

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### BEL Signs MoU With RRP Group

- Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with RRP Electronics and RRP Defense to jointly explore business opportunities across semiconductors, electro-optics and unmanned systems.
- The partnership brings together BEL's experience in advanced defence electronics and mission-critical systems with RRP Electronics' semiconductor manufacturing capabilities and RRP Defense's expertise in electro-optical (EO) systems and UAV platforms, the company said in a statement.
- The companies aim to jointly identify, design and develop technologies for defence and strategic applications, including high-precision EO systems such as surveillance systems and weapon sights, semiconductor devices and next-generation unmanned solutions.
- The collaboration is expected to support India's indigenisation push and strengthen domestic defence capabilities, while also opening up export opportunities in line with the defence ministry's policies.



## 29 New ITBP Outposts Set Up Along China Border

- The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has strengthened its presence with 29 new border outposts along the India-China border since 2020 as part of a broader security buildup along the 3,488 km border, according to a report of the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- The new border outposts (BOPs) span altitudes ranging from 9,000 feet to 18,750 feet across the Western, Middle, and Eastern sectors along the Himalayas, from the Karakoram Pass in Ladakh to Jachep La in Arunachal Pradesh, the report for 2024-25, adding the ITBP is manning a total of 209 BOPs.
- The number of ITBP-managed BOPs was 180, according to the ministry's earlier report for 2020-21.
- The increase in the number of BOPs comes in the wake of the 2020 clash between Indian and Chinese troops in the Galwan Valley which marked the most serious military conflict between the two sides in decades.
- The ITBP had conducted 4,503 patrols along the Indo-China border from April to December 2024 to keep strict vigil, the latest report said.



## Indian Army Integrates Shaurya Drone Squadrons

- Indian Army has taken a decisive step in reshaping the future of armoured warfare by embedding drone squadrons directly into its tank regiments. The activation of 6 Shaurya Squadrons marks a doctrinal shift, integrating

surveillance, precision strike & electronic warfare capabilities with heavy armour.

- This transformation was showcased during Exercise Amogh Jwala, where tanks manoeuvred alongside drones to demonstrate a new level of battlefield synergy. The move reflects lessons learned from recent conflicts and India's own operational experiences, underscoring the growing importance of unmanned systems in modern combat.
- These squadrons are not mere adjuncts but integral components of armoured formations. By joining over 5,000 tanks across the Army's arsenal, they provide real-time intelligence, swarm strike capabilities, and coordinated firepower.
- When paired with T-90 Bhishma, T-72 Ajeya, and Arjun Mk1A tanks, these drones extend the reach of armoured units, allowing commanders to make faster decisions and deliver decisive effects.
- Early deployments have already begun across five Army commands, with plans to eventually equip all 67 armoured regiments. The phased rollout will be informed by operational outcomes from these initial squadrons, ensuring that lessons from field exercises translate into refined doctrine and tactics



## HFCL Launches Unified Defence Platform

- HFCL Limited has taken a decisive step in reshaping its defence business by consolidating its diverse capabilities into a unified platform under HFCL Advanced Systems Private Limited (HASPL).

- This move is designed to create a scalable, technology-led entity that can compete in both domestic and international markets, with a confirmed export order book of ₹1,570 crore providing immediate visibility and credibility.
- The consolidation brings together Aerostructures, aeronautics, radar systems, and advanced thermal weapon sight solutions, positioning HFCL as a multi-domain player in India's evolving defence ecosystem.
- The restructuring involves HASPL acquiring Spiral EHL Engineering Limited, which itself will absorb the Aerostructure and aeronautics business of Defsys Solutions. Spiral will be renamed under the HFCL brand, strengthening the group's identity in defence manufacturing.
- HASPL will take over HFCL's majority stake in Raddef Private Limited, a radar technology company, and integrate HFCL's existing thermal weapon sight business. This creates a vertically integrated platform spanning design, prototyping, precision manufacturing, and system integration, with HFCL retaining majority equity control.
- HFCL's track record in building mission-critical telecom networks in challenging terrains, combined with disciplined capital allocation and execution capability, provides a strong foundation for this expansion.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Where will the Indian Navy commission its latest indigenous stealth frigate, 'Taragiri', on 03 April 2026?**

- A. Visakhapatnam
- B. Mumbai
- C. Kochi
- D. Chennai

**ANSWER: A**

**2. In which state was the Indian Army's Exercise Amogh Jwala in March 2026?**

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Punjab

**ANSWER: A**

**3. Which country is hosting the multinational anti-submarine warfare drill "Exercise Sea Dragon 2026"?**

- A. Japan
- B. Australia
- C. United States
- D. New Zealand

**ANSWER: C**

**4. Which Indian Naval Sail Training Ship reached Malta during the global expedition Lokayan-26?**

- A. INS Tarangini
- B. INS Vikrant
- C. INS Shardul
- D. INS Sudarshini

**ANSWER: D**

**5. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) signed an MoU with which companies?**

- A. DRDO and HAL
- B. RRP Electronics and RRP Defense
- C. Tata Advanced Systems and L&T

D. ISRO and BHEL

**ANSWER: B**

**6. Shaurya drone squadrons have been integrated into which part of the Indian Army?**

A. Infantry battalions

B. Naval units

C. Tank regiments

D. Air defence units

**ANSWER: C**

**7. Which of the following is an indigenously developed light combat aircraft of India?**

A. MiG-21

B. Tejas

C. Jaguar

D. Mirage 2000

**ANSWER: B**

**8. What is the primary aim of the Surya Dronathon 2025 organized by the Surya Command?**

A. Promote tourism in India

B. Launch new military satellites

C. Bring together drone innovators and OEMs

D. Conduct a naval exercise in Bay of Bengal

**ANSWER: C**

**9. What is the name of the all-arms brigade being raised by the Indian Army as per General Upendra Dwivedi?**

A. Vajra

B. Rudra

C. Shakti

D. Garuda

**ANSWER: B**

**10. Which shipbuilding company launched the ICGS ATAL (Yard 1275) for the ICG on 29 July 2025?**

A. Hindustan Shipyard Limited

- B. Cochin Shipyard Limited
- C. Goa Shipyard Limited
- D. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited

**ANSWER: C**

**11. The DRDO recently conducted two successful tests of which missile from the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island?**

- A. Agni-P
- B. Prithvi-II
- C. Pralay
- D. Shaurya

**ANSWER: C**

**12. Vaduz Is The Capital Of**

- A. Liechtenstein
- B. Qatar
- C. Lithuania
- D. Maldives

**ANSWER: A**

**13. Which of the following countries constitute I2U2?**

**1. Iran, 2. India, 3. Israel, 4. United Kingdom, 5. USA, 6. UAE, 7. Iraq**

**Select the correct answer using the codes given below:**

- A. 1, 2, 4 and 5 only
- B. 1, 3, 4 and 5 only
- C. 2, 3, 5 and 6 only
- D. 2, 4, 5, and 7 only

**ANSWER: C**

**14. LAKSHYA Is A**

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Robot

**ANSWER: C**

**15. Army Airborne Training School Is At**

- A. Pune
- B. Agra
- C. Chennai

D. Noida

**ANSWER: B**

**16. "Advantage India: The Story of Indian Tennis" Book Is Written By**

A. Anindya Dutta

B. JK Rowling

C. Aakash Ranison

D. Meghna Pant

**ANSWER: A**

**17. B-1B Lancer Is A**

A. Bomber

B. Sniper Rifle

C. Anti-tank Guided missile

D. Communication satellite

**ANSWER: A**

**18. Hq of PARA SF Is At**

A. Chennai

B. Bengaluru

C. Nagpur

D. Mumbai

**ANSWER: B**

**19. Southwestern Air Command of IAF Is In**

A. Mumbai

B. Kochi

C. Gandhinagar

D. Panaji

**ANSWER: C**

**20. Joint Exercises B/w The India And Singapore Is Called:**

A. Yama

B. SLINEX

C. Indra

D. SIMBEX

**ANSWER: D**