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Army Hospital (R&R) Introduces Advanced Radiotherapy Technology

- Army Hospital (Research and Referral) has commissioned a modern Ring Gantry-based radiotherapy system to strengthen advanced cancer treatment facilities in India. The newly introduced technology is expected to improve precision in radiation therapy and provide better treatment outcomes for cancer patients.
- The advanced system allows highly accurate targeting of tumors while minimizing damage to surrounding healthy tissues. Such precision-based treatment is particularly important in complex cancer cases where traditional radiation methods may affect nearby organs.
- The installation of this modern technology reflects the growing emphasis on improving healthcare infrastructure in defence medical institutions. It also highlights India's progress in adopting cutting-edge medical technologies for patient care.
- Radiotherapy is one of the most widely used methods for cancer treatment and is often combined with surgery, chemotherapy, or immunotherapy. The new facility at Army Hospital (R&R) is expected to benefit both armed forces personnel and civilians receiving specialized treatment.

Indian Naval Academy to Host Spring Term Passing Out Parade 2026

- The Indian Naval Academy will host the Passing Out Parade (POP) for the Spring Term 2026 on 28 May 2026 at Ezhimala, Kerala. The ceremony marks the successful completion of naval training for cadets preparing to join the Indian Navy as officers.
- Vice Admiral Sameer Saxena, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Southern Naval Command, will attend the event as the Chief Guest and Reviewing Officer. The Passing Out Parade is one of the most prestigious military traditions, symbolizing discipline, leadership, and commitment to national service.

- The Indian Naval Academy at Ezhimala is the premier officer training institution of the Indian Navy. It trains cadets in academics, naval operations, physical fitness, and leadership skills to prepare them for future responsibilities in maritime defence.
- The parade will showcase ceremonial drills, military precision, and the successful transformation of cadets into commissioned officers of the Indian armed forces.

Russia Warns of Systematic Strikes on Kyiv

- Russia has announced plans to launch “systematic strikes” on military-linked sites in Kyiv amid the continuing conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov informed US Secretary of State Marco Rubio about Moscow’s decision during a recent conversation.
- According to Russian statements, the proposed strikes are aimed at facilities connected with the Ukrainian military and command centers directing operations. Russia claimed the action was linked to what it described as attacks on Russian territory and civilian infrastructure.
- The development has raised international concerns regarding further escalation of the conflict and its impact on regional stability. The Russia-Ukraine war has already affected global energy markets, food supply chains, and international security dynamics since the conflict began in 2022.
- The United States and several European nations continue to monitor the situation closely, while diplomatic efforts to reduce tensions remain ongoing.

Quad Nations Strengthen Indo-Pacific Cooperation

- Foreign ministers of the Quad nations — India, United States, Japan, and Australia — met in New Delhi to discuss Indo-Pacific cooperation, maritime security, supply chains, and regional stability.
- The discussions focused on strengthening practical cooperation rather than forming a military alliance similar to NATO. Analysts have often debated whether the Quad represents an “Asian NATO,” but member countries continue to emphasize that the grouping is based on collaboration, economic resilience, and a free and open Indo-Pacific region.
- The meeting introduced new initiatives related to maritime surveillance, critical minerals, clean energy, port infrastructure, and resilient supply chains. These measures are aimed at improving regional connectivity and strategic cooperation among member nations.

- India highlighted the importance of resilience, innovation, sustainability, and regional cooperation in maintaining peace and prosperity across the Indo-Pacific. The Quad continues to play an increasingly important role in addressing geopolitical and economic challenges in the region.

Amit Shah to Undertake Multi-State Border Security Review Tour

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah has begun a multi-state tour of India's border regions to review security preparedness and strengthen coordination among border management agencies. The visit reflects the government's increasing focus on modernizing border security and improving surveillance along sensitive frontiers.
- The tour will cover important border states including Rajasthan, Gujarat, Tripura, and West Bengal. The initiative aims to assess operational readiness across both the western and eastern borders of the country. Officials stated that the review is part of a broader strategy to improve national security amid emerging challenges such as infiltration, smuggling, drone threats, and cross-border activities.
- The first phase of the visit began in Rajasthan's Bikaner region, where Amit Shah visited the Border Security Force (BSF) outpost at Sanchu along the India-Pakistan border. During the visit, he interacted with BSF personnel and reviewed ground-level operational challenges faced by forces deployed in remote desert areas.
- A high-level security review meeting was also conducted in Bikaner with senior officials from the Ministry of Home Affairs, BSF officers, Rajasthan administration, and police authorities from border districts. Discussions focused on intelligence sharing, coordination mechanisms, border infrastructure, and measures to tackle cross-border threats.
- As part of the visit, Amit Shah is also expected to promote the government's "Smart Border Project," which aims to strengthen border surveillance using modern technologies such as drones, radars, advanced cameras, and electronic monitoring systems. The project is intended to make India's borders more secure and technologically advanced.
- Following Rajasthan, the Home Minister will visit Bhuj in Gujarat to inspect border areas near the strategically important Harami Nala region in the Rann of Kutch. Later visits to Tripura and West Bengal will focus on reviewing security

arrangements along the India-Bangladesh border, where issues such as illegal infiltration and smuggling remain major concerns.

- The multi-state tour highlights the government's continued emphasis on border modernization, improved coordination between agencies, and welfare measures for security personnel deployed in difficult conditions.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which hospital recently commissioned a Ring Gantry-based advanced radiotherapy system?

- A) AIIMS Delhi
- B) Army Hospital (R&R)
- C) Tata Memorial Hospital
- D) Safdarjung Hospital

Answer: B) Army Hospital (R&R)

2. The Indian Naval Academy is located at which place in Kerala?

- A) Kochi
- B) Kozhikode
- C) Ezhimala
- D) Alappuzha

Answer: C) Ezhimala

3. Who is the Chief Guest for the Indian Naval Academy Spring Term Passing Out Parade 2026?

- A) Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi
- B) Vice Admiral Sameer Saxena
- C) Admiral Karambir Singh
- D) General Upendra Dwivedi

Answer: B) Vice Admiral Sameer Saxena

4. Russia announced systematic strikes on military-linked sites in which city?

- A) Moscow
- B) Donetsk

- C) Kharkiv
- D) Kyiv

Answer: D) Kyiv

5. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov discussed the Ukraine situation with which US official?

- A) Joe Biden
- B) Antony Blinken
- C) Marco Rubio
- D) Lloyd Austin

Answer: C) Marco Rubio

6. Which of the following countries is NOT a member of the Quad grouping?

- A) India
- B) Japan
- C) Australia
- D) South Korea

Answer: D) South Korea

7. The Quad grouping mainly focuses on cooperation in which region?

- A) Arctic Region
- B) Indo-Pacific Region
- C) Middle East
- D) Central Asia

Answer: B) Indo-Pacific Region

8. Union Home Minister Amit Shah began his border security review tour from which state?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Punjab
- C) Rajasthan
- D) West Bengal

Answer: C) Rajasthan

9. Which border force guards the India-Pakistan border in Rajasthan?

- A) CISF
- B) CRPF
- C) ITBP
- D) BSF

Answer: D) BSF

10. The “Smart Border Project” aims to strengthen border security using:

- A) Nuclear technology
- B) Space tourism
- C) Advanced surveillance technology
- D) Underwater tunnels

Answer: C) Advanced surveillance technology