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65TH Subroto Cup International Football Tournament

- The 65th edition of Subroto Cup International Football Tournament commenced on 18 Aug 26 at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Stadium in New Delhi.
- The opening day featured an exciting encounter in the Junior Girls (under-17) category, with Meghalaya scoring victory over Chandigarh by 2-0 in the featured match. The goal scorers from Meghalaya were Ms Genefa and Ms Wandari.
- The opening ceremony featured a vibrant line-up of performances that added color and energy to the occasion. Highlights included performance by the Air Warriors Drill Team, and a cultural presentation by students of the Air Force Golden Jubilee Institute.
- Featuring 108 teams in three categories, Junior Girls (U-17), Junior Boys (U-17), and Sub-Junior Boys (U-15), the tournament is divided into eight groups per category. Group winners will advance to the knockout stages, to culminating in the tournament finals.
- The 65th Subroto Cup underlines its enduring commitment to nurturing grassroots football and providing young athletes with a platform to compete, develop and aspire for greater heights in the sport.



Bharat To Host 5th Coast Guard Global Summit

- Coinciding with the Swarnim Jayanti of the Bharatiya Tatrakshak, India will host the fifth Coast Guard Global Summit (CGGS) in New Delhi in February 2027. As part of the preparatory engagements, the Bharatiya Tatrakshak hosted the Working Level Meeting (WLM) of the 5th CGGS in hybrid mode.
- The deliberations focused on key institutional and organisational aspects of the forthcoming Summit, including the refinement of the CGGS Meeting Guidelines, strengthening of the Information Sharing Mechanism, and further development and management of the CGGS website.
- Discussions also explored avenues for enhancing collective capability building through greater exchange of professional expertise, operational experiences and best practices.
- The Working Level Meeting provided an important platform to advance institutional preparations for the 5th CGGS and facilitate dialogue and coordination among participating maritime agencies.
- The meeting also reviewed the proposed Activity Calendar for future collaborative engagements, aimed at promoting sustained cooperation and strengthening maritime partnerships among participating agencies.
- The 5th CGGS will be a significant manifestation of Bharat's MAHASAGAR vision and its commitment to fostering a collaborative, inclusive and forward-looking maritime order.



Land Space Lands Zhuque-3 Booster in Reusable

- Land Space, a Beijing-based private space startup, launched its 66-metre Zhuque-3 Y2 rocket and vertically landed its first-stage booster. The mission placed the Honghu-3 commercial internet satellite into its designated orbit and marked China's first land recovery of an orbital-class rocket booster.
- Zhuque-3 is a stainless-steel launch vehicle powered by liquid oxygen and methane. It is designed to carry up to 14.2 metric tonnes to low Earth orbit and to be reused up to 20 times.
- The rocket lifted off at 7:35 a.m. Beijing time from the Dongfeng Commercial Space Innovation Pilot Zone in northwest China. The first-stage booster landed in Minqin County, Gansu province, about 390 kilometres away, using landing legs for vertical recovery.
- The 19 August 2026 landing was China's second orbital booster recovery. The first was carried out by the state-owned China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation on 10 July 2026, when a Long March 10B booster was recovered using a sea-based net-capture system.
- Land Space is seeking to raise 7.5 billion yuan through an initial public offering on the Shanghai Stock Exchange's STAR Market. The company has set a profitability target for 2029.



DRDO's RCI Invites Private Firms To Co-Develop Tactical Missiles

- Research Centre Imarat in Hyderabad has formally invited qualified private Indian firms to co-develop and manufacture tactical missile systems and guided munition.
- This marks a significant defence policy shift aimed at scaling up domestic wartime production capacity and reducing reliance on imports. The initiative is designed to strengthen India's self-reliance in advanced weapon systems while ensuring rapid production scalability during conflict scenarios.
- The framework for this initiative is structured under the Development-cum-Production Partner model and strategic weapon manufacturing programs. The model typically involves selecting at least two private industry partners for each missile or guided bomb project.
- The focus areas under this policy include advanced tactical surface-to-air systems, indigenous air-to-air missile ecosystems such as ASTRA, and guided munitions. These categories represent critical capabilities for modern warfare, where precision, speed, and reliability are paramount.
- The ASTRA program, in particular, has already demonstrated India's ability to produce indigenous beyond-visual-range air-to-air missiles, and expanding private participation is expected to accelerate its ecosystem development.
- To qualify for participation, firms must meet stringent financial criteria. A minimum annual turnover of ₹100 crore and a net worth of ₹34 crore are required, alongside a credit rating of BBB or better.
- This policy shift comes at a time when India is actively decentralising its defence manufacturing ecosystem. Recent reforms have already opened tactical missile production to private firms, ending the monopoly of **Bharat Dynamics Limited**.



Defence Secretary Concludes Two-Day Visit to Armenia

- Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh visited Armenia from August 17-18, 2026. During the visit, he held bilateral meetings with Deputy Defence Minister of Armenia, Mr Karen Brutyan, and First Deputy Defence Minister and Chief of General Staff of Armenia, Mr Edward Asryan.
- The discussions covered the entire gamut of ongoing defence and military technical cooperation, with particular emphasis on capacity building, training, military technical cooperation and defence research and development (R&D). The two sides also exchanged the Terms of Reference for institutionalising Joint Services Staff Talks between the Indian and Armenian Armed Forces.
- The Defence Secretary called on Mr Davit Tradevosyan, Minister of Hi-tech Industry of Armenia, and exchanged views on proposals relating to defence research and development. Coinciding with the visit, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two Defence Ministries to expand cooperation in the fields of joint collaboration, innovation and research was concluded and signed.
- Rajesh Kumar Singh also called on Mr Suren Papikyan, Minister of Defence of Armenia. During the meeting, both sides reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthen India-Armenia defence cooperation and discussed new avenues for enhancing cooperation in military technical cooperation.
- As part of the visit, the Defence Secretary visited the Armenian Military Academy named after Vazgen Sargasyan and interacted with the Head and faculty members of the Academy. During his visit to the IT Lab at the Academy, established with Indian assistance, he underlined the vital role of capacity building and training as an important pillar of India-Armenia defence cooperation.

- The Defence Secretary had a fruitful meeting with Deputy Foreign Minister of Armenia, Mr Mnatsakan Safaryan, in Yerevan. The discussions focused on the expanding defence partnership between India and Armenia. As Armenia seeks to diversify its defence procurement, India has emerged as a major partner in military technical cooperation. Both countries share similar views on multilateralism and strategic autonomy.
- The visit demonstrated the increasing congruence of views between India and Armenia on bilateral, regional and global issues, besides reaffirming the firm commitment of both sides to take the already robust bilateral defence partnership to the next level.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The 65th Subroto Cup International Football Tournament commenced in which city?

- A) Mumbai
- B) New Delhi
- C) Kolkata
- D) Bengaluru

Answer: B) New Delhi

2. India will host the 5th Coast Guard Global Summit (CGGS) in which month of 2027?

- A) January
- B) February
- C) March
- D) April

Answer: B) February

3. Which private Chinese space company successfully landed the first-stage booster of the Zhuque-3 Y2 rocket?

- A) Space Pioneer
- B) Galactic Energy
- C) Land Space
- D) iSpace

Answer: C) Land Space

4. DRDO's Research Centre Imarat invited private Indian companies to co-develop and manufacture:

- A) Naval helicopters
- B) Tactical missiles and guided munitions
- C) Main battle tanks
- D) Transport aircraft

Answer: B) Tactical missiles and guided munitions

5. What is the minimum annual turnover requirement mentioned for private firms seeking participation in the DRDO missile development initiative?

- A) ₹50 crore
- B) ₹75 crore
- C) ₹100 crore
- D) ₹150 crore

Answer: C) ₹100 crore

6. Who visited Armenia from 17–18 August 2026 to strengthen India-Armenia defence cooperation?

- A) Rajnath Singh
- B) Rajesh Kumar Singh
- C) Sanjay Seth
- D) General Dhiraj Seth

Answer: B) Rajesh Kumar Singh

7. NSG Stands For

- A. Nuclear Suppliers Group
- B. Nucleoid Suppliers Group
- C. Non-Suppliers Group

D. Nuclear Supply Group

ANSWER: A

8. Motto Of CBI Is

A. Victory Everywhere

B. Always Alert

C. Industry, Impartiality, Integrity

D. None

ANSWER: C

9. First Made In India Passenger Aircraft Is____

A. Dornier 228

B. Chetak

C. Cheetah

D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

10. The Cheetah Is A

A. Helicopter

B. Machine Gun

C. UAV

D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: A

11. INS Sindhukesari Is A

A. Destroyer

B. OPV

C. Submarine

D. Tank

ANSWER: C

12. "Billions & Billions" Book Is Written By

A. Shashi Tharoor

B. Carl Sagan

C. Hew Strachan

D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: B

13. WNC Hq Is In

- A. Mumbai
- B. Kochi
- C. Chennai
- D. Panaji

ANSWER: A

14. QRFV Stands For

- A. Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle Medium
- B. Quick Reaction Fighting Vast Medium
- C. Quick Reaction Fight Vehicle Medium
- D. None

ANSWER: A

15. Amnesty International Is In

- A. Queenstown, Singapore
- B. Brussels, Belgium
- C. Rome, Italy
- D. London, United Kingdom

ANSWER: D

16. Aeronautical Development Agency Is In

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Noida
- C. New Delhi
- D. Gurugram

ANSWER: A

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

- A. Yama
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Zayed Talwar

ANSWER: D

18. Indian Army Artillery School Devlali Comes Under

- A. Northern Command
- B. Eastern Command
- C. Western Command

D. Southern Command

ANSWER: D

19. Strength's Origin is in Science Is The Motto Of

A. ISRO

B. DRDO

C. NASA

D. Indian Army

ANSWER: B

20. INS Airavat Is A

A. Destroyer

B. OPV

C. Submarine

D. Amphibious warfare

ANSWER: D