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Keel Laying of FPV-4

- Keel laying ceremony for Fast Patrol Vessel-4 (FPV) (Yard 16504) along with plate cutting ceremony for FPV-7 (Yard 16507) of 14 FPV project (Yard 16501-14) for the Indian Coast Guard was held at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai on 06 Apr 26.
- These FPVs are being equipped with state-of-art machinery including AI based predictive maintenance system and multipurpose drones. The indigenous content of these ships is augmented with gear box by M/s Triveni, Mysore and Water Jets by M/s MJP India.
- The water jet propelled FPVs with approx. 340 T displacement are designed for coastal security, and law enforcement duties.
- Keel laying of the FPV-4 and Plate cutting of FPV-7 are being built in consonance with the vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' and will augment the Bhartiya Tatrakshak's presence in Indian Ocean Region.



Tri-Service Seminar 'Ran Samwad'

- The Tri-Service seminar Ran Samwad is scheduled to be held on April 09-10, 2026 at the Air Force Training Command, Bengaluru. This edition marks the beginning of a continued and structured dialogue on emerging paradigms of

warfare, with the theme “**Multi Domain Operations: An Imperative for Addressing Conventional and Irregular Threats**”.

- During the two-day seminar, deliberations will dwell upon building a roadmap for preparing India’s Defence Forces for Multi Domain Conflict, encompassing land, air, sea, cyber, space and cognitive domains.
- Various sessions will explore key aspects such as the evolution of Multi Domain Operations, global trends shaping modern battlefields, the Whole-of-Nation approach leveraging national resources, doctrinal adaptation and training and the re-imagining of operational art for effective command and control in a complex environment.
- Technological advancements are leading to a significant change in the character & nature of war, bringing a parallel impact on the practitioners of warfare in terms of operational planning, tactics and strategies.



Suryastra Rocket Launcher

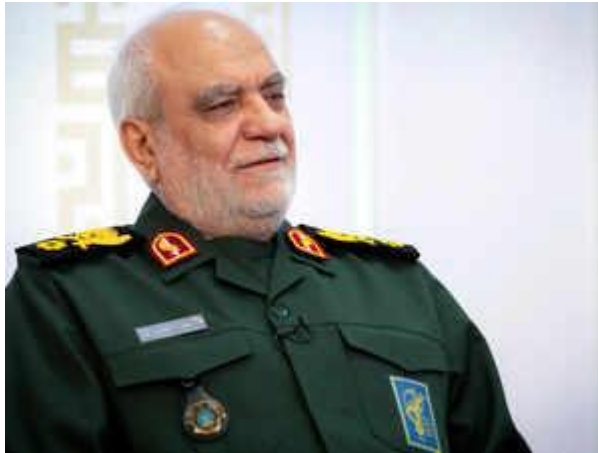
- India’s Suryastra multi-calibre rocket launcher system has successfully cleared pre-contract trials, demonstrating exceptional accuracy with a circular error probable (CEP) of less than 5 metres.
- Developed by Pune-based NIBE Limited in collaboration with Israel’s Elbit Systems, the system draws on the proven PULS architecture. Suryastra boasts impressive versatility, capable of firing 122mm, 306mm, and 370mm rockets, as well as Sky Striker loitering munitions.

- Its operational range extends up to 300 km, providing significant standoff capability for precision strikes. A ₹293 crore contract has already been signed, underscoring the urgency and confidence in the system's readiness.



IRGC Intelligence Chief Majid Khademi killed in Israeli Strike

- Israeli strikes have killed the intelligence chief of Iran's Revolutionary Guards, as Tehran on Monday defied threats from US President Donald Trump to devastate civilian infrastructure if it does not reopen the Strait of Hormuz.
- The Guards said their intelligence chief, Majid Khademi, was killed "at dawn" in US-Israeli strikes. The head of the intelligence organisation of Iran's elite Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps was killed on Monday in a "terrorist attack by the American-Zionist (Israeli) enemy", Iranian media said, citing a statement by the Guards.
- Majid Khademi, who becomes the latest key figure killed in U.S.-Israeli air strikes, took over in 2025 after Israeli air strikes killed his predecessor.
- The IRGC intelligence arm is one of Iran's most powerful security bodies, with a central role in domestic surveillance to counter foreign influence, and often operating in parallel with the civilian intelligence ministry.



Prithvi's Successor

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has officially commenced the development of a next-generation tactical missile system, marking a pivotal transition in India's sovereign strike capabilities.
- This ambitious project is specifically designed to replace the venerable Prithvi series, which has served as a cornerstone of the nation's ballistic arsenal since its induction in the 1990s.
- While the original Prithvi missiles represented a landmark achievement in indigenous engineering, they are built upon liquid-fuel propulsion technology. In the context of modern high-intensity warfare, these systems possess inherent limitations that have prompted this strategic shift.
- Liquid-fuelled rockets require a complex and lengthy pre-launch preparation phase, necessitating the fuelling of the missile shortly before it can be deployed.
- This fuelling process is not only time-consuming but also presents significant operational risks to personnel and equipment. In the volatile environment of a fast-paced conflict, every minute spent on preparation reduces the system's overall responsiveness.
- Furthermore, the logistical footprint required for liquid fuelling makes the launch batteries more susceptible to detection, increasing their vulnerability to pre-emptive enemy strikes.
- To overcome these hurdles, the upcoming successor will utilise a solid-fuel propulsion system integrated into a canisterised design.
- This technological leap ensures that the missile can be stored and transported in a hermetically sealed container, remaining in a permanent state of readiness. Such a configuration allows for a near-instantaneous launch capability with minimal preparation on the battlefield.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **The Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs) being built for the Indian Coast Guard are primarily designed for:**

- A. Deep sea mining operations
- B. Coastal security and law enforcement
- C. Submarine warfare
- D. Space surveillance

ANSWER: B

2. **The theme of the Tri-Service seminar 'Ran Samwad' (2026) is:**

- A. Cyber Warfare and Artificial Intelligence
- B. Maritime Security in Indo-Pacific
- C. Multi Domain Operations for Conventional and Irregular Threats
- D. Space-Based Defence Systems

ANSWER: C

3. **The Suryastra rocket launcher system has been developed in collaboration with which country?**

- A. USA
- B. Russia
- C. Israel
- D. France

ANSWER: C

4. What is a key advantage of the upcoming successor to the Prithvi missile?

- A. It uses nuclear propulsion
- B. It requires longer preparation time
- C. It uses solid-fuel and canisterised launch system
- D. It is only designed for naval warfare

ANSWER: C

5. Majid Khademi was associated with which organization?

- A. Mossad
- B. CIA
- C. Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)
- D. NATO

ANSWER: C

6. What is the motto of the Headquarters, Integrated Defence Staff (IDS)?

- A. "Unity is Strength"
- B. "Service with Honor"
- C. "Victory Through Jointness"
- D. "Courage Under Fire"

ANSWER: C

7. Army Medical Corps Centre and College Is In

- A. Pune
- B. Lucknow
- C. Mumbai
- D. Noida

ANSWER: B

8. INS Taragiri Is Manufactured By

- A. CSL
- B. MDL
- C. GRSE
- D. None

ANSWER: B

9. INS Taragiri Is Made Under__ Project.

- A. P75 I
- B. P17A
- C. P15B
- D. None

ANSWER: B

10. Ex SURYA KIRAN Conducted b/w India &

- A. Bhutan
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. UAE
- D. Nepal

ANSWER: D

11. European ASRAAM Stands For

- A. Advanced Short Range Air Missile
- B. Advanced Short Ring Air-to-Air Missile
- C. Advanced Short Range Air-to-Air Missile
- D. None

ANSWER: C

12. Marine Engineering Training Establishment of the Indian Navy located at

- A. Noida
- B. Kochi
- C. Pune
- D. Wayanad

ANSWER: C

13. Where Is The Hq Of The South Western Command of The Indian Army?

- A. Jaipur
- B. Jabalpur
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: A

14. Sea Dragon Exercise Hosted By

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France

D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

15. India Purchased C 130 J from

A. USA

B. Sweden

C. France

D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

16. College of Military Engineering (CME) Is Located At

A. Pune

B. Kamptee

C. Mumbai

D. Noida

ANSWER: A

17. India Purchased IAI Searcher UAV from

A. USA

B. Sweden

C. France

D. Israel

ANSWER: D

18. HELINA Missile Has A Maximum Range Of

A. 7 kilometres

B. 8 kilometres

C. 9 kilometres

D. 10 kilometres

ANSWER: A

19. "We Protect" Is The Motto Of

A. ICG

B. IAF

C. Indian Army

D. BSF

ANSWER: A

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

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. GARUDA

ANSWER: D

