Russia
- C. Israel
- D. France

ANSWER: C

3. Sunita Tools Limited secured a ₹576 crore contract for supplying which of the following?

- A. Fighter jet engines
- B. Naval torpedoes
- C. 155mm M107 artillery shells
- D. Surface-to-air missiles

ANSWER: C

4. Exercise Vayushakti-26 is conducted by which armed force of India?

- A. Indian Army
- B. Indian Navy
- C. Indian Air Force
- D. Indian Coast Guard

ANSWER: C

5. Pakistan's recent cross-border strikes were linked to concerns over which militant group?

- A. Al-Qaeda
- B. Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP)
- C. ISIS-K only
- D. Lashkar-e-Taiba

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

