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Defence Ministry Signs ₹1,476 Crore Deal With BEL

- The Defence Ministry has signed a ₹1,476 crore contract with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for the supply of five ground-based mobile electronic warfare systems to strengthen the Indian Army's capabilities in the electromagnetic domain.
- The agreement was concluded in New Delhi and falls under the Buy (Indian-Indigenously Designed, Developed and Manufactured) category, with a minimum of 72% indigenous content mandated. This reflects the government's continued emphasis on self-reliance in defence production under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative.
- These mobile electronic warfare systems are designed to detect, intercept, and disrupt enemy communications, radar networks, and UAVs. They provide what is termed a "soft kill" capability, allowing hostile drones to be neutralised by jamming their control links or interfering with satellite navigation signals.
- This mobility provides commanders with the flexibility to employ them in both offensive and defensive roles, adapting to evolving battlefield conditions. Their ability to accompany manoeuvre formations ensures that electronic warfare support is available at the point of contact, a critical advantage in modern high-tempo operations.



Massacre: Over 30 Killed, 200 Injured As Occupying Pakistani Forces Clash With Protesters

- Over thirty people have been massacred and around two hundred injured in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir after violent clashes erupted between protesters and security forces.
- The unrest followed the banning of the Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC), a civil society alliance that has long spearheaded demonstrations over economic and political grievances in the region.
- Authorities outlawed the group on Friday, citing concerns over public order and security, a move that immediately heightened tensions.
- The violence broke out in Rawalakot after the death of a trader, allegedly shot during a confrontation with law enforcers late on Friday night. His body was taken to a hospital morgue, where supporters gathered in anger.
- According to Khan, six protesters were killed in the ensuing clashes, and multiple arrests were made. However, local residents and JAAC supporters disputed the official account, insisting that civilian casualties were far higher than acknowledged. Witnesses described scenes of chaos as paramilitary forces opened fire, while protesters hurled projectiles and petrol bombs in return.



Combined Graduation Parade At Air Force Academy

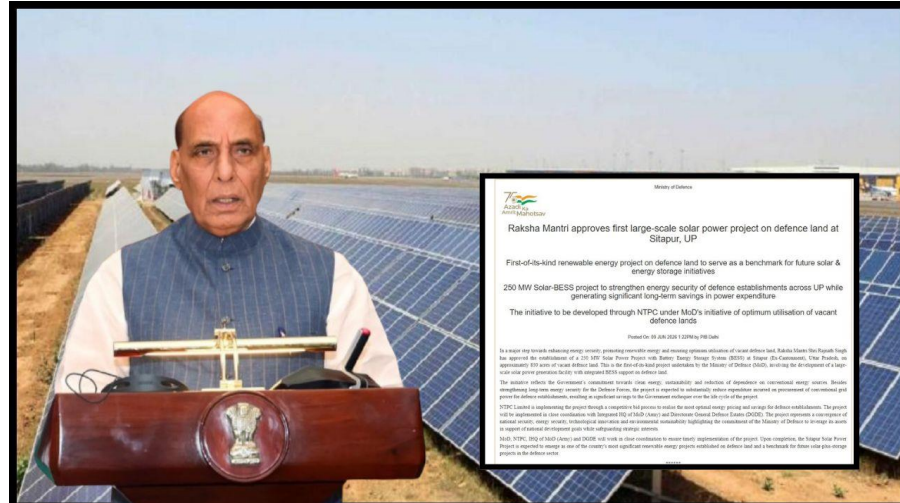
- The Combined Graduation Parade (CGP) of 217 Course will be held at Air Force Academy (AFA) Dundigal, Hyderabad on 13 June 26. The event, marked by military precision, will commemorate the successful completion of the pre-commissioning training of Flight Cadets across various branches of the IAF.
- Hon'ble Raksha Mantri, Shri Rajnath Singh, will be the Reviewing Officer (RO) for the parade.
- During the ceremony, the RO will confer the 'President's Commission' to the graduating trainees. The ceremony includes presentation of 'Wings' and 'Brevets' upon successful completion of training to the Flight Cadets of the IAF, officers and trainees of the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard and Socialist Republic of Vietnam.
- This CGP will also mark the commissioning of the first batch of women cadets from the National Defence Academy (NDA), Pune who passed out on 30 May 2025 and joined AFA for branch specific training.



Raksha Mantri Approves First Large-scale Solar Power Project

- In a major step towards enhancing energy security, promoting renewable energy and ensuring optimum utilisation of vacant defence land, Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh has approved the establishment of a 250 MW Solar Power Project with Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at Sitapur (Ex-Cantonment), Uttar Pradesh, on approximately 850 acres of vacant defence land.
- This is the first-of-its-kind project undertaken by the Ministry of Defence (MoD), involving the development of a large-scale solar power generation facility with integrated BESS support on defence land.
- The initiative reflects the Government's commitment towards clean energy, sustainability and reduction of dependence on conventional energy sources.
- Besides strengthening long-term energy security for the Defence Forces, the project is expected to substantially reduce expenditure incurred on procurement of conventional grid power for defence establishments, resulting in significant savings to the Government exchequer over the life cycle of the project.
- NTPC Limited is implementing the project through a competitive bid process to realise the most optimal energy pricing and savings for defence establishments. The project will be implemented in close coordination with Integrated HQ of MoD (Army) and Directorate General Defence Estates (DGDE).
- The project represents a convergence of national security, energy security, technological innovation and environmental sustainability highlighting the

commitment of the Ministry of Defence to leverage its assets in support of national development goals while safeguarding strategic interests.



India Weighs Action Against HAL for Delayed Tejas Fighter Deliveries

- The defence ministry is considering penalties on state-run HAL over continuing delays in the supply of Tejas Mk1A fighter aircraft. The matter was reviewed at a high-level meeting chaired by defence minister Rajnath Singh. So far, not a single Tejas Mk1A has been delivered to the IAF.
- “At least six engines from General Electric (GE) Aerospace have already been received by HAL for Tejas. The structures of 18 aircraft are also ready with it. We can understand the delays in engine delivery on the part of GE, but that is a separate issue.
- However, as the six GE engines had already arrived, HAL should have delivered at least six aircraft to the IAF by now. Due to the delay, there could be liquidated damages (LD) being applied,” the sources told the news agency.
- “At least 18-24 LCA Mk1A aircraft are expected to be ready by the end of the year if HAL is able to make up for some of those shortfalls (Air Staff Qualitative Requirements). HAL has been asked to meet the commitments and timelines.
- The IAF has signed two major contracts with HAL for a total of 180 Tejas aircraft — the first in 2021 for 83 jets and the second for 97 aircraft. Earlier this year, HAL itself imposed contractual penalties on GE over delays in supplying F404-IN20 engines for the Mk1A programme.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The Ministry of Defence signed a ₹1,476 crore contract with which company for the supply of ground-based mobile electronic warfare systems?

- A) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- B) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- C) Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)
- D) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)

Answer: B) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)

2. The electronic warfare systems procured by the Indian Army are primarily designed to:

- A) Launch ballistic missiles
- B) Detect and disrupt enemy communications and UAVs
- C) Conduct underwater surveillance
- D) Transport troops in combat zones

Answer: B) Detect and disrupt enemy communications and UAVs

3. The Combined Graduation Parade (CGP) of the 217th Course will be held at:

- A) National Defence Academy, Pune
- B) Indian Military Academy, Dehradun

- C) Air Force Academy, Dundigal
- D) Officers Training Academy, Chennai

Answer: C) Air Force Academy, Dundigal

4. Which historic milestone will be marked during the Combined Graduation Parade 2026?

- A) First batch of Agniveers joining the Air Force
- B) First batch of women cadets from NDA being commissioned
- C) First tri-service graduation parade
- D) First foreign cadets graduating from AFA

Answer: B) First batch of women cadets from NDA being commissioned

5. The Ministry of Defence has approved a 250 MW Solar Power Project with Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at:

- A) Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh
- B) Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh
- C) Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh
- D) Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh

Answer: C) Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh

6. How many Tejas fighter aircraft has the Indian Air Force ordered from HAL through two major contracts?

- A) 83
- B) 97
- C) 120
- D) 180

Answer: D) 180

7. The Douglas C-47 Skytrain or Dakota Is A

- A. UAV
- B. Military Transport Aircraft
- C. Fighter Aircraft

D. None

ANSWER: B

8. Defence Industrial Corridor (DICs) Is/Are Located In

A. UP

B. T.N

C. M.H

D. Both A & B

ANSWER: D

9. Solomon Islands Is Located On

A. Indian Ocean

B. Pacific Ocean

C. Arctic Ocean

D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

10. Saab AB Is An Aerospace Company of

A. USA

B. Sweden

C. France

D. China

ANSWER: B

11. C-130J Super Hercules Is A

A. Destroyer

B. OPV

C. Submarine

D. Transport Aircraft

ANSWER: D

12. "Secure Application for Internet (SAI)" Has Been Developed By

A. IAF

B. Indian Army

C. ICG

D. NSG

ANSWER: B

13. Joint Exercises B/w The India And Nepal Is Called:

A. Surya Kiran

- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: A

14. Hq Of Mazagaon Dockyard Limited Is In

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Chennai
- D. Kolkata

ANSWER: B

15. "Battle Ready for 21st Century" Book Is Written By

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. Geetanjali Shree's
- C. Richa Mishra
- D. Lt Gen AK Singh and Brig. Narendra Kumar

ANSWER: D

16. Where Is The Hq Of The Eastern Command of The Indian Navy?

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

ANSWER: B

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

- A. Surya Kiran
- B. Vajra Prahar
- C. Yudha Abhyas
- D. Both B & C

ANSWER: D

18. In IAF Flights are sub-divisions of squadrons, commanded by a__.

- A. Squadron Leader
- B. Flying Officer
- C. Air Marshal
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

19. DRDO Lakshya Is A

- A. Fighter Jet
- B. Ship
- C. Tank
- D. UAV

ANSWER: D

20. Exercise Samudra Shakti Conducted B/w Indonesia &

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

ANSWER: A

