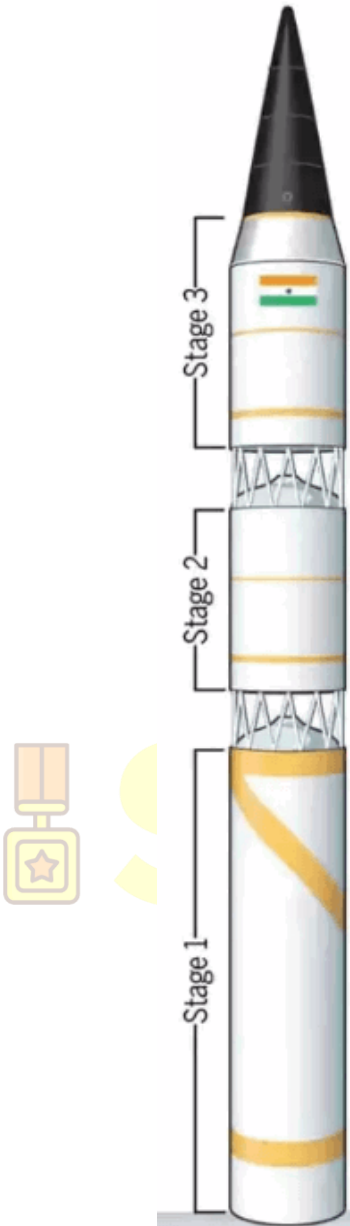


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Successful Flight-trial of Advanced Agni Missile

- India conducted the successful flight-trial of an Advanced Agni missile with **Multiple Independently Targeted Re-Entry Vehicle (MIRV)** system from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha on May 08, 2026.
- The missile was flight-tested with multiple payloads, targeted to different targets spatially distributed over a large geographical area in the Indian Ocean Region.
- The telemetry and tracking was carried out by multiple ground and ship-based stations. These systems tracked the entire missile trajectory from lift-off till the impact of all payloads. Flight data confirmed that all mission objectives were met during the trial.
- With this successful trial, India once again demonstrated the capability to target multiple strategic targets using a single missile system. This missile is developed by DRDO laboratories with the support of Industries across the country. The trial was witnessed by senior scientists of DRDO and the Indian Army personnel.



DRDO tests Agni-5 missile with MIRV tech

- Operational range: **5,000km**
- Height: **17m**

What is MIRV tech?

- MIRV stands for Multiple Independently targetable Re-entry Vehicles
- This technology allows a single missile to carry multiple warheads, each capable of being aimed at a different target.

India joins select group of nations

- Only the US, UK, Russia, France and China have MIRV technology
- Development and deployment of MIRV tech is a closely guarded subject

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Major Breakthrough in Hypersonic Missile Development

- Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL) of DRDO has achieved a path-breakingThe remarkable feat is achieved through cutting-edge supersonic air-breathing engine, which utilises indigenously developed liquid hydrocarbon endothermic fuel, High temperature Thermal Barrier coating & advanced manufacturing processes.

- The ground-tests conducted at the SCPT facility have successfully validated the design of advanced active cooled scramjet combustor as well as the capabilities of state-of-art test facility.



ICGS ACHAL Commissions in Indian Coast Guard

- The Indian Coast Guard marked a significant enhancement in its operational capability with the commissioning of Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Achal, the latest vessel in the new-generation Adanya-class Fast Patrol Vessel series, at Goa Shipyard Limited on May 09, 2026.
- Named Achal, meaning 'firm', the vessel symbolizes the Indian Coast Guard's steadfast commitment towards safeguarding national maritime interests, protecting life at sea, and ensuring the security of India's maritime frontiers.
- The vessel will undertake a wide spectrum of maritime operations, including coastal and offshore surveillance, interdiction, Search and Rescue (SAR), anti-smuggling operations, and marine pollution response.
- Incorporating more than 50 percent indigenous components, the vessel underscores the nation's growing self-reliance in defence manufacturing and aligns with the Government of India's Atmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiatives.



India–Vietnam Maritime & Scientific Cooperation

- INS Sagardhwani, the Indian Navy's oceanographic research vessel, concluded a successful visit to Cam Ranh, Vietnam from 04-08 May 2026, reinforcing the strong maritime and scientific partnership between India and Vietnam.
- Discussions highlighted avenues for deeper maritime engagement, professional interactions, training cooperation and scientific endeavours coinciding with a decade of India-Vietnam Strategic Partnership.
- Recently, a Vietnam People's Navy (VPN) ship participated in International Fleet Review 26 and MILAN 26 at Visakhapatnam in Feb 2026.
- Reflecting the spirit of friendship and camaraderie, personnel of the Indian Navy and Vietnam People's Navy participated in friendly volleyball matches and joint yoga sessions during the harbour stay.
- Strengthening collaboration in oceanographic studies, scientists from NPOL (Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory), DRDO engaged with researchers from the Institute of Oceanography, Nha Trang.
- The interactions centred on research collaboration, knowledge sharing and capacity building in the field of oceanographic science and technology. Scientists from the National Oceanographic Institute also visited the ship during the port call.



PM's UAE Visit to Advance Strategic Defence Partnership

- PM Narendra Modi's brief visit to the UAE enroute to Europe this week will seek to advance Strategic Defence Partnership, the Letter of Intent for which was signed in January during the visit of UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.
- While the key focus of the visit will be on showcasing solidarity with the UAE leadership amid war, Strategic Defence Partnership (SDP) will be on the agenda bolstering New Delhi's strategic footprints in the region in the backdrop of Pakistan's efforts over the past year to regain its influence in West Asia, according to persons familiar with India's outreach to the region.
- According to the report, India and the UAE are now increasingly aligned as strategic partners, with cooperation extending to defence manufacturing, maritime security and counter-terror coordination.
- The report outlined that the Indian diaspora in the UAE has also become a major pillar of the relationship, contributing significantly to the Gulf nation's economy while strengthening India's global outreach.
- It highlighted that defence cooperation between the two countries has expanded in recent years, moving beyond a buyer-seller dynamic to structured engagement through institutional mechanisms such as the Joint Defence Co-operation Committee (JDCC).

- On the economic front, bilateral trade has crossed significant milestones following the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), making the UAE India's third-largest trading partner and a major export destination.



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PM MODI'S 7 APPEALS

- Prioritize Work From Home** wherever possible
- Avoid buying gold** for one year
- Reduce petrol & diesel consumption: **use metro/public transport**
- Cut down the use of cooking oil**
- Reduce dependence on chemical fertilizers and **move toward natural farming**
- Use fewer foreign-branded products and **adopt Swadeshi**
- Avoid foreign travel** for one year

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A photograph of a crowd of people at the bottom of the poster, many with their arms raised, waving the Indian national flag.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. India successfully conducted the flight-trial of the Advanced Agni missile with which advanced capability?

- A. Stealth technology
- B. MIRV system
- C. Laser guidance
- D. Anti-submarine system

ANSWER: B

2. The successful flight-trial of the Advanced Agni missile was conducted from which location?

- A. Pokhran, Rajasthan
- B. Chandipur, Odisha
- C. Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha
- D. Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh

ANSWER: C

3. Which DRDO laboratory achieved a breakthrough in hypersonic missile development?

- A. ADE
- B. DRDL
- C. NPOL
- D. VRDE

ANSWER: B

4. What is the name of the newly commissioned ICG Ship in the Adanya-class Fast Patrol Vessel series?

- A. Vikrant
- B. Achal
- C. Samarth
- D. Veer

ANSWER: B

5. INS Sagardhwani visited which country in May 2026 to strengthen maritime and scientific cooperation?

- A. Japan
- B. Indonesia
- C. Vietnam

D. Singapore

ANSWER: C

6. Which Transport Tactical Lifter Capable Of Carrying Payload Of More Than 50 Tons Is Also Used In Various Operations By IAF?

A. C-17

B. C-130J

C. IL-76

D. Mirage 2000

ANSWER: A

7. Which Force Is Deployed At India, Nepal And Bhutan Border?

A. Sashastra Seema Bal

B. Central Industrial Security Force

C. National Security Guard

D. Indo-Tibetan Border Police

ANSWER: A

8. Who Among The Following Has Become The First Ever Woman Pilot Of The Indian Navy?

A. Chhavi Rajawat

B. Shubhangi Swaroop

C. Sita Sahu

D. Asha Roy

ANSWER: B

9. What Is The Code Name Of The First Nuclear Test Of India?

A. Chagai 1-1

B. Smiling Buddha

C. Project 596

D. Shakti 1 – 1

ANSWER: B

10. Which Is The Smallest Unit Of The Indian Army?

A. Corps

B. Section

C. Battalion

D. Platoon

ANSWER: B

11. What Is The Highest Military Honour Of India?

- A. Param Vir Chakra
- B. Bharat Ratna
- C. Maha Vir Chakra
- D. Padma Bhushan

ANSWER: A

12. When Was The Indian Air Force Founded?

- A.** 30th October 1934
- B.** 27th October 1932
- C.** 8th October 1933
- D.** 8th October 1932

ANSWER: D

13. What Is SRBM Developed By DRDO?

- A. Static-Random Ballistic Missile
- B. Scientific-Range Ballistic Missile
- C. Short-Range Ballistic Memory
- D. Short-Range Ballistic Missile

ANSWER: D

14. What Is The India-China Border Line Called?

- A. McMahon Line
- B. Marginal Line
- C. Mannerheim Line
- D. Medicine Line

ANSWER: A

15. The "Ladakh Scouts" Is Also Known As -

- A. Snow Lions
- B. Snow Warriors
- C. Snow Leopards
- D. Snow Jackals

ANSWER: B

16. Shenyang FC-31 Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV

- C. Submarine
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: D

17. Armed Forces Medical College Is Located At

- A. Mumbai
- B. Pune
- C. Nashik
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

18. "White Darkness: And Other Stories," Authored By

- A. Lt Gen Y K Joshi
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Lt Col Ramesh Menon (Retd)

ANSWER: D

19. Where Is The Hq Of The Southwestern Command of The Indian Army?

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Pune
- D. Jaipur

ANSWER: D

20. Brigadier Rank of Indian Army Is Equivalent to which rank of Indian Navy?

- A. Commodore
- B. Captain
- C. Commander
- D. Lieutenant

ANSWER: A