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15th Defence IT Consultative Committee Meet

- Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth chaired the 15th meeting of Defence Information Technology Consultative Committee (DITCC) conducted by Headquarter Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS) on June 23, 2026, in New Delhi. The meeting laid emphasis on Aatmanirbharta in IT and adoption of cutting edge enablers in a time-bound manner.
- During the meeting, important policy decisions were deliberated by Subject Matter Experts on the use of disruptive technologies in Defence Services in the changing paradigm of warfare.
- The members deliberated on a number of relevant issues ranging from indigenisation of advanced chip manufacturing, development of sovereign Operating System and Data Base and strategic siting of data centres for Defence needs.
- The Committee gave clearance to projects that would have far-reaching benefits, not only for the Defence Forces, but also for the national technological developmental processes, in line with the government's vision of 'Viksit-Bharat'.
- The meeting was attended by officers of the HQ IDS, Army, Navy, Air Force, Defence Research and Development Organisation, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology and distinguished members of academia and industry.



Eastern Fleet Ships Udaygiri And Kavaratti Arrive In Vietnam

- INS Udaygiri, a stealth frigate, and INS Kavaratti, an anti-submarine warfare corvette, both indigenously designed and constructed warships of the Indian Navy, arrived at Nha Rong Port, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, on 22 Jun 2026 during their operational deployment to the South East Asia region.
- During the port call, the Indian Navy and the Vietnam People's Navy will undertake a series of professional interactions, cross-deck exchanges, sporting fixtures and community outreach activities.
- Senior leadership interactions are also scheduled, offering an opportunity to exchange perspectives and further strengthen bilateral naval cooperation.
- This deployment marks the Indian Navy's first major presence in Vietnam since the bilateral relationship was elevated to an Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in May 2026.



Japan's Proterial To Invest ₹2,250 Crore In Rare Earth Magnet

- Japan's Proterial, a global leader in advanced materials, is set to establish a rare earth permanent magnet manufacturing facility in Andhra Pradesh. The investment, valued at ₹2,250 crore, represents a significant milestone in India's efforts to build a local rare earth value chain and reduce dependence
- The facility will be located at Achutapuram in Anakapalli district. It is designed to produce 1.2 kilo tonnes per annum of sintered neodymium-iron-boron (NdFeB) permanent magnets.

- These magnets are among the most critical components used in electric vehicles, wind turbines, industrial motors, electronics, aerospace, and defence systems.
- The State Investment Promotion Committee approved the project at its meeting last week. This approval underscores the strategic importance of the initiative, which aligns with India's broader push to strengthen indigenous manufacturing capabilities in sectors vital to national security and economic growth.
- The timing of the investment is particularly significant. India has been actively seeking to reduce reliance on imported rare earth magnets, especially given the global supply chain vulnerabilities exposed by China's dominance in the sector. By hosting a Japanese facility, India is diversifying its sources while simultaneously building domestic expertise.
- The central government has recently sanctioned a dedicated incentive programme to encourage domestic production of sintered rare earth permanent magnets. This policy highlights the national importance of the sector and provides a supportive framework for projects such as Proterial's.
- This development also reflects the strengthening of Indo-Japanese industrial cooperation. Japan's expertise in advanced materials and India's growing market potential create a mutually beneficial partnership.
- The project is expected to generate employment, enhance local skills, and contribute to Andhra Pradesh's industrial growth.



GRSE Achieves 'Navratna' Recognition

- Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE) has been officially conferred 'Navratna' status by the Government of India, marking a defining milestone in its journey as one of the country's premier defence shipyards.
- This recognition enhances its financial and operational autonomy, enabling larger investments and strategic expansion.
- The Department of Public Enterprises under the Ministry of Finance accorded GRSE the coveted 'Navratna' status on 19 June 2026.
- This recognition was granted in view of the shipyard's consistent financial and physical performance over recent years, underscoring its role in bolstering India's maritime capabilities and defence manufacturing.
- The conferment comes at a time when GRSE has demonstrated extraordinary growth. Its revenue from operations surged from ₹1,754 crore in FY 2021–22 to ₹7,002 crore in FY 2025–26, reflecting a nearly 300 per cent increase.
- During the same period, profit after tax rose from ₹190 crore to ₹748 crore, registering growth of approximately 294 per cent. These figures highlight the company's robust financial trajectory and operational efficiency.
- GRSE has also showcased its production capacity by delivering eight warships in FY26, including three vessels on a single day, 30 March 2026. These included the Project 17A guided-missile frigate INS Dunagiri, the survey vessel INS Sanshodhak, and the anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft INS Agray.
- The shipyard has delivered the largest number of warships to the Indian Navy, Coast Guard, and friendly foreign nations. Out of the 118 warships delivered by GRSE, 80 have been inducted into the Indian Navy, underscoring its central role in India's naval modernisation.
- The milestone reflects GRSE's transformation from its origins in 1884 to its current stature as a global competitor in shipbuilding. Taken over by the Government of India in 1960, GRSE delivered India's first indigenous warship, INS Ajay, in 1961.



China's Foreign Minister Wang Urges India, China To Honour Each Other's Core Interests

- Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi's meeting with Indian National Security Adviser Ajit Doval in New Delhi underscored the urgency of respecting each other's core interests and advancing leader-level consensus.
- Both sides agreed that India and China are partners, not rivals, and should accelerate cooperation to stabilise ties and contribute to the modernisation of the Global South.
- Wang Yi emphasised that bilateral relations have returned to the track of recovery and improvement. He noted that the leaders of both countries had reached a strategic consensus that India and China are partners, which serves as a vital guarantee for the healthy and stable development of relations.
- He urged both sides to take concrete steps to implement this consensus, stressing that cooperation should be viewed not only from a bilateral perspective but also from a global one.
- During the meeting, Wang highlighted that it is imperative to respect each other's core interests and properly handle sensitive issues. He specifically mentioned the need to place the border issue in its appropriate position so that it does not overshadow the broader relationship.
- He called for accelerating the resumption of stalled dialogue mechanisms and promoting exchanges in trade, finance, law enforcement, and media. He also underlined the importance of guiding public opinion to foster a correct understanding and build a solid social foundation for improved ties.
- Ajit Doval, for his part, reiterated that stable, predictable, and constructive bilateral relations are essential for building trust and mutual understanding. The

Ministry of External Affairs described the discussions as constructive and forward-looking, noting progress towards gradual normalisation.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Who chaired the 15th Defence Information Technology Consultative Committee (DITCC) meeting held in New Delhi on 23 June 2026?

- A) Rajnath Singh
- B) Ajit Doval
- C) Sanjay Seth
- D) Anil Chauhan

Answer: C) Sanjay Seth

2. INS Udaygiri and INS Kavaratti arrived at which Vietnamese city during their operational deployment in Southeast Asia?

- A) Hanoi
- B) Da Nang
- C) Hai Phong
- D) Ho Chi Minh City

Answer: D) Ho Chi Minh City

3. Japan's Proterial is investing ₹2,250 crore in Andhra Pradesh to manufacture which of the following?

- A) Lithium-ion batteries
- B) Rare earth permanent magnets
- C) Solar panels
- D) Microprocessors

Answer: B) Rare earth permanent magnets

4. Which defence public sector shipyard was granted 'Navratna' status by the Government of India in June 2026?

- A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd.
- B) Hindustan Shipyard Ltd.
- C) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)
- D) Goa Shipyard Ltd.

Answer: C) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)

5. During his meeting with Ajit Doval, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi emphasized that India and China should be viewed as:

- A) Strategic rivals
- B) Defence allies
- C) Economic competitors
- D) Partners, not rivals

Answer: D) Partners, not rivals

6. Udarshakti Is A Bilateral Exercise Which Is Held Between India And Which Other Country?

- A. Malaysia
- B. Singapore
- C. Russia
- D. Japan

ANSWER: A

7. What Is The Name Of The Submarine Which Has been Decommissioned From The Indian Navy?

- A.** INS Rajput
- B.** INS Nishank
- C.** INS Sindhudhvaj
- D.** INS Ranjit

ANSWER: C

8. Heron MK II Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: C

9. Chabahar Port Is Located In

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. Iran

ANSWER: D

10. SCO Member Countries Contribute About ___Of Global GDP.

- A. 30%
- B. 40%
- C. 50%
- D. 60%

ANSWER: A

11. Pratap Chandra Lal Was A Former Chief Of

- A. IAF
- B. Indian Army
- C. Indian Navy
- D. BSF

ANSWER: A

12. Space & Upper Atmosphere Research Commission Is A Space Agency Of

- A. USA
- B. Pakistan
- C. China
- D. Bhutan

ANSWER: B

13. RS-28 Sarmat "Satan 2" is a

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. Missile
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: C

14. BELMOPAN Is The Capital Of

- A. BELIZE
- B. BENIN
- C. BHUTAN
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

15. "The Living Mountain" Book Is Written By

- A. JK Rowling
- B. Aakash Ranison
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Amitav Ghosh

ANSWER: D

16. Joint Exercises B/w India And Sri Lanka Is Called:

- A. Ashoka
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. MITRA SHAKTI

ANSWER: B, D

17. India Purchased Sig Sauer assault rifles from

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

18. India Purchased Romeo 64 Helicopter from

- A. USA
- B. Sweden
- C. France
- D. Russia

ANSWER: A

19. Which Is Not The Member Of BIMSTEC?

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

ANSWER: D

20. Joint Exercises B/w India And Vietnam Is Called:

- A. Ashoka
- B. VINBAX
- C. Indra
- D. MITRA SHAKTI

ANSWER: B