

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### TVS Supply Chain And Italy's ALA Group Form ₹2,000 Crore

- TVS Supply Chain Solutions has entered India's aerospace and defence supply chain market through a 51:49 joint venture with Italy's ALA Group, aiming to generate over ₹2,000 crore in cumulative revenue by 2031.
- The partnership will deliver integrated logistics and procurement services, positioning India as a key hub in the global aerospace ecosystem.
- TVS Supply Chain Solutions announced the formation of a joint venture with Italy-based ALA Group, marking its entry into the aerospace and defence supply chain sector. The agreement gives TVS SCS a majority stake of 51 per cent, with ALA holding 49 per cent.
- The collaboration is expected to generate cumulative revenues exceeding ₹2,000 crore by 2031, reflecting the scale of opportunities in India's defence logistics market, which is projected to grow at a compound annual growth rate of 8.6 per cent.
- The joint venture will initially concentrate on opportunities within India, while both partners will continue to evaluate prospects in select international markets.
- The venture will specialise in end-to-end integrated supply chain solutions, including sourcing and supply of aerospace and defence components, kitting and sub-assembly operations, consolidation, imports, warehousing, and delivery.



## Solar Industries, BDL Joins DRDO Development For Project Kusha

- Project Kusha represents India's most ambitious indigenous air defence program, combining DRDO's technological leadership with private sector partners Solar Industries and Bharat Dynamics Limited under the Development-cum-Production Partner (DcPP) model.
- The system is designed to provide a multi-layered shield against advanced aerial threats, with phased induction planned between 2028 and 2030.
- Project Kusha has been conceived as a long-range surface-to-air missile (LRSAM) system capable of neutralising drones, cruise missiles, stealth aircraft, and ballistic missiles before they penetrate Indian airspace.
- The system is structured around three interceptor variants. The M1 interceptor, with a range of 120 to 150 kilometres, is optimised for short-range engagements against low-flying or stealthy targets.
- The M2 interceptor extends the reach to approximately 250 kilometres, while the M3 interceptor pushes the envelope to 350–400 kilometres, capable of engaging threats at hypersonic speeds.
- All three interceptors travel at speeds exceeding Mach 5, with simulations confirming performance up to Mach 5.5. The M3 variant is specifically designed to counter intermediate-range ballistic missiles travelling at re-entry speeds of up to 4 kilometres per second, equivalent to Mach 12.
- Project Kusha is not an isolated initiative but part of India's broader "Sudarshan Chakra" air defence network. It will supplement existing systems such as the Barak 8, the Russian-origin S-400, and the indigenous ballistic missile defence program.



## India Develops 'MITHYA' Electronic Warfare System

- India is developing the “MITHYA” electronic warfare system to protect its strategic missile arsenal from advanced Ballistic Missile Defence networks, marking a major leap in survivability and deterrence.
- The system is self-powered, deployable during flight, and designed to jam, spoof, and mask hostile radars, ensuring India’s long-range missiles remain credible against evolving threats.
- India’s defence establishment has initiated the development of the MITHYA system, a sophisticated electronic warfare suite tailored for strategic missile platforms.
- The system is being designed to counter increasingly advanced ballistic missile defence networks deployed by adversaries, which pose a challenge to the survivability of India’s deterrent arsenal.
- The system is reportedly linked to the “A5C” platform, believed to be associated with advanced variants of the Agni-V missile series. This connection suggests that MITHYA is intended to complement India’s premier long-range strategic missile ecosystem, enhancing its ability to penetrate sophisticated defences.



## Indian Navy To Induct Six Indigenous Vessels In June 2026

- The Indian Navy is set for a major fleet expansion in June 2026, inducting five indigenously-built platforms—two Project 17A stealth frigates, one survey vessel, and two anti-submarine warfare shallow water crafts.
- This marks a decisive step towards India's goal of operating 200 warships and submarines by 2035, strengthening its maritime dominance in the Indian Ocean Region.
- The Navy will formally commission INS Dunagiri and INS Mahendragiri, both Project 17A stealth frigates, which represent the next generation of indigenous warships.
- These vessels are equipped with supersonic BrahMos cruise missiles, the Barak-8 surface-to-air missile system, MF-STAR AESA radar for advanced threat detection, and modern torpedo tubes and rocket launchers.
- INS Dunagiri, built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), is designed with advanced sensors, sophisticated weapon systems, and network-centric warfare features. It will provide frontline combat capability and strengthen multi-role operations.

- INS Mahendragiri, constructed by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), is another Project 17A frigate that embodies India's indigenous shipbuilding expertise and technological self-reliance.



## India & Zimbabwe Reaffirm Commitment To Deepen Bilateral Defence Cooperation

- The inaugural meeting of India-Zimbabwe Joint Defence Committee (JDC) took place in New Delhi on June 04, 2026. Both sides agreed to enhance bilateral defence ties by expanding existing cooperation in areas such as training, support and maintenance of common air assets. They also discussed ways to collaborate in new areas including joint manufacturing, counter-terrorism, border management and peacekeeping.
- The meeting was co-chaired by Joint Secretary Shri Amitabh Prasad from the Indian side and Permanent Secretary, Zimbabwe Mr Aaron Daniel Tonde Nhepera, who is leading a 12-member high-level delegation on a two-day visit to India. The Indian delegation comprised representatives from the Services, Department of Defence Production and Armed Forces Medical Services.
- India and Zimbabwe share a steadily deepening defence partnership. The first JDC meeting has further reinforced the ties by operationalising the objectives laid down in the MoU on Defence Cooperation signed by the Defence Ministers of both the countries on the sidelines of Aero India 2025.
- The delegation from Zimbabwe also visited the DPSU Bhawan in New Delhi, where they discussed potential areas of mutual cooperation with representatives from the Indian defence industry. Mr Aaron Daniel Tonde

Nhepera commenced his visit by laying a wreath and paying homage to the fallen heroes at the National War Memorial, New Delhi.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. TVS Supply Chain Solutions entered India's aerospace and defence supply chain sector through a joint venture with which foreign company?

- A) Leonardo S.p.A.
- B) ALA Group
- C) Airbus Defence
- D) Thales Group

**Answer:** B) ALA Group

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2. Which organization is leading the development of Project Kusha, India's indigenous long-range air defence system?

- A) HAL
- B) ISRO
- C) DRDO
- D) BEL

**Answer:** C) DRDO

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**3. The M3 interceptor under Project Kusha is expected to engage aerial threats at a range of approximately:**

- A) 100–150 km
- B) 200–250 km
- C) 250–300 km
- D) 350–400 km

**Answer:** D) 350–400 km

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**4. The 'MITHYA' system being developed by India is primarily associated with:**

- A) Cybersecurity operations
- B) Electronic warfare for strategic missiles
- C) Satellite communication
- D) Naval surveillance

**Answer:** B) Electronic warfare for strategic missiles

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**5. Which two Project 17A stealth frigates are scheduled to be inducted into the Indian Navy in June 2026?**

- A) INS Vikrant and INS Viraat
- B) INS Nilgiri and INS Taragiri
- C) INS Dunagiri and INS Mahendragiri
- D) INS Shivalik and INS Satpura

**Answer:** C) INS Dunagiri and INS Mahendragiri

**6. Crystal Maze 2 Missile Is A**

- A. Air to surface
- B. Surface to Air
- C. Sea to Sea
- D. None

**ANSWER: A**

**7. ICGS Saksham Is A**

- A, Destroyer

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

**ANSWER: C**

**8. "Nuclearization of Asia" Book Written By**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**9. Indian Coast Guard Formed On**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**10. 'MBT Bhishma' Is The Name Of :**

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

**ANSWER: B**

**11. 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**

**12. "Ordnance Factory Day" in India Is Observed On**

- A. 14 March
- B. 15 March
- C. 16 March
- D. 18 March

**ANSWER: D**

**13. INS Valsura Located At**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**14. Exercise Maitree Conducted B/w India &**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**15. Infantry School Of Indian Army Is At**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**16. Officers Training Academy Is At**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**17. Northern Army Command headquarters Is in**

- A. Jaipur
- B. Udhampur
- C. Pune
- D. Lucknow

**ANSWER: B**

**18. DF-41 ICBM Is A Missile Of**

- A. India

- B. Russia
- C. China
- D. North Korea

**ANSWER: C**

**19. The IAI Heron UAV Developed By**

- A. USA
- B. South Korea
- C. Israel
- D. China

**ANSWER: C**

**20. What is the range of the Pinaka Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL) system?**

- A. 50 kilometers
- B. 100 kilometers
- C. 75 kilometers
- D. 150 kilometers

**ANSWER: C**

