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Exercise CINBAX-II 2026

- The Indian Army contingent departed for the second edition of India - Cambodia Bilateral Military Exercise CINBAX-II 2026.
- The exercise is scheduled to be conducted at Techo Sen Phnom Thom Mreas Prov Royal Cambodian Air Force Training Centre (Camp Basil), Kampong Speu Province, Kingdom of Cambodia from 04 to 17 May 2026.
- The exercise will be conducted under the framework of Chapter VII of UN Mandate, showcasing Company level joint training for conduct of operations in sub-conventional environment.
- The Indian Army contingent comprises of 120 personnel, majorly from a Battalion of the Maratha Light Infantry Regiment. The Cambodian contingent comprises of 160 personnel, from Royal Cambodian Army.
- This aim will be achieved through various practical and comprehensive discussions as well as tactical exercises, leading to a comprehensive validation exercise. Special skill training, including that of Drone operations, Mortar and sniper tactics will be practiced as part of the exercise.



North Tech Symposium

- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh will inaugurate a North Tech Symposium, on the theme 'Raksha Triveni Sangam - Where Technology, Industry & Soldiering Converge', in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh on May 04, 2026.
- The three-day event is being jointly organised by the Northern Command & Central Command of the Indian Army and the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM).
- This symposium will serve as a vibrant platform to showcase and integrate state-of-the-art indigenous technologies to overcome operational challenges. The exhibition will feature an array of participants including MSMEs, private Defence Tech firms, start-ups and innovators in uniform from across the country.
- 284 companies are setting-up stalls showcasing their latest innovations and technologies. The event aims to identify technologies suited for field deployment, maintenance processes and streamline procurement to promote a sustainable and self-reliant defence ecosystem for the Indian Army.



Chief of The Naval Staff Visit To Myanmar

- Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff, is on a four-day official visit to Myanmar from 02 - 05 May 2026.
- During the visit, the CNS will engage in bilateral discussions with General Ye Win Oo, Commander-in-Chief, Myanmar Armed Forces, General U Htun Aung, the

Defence Minister of Myanmar, and Admiral Htein Win, Commander-in-Chief, Myanmar Navy along with other senior officials of Myanmar Armed Forces.

- These interactions will provide an opportunity to review ongoing bilateral maritime cooperation, enhance operational-level linkages, and explore new avenues for collaboration between the two navies.
- The visit includes engagements at Myanmar Navy's Central Naval Command, Naval Training Command and No. 1 Fleet, and laying of a wreath at Myanmar Armed Forces Fallen Heroes' War Memorial.
- Myanmar has participated in all recent events conducted by Indian Navy such as Indian Ocean Naval Symposium, MILAN, International Fleet Review, Goa Maritime Conclave/ Symposium, IOS SAGAR and the Admiral's Cup.
- The visit by the Chief of the Naval Staff reaffirms the longstanding India - Myanmar bonds of friendship, anchored on mutual respect, trust and a shared commitment for Maritime Security and Stability in the Indian Ocean Region.



Bullet-Proof Troop Carriers For Rashtriya Rifles

- The Indian Army has initiated the process to procure 159 bullet-proof troop carriers (BPTCs) for Rashtriya Rifles battalions, sector headquarters and force headquarters in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. The move is aimed at strengthening protected mobility for soldiers operating in difficult and hilly terrain.
- The Army has floated a Request for Information (RFI) to identify Indian vendors capable of executing the project and supplying the vehicles. The requirement

also specifies a minimum delivery capacity of 60 units per year after the contract is awarded.

- The Rashtriya Rifles, which conducts counter-insurgency operations in Jammu and Kashmir, currently depends on older vehicles for troop movement. The proposed BPTCs will be used for transporting personnel for both administrative and operational requirements.
- According to the specifications outlined in the RFI, the proposed troop carriers must be capable of reaching speeds of 80 to 100 kmph on roads. Off-road capability has been set at 50 to 75 kmph.
- The vehicles are required to have a range of 350 km in plains and 300 km in mountainous terrain.
- The BPTCs must be capable of operating at altitudes of up to 5,000 metres. This includes deployment in snow-bound regions of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.
- The vehicles should also be able to function in temperature conditions ranging from minus 10 degrees Celsius to 40 degrees Celsius.



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Israel To Acquire Two Squadrons of F-35, F-15IA Aircraft

- Israel gave final approval today (3 May) for a plan to purchase two new combat squadrons of F-35 and F-15IA advanced fighter aircraft from Lockheed Martin and Boeing in a deal worth tens of billions of dollars.
- The deal, approved by Israel's Ministerial Committee on Procurement, is a first step in a 350 billion shekel (\$119 billion) plan to bolster Israel's military and strengthen readiness ahead of a demanding decade for Israeli security.
- Under the deal, Israel would buy a fourth F-35 squadron from Lockheed Martin and a second squadron of F-15IA fighter jets from Boeing.

- The plan was approved by Israel's Ministerial Committee on Procurement and marks a major expansion of the country's air power, including a fourth F-35 squadron from Lockheed Martin and a second squadron of F-15IA fighter jets from Boeing, Reuters reported.
- Officials said the procurement is part of a broader restructuring of Israel's air force, which is expected to eventually include around 100 F-35s, over 100 upgraded F-16s, and at least 50 F-15IA aircraft.
- The programme also includes upgrades to older F-16 fleets and gradual replacement of ageing F-15 aircraft, many of which date back to the 1970s.
- Israel first joined the F-35 programme in 2010, with operational deployment beginning in 2017. Since then, the aircraft has played a central role in operations across multiple fronts, including Iran, Syria, Lebanon, Yemen, and Gaza.

F-35: All about one of the world's most advanced fighter jets

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DEVELOPED BY
LOCKHEED MARTIN

It comes in three core variants:

- F-35A
- F-35B
- F-35C

Each tailored for air forces, marines and carrier fleets

Cost: **\$80m** to \$110m per unit

WINGSPAN **10.7 m** (35ft)

LENGTH **15.7 m** (51.4ft)

HEIGHT **4.38 m** (14.4ft)

EMPTY WEIGHT **13,290kg** (29,300lb)

WEAPONS PAYLOAD (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL) (F-35A and F-35C) **8,160kg** (18,000lb)

Source: Al Jazeera, Lockheed Martin | November 18, 2025



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Exercise CINBAX-II is conducted between India and which country?
 - A. Vietnam
 - B. Thailand
 - C. Cambodia

D. Indonesia

ANSWER: C

2. Exercise CINBAX-II 2026 is conducted under which framework?

- A. NATO Mandate
- B. UN Chapter VII Mandate
- C. ASEAN Defence Pact
- D. SAARC Agreement

ANSWER: B

3. The Indian Army contingent in CINBAX-II mainly belongs to which regiment?

- A. Rajput Regiment
- B. Sikh Regiment
- C. Maratha Light Infantry Regiment
- D. Gorkha Rifles

ANSWER: C

4. The North Tech Symposium 2026 was inaugurated by whom?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Amit Shah
- C. Rajnath Singh
- D. Ajit Doval

ANSWER: C

5. The Indian Army plans to procure bullet-proof troop carriers for which force?

- A. Assam Rifles
- B. Territorial Army
- C. National Security Guard
- D. Rashtriya Rifles

ANSWER: D

6. Which country recently approved the purchase of F-35 and F-15IA fighter jets?

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Japan
- C. Israel
- D. South Korea

ANSWER: C

7. National College for Policing and Law Enforcement is one of India's largest funded projects in

- A. USA
- B. UK
- C. Maldives
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

8. The MiG-29 Is A

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. UK

ANSWER: D

9. "Naam Namak Nishaan" Is The Motto Of

- A. THE GRENADIERS
- B. Rajputana Rifles
- C. Gorkha
- D. None

ANSWER: A

10. IATA Stands For

- A. International Air Transport Associate
- B. International Apex Transport Association
- C. International Air Transport Association
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

11. K2 Black Panther Tank Belongs To

- A. Oman
- B. Qatar
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. South Korea

ANSWER: D

12. Ankara Is The Capital Of

- A. Oman**

- B. Qatar
- C. Turkey
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

13. "India 2020: A Vision for the New Millennium" Book Is Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Rabindra Nath Tagore
- C. M K Gandhi
- D. Dr A P J Abdul Kalam & Dr Y S Rajan

ANSWER: D

14. North-West Region Of ICG Located In

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Gandhinagar
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: C

15. AH-64 Apache Is A

- A. Transport Helicopter
- B. Attack Helicopter
- C. Light Utility Helicopter
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

16. Operation Ganga Was Conducted By IAF In

- A. UK
- B. USA
- C. Ukraine
- D. Afghanistan

ANSWER: C

17. Department of Defence Production Comes Under

- A. Ministry of Culture
- B. MHA
- C. MOD
- D. MEA

ANSWER: C

18. Defence Institute of High-Altitude Research Is In

- A. New Delhi
- B. Jammu
- C. Ladakh
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

19. Dhanush (howitzer) Manufactured By

- A. L & T
- B. Boeing
- C. ISRO
- D. Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited

ANSWER: D

20. BRICS Stands For

- A. Brazil Russia India China And South Africa
- B. Brazil Russia India China And South Asia
- C. Brazil Russia Indonesia China And South Africa
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A