

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### Indian Navy Launches Fifth Diving Support Craft (DSC A24)

- The Indian Navy achieved another milestone in strengthening its indigenous naval capabilities with the launch of **DSC A24**, the **fifth Diving Support Craft (DSC)** under the Diving Support Craft Project. The vessel was launched in **Kolkata**, reflecting India's continued commitment to the '**Make in India**' initiative and self-reliance in defence manufacturing.
- **Background**
- The Diving Support Craft project aims to provide specialised vessels capable of supporting underwater diving operations, maintenance tasks, and rescue missions. These crafts play a crucial role in assisting naval divers during underwater inspections, repairs, and salvage operations.
- **Key Highlights**
- DSC A24 is the fifth vessel under the Diving Support Craft project.
- Built by **Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL)**.
- Designed according to the standards of the **Indian Register of Shipping (IRS)** and Naval regulations.
- Features a **catamaran hull** design for improved stability.
- Displacement ranges between **300–400 tonnes**.
- Supports underwater diving and maintenance operations.
- **Significance**
- The induction of DSC A24 strengthens the Indian Navy's underwater operational capability while promoting indigenous shipbuilding under the **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** initiative.
- **Key Points**

- **Vessel:** DSC A24
- **Builder:** Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL)
- **Location of Launch:** Kolkata
- **Design:** Catamaran Hull
- **Purpose:** Diving support and underwater operations



## Vice Admiral Alok Ananda Assumes Charge as 13th Commandant of the Indian Naval Academy

- The **Indian Naval Academy (INA)**, Ezhimala, witnessed a leadership transition with **Vice Admiral Alok Ananda** taking over as the **13th Commandant** on **1 August 2026**. He succeeded **Vice Admiral Manish Chadha**, whose tenure was marked by a strong focus on professional training and leadership development.
- **Background**
- The Indian Naval Academy is the premier institution responsible for training officers of the Indian Navy and the Indian Coast Guard. It plays a vital role in preparing future naval leaders through rigorous academic, physical, and professional training.
- **Significance**
- The appointment of Vice Admiral Alok Ananda is expected to further strengthen the academy's training standards and prepare officers for emerging maritime challenges.
- **Key Points**

- **Officer:** Vice Admiral Alok Ananda
- **Appointment:** 13th Commandant, INA
- **Date:** 1 August 2026
- **Location:** Ezhimala, Kerala



## Air Marshal Tejpal Singh Appointed Deputy Chief of Air Staff

- **Air Marshal Tejpal Singh** has assumed charge as the **Deputy Chief of the Air Staff** of the Indian Air Force. He succeeds **Air Marshal Awadhesh Kumar Bharti**, who retired after nearly four decades of distinguished service.
- **Background**
- Commissioned as a fighter pilot on **16 June 1990**, Air Marshal Tejpal Singh has accumulated over **3,500 flying hours**. He is a **Category 'A' Qualified Flying Instructor** and an **Experimental Test Pilot**, with extensive operational, command, and staff experience.
- **Significance**
- His appointment will contribute to strengthening operational preparedness, training, and modernization efforts within the Indian Air Force.
- **Key Points**
- **Officer:** Air Marshal Tejpal Singh
- **Appointment:** Deputy Chief of Air Staff
- **Flying Experience:** Over 3,500 hours
- **Commissioned:** 16 June 1990



## NCC Organises Cyclothon 2026 to Promote Fitness and Patriotism

- The **National Cadet Corps (NCC)** organised **Cyclothon 2026** in **New Delhi** on **2 August 2026** to commemorate **79 years of India's Independence**. The event encouraged youth participation in fitness, environmental conservation, and national service.
- **Background**
- The Cyclothon promoted awareness about healthy living while reinforcing values such as patriotism, discipline, unity, and social responsibility among young citizens.
- **Key Highlights**
- Led by **Lieutenant General Virendra Vats**, Director General, NCC.
- **79 NCC cadets** completed a symbolic **79-kilometre ride**.
- Conducted under the theme "**Clean India, Green India, Fit India.**"
- Supported national campaigns including:
  - Swachh Bharat
  - TB Mukta Bharat
  - Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam
  - Har Ghar Tiranga
- **Significance**
- The initiative highlighted the NCC's role in nation-building by promoting fitness, environmental responsibility, and civic participation.



## President Droupadi Murmu Flags Off PBG Soldierathon

- President **Droupadi Murmu** virtually flagged off the **President's Bodyguards (PBG) Soldierathon** from **Rashtrapati Bhavan**. The event was organised to honour the courage and sacrifice of India's Armed Forces while strengthening civilian participation in supporting military personnel.
- **Background**
- The Soldierathon was conducted under the slogan "**Run for Soldiers, Run with Soldiers**" and centred on the theme "**Supporting Real Heroes – the Armed Forces of India.**"
- **Key Highlights**
- A **Special Postal Cover** was released on the occasion.
- Race held at **Cariappa Parade Ground, Delhi Cantonment**.
- Categories included **3 km, 5 km, and 10 km** runs.
- Funds raised support:
  - Paraplegic Rehabilitation Centre
  - Welfare of battle casualty families
  - Welfare of President's Bodyguards' horses and personnel
- **Significance**

- The event strengthened the connection between civilians and the Armed Forces while promoting awareness of veterans' welfare.



## Fourth Tri-Services Future Warfare Course Begins in New Delhi

- The **Fourth Tri-Services Future Warfare Course** commenced at the **Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi**, on **3 August 2026**. The programme is conducted under the **Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS)** and coordinated by the **Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS)**.
- **Background**
- The four-week programme brings together officers from the Army, Navy, Air Force, government organisations, industry, academia, and strategic think tanks to study emerging military challenges.
- **Key Topics**
- Artificial Intelligence
- Quantum Technologies
- Cyber Warfare
- Cognitive Warfare
- Information Warfare
- Autonomous Systems

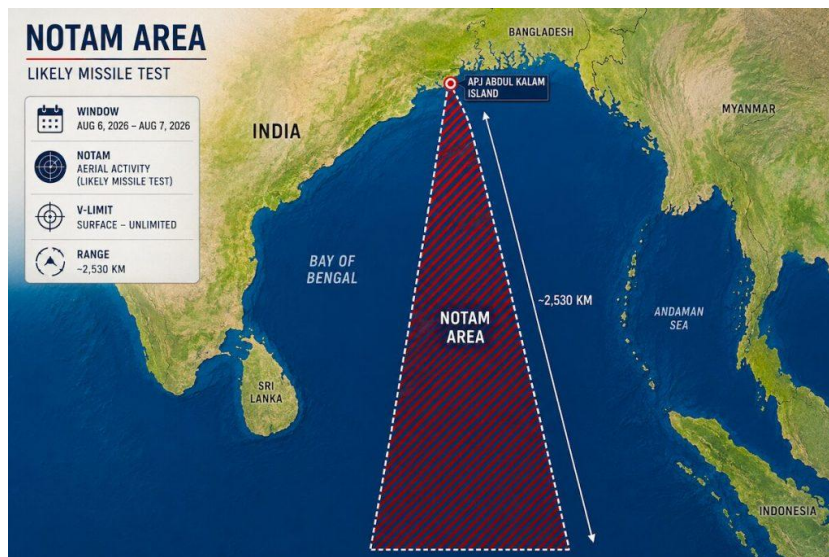
- Space and Maritime Operations
- Multi-domain Warfare
- Grey-zone Operations
- **Significance**
- The course aims to develop joint operational thinking and prepare defence leaders for future technology-driven conflicts.



## India Issues 2,530-km NOTAM for Long-Range Missile Trial

- India has issued a **Notice to Airmen (NOTAM)** covering a **2,530-kilometre corridor** over the **Indian Ocean Region** for a scheduled long-range missile test between **6–7 August 2026**. The advisory temporarily restricts civilian aviation and maritime activities to ensure safety during the missile trial.
- **Background**
- The missile is expected to be launched from **Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island**, Odisha, under the supervision of **DRDO** and the **Strategic Forces Command (SFC)**.
- **Possible Missile Systems**
- Experts believe the trial could involve:
- **Agni-IV Ballistic Missile**
- **Agni-V Ballistic Missile**

- **K-4 Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM)**
- The specified test corridor may indicate a partial-range validation focusing on guidance, propulsion, or re-entry systems.
- **Significance**
  - The missile trial demonstrates India's continued efforts to modernise its strategic deterrence capabilities and strengthen national security through advanced missile technologies.
- **Key Points**
  - **NOTAM Length:** 2,530 km
  - **Test Window:** 6–7 August 2026
  - **Launch Site:** Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha
  - **Agencies:** DRDO and Strategic Forces Command (SFC)
  - **Likely Missiles:** Agni-IV, Agni-V, or K-4 SLBM



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. The fifth Diving Support Craft (DSC A24) launched for the Indian Navy was built by:**

- A) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)
- B) Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)
- C) Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL)
- D) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)

**Answer: C) Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL)**

**Explanation:** DSC A24, the fifth Diving Support Craft, was designed and constructed by Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL) in accordance with Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) and Naval standards.

**2. Who assumed charge as the 13th Commandant of the Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala, on 1 August 2026?**

- A) Vice Admiral Manish Chadha
- B) Vice Admiral Dinesh Tripathi
- C) Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh
- D) Vice Admiral Alok Ananda

**Answer: D) Vice Admiral Alok Ananda**

**Explanation:** Vice Admiral Alok Ananda took over as the 13th Commandant of the Indian Naval Academy, succeeding Vice Admiral Manish Chadha.

**3. Air Marshal Tejpal Singh, who became the Deputy Chief of Air Staff, has accumulated approximately:**

- A) 2,000 flying hours
- B) 2,800 flying hours
- C) 3,000 flying hours
- D) More than 3,500 flying hours

**Answer: D) More than 3,500 flying hours**

**Explanation:** Air Marshal Tejpal Singh is an experienced fighter pilot with over 3,500 hours of flying experience and is also a Category 'A' Qualified Flying Instructor.

**4. NCC Cyclothon 2026 was organised under which theme?**

- A) Youth for Nation Building
- B) Har Ghar Tiranga

- C) Fit Youth, Strong Nation
- D) Clean India, Green India, Fit India

**Answer: D) Clean India, Green India, Fit India**

**Explanation:** The NCC organised Cyclothon 2026 under the theme "Clean India, Green India, Fit India" to promote fitness, environmental responsibility, and patriotism.

**5. The PBG Soldierathon was organised with the vision:**

- A) Run for Fitness
- B) India Runs Together
- C) Mission Healthy India
- D) Run for Soldiers, Run with Soldiers

**Answer: D) Run for Soldiers, Run with Soldiers**

**Explanation:** The Soldierathon aimed to strengthen the bond between civilians and the Armed Forces through the vision "Run for Soldiers, Run with Soldiers."

**6. The Fourth Tri-Services Future Warfare Course is being coordinated by:**

- A) National Defence College (NDC)
- B) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- C) Army War College
- D) Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS)

**Answer: D) Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS)**

**Explanation:** The four-week course is conducted under the aegis of HQ IDS and coordinated by the Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS).

**7. India issued a 2,530-km NOTAM over the Indian Ocean Region for a scheduled:**

- A) Naval Exercise
- B) Anti-submarine Exercise
- C) Satellite Launch
- D) Long-range Missile Test

**Answer: D) Long-range Missile Test**

**Explanation:** India issued the NOTAM to ensure the safety of civilian aviation and maritime traffic during a long-range missile test scheduled between 6–7 August 2026.

**8. Where Is the Hq of the Southern Western Command of The Indian Army?**

- A. Jaipur
- B. Jabalpur
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

**ANSWER: A**

**9. Sea Dragon Exercise Hosted By**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**10. India Purchased C 130 J from**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**11. College of Military Engineering (CME) Is Located At**

- A. Pune
- B. Kamptee
- C. Mumbai
- D. Noida

**ANSWER: A**

**12. Which Country Ranked Third Highest in the World Defence Expenditure?**

- A. Australia
- B. USA
- C. France
- D. Bharat

**ANSWER: D**

**13. Regimental Center of PUNJAB REGIMENT Is In**

- A. Balasore, Odisha
- B. Chennai, T.N.

- C. Trombay, M.H.
- D. Ramgarh Cantonment, Jharkhand

**ANSWER: D**

**14. India Purchased IAI Searcher UAV from**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**15. KHARTOUM Is the Capital Of**

- A. Spain
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Suriname
- D. Sudan

**ANSWER: D**

**16. "A Promised Land" Book Is Written By**

- A. Barack Obama
- B. Meena Iyer
- C. Amish Tripathi
- D. PS Sreedharan Pillai

**ANSWER: A**

**17. "We Protect" Is the Motto Of**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**18. Joint Exercises B/w The India and France Is Called:**

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. GARUDA

**ANSWER: D**

**19. India Purchased MiG-21 from**

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

**ANSWER: D**

**20. Ex SURYA KIRAN Conducted b/w India &**

- A. Bhutan
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. UAE
- D. Nepal

**ANSWER: D**