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Two Indian Peacekeepers To Receive UN Honours

- Two Indian peacekeepers, Lance Havildar Harbhajan Singh and Naib Subedar Sujit Kumar Pradhan, will receive the **Dag Hammarskjöld Medal** posthumously from the United Nations.
- The ceremony will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 5 June 2026, and **Major Abhilasha Barak** will receive the 2025 Military Gender Advocate of the Year award on the same date.
- Lance Havildar Harbhajan Singh served with the United Nations Organisation Stabilisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo, known as MONUSCO. Naib Subedar Sujit Kumar Pradhan served with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan, known as UNMISS. Major Abhilasha Barak serves with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, known as UNIFIL.
- United Nations peacekeeping began in 1948 with the deployment of military observers to the Middle East. India is one of the largest contributors to UN peacekeeping operations and has deployed more than 4,200 personnel worldwide. India has also recorded the highest number of fatalities among troop-contributing countries.
- The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers is observed every year on 29 May.
- MONUSCO operates in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- UNMISS operates in South Sudan.
- UNIFIL operates in Lebanon.



Sikkim Police Receives President's Police Colour

- The President's Police Colour, also called Nishaan, is the highest ceremonial honour for a police force in India. On 28 May 2026, President Droupadi Murmu conferred the award on the Sikkim Police at Paljor Stadium in Gangtok.
- The President's Police Colour is a ceremonial distinction given to police forces for exceptional service, bravery, professionalism, discipline, and dedication to the nation. Sikkim Police became the 15th state police force in India to receive this honour.
- The Sikkim Police was established in 1897. It functions in a Himalayan border state and has roles in law and order, community policing, emergency response, crime prevention, and action against drug abuse.
- Sikkim Police became the third police force in the Northeast to receive the President's Police Colour after Assam Police and Tripura Police. The Ministry of Home Affairs issued the official communication on 16 January 2026.
- The President's Police Colour is also known as Nishaan.
- The award is the highest ceremonial honour for a police force in India.
- Sikkim Police was established in 1897.
- Sikkim Police became the 15th state police force and the third in the Northeast to receive the honour.



Suryakiran Aerobatic Team Celebrates 30 Years

- The iconic Indian Air Force formation aerobatic team, the Suryakiran Aerobatic Team, marked its 30th Anniversary at Air Force Station Bidar on 26 May 2026. The occasion commemorated three glorious decades of inspiring the nation through precision aerobatics and exceptional airmanship.
- A poignant "**Hollow Diamond**" formation was flown in remembrance of the brave team members the Suryakiran Aerobatic Team lost during its illustrious journey. The tribute reflected the deep camaraderie, courage and enduring spirit that define the team.
- Since its formation in 1996 at Bidar, the team has enthralled millions across India and abroad with over 800 air displays, symbolising the pride, precision and professionalism of the Indian Air Force.
- Flying the Hawk Mk-132 aircraft in its iconic red-and-white livery, SKAT continues to inspire generations while upholding its motto - "Sadaiva Sarvottam" - Always the Best.



Spring Term 2026 - Passing Out Parade

- A grand Passing Out Parade (POP) was conducted at the Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala, on 28 May 2026.
- A total of 311 trainees, including 66 women trainees, passed out with distinction, marking the culmination of their ab initio military training.
- The passing out cohort included six trainees from three Friendly Foreign Countries – Seychelles, Tanzania, and Vietnam – two of whom were women trainees from Seychelles – reflecting the Academy's expanding international footprint.



India & Singapore 16th Defence Policy Dialogue

- Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh and Permanent Secretary (Defence) Mr Joseph Leong co-chaired the **16th India-Singapore Defence Policy Dialogue** in Singapore on May 28, 2026.
- Both Secretaries reviewed the progress of ongoing defence engagements and held wide-ranging discussions on key areas of defence cooperation, military engagements, defence industry collaboration, capacity building & regional security issues.
- The two countries also discussed enhancing cooperation in niche and emerging domains such as cyber security, artificial intelligence, maritime security, unmanned systems, and advanced defence technologies.
- The discussions underscored the importance of innovation-driven partnerships and deeper collaboration in emerging areas to address evolving regional & global security challenges.
- The two sides appreciated the continued cooperation between India and Singapore in regional and multilateral forums, including Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-led mechanisms and the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) framework.
- Both countries reiterated their commitment to supporting an open, inclusive, and rule-based regional security architecture, while promoting practical and constructive defence cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.
- The dialogue highlighted the importance of sustained high-level exchanges and deeper institutional collaboration in advancing the India–Singapore strategic partnership. They reiterated their commitment to further enhancing bilateral defence ties and promoting closer cooperation in the years ahead.



Indian Air Force Partners With IIT-Bombay

- The Indian Air Force has signed three contracts with IIT-Bombay to introduce predictive, prognostic, and prescriptive maintenance systems for its Su-30MKI fleet, marking a major step towards indigenous, data-driven aerospace technology.
- This collaboration will enhance operational readiness, reduce downtime, and strengthen India's push for self-reliance in defence technologies.
- The Indian Air Force formalised three contracts with IIT-Bombay on 27 May 2026 to adopt predictive maintenance for the Su-30MKI fighter aircraft. The signing ceremony was presided over by Air Marshal KAA Sanjeeb, AVSM, VSM, Director General (Aircraft), IAF, and Shireesh B Kedare, Director of IIT-Bombay.
- The Su-30MKI, produced locally by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), is the backbone of the IAF's fighter fleet, with over 270 aircraft in service. These jets perform critical roles including air superiority missions, long-range strike operations, and strategic defence tasks. Ensuring their availability and reliability is vital for India's air power.
- The predictive maintenance initiative will directly support the ongoing 'Super Sukhoi' modernisation program, which is upgrading avionics, sensors, and weapon systems to keep the aircraft relevant well into the 2050s.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The Dag Hammarskjöld Medal is associated with:

- A) Sports Excellence
- B) Scientific Research
- C) United Nations Peacekeeping
- D) Environmental Protection

Answer: C) United Nations Peacekeeping

2. MONUSCO is a UN peacekeeping mission operating in:

- A) Lebanon
- B) South Sudan
- C) Democratic Republic of the Congo
- D) Syria

Answer: C) Democratic Republic of the Congo

3. The President's Police Colour is also known as:

- A) Veer Chakra
- B) Nishaan
- C) Raksha Medal
- D) Shaurya Padak

Answer: B) Nishaan

4. Sikkim Police became the _____ state police force in India to receive the President's Police Colour.

- A) 10th

B) 12th

C) 15th

D) 18th

Answer: C) 15th

5. The Suryakiran Aerobatic Team of the Indian Air Force flies which aircraft?

A. Tejas Mk-1

B. Mirage-2000

C. Hawk Mk-132

D. Rafale

ANSWER: C

6. The Indian Air Force signed agreements with IIT-Bombay for predictive maintenance of which fighter aircraft fleet?

A. Rafale

B. MiG-29

C. Tejas

D. Su-30MKI

ANSWER: C

7. Garuda Shakti Ex Held B/w India &

A. Sri Lanka

B. USA

C. Indonesia

D. Nepal

ANSWER: C

8. Warsaw Is The Capital Of

A. Poland

B. Ukraine

C. Germany

D. Oman

ANSWER: A

9. War Cry Of MECHANISED INFANTRY REGIMENT Is

A. Bol Bajrang Bali Ki jai

B. Raja Ramachandra ki jai

C. Bolo Bharat Mata ki jai

D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

10. CRPF Motto Is

- A. Service Before Self
- B. Service and Loyalty
- C. We Protect
- D. Touch the sky with glory

ANSWER: B

11. ICGS Saksham Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. Aircraft Carrier
- C. OPV
- D. Refueling Ship

ANSWER: C

12. "Nuclearization of Asia" Book Written By

- A. Rene Naba
- B. VR Chaudhari
- C. Gen Parvez Musharraf
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

13. Indian Coast Guard Formed On

- A. August 18, 1978
- B. September 18, 1978
- C. March 18, 1976
- D. April 18, 1976

ANSWER: A

14. 'MBT Bhishma' Is The Name Of :

- A. Fighter aircraft
- B. Tank
- C. Armoured vehicles
- D. Infantry regiments

ANSWER: B

15. Barak Is A

- A. Surface-to-air Missile
- B. Surface-to-Surface Missile
- C. Air-to-air Missile
- D. Surface-to-Sea Missile

ANSWER: A

16. INS Valsura Located At

- A. Jamnagar, Gujrat
- B. Mumbai, M.H
- C. Kochi, Kerala
- D. A & NC

ANSWER: A

17. Exercise Maitree Conducted B/w India &

- A. Thailand
- B. Nepal
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Bhutan

ANSWER: A

18. Infantry School Of Indian Army Is At

- A. Mhow
- B. Bhopal
- C. Gwalior
- D. Jammu

ANSWER: A

19. Officers Training Academy Is At

- A. Chennai
- B. Bhopal
- C. Gaya
- D. Both A & C

ANSWER: D

20. The IAI Heron UAV Developed By

- A. USA
- B. South Korea

C. Israel

D. China

ANSWER: C



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