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Israel Appoints Roman Gofman as Mossad Chief

- Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu has appointed the **Major General Roman Gofman** as the next head of Mossad. Appointment was confirmed on April 13, 2026, comes at the crucial time when the Israel faces the complex regional security challenges.
- He will officially take charge on July 2, 2026, and he will be succeeding David Barnea whose tenure comes to ends in June.
- The decision to appoint Gofman comes at the sensitive time for Israel. The country continues to face the,
 - Persistent tensions in the Middle East
 - Ongoing security concerns related to Gaza
 - Also evolving the intelligence and counter-terror challenges
 - Key Responsibilities of Mossad Are,
 - To conduct foreign intelligence operations
 - To perform the counterterrorism and covert missions
 - Strategic intelligence gathering
 - Also to protect the national security interests abroad



First Female Army Chief of Australian Defence Force

- Australia has appointed the Susan Coyle as the first-ever female Army Chief. This announcement was made in the month of April 2026. She will officially take the charge in July 2026.
- Lieutenant General Susan Coyle brings decades of experience to her new role. She is currently serving as the Chief of Joint Capabilities. She has held multiple senior command positions since joining the army in 1987.
- Women currently make up in the Australian army for around 21% of the total ADF workforce.
- Also, about the 18.5% of women holds the senior leadership roles.
- The government has set a target to increase women's participation to 25% by 2030 which showcases the long-term commitment to diversity and inclusion.



Indian Navy to Get Next-Generation Missile Vessels

- The Indian Navy is set to significantly boost its maritime power with the induction of Next-Generation Missile Vessels (NGMV) equipped with advanced Norwegian waterjet propulsion systems. This move marks a major step in India's defence modernization and reflects growing international cooperation in military technology.
- The Indian Navy has partnered with Norwegian company Kongsberg Maritime to procure 18 advanced Kamewa waterjet propulsion systems. These systems will be installed in the upcoming fleet of next-generation missile vessels. Notably, this is the largest single waterjet order ever secured by the company.
- **About the NGMV Project**

- The NGMV program aims to build six advanced missile vessels for the Indian Navy.
- These ships are being constructed at Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL). The vessels are expected to be inducted starting 2027 onwards.
- They will play a crucial role in strengthening India's coastal defence and offensive strike capabilities.



President Murmu Addresses Convocation at RRU

- The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, addressed the convocation ceremony of Rashtriya Raksha University in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, on April 14, 2026. In her speech, she highlighted the evolving nature of security challenges and the growing importance of institutions dedicated to national security education.
- The President emphasized that the global and national security environment is becoming increasingly complex. Emerging threats such as cybercrime, phishing attacks, and digital fraud are now major concerns.
- She noted that modern security challenges require highly trained professionals who can handle both traditional and non-traditional threats effectively.
- **Role of Rashtriya Raksha University**
- Institutions like Rashtriya Raksha University play a crucial role in preparing:
 - Technically skilled police officers
 - Cybercrime investigators
 - Forensic experts

- Strategic thinkers in geopolitics
- RRU located in **Lavad, Gandhinagar, Gujarat**, is an Institution of National Importance under the **Ministry of Home Affairs, GOI**, dedicated to high-quality security, policing, and strategic education. Established to build a strong foundation for national security, RRU offers academic programs from certificates to PhDs, focusing on training, research, and innovation.



NCC Launches Nationwide Cyber Security Capacity Building Programme

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between NCC and NIELIT in the presence of DG NCC, Lt Gen Virendra Vats and DG NIELIT, Dr Madan Mohan Tripathi.
- The programme will be implemented in two stages. The first stage, Cyber Security Awareness Programme, is a 15-hour online training module designed to provide foundational knowledge of digital literacy, safe internet practices, cyber hygiene, and awareness of cyber threats.
- The second stage, Cyber Defender Programme, is an intensive 60-hour offline training designed for selected cadets who qualify through a merit-based screening process.
- The National Cadet Corps is the youth wing of the Indian Armed Forces with its headquarters in New Delhi, India. It is open to school and college students on voluntary basis as a Tri-Services Organisation, comprising the Army, the Navy and Air Force. Cadets are given basic military training in small arms and drill.

- The NCC in India was formed in 1948. It can be traced back to the 'University Corps'.
- The first Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru presided over the function of raising the first NCC Unit at Delhi on the fourth Sunday of November in 1948. This day is traditionally celebrated as the NCC Day. A committee headed by H. N. Kunzru recommended a cadet organization to be established in schools and universities at a national level. The soldier youth foundation Act was accepted by the Governor General, and on the 15th of July 1950 the soldier youth foundation came into existence.
- In 1949, the Girls Division was formed in order to provide equal opportunities to school and college-going girls. The NCC was given an inter-service image in 1950 when the Air Wing was added, followed by the Naval Wing in 1952.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Who has been appointed as the new head of Mossad in 2026?

- A. David Barnea
- B. Roman Gofman
- C. Benjamin Netanyahu
- D. Aviv Kochavi

Answer: B. Roman Gofman

Explanation: Roman Gofman will take charge as Mossad chief on July 2, 2026.

2. Who is the Prime Minister of Israel who confirmed the appointment of the new Mossad chief?

- A. Naftali Bennett
- B. Yair Lapid
- C. Benjamin Netanyahu
- D. Isaac Herzog

Answer: C. Benjamin Netanyahu

Explanation: Netanyahu confirmed the appointment on April 13, 2026.

3. Who is being succeeded by Roman Gofman as Mossad chief?

- A. Ehud Barak
- B. David Barnea
- C. Benny Gantz
- D. Gadi Eisenkot

Answer: B. David Barnea

Explanation: David Barnea's tenure ends in June 2026.

4. Who has been appointed as the first female Army Chief of Australia?

- A. Linda Reynolds
- B. Susan Coyle
- C. Angus Campbell
- D. Julia Gillard

Answer: B. Susan Coyle

Explanation: She will assume office in July 2026.

5. What is the current percentage of women in the Australian Defence Force workforce?

- A. 15%
- B. 18.5%
- C. 21%
- D. 25%

Answer: C. 21%

Explanation: Women currently make up around 21% of the ADF workforce.

6. The Indian Navy's Next-Generation Missile Vessels will use propulsion systems from which company?

- A. Lockheed Martin
- B. BAE Systems
- C. Kongsberg Maritime
- D. Dassault Aviation

Answer: C. Kongsberg Maritime

Explanation: India has ordered 18 waterjet systems from this Norwegian company.

7. Where are the Next-Generation Missile Vessels (NGMV) being constructed?

- A. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
- B. Garden Reach Shipbuilders
- C. Cochin Shipyard Limited
- D. Hindustan Shipyard Limited

Answer: C. Cochin Shipyard Limited

Explanation: The vessels are being built at Cochin Shipyard Limited.

8. Who addressed the convocation ceremony at Rashtriya Raksha University in April 2026?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Rajnath Singh
- C. Droupadi Murmu
- D. Amit Shah

Answer: C. Droupadi Murmu

Explanation: The President emphasized modern security challenges like cyber threats.

9. The NCC Cyber Security Programme is launched in collaboration with which organization?

- A. DRDO
- B. ISRO

- C. NIELIT
- D. BEL

Answer: C. National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology

Explanation: NCC signed an MoU with NIELIT for this initiative.

10. In which year was the National Cadet Corps (NCC) established?

- A. 1947
- B. 1948
- C. 1950
- D. 1952

Answer: B. 1948

Explanation: NCC was formed in 1948 to train youth in military discipline and skills.

11. Make in India Was Launched In

- A. 2010
- B. 2014
- C. 2019
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

12. ___ holds the rank of Supreme Commander of the IAF.

- A. President of India
- B. PM
- C. NSA
- D. Chief of the Air Staff (CAS)

ANSWER: A

13. Which Is The Type Of A LUH?

- A. Chetak
- B. Apache
- C. Chinook
- D. Rafale

ANSWER: A

14. Hq of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited Is In

- A. Bangalore
- B. New Delhi

- C. Chennai
- D. Karachi

ANSWER: A

15. Iran Boundary Doesn't Touch With

- A. Iraq
- B. India
- C. Pakistan
- D. Russia

ANSWER: D

16. Wing Commander Rank of IAF Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Army?

- A. Lieutenant
- B. Captain
- C. Lieutenant Colonel
- D. Colonel

ANSWER: C

17. Luanda Is The Capital Of

- A. Azerbaijan
- B. Qatar
- C. Angola
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

18. "A Place Called Home" Book Is Written By

- A. Rizwan Khan
- B. Priya Sharma
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Preeti Shenoy

ANSWER: D

19. The G20 was founded in

- A. 1999
- B. 2000
- C. 2004
- D. 2005

ANSWER: A

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

- A. VINBAX
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Vajra Prahar

ANSWER: A

