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Indian Army's 'Amogh Jwala' Exercise

- The Indian Army's Southern Command has successfully concluded a pivotal 13-day exercise named 'Amogh Jwala' at the Babina Field Firing Ranges in Uttar Pradesh. Launched on 6 March, the drill reached its climax, showcasing the force's prowess in technology-driven mechanised warfare within a complex multi-domain environment.
- 'Amogh Jwala' rigorously tested innovative operational concepts, refined force structures, and updated procedures tailored to contemporary warfare demands.
- It highlighted the coordinated deployment of mechanised units with attack helicopters, fighter aircraft, unmanned aerial systems, counter-drone measures, and network-centric battlefield platforms, all underpinned by a resilient command and control framework.
- High-tempo mechanised manoeuvres took centre stage, featuring synchronised fire-and-manoevre tactics. Real-time surveillance and target acquisition via drones ensured precision, while the integration of cutting-edge battlefield technologies amplified effectiveness across land, air, cyber, space, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance (ISR), and electronic warfare (EW) domains.
- For the Indian Army, 'Amogh Jwala' serves as a critical validation of its Integrated Battle Groups (IBGs) and brigade-level formations, enhancing interoperability with the Indian Air Force and other services.



Israel's XTEND Partners Rayonix In \$11m Deal

- XTEND, a leading AI-powered robotics and software systems firm, has forged a significant \$11 million partnership with Indian defence technology company Rayonix Tech.
- The agreement focuses on manufacturing and distributing unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) equipped with XTEND's proprietary XOS operating system, marking a strategic push into the Indian market.
- Headquartered in Israel with a major production base in Florida, USA, XTEND announced the deal on Tuesday. It positions Rayonix as the exclusive partner for localised production, testing, and distribution of select UAV platforms in India.
- This includes a comprehensive technology transfer and operational enablement programme to ensure seamless integration.
- At the heart of the collaboration lies XTEND's XOS platform, a software-defined autonomy ecosystem. This advanced operating system powers human-guided autonomy across multi-domain robotic systems. It integrates AI-driven navigation, mission planning, and real-time operational control, making it ideal for complex defence applications.
- For India's armed forces, the implications are profound. UAVs powered by XOS could enhance surveillance, precision strikes, and loitering munitions—areas

where India seeks to modernise amid border tensions. The technology transfer ensures long-term sustainment without external dependencies.



Goodluck Defence & Aerospace Ltd Fires First Defence Salvo

- Goodluck India, a prominent player in the steel and engineering sectors, has taken a bold step into defence manufacturing. Through its newly established subsidiary, Goodluck Defence and Aerospace Limited, the company has dispatched its inaugural order worth \$6 million, as per a ET Now video report.
- This order comprises 155 mm heavy calibre shells, a critical ammunition type for modern artillery systems.
- The milestone dispatch underscores Goodluck India's strategic pivot towards high-growth defence opportunities. Traditionally known for producing steel tubes, pipes, and engineering components, the firm has leveraged its manufacturing expertise to enter the defence arena.
- The 155 mm shells represent a high-demand category in global defence markets. These heavy calibre rounds are compatible with advanced howitzers such as the Indian Army's K9-Vajra and Dhanush systems.
- Amid escalating geopolitical tensions in regions like Eastern Europe and the Indo-Pacific, demand for such ammunition has surged, benefiting new entrants like Goodluck.



Tehran Claims First-Ever F-35 Lightning 2 Hit

- US defence officials, confirmed that an F-35 did perform an emergency landing after an Iranian surface-to-air missile (SAM) barrage, with the pilot safe and an investigation underway.
- Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) said it had successfully hit a US Air Force F-35 stealth fighter jet in central Iran's airspace. According to a statement released by the IRGC on its official news website on Thursday, the jet was struck at 2:50 a.m. local time by the IRGC's advanced, modern air ..
- The IRGC noted that the interception follows the successful downing of more than 125 US-Israeli drones by Iran's defense systems, signaling significant and purposeful upgrades in the country's integrated air defense network.
- This Iranian claim came just one day after the White House claimed in an X post that F-35 represents "decisive American power."
- The CNN report from the incident, citing US defence officials, noted that a US F-35 fighter jet made an emergency landing at a US air base in the Middle East after it was struck by what is believed to be Iranian fire.
- Capt Tim Hawkins, a spokesperson for US Central Command, confirmed to CNN that the fifth-generation stealth aircraft had been on an operational mission when the incident occurred. He said the jet was "flying a combat mission over Iran" when it was forced to land, as per the ..
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11 Naxalites With Rs 68 lakh Bounty Surrender in Gadchiroli

- Eleven Naxalites, including five senior operatives, with a total bounty of Rs 68 lakh on their heads surrendered before the police and CRPF in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli district on Thursday, an official said.
- The eleven include a divisional commander (DVCM), an area committee secretary, one people's party committee member (PPCM), one commander and an area committee member, a release from the office of the Gadchiroli superintendent of police said.
- "The Maharashtra government had announced a cumulative reward of Rs 68 lakh on them. Since 2025, a total of 123 armed Maoists have surrendered in Gadchiroli. Left Wing Extremism in the district has almost come to an end. Once active in all 10 sub divisions of Gadchiroli, it is now confined to border areas of Bhamragad sub-division," the release added.
- Till date, a total of 794 Naxalites have surrendered in Gadchiroli, it said.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah has announced that Naxalism will be completely eliminated from India by March 31, 2026. The government has adopted a two-pronged strategy of intensive security operations and development, targeting a "Naxal-mukt" (Naxal-free) India through efforts like increased surrenders and security infrastructure improvements.
- **Deadline:** March 31, 2026, has been stated as the target date for total eradication.

- **Strategy:** The approach includes intense, localized security operations, such as Operation Black Forest started in April 2025, alongside development, the opening of security camps in difficult areas, and a robust surrender-and-rehabilitation policy.
- **Target Area:** Particular focus is on reducing the insurgency in the Bastar division, which the government aims to make fully developed by 2030.
- **Progress:** Since January 2024, over 723 Naxals have surrendered in Chhattisgarh alone, indicating a weakened insurgency.
- **Command Structure:** The operation focuses on cutting off the supply chain and top leadership of the CPI (Maoist).



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The 'Amogh Jwala' exercise was conducted at which location?

- A. Pokhran Field Range
- B. Babina Field Firing Range
- C. Deolali Artillery Range
- D. Mahajan Field Range

ANSWER: B

2. The primary objective of the 'Amogh Jwala' exercise was to:

- A. Test nuclear weapons capability
- B. Improve naval warfare tactics

- C. Evaluate technology-driven mechanised warfare
- D. Conduct humanitarian rescue operations

ANSWER: C

3. XTEND partnered with which Indian company for UAV production?

- A. HAL
- B. DRDO
- C. Rayonix Tech
- D. Bharat Electronics Limited

ANSWER: C

4. Goodluck Defence and Aerospace Limited's first order included:

- A. Fighter jet components
- B. Missiles
- C. 155 mm artillery shells
- D. Radar systems

ANSWER: C

5. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has set the target to eliminate Naxalism in India by:

- A. 2025
- B. 2027
- C. March 31, 2026
- D. 2030

ANSWER: C

6. What is the main radar technology to be featured on India's NETRA MK-II AWACS system?

- A. Pulse-Doppler Radar
- B. Phased Array Radar
- C. Passive Electronically Scanned Array
- D. Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA)

ANSWER: D

7. Aerobatic Team Of IAF Is

- A. Surya
- B. Surya Kiran
- C. Kiran

D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

8. Sampriti Ex Conducts B/W

- A. India & Indonesia
- B. India & Bangladesh
- C. India & Sri Lanka
- D. India & Russia

ANSWER: B

9. Assistant Commandant Of ICG Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Army?

- A. Captain
- B. Brigadier
- C. Lieutenant
- D. Major General

ANSWER: C

10. Parachute Regiment Training Centre Is At

- A. Bangalore
- B. New Delhi
- C. Nagpur
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: A

11. Thales Group Is A Company Of Which Nation

- A. Taiwan
- B. China
- C. USA
- D. France

ANSWER: D

12. Which Country Hosted Multilateral Exercise MILAN 2022?

- A. France
- B. UK
- C. India
- D. Malaysia

ANSWER: C

13. Quito Is The Capital Of

- A. Ecuador
- B. Egypt
- C. UAE
- D. El Salvador

ANSWER: A

14. "Modi @20: Dreams Meeting Delivery" Book Is Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Rajesh Talwar
- C. Venkaiah Naidu
- D. Rasheed Kidwai

ANSWER: C

15. Russia's New Nuclear-capable Intercontinental Missile That Can Strike Any Target In The World Is ____.

- A. Nikita
- B. Mashov
- C. Spike
- D. Sarmat

ANSWER: D

16. What Is The Name Of India's First Indigenously Developed Flying Trainer?

- A. Horn-NG
- B. HANS-NG
- C. HANSA-NG
- D. Hawk-NG

ANSWER: C

17. Sea Dragon Is A

- A. Domestic Ex
- B. Multilateral Ex
- C. Bilateral Ex
- D. None of these

ANSWER: B

18. World's Highest Motorable Road Is In

- A. Sikkim
- B. Ladakh

- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Assam

ANSWER: B

19. Exercises B/w The India And UK Is Called:

- A. AJEYA WARRIOR
- B. KONKAN
- C. Indra
- D. Both A&B

ANSWER: D

20. CTBT Treaty Is Related To

- A. Nuclear Test Ban
- B. Dual Use Goods Tech
- C. Spreading Biological Weapons
- D. Both A&B

ANSWER: A

