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National Security Strategies (NSS) Conference-2026

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Co-operation Shri Amit Shah inaugurated the 9th two-day National Security Strategies (NSS) Conference-2026 in New Delhi.
- The Conference held in hybrid format was attended by over 850 participants from across the country. Ministers of State for Home Affairs, Union Home Secretary, Deputy NSAs, Heads of CAPFs/CPOs attended the conference in Delhi.
- DGsP of States and UTs, young police officers working at the cutting-edge level and domain experts from specialised fields joined the conference through virtual mode.
- On the first day of the Conference, discussions focused on critical aspects of national security, including response to counter-terrorism challenges, fusion, analysis and operationalisation of intelligence through the Multi Agency Centre vision document on narcotics control, detection & deportation of illegal migrants, a policy framework to combat cyber-crime and proxy warfare by Pakistan.
- For effective tackling of terrorism & radicalisation, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah emphasised on training for implementation of MHA's PRAHAAR scheme, expediting trial by bringing back fugitives & using trial in absentia provisions and undertaking comprehensive and integrated approach while investigating UAPA cases.
- NSSC has been held every year in hybrid format since 2021, with the objective of finding solutions to major National Security Challenges using the extensive experience of cutting-edge level officers working at the grass roots level in collaboration with domain experts.



The counter-terrorism strategy of India, '**PRAHAAR**', flows from these ideals and is predicated on the following:

Prevention of terror attacks to protect Indian citizens and interests;

Responses, which are swift and proportionate to the threat posed;

Aggregating internal capacities for achieving synergy in a whole-of-government approach;

Human rights and 'Rule of Law' based processes for mitigation of threats;

Attenuating the conditions enabling terrorism, including radicalization;

Aligning and shaping the international efforts to counter terrorism;

Recovery and resilience through a whole-of-society approach.

Sigma Deepens Ties with UK's Rolls-Royce

- Defence and aerospace firm Sigma Advanced Systems has secured an additional long-term agreement worth nearly £125 million (about Rs 1,600 crore) with UK-based Rolls-Royce through its recently acquired UK subsidiary, Leicester-based Bromford Precision Solutions, further expanding the Indian company's partnership with the aerospace major.
- The agreement builds on a previously secured long-term Rolls-Royce contract worth about £300 million (around Rs 3,800 crore), taking the combined value of the two agreements to nearly £425 million. The earlier deal was a seven-year agreement covering the manufacture and supply of high-precision aerospace components.

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- The deal follows Sigma's acquisition of 100% of UK-based Bromford Precision Solutions for about £11.89 million (around Rs 153 crore) in July



China Develops Missile To Target Planes

- The Chinese military has developed hypersonic glide vehicles that can launch air-to-air weapons, an advancement meant to threaten high-value targets such as command-and-control aircraft thousands of miles away.
- The breakthrough is part of a larger effort by China to use its missile arsenal — the world's largest at more than 3,150 ballistic weapons — for nearly every military task, according to a person with direct knowledge of the matter.
- Meanwhile, the US is struggling with supplies of crucial air defense missiles and long-range strike weapons after six months of war with Iran.
- China also added air-to-air capabilities to some hypersonic cruise missiles and built anti-ship capabilities into several types of missiles, said the person, who asked not to be identified because of the sensitivity of the information.
- A hypersonic glide vehicle deployed from a DF-17 missile could travel about 1,500 miles (2,414 kilometers) — just short of the distance from China to the US

territory of Guam, a major military site. The DF-27 missile has a maximum range of about 5,000 miles, putting Hawaii in range.

- The Pentagon estimates China had at least 3,150 ballistic missiles and 300 ground-launched cruise missiles as of 2024. Those represent increases of 147% and 50%, respectively, from 2015, when the US started disclosing such estimates.



AK-203's Indigenous Transformation

- India has reached a major milestone in its defence manufacturing journey with the successful test-firing of the first fully indigenised AK-203 “Sher” rifle at the Korwa Ordnance Factory in Amethi, Uttar Pradesh.
- On 23 August, the prototype was fired using only Indian-sourced components and raw materials, marking the first time that the country has produced a modern assault rifle entirely within its own industrial ecosystem
- This achievement demonstrates India’s ability to crack the Kalashnikov code without reliance on imported parts.
- The AK-203 Sher is a modernised version of the famous Russian Kalashnikov series. Manufactured by Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL), the rifle weighs around 3.6 kilograms, lighter than the ageing INSAS rifle which weighs 4.15 kilograms. It can engage targets up to 800 metres, with a battle sight range of 350 metres.
- Equipped with a 415-millimetre barrel and a cyclic rate of about 700 rounds per minute, it fires the 7.62×39 mm intermediate cartridge. This heavier projectile is optimised for robust performance at short and medium combat ranges,

contrasting with the lighter 5.56×45 mm ammunition used in rifles such as the US-made M4 and Germany's HK416.

- The AK-203 Sher offers several advantages over the INSAS rifle, which was designed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation and inducted in the 1990s. Troops had long complained about the INSAS's tendency to jam and its transparent magazine cracking in freezing temperatures.
- Its smaller calibre 5.56×45 mm bullet was also criticised for being more suited to incapacitating rather than neutralising targets. In comparison, the Sher's 30-round magazine surpasses the INSAS's 20-round capacity, and its effective range of 800 metres doubles the INSAS's 400-metre capability.

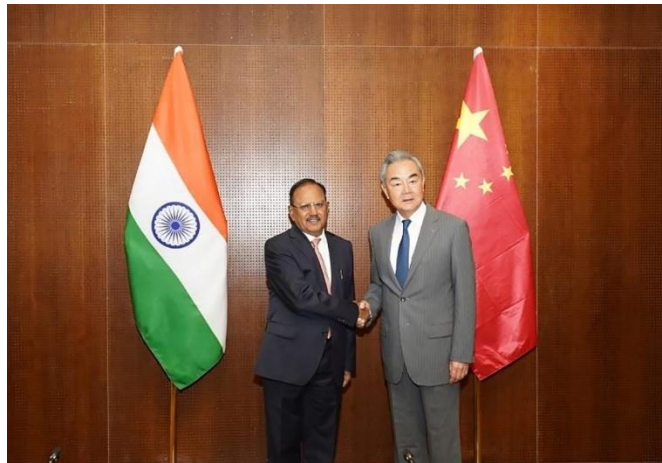


NSA Ajit Doval Arrives In Beijing

- Ajit Doval has arrived in Beijing for the 25th round of India-China boundary talks with Wang Yi, a meeting that comes at a sensitive moment ahead of Xi Jinping's expected visit to New Delhi for the BRICS summit.
- The talks are being closely watched as both sides attempt to consolidate disengagement agreements and stabilise ties after years of military tensions.
- Ajit Doval reached Beijing on Monday for a two-day visit. He will hold discussions with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on the long-standing boundary question. The meeting marks the 25th round of Special Representatives' talks, scheduled for 25 August. During his stay, Doval is also expected to meet Chinese Vice-President Han Zheng.
- The visit follows China's recent statement that the border situation is "generally stable." Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun referred to the 36th

meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on Border Affairs, noting that both sides agreed to maintain communication through diplomatic and military channels to jointly uphold peace and tranquillity.

- India, however, has reiterated that the state of bilateral ties will depend directly on developments along the border. Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal emphasised that peace and tranquillity along the frontier remain essential, making clear that relations will reflect the situation on the ground.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Who inaugurated the 9th National Security Strategies (NSS) Conference 2026?

- A. Rajnath Singh
- B. Amit Shah
- C. Ajit Doval
- D. S. Jaishankar

Answer: B. Amit Shah

2. Sigma Advanced Systems has entered into a long-term agreement with which company?

- A. BAE Systems
- B. Lockheed Martin
- C. Rolls-Royce
- D. Airbus

Answer: C. Rolls-Royce

3. The first fully indigenised AK-203 “Sher” rifle was test-fired at which location?

- A. Korwa Ordnance Factory, Amethi
- B. Avadi Ordnance Factory, Chennai
- C. Rifle Factory Ishapore, West Bengal
- D. Small Arms Factory, Kanpur

Answer: A. Korwa Ordnance Factory, Amethi

4. The AK-203 “Sher” rifle uses which cartridge?

- A. 5.56×45 mm
- B. 7.62×51 mm
- C. 7.62×39 mm
- D. 9×19 mm

Answer: C. 7.62×39 mm

5. NSA Ajit Doval visited Beijing for the 25th round of boundary talks with which Chinese official?

- A. Xi Jinping
- B. Wang Yi
- C. Li Qiang
- D. Han Zheng

Answer: B. Wang Yi

6. Since which year has the National Security Strategies Conference been held annually in hybrid format?

- A. 2019
- B. 2020
- C. 2021
- D. 2022

Answer: C. 2021

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