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Multilateral Exercise Pragati 2026

- Multilateral military exercise PRAGATI 2026 commenced at Umroi Military Station, Meghalaya, with the participation from 12 friendly nations, namely Bhutan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Seychelles, Sri Lanka and Vietnam.
- The contingents were accorded a warm and traditional welcome by the Indian Army on their arrival, reflecting India's rich cultural heritage and hospitality.
- PRAGATI, which stands for Partnership of Regional Armies for Growth and Transformation in the Indian Ocean Region, is being conducted in the spirit of equality, friendship and mutual respect.
- Exercise provides a common platform for participating armies to engage in professional exchange, learn from one another's experiences and build closer military-to-military ties.
- The two-week exercise will focus on counter-terrorism operations in semi-mountainous and jungle terrain. The training programme will include joint planning exercises, tactical-level drills and coordinated operations designed to improve adaptability, endurance and tactical proficiency of participating troops.



Launch of Sanghmitra, YARD 3039

- Yard 3039 (Sanghmitra), Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV), was launched at M/s GRSE, Kolkata on 20 May 2026 by Mrs Sarita Vatsayan, in the presence of VAdm Sanjay Vatsayan, Vice Chief of the Naval Staff.
- The construction of 11 NGOPVs is being undertaken concurrently at two shipyards (GSL, Goa and GRSE, Kolkata).
- These indigenously designed and built ships will augment the existing OPVs/ NOPVs for multi-domain operations, such as surveillance and defence in area of interest, search and rescue, protection of offshore assets, HADR, and anti-piracy missions.
- These ships derive their names from India's heritage, with this ship being named 'Sanghmitra', after the daughter of King Ashoka. The crest design of the ship depicts the constellation of Ursa Major and a red and white coloured lighthouse.

- This is yet another significant milestone in Indian Navy's pursuit towards indigenous shipbuilding and is in consonance with Government of India's vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiative.



Bharat Forge To Establish India's First Private Marine Gas Turbine Facility

- Bharat Forge Limited has taken a decisive step in India's defence manufacturing journey by signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Andhra Pradesh to establish the country's first private-sector marine gas turbine facility in Visakhapatnam.
- The facility will be strategically located near the Naval Dockyard and Eastern Naval Command in Visakhapatnam, ensuring proximity to India's frontline naval assets.
- The scope of work will include blade restoration, rotor balancing, combustor liner repairs, component manufacturing, advanced testing infrastructure, and round-the-clock operational support for the Indian Navy.
- This initiative not only strengthens India's naval self-reliance but also signals the growing role of private industry in defence manufacturing, complementing public sector undertakings and expanding the nation's technological base in propulsion systems.



Indian Army Inducts Indigenous VR-Based Aerial Delivery Simulator

- The Indian Army's Simulator Development Division under ARTRAC has successfully handed over an indigenous Virtual Reality-based Aerial Delivery Training Simulator to the Army Airborne Training School in Agra, designed for C-17, C-130J, and Chinook platforms.
- This marks a major leap in immersive training technology, strengthening airborne operations and reducing reliance on live aircraft for costly and complex training missions.
- The newly developed simulator is a product of ARTRAC's Simulator Development Division, which has been steadily advancing indigenous solutions in AR/VR for military applications.
- This VR-based aerial delivery simulator is tailored to replicate the operational environment of heavy-lift aircraft such as the C-17 Globemaster III, C-130J Super Hercules, and the CH-47 Chinook.
- The simulator provides high-fidelity replication of aircraft interiors, cargo handling systems, and aerial delivery procedures. It enables trainees to practise parachute drops, cargo release, and emergency drills without the need for live sorties.
- ARTRAC's Simulator Development Division has emerged as a hub for AR/VR innovation, working on projects that combine artificial intelligence, robotics, and unmanned systems with immersive training technologies.



India, South Korea to Jointly Develop Laser Weapons, Air Defence Systems

- India and South Korea are poised to jointly develop and produce next-generation weapon systems, with defence minister Rajnath Singh saying that the success of industrial cooperation in the commercial sector should now be extended to the field of defence technologies.
- Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) were inked in key areas of defence cooperation, reflecting the expanding scope and depth of the bilateral partnership. Agreements were exchanged on promoting cooperation in the field of Defence Cyber; training between India's National Defence College and Korea National Defence University; and UN Peacekeeping Cooperation, making the partnership stronger and multidimensional.
- Singh also met Minister of Defence Acquisition Program Administration, Republic of Korea Lee Yong-chul, with both leaders agreeing to harness the symbiotic efforts to create avenues for joint development, joint production and joint exports.
- A roadmap to unlock the potential of the India-Korea Defence Innovation Accelerator Ecosystem (KIND-X) to synergise the innovation ecosystems of the two countries was discussed.
- Later, Rajnath Singh chaired the India-RoK Defence Industry Business RoundTable, which brought together senior government officials and leading defence industry representatives from both countries. The interaction provided an important platform for exploring new opportunities in defence manufacturing, co-development, co-production and supply chain partnerships.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **PRAGATI 2026 military exercise was conducted at which location?**
 - A. Pune
 - B. Umroi Military Station, Meghalaya
 - C. Jaipur
 - D. Kochi

Answer: B. Umroi Military Station, Meghalaya

2. **The ship 'Sanghmitra' launched by the Indian Navy belongs to which category?**
 - A. Aircraft Carrier
 - B. Destroyer
 - C. Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel
 - D. Submarine

Answer: C. Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel

3. **Bharat Forge is establishing India's first private marine gas turbine facility in which city?**
 - A. Chennai
 - B. Mumbai
 - C. Visakhapatnam
 - D. Kochi

Answer: C. Visakhapatnam

4. The indigenous VR-based Aerial Delivery Training Simulator of the Indian Army is designed for which aircraft platform?

- A. Rafale
- B. Tejas
- C. C-17 Globemaster III
- D. MiG-21

Answer: C. C-17 Globemaster III

5. India and South Korea agreed to jointly develop which of the following systems?

- A. Nuclear submarines
- B. Laser weapons and air defence systems
- C. Civil aircraft
- D. Space stations

Answer: B. Laser weapons and air defence systems

6. Operation SANKALP Was Launched By The

- A. IAF
- B. Indian Army
- C. Indian Navy
- D. BSF

ANSWER: C

7. INS Mysore Is A

- A. OPV
- B. Frigate
- C. Destroyer
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: C

8. NSG Stands For

- A. Nuclear Suppliers Group
- B. Nucleoid Suppliers Group

- C. Non-Suppliers Group
- D. Nuclear Supply Group

ANSWER: A

9. Motto Of CBI Is

- A. Victory Everywhere
- B. Always Alert
- C. Industry, Impartiality, Integrity
- D. None

ANSWER: C

10. First Made In India Passenger Aircraft Is____

- A. Dornier 228
- B. Chetak
- C. Cheetah
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

11. The Cheetah Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: A

12. INS Sindhukesari Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Tank

ANSWER: C

13. "Billions & Billions" Book Is Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Carl Sagan
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: B

14. WNC Is In

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

ANSWER: A

15. QRFV Stands For

- A. Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle Medium
- B. Quick Reaction Fighting Vast Medium
- C. Quick Reaction Fight Vehicle Medium
- D. None

ANSWER: A

16. Aeronautical Development Agency Is In

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Noida
- C. New Delhi
- D. Gurugram

ANSWER: A

17. Joint Exercises B/w The India And UAE Is Called:

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Zayed Talwar

ANSWER: D

18. Indian Army Artillery School Devlali Comes Under

- A. Northern Command
- B. Eastern Command
- C. Western Command
- D. Southern Command

ANSWER: D

19. Strength's Origin is in Science Is The Motto Of

- A. ISRO
- B. DRDO

- C. NASA
- D. Indian Army

ANSWER: B

20. INS Airavat Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Amphibious warfare

ANSWER: D