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IAF to Get 2 Mountain Radars in Rs 1,950 cr Deal

- The defence ministry on Tuesday inked a Rs 1,950 crore contract with state-run Bharat Electronics Limited for the procurement of two mountain radars and related infrastructure for the Indian Air Force.
- The installation and commissioning of these radars will boost the country's air defence and strengthen national security, the ministry said, adding the procurement will also reduce the dependency on foreign equipment.
- "The Ministry of Defence has inked a major capital acquisition contract with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for the procurement of two mountain radars, including associated equipment and required infrastructure for the Indian Air Force, at a cost of around Rs 1,950 crore," an official statement said.
- This mountain radar is indigenously designed and developed by Electronics and Radar Development Establishment of DRDO and will be manufactured by BEL.



Indian Navy Gets three GRSE- Built Ships

- Defence PSU Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE) delivered three frontline platforms to the Indian Navy, marking a significant milestone for indigenous defence manufacturing, an official said.
- The warship-maker delivered to the Navy the advanced guided missile frigate '**Dunagiri**', the survey vessel '**Sanshodhak**', and anti-submarine warfare shallow watercraft '**Agray**', he said.
- '**Dunagiri**', the second advanced guided missile frigate built by GRSE under Project 17A, is among the most sophisticated platforms built by the Kolkata-based PSU, the official said in a statement.
- The 149-metre-long, 6,670-tonne guided-missile frigate is equipped with state-of-the-art weapons and sensors, including advanced missile systems and an integrated combat management system, enabling multi-dimensional operations across air, surface, and sub-surface domains, he said.
- "Equipped with **BrahMos anti-ship** and land-attack cruise missiles, along with advanced defence systems, **Dunagiri** represents a significant leap in naval strike and defensive capabilities".
- '**Sanshodhak**', the last of the four large survey vessels built by GRSE, represents a key addition to the Navy's hydrographic and survey capabilities.
- The 110-metre-long vessel is equipped with advanced systems for conducting full-scale coastal and deep-water hydrographic surveys, including port and harbour approaches, navigation channels, and maritime limits.
- '**Agray**', one of the eight anti-submarine warfare shallow watercrafts (ASW-SWCs) being built by GRSE, is designed for operations in coastal waters.
- It is capable of full-scale sub-surface surveillance, search and attack missions, as well as coordinated operations with aircraft, and is armed with lightweight torpedoes and anti-submarine warfare rockets, the official said.



Italy Refuses US Aircraft Use Of Sicily Base

- Italy has denied permission for U.S. military aircraft to land at the Sigonella air base in Sicily before flying to the Middle East.
- Daily Corriere della Sera reported "some U.S. bombers" had been due to land at the base in eastern Sicily before heading to the Middle East. It did not say when they had been due to land.
- The source, who was not authorised to speak to media and declined to be identified, also did not specify how many aircraft were involved or when Rome declined to give permission.
- Corriere della Sera added that permission was not granted as the U.S. had not sought authorisation and Italy's military leadership was not consulted, as required under treaties governing the use of U.S. military installations in the country.
- Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni's right-wing government has said it would seek parliamentary authorisation should any such requests be made.



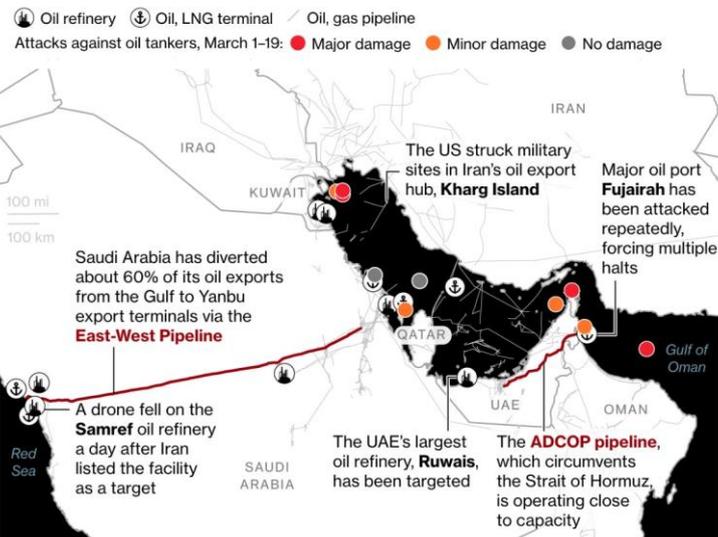
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All of those countries that can't get jet fuel because of the Strait of Hormuz, like the United Kingdom, which refused to get involved in the decapitation of Iran, I have a suggestion for you: Number 1, buy from the U.S., we have plenty, and Number 2, build up some delayed courage, go to the Strait, and just TAKE IT. You'll have to start learning how to fight for yourself, the U.S.A. won't be there to help you anymore, just like you weren't there for us. Iran has been, essentially, decimated. The hard part is done. Go get your own oil! President DJT



Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates Move Oil Through Pipelines After Attacks



Sources: Institute for the Study of War and AEI's Critical Threats Project; US Central Intelligence Agency; US Department of Energy; Armed Conflict Location and Event Data (ACLED); Joint Maritime Information Center; Bloomberg News reporting

Note: Attacks claimed by Iran but disputed by the ship's crew have been excluded. In some cases, minor damage can be the result of interception debris. Locations may be approximate.

India To Deploy Fourth S-400 System In Rajasthan

- India is set to receive its fourth S-400 Triumf air defence system by the end of April, with deployment planned in the Western sector, most likely Rajasthan. An Indian Air Force team has already arrived in Russia to inspect the system before delivery.
- The fifth system is expected to be deployed by November, following the Defence Acquisition Council's approval of five additional units. This will eventually raise India's total inventory to ten S-400 systems, doubling the original order placed in 2018.
- The acquisition process for such systems is tightly regulated. It begins with a statement of case outlining operational requirements, followed by scrutiny from the Defence Procurement Board. The proposal then moves to the Defence Acquisition Council for Acceptance of Necessity.
- After this, cost negotiations are undertaken with the vendor, financial approval is secured, and final clearance is granted by the Cabinet Committee on Security. This layered process ensures oversight and accountability at every stage.
- The deployment of S-400 units at Adampur and Bhuj created a formidable deterrent, showcasing India's growing air defence capabilities. With additional systems on the way, India is set to significantly strengthen its aerial shield against cross-border threats.



Exercise Dweep Shakti 2026

- Exercise Dweep Shakti 2026 was a high-intensity, tri-service military drill conducted by India's Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) from March 24–28, 2026. It validated integrated rapid-response capabilities, focusing on amphibious assaults, maritime dominance, and beach landing drills to strengthen the security of India's island territories.

Key Details of Exercise Dweep Shakti:

- **Participants:** Combined forces from the Indian Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard, including Special Forces.
- **Location:** Andaman and Nicobar Islands, strategically crucial for monitoring maritime routes.
- **Objectives:** To demonstrate synergy in multi-domain operations (land, sea, air) and enhance interoperability between the three services.
- **Operations:** Included maritime dominance patrols, complex beach landings with heavy equipment, and amphibious assaults to secure coastal areas.
- **Technology:** Deployed next-generation equipment, drones, and AI-enabled sensors for real-time battlefield awareness.



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Exercise DWEEP SHAKTI - a high-intensity Tri-Service exercise validating integrated capability for rapid response along the coastal and island defence operations was conducted from 24 to 28 March 2026.

In seamless synergy, [#IndianArmy](#), [#IndianNavy](#) and [#IndianAirForce](#) executed coordinated amphibious assaults, maritime dominance operations and complex beach landing drills employing Next-Generation Equipment and drones, reaffirming precision, jointness and mission-ready interoperability.

The exercise also refined integrated Tactics, Techniques and Procedures, reinforcing the Armed Forces' growing multi-domain capability and steadfast commitment to securing India's maritime frontiers and island territories.

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REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which of the following ships was delivered as a guided missile frigate to the Indian Navy by GRSE?

- A. Sanshodhak
- B. Agray
- C. Dunagiri
- D. Arnala

ANSWER: C

2. The vessel 'Agray' belongs to which category?

- A. Aircraft Carrier
- B. Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft
- C. Destroyer
- D. Amphibious Ship

ANSWER: B

3. Which organization built and delivered the three ships to the Indian Navy?

- A. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
- B. Cochin Shipyard Limited
- C. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)
- D. Hindustan Shipyard Limited

ANSWER: C

4. The delivery of these three ships mainly highlights which of the following?

- A. Expansion of nuclear capabilities
- B. Increase in foreign defence imports
- C. Boost to indigenous defence manufacturing
- D. Reduction in naval fleet size

ANSWER: C

5. In which region was the Nyoma Airbase located?

- A. Ladakh
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Sikkim
- D. Uttarakhand

ANSWER: A

6. Where was the IONS Maritime Exercise (IMEX) Table Top Exercise (TTX) 2026 conducted?

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

ANSWER: B

7. Which organisation collaborated with the Indian Army's Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers to accelerate defence indigenisation?

- A. IIT Bombay
- B. IIT Delhi
- C. IIT Madras
- D. IITM Pravartak

ANSWER: D

8. 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

9. Pakyong Airport is located in -

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

ANSWER: A

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

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

ANSWER: B

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

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

ANSWER: A

12. AUSINDEX Ex Conducts B/W

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

ANSWER: B

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

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

ANSWER: C

14. Havana Is The Capital Of

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

ANSWER: A

15. 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

16. 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

17. Amar Jawan Jyoti Is For To Commemorate India's Victory In

- A. Indo-Pak war 1948
- B. Indo-Sino war 1962
- C. Indo-Pak war 1971
- D. Indo-Pak war 1999

ANSWER: C

18. Operation Pawan Conducted By India In

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Maldives
- C. Pakistan
- D. Nepal

ANSWER: A

19. "One Arranged Murder" Book Is Written By

- A. Taslima Nasrin
- B. Chetan Bhagat
- C. Dadabhai Naoroji
- D. Ratan Tata

ANSWER: B

20. Exercise Zair-Al-Bahr Conducted B/w

- A. India- Uzbekistan
- B. India- Uganda
- C. India- Qatar
- D. India- UAE

ANSWER: C