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7th Edition of The Marshal of The Air Force Hockey Tournament-2026

- The 7th edition of Marshal of the Air Force Arjan Singh Memorial Hockey Tournament 2026 is scheduled to be held from 23 Jun to 03 Jul 26 at Air Force Station Jalahalli, Bengaluru. Air Force Sports Control Board (AFSCB) has been organizing the tournament since 2018.
- Marshal of the Air Force Arjan Singh's passion for the game of Hockey was unparalleled. He was an inspiration to air warriors leading from front not only in war but also in the field of sports. IAF has been consistently producing athletes who have represented India at various international competitions and brought laurels to the nation and for IAF.
- A total of 16 Teams will be participating in this tournament. The matches will be played at Hockey Stadium, Air Force Station Jalahalli. The matches will be played on league cum knockout basis.
- The prize money for the tournament is as follows:
 - Winner - ₹10,00,000/-
 - Runners Up - ₹8,00,000/-
 - Man of the Match - ₹25,000/- (Each match)
 - Player of the Tournament - ₹50,000/-



India Reportedly In Talks With UAE To Sell BrahMos

- India is engaged in discussions with the United Arab Emirates to sell some of its flagship defence systems, including the supersonic cruise missile BrahMos.
- Four Indian sources confirmed that the Gulf nation has stepped up arms procurement following the war in the Middle East. The talks, which had not been previously reported, also cover the potential sale of India's air defence system Akashteer, according to two sources with direct knowledge of the matter.
- A third source stated that the UAE has shown interest in several Indian weapon systems, including BrahMos and Akashteer, and that negotiations are at an early stage but progressing quickly. Neither Indian officials nor the UAE foreign ministry responded to requests for comment.
- BrahMos, is one of the fastest cruise missiles in the world and can be launched from land, sea and air platforms. Akashteer, meanwhile, is a fully automated air defence system developed by Bharat Electronics Ltd and the Indian Army.
- The UAE is considering defence acquisitions from India and other suppliers after being heavily attacked by Iran during the war. Protecting the Strait of Hormuz, a vital conduit for its energy exports, is a key priority.
- The UAE already possesses the U.S. MGM-168 ATACMS ballistic missile with a maximum range of 300 km, as well as advanced THAAD and Patriot air defence systems. Akashteer would integrate information from other devices to counter air threats.



India Set To Seal \$230 Million M777 Howitzer Support Deal

- The United States is set to conclude a proposed \$230 million sustainment package for India's M777A2 ultra-light howitzers, U.S. Ambassador to India Sergio Gor said, in a move aimed at helping the Indian Army maintain the artillery systems and supporting broader defence cooperation between the two countries.
- "The United States and India continue to work together daily. Our defense partnership is growing," Gor said, adding that the proposed package would support India's national security requirements.
- The proposed deal comes after the U.S. State Department in May approved potential sales to India worth more than \$428 million, including sustainment support for AH-64E Apache attack helicopters and long-term support for M777A2 ultra-light howitzers.
- The Apache package is valued at approximately \$198.2 million, while the M777 sustainment package is estimated at around \$230 million. Boeing and Lockheed Martin have been identified as the principal contractors for the Apache support programme.
- India inducted the M777 howitzer under a 2017 Foreign Military Sales agreement with the United States. Under the deal, BAE Systems received a \$542 million contract from the U.S. Department of Defense to supply 145 M777 ultra-lightweight howitzers to the Indian Army.

- The M777 is a 155mm lightweight towed artillery gun designed for rapid deployment and mobility. Capable of being transported by land, sea and air, the system is used by the armed forces of the United States, Canada, Australia and India. BAE Systems says more than 1,200 M777 howitzers have been ordered globally.



Safran, SatSure Partner To Develop Geospatial Intelligence Solutions

- French aerospace and defence company Safran Electronics & Defense and Indian Earth intelligence firm SatSure have signed a MoU to collaborate on geospatial intelligence (GEOINT) solutions for the Indian market.
- The partnership, announced as part of the France-India Year of Innovation, combines the artificial intelligence capabilities of Safran. AI, a subsidiary of Safran Electronics & Defense, with SatSure's expertise in satellite data and geospatial analytics.
- Under the agreement, the two companies will jointly develop end-to-end GEOINT solutions that integrate satellite imagery, advanced AI models and operational intelligence delivery.
- The solutions are aimed at enhancing situational awareness, speeding up intelligence processing and supporting decision-making across defence, environmental monitoring and other critical sectors.



Israeli Defence Officials' India Visit to Deepen Strategic Ties

- A high-level delegation of Israeli defence officials, led by Major General (Retd.) Amir Baram, Director General of the Israeli Ministry of Defense (IMOD), visited India to strengthen the growing strategic and defence partnership between the two nations. During the visit, the delegation held discussions with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh, and other senior officials of the Indian government.
- The talks focused on expanding bilateral defence cooperation, enhancing military-to-military engagement, and promoting collaboration between the defence industries of both countries. Both sides explored opportunities for joint planning, training programmes, technology sharing, and defence manufacturing initiatives. Particular emphasis was placed on emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), cybersecurity, advanced defence systems, and innovation-driven military solutions.
- According to the Israeli Ministry of Defense, the visit reflects Israel's broader strategy of strengthening strategic partnerships with key countries in Asia and expanding defence cooperation with trusted allies. India was described as an important partner in this effort due to the long-standing relationship based on mutual trust, shared democratic values, and common security interests.
- India and Israel have developed strong defence ties over the years, with cooperation spanning missile systems, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), radar technologies, surveillance equipment, border security solutions, and counter-terrorism efforts. Defence remains one of the most significant pillars of the bilateral relationship.
- The visit comes at a time when India and Israel have elevated their relationship to a "Special Strategic Partnership," aiming to deepen cooperation across defence, technology, innovation, trade, and security. Recent agreements

between the two countries have also highlighted collaboration in AI, cybersecurity, critical technologies, and joint research and development projects.

- Officials from both nations expressed confidence that continued engagement and defence-industrial cooperation would contribute to regional stability, technological advancement, and stronger strategic alignment. The visit is expected to further enhance military interoperability, defence exports, joint production initiatives, and long-term security cooperation between India and Israel.

Key Highlights

- Israeli defence delegation led by Maj Gen (Retd.) Amir Baram visited India.
- Meetings held with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and senior Indian officials.
- Focus on strengthening defence and industrial cooperation.
- Discussions covered AI, cybersecurity, defence technology, and joint manufacturing.
- Visit aligns with Israel's strategy of expanding strategic partnerships in Asia.
- Defence remains a cornerstone of India-Israel relations.
- Expected to boost joint research, defence exports, and technological collaboration.
- Reinforces the recently elevated India-Israel Special Strategic Partnership.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The 7th Marshal of the Air Force Arjan Singh Memorial Hockey Tournament 2026 is being held at which location?

- A) Air Force Station Hindan, Ghaziabad
- B) Air Force Station Jalahalli, Bengaluru
- C) Air Force Station Yelahanka, Bengaluru
- D) Air Force Station Pune

Answer: B) Air Force Station Jalahalli, Bengaluru

2. Which Indian defence system, besides BrahMos, is reportedly being discussed for export to the UAE?

- A) Pinaka
- B) Tejas
- C) Akashteer
- D) Agni-V

Answer: C) Akashteer

3. The M777A2 is a:

- A) Main Battle Tank
- B) Surface-to-Air Missile System
- C) Ultra-light Howitzer
- D) Fighter Aircraft

Answer: C) Ultra-light Howitzer

4. Safran Electronics & Defense signed an MoU with which Indian company to develop geospatial intelligence solutions?

- A) Bharat Electronics Limited
- B) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- C) SatSure
- D) Data Patterns

Answer: C) SatSure

5. The Israeli defence delegation that visited India was led by:

- A) Benjamin Netanyahu
- B) Eyal Zamir
- C) Amir Baram
- D) Yoav Gallant

Answer: C) Amir Baram

6. What prize money has been announced for the winning team of the 7th Marshal of the Air Force Arjan Singh Memorial Hockey Tournament 2026?

- A) ₹5 lakh
- B) ₹8 lakh
- C) ₹10 lakh
- D) ₹12 lakh

Answer: C) ₹10 lakh

7. Infantry Day of Indian Army In India Is Observed On

- A. 13 Sep
- B. 14 Sep
- C. 27 Oct
- D. 16 Sep

ANSWER: C

8. India's Largest Floating Solar Power Project Commissioned In

- A. Pune, M.H.
- B. Chennai, T.N
- C. Ranikhet, UK
- D. Ramagundam, Telangana

ANSWER: D

9. Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) Is Located In

- A. New Delhi
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Chennai
- D. Kochi

ANSWER: B

10. Central Air Command of IAF Is Located In

- A. Shillong
- B. Gandhinagar
- C. Prayagraj
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

11. The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) motto is

- A. Always be there
- B. Service for Nation
- C. 24*7
- D. Disaster Service Forever

ANSWER: D

12. Third-generation anti-tank missile is _____?

- A. Prithvi
- B. Akash
- C. Trishul
- D. Nag

ANSWER: D

13. Range of the K-15 Sagarika missile is-

- A. 700 km
- B. 500 km
- C. 400 km
- D. 200 km

ANSWER: A

14. SLNS Sayurala Is A Ship Of

- A. Oman
- B. Qatar
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

15. The Headquarters and Secretariat of the SAARC Is In

- A. Kathmandu
- B. Dhaka
- C. New Delhi
- D. None

ANSWER: A

16. Bangui Is The Capital Of

- A. Cape Verde
- B. Qatar
- C. Central African Republic
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

17. "Arms and the Man" Book Is Written By

- A. George Bernard Shaw
- B. Jules Verne
- C. Gunnar Myrdal
- D. Lewis Wallace

ANSWER: A

18. The Port Duqm is in

- A. Yemen
- B. Iran
- C. Iraq
- D. Oman

ANSWER: D

19. Regimental Centre Of THE BRIGADE OF THE GUARDS

- A. Kamptee, Maharashtra
- B. Ahmednagar, Maharashtra
- C. Delhi Cantonment
- D. Fatehgarh, Uttar Pradesh

ANSWER: A

20. Range of K-9 Vajra Howitzer is

- A. 40km
- B. 38km
- C. 20km

D. 55km

ANSWER: B