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TOT of DRDO-developed Missile Systems To Indian Defence Industry

- Rajnath Singh has approved the transfer of DRDO-developed technologies of all conventional missile systems to the Indian defence industry for production within the country.
- This Transfer of Technology marks an important milestone in promoting greater participation of the domestic industries in the defence ecosystem by enabling them to undertake indigenous production, as per applicable qualifications, certifications and regulatory requirements.
- The provision will enable successful transition of missile system development to industrial production, reflecting the continued efforts of DRDO to leverage the capabilities of the Indian industry for the development and manufacture of advanced defence systems.
- The objective is to enhance domestic manufacturing capabilities, strengthen the defence industrial base and create opportunities for the participation of Indian MSMEs and other technology partners in the supply chain.
- The initiative aims to enhance operational capability, reduce import dependence and increase domestic value addition, while supporting the growth of India's defence manufacturing sector.



Indian Navy Set To Commission 2nd Indigenous Diving Support Vessel 'NIPUN'

- The Indian Navy is set to commission Nipun, the second Diving Support Vessel (DSV) of the Nistar-class, on 31 Aug 2026 at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.
- The induction of the specialised vessel will mark an important addition to the Navy's deep-sea diving and underwater support capabilities and herald the beginning of a new chapter in the ship's journey from construction to operational service.
- Indigenously designed and constructed by Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam, Nipun represents a significant milestone in India's pursuit of self-reliance in defence shipbuilding.
- Nipun is a purpose-built platform designed to support a wide spectrum of diving and underwater operations. The ship is equipped with modern diving systems and underwater intervention capabilities, enabling sustained support to divers operating in demanding conditions at sea.
- The ship incorporates modern systems for navigation, platform management and precise station keeping, complemented by specialised facilities for diving, underwater intervention and medical support.



2nd India-New Zealand Defence Strategic Dialogue

- The second edition of Defence Strategic Dialogue between India and New Zealand took place in Wellington on August 24, 2026.
- Co-chaired by Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defence Shri Amitabh Prasad and Deputy Secretary, New Zealand Ministry of Defence Mr Richard Schmidt, the high-level talks focused on advancing maritime security, joint military training, and overall defence cooperation.
- Building on the shared framework established at the summit-level meeting last month, both delegations engaged in comprehensive discussions to advance the newly elevated Strategic Partnership.
- Key agenda items focused on implementing the strategic targets outlined in the India-New Zealand Strategic Partnership Roadmap 2030.
- The two nations reaffirmed their commitment to a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific region. Delegations extensively reviewed options to expand military-to-military engagement via joint training exercises, cross-service personnel exchanges, and defence staff college partnerships across maritime, air, and land units.



GSL Hands Over ICGS Ajit to Indian Coast Guard

- Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), a leading Defence Public Sector Undertaking, achieved another milestone in indigenous shipbuilding with the formal handing over of ICGS Ajit (Yard 1277), a state-of-the-art Fast Patrol Vessel to the ICG.
- Built with more than 65 per cent indigenous content, ICGS Ajit reflects the growing capabilities of India's domestic defence shipbuilding industry and the Government's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- The 51.43-metre-long and 8-metre-wide vessel has a displacement of 330 tonnes at a draught of 2.5 metres. It is powered by twin marine diesel engines driving controllable pitch propellers (CPP), a first-of-its-kind feature in this class of Fast Patrol Vessels, providing improved propulsion efficiency and operational performance.
- With a top speed of more than 27 knots and an endurance of 1,500 nautical miles, the vessel is equipped with an advanced integrated machinery control system to enhance operational readiness, efficiency and sustainability.
- ICGS Ajit will be operated by a crew of 6 officers and 35 sailors. The vessel has been designed to undertake a range of critical maritime security missions, including fisheries protection, Exclusive Economic Zone surveillance, coastal patrolling, anti-smuggling and anti-piracy operations, as well as search and rescue missions.
- The induction of ICGS Ajit will strengthen the Indian Coast Guard's capabilities in safeguarding India's coastal and offshore areas and contribute to the country's maritime security architecture.

- The handing over of the vessel further underlines Goa Shipyard Limited's commitment to delivering advanced, high-performance platforms for India's defence forces.
- It also reinforces GSL's role in advancing indigenous shipbuilding, promoting defence self-reliance and supporting India's ambition to emerge as a global shipbuilding hub under the Make in India initiative.



US Removes Syria from Terrorism Sponsor List

- The United States Department of State removed Syria from its list of State Sponsors of Terrorism on 24 August 2026. The designation had remained in force since 29 December 1979.
- The Department of State also revoked the designation of the al-Nusrah Front, also known as Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist organisation on the same date.
- The State Sponsors of Terrorism list is a United States foreign policy tool used by the Department of State. It is linked to restrictions on foreign assistance, defence exports, and certain financial transactions. The list is separate from the Specially Designated Nationals List maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).
- OFAC removed HTS from its SDN List and revoked Syria General License 25 on 24 August 2026. General licences are authorisations issued by OFAC for specified transactions that would otherwise be prohibited under sanctions rules. The 45-day congressional review period began after Secretary of State Marco Rubio notified Congress on 8 July 2026.



US Launches Operation Economic Outcast

- On 24 August 2026, the United States announced “Operation Economic Outcast”, a sanctions campaign led by Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent against Iran.
- The measures expanded U.S. sanctions coverage to five sectors of the Iranian economy and targeted 60 individuals, entities, and vessels linked to cyber operations, oil sales, and procurement networks.
- Operation Economic Outcast is a U.S. economic and diplomatic pressure campaign directed at Iran. The United States Department of the Treasury used the campaign to widen restrictions on digital assets and cryptocurrency, weapons-related technology, gold, airlines, and shipping.
- Secondary sanctions are penalties imposed by one country on third-party persons, firms, or banks that conduct business with a sanctioned state. In this case, U.S. officials warned that foreign entities facilitating transactions with Iran could face exclusion from the U.S. dollar system.



NSG Launches First All-Women Commando Course

- The **National Security Guard (NSG) Training Academy** launched India's first-ever **Mahila Commando Conversion Course (MCCC)** on 24 August 2026 at its garrison in **Manesar, Haryana**.
- The 12-week residential programme is designed for selected women personnel from State Police Forces and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and includes counter-terrorism training, weapons handling, marksmanship, tactical intervention, and hostage rescue drills.
- The National Security Guard is a federal counter-terrorism force under the MHA. It was raised in 1984 after **Operation Blue Star** and the **assassination of PM Indira Gandhi**, and it functions as a specialised force for anti-hijacking, counter-terror operations, and high-risk security duties.
- The **Mahila Commando Conversion Course** is a 12-week intensive residential training programme. It is structured to build advanced operational skills in female personnel drawn from police and paramilitary formations.
- The course began on 24 August 2026 at the NSG Training Academy in Manesar.
- The first batch included 25 women constables from the Rajasthan Armed Constabulary's 5th Battalion at Ghatgate.
- The training syllabus includes physical conditioning, weapons proficiency, marksmanship, tactical intervention, and hostage rescue drills.
- The programme uses the theme and hashtag "She Who Dares, Leads".



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Who approved the transfer of DRDO-developed technologies of conventional missile systems to the Indian defence industry?

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

Answer: B. Rajnath Singh

2. NIPUN, which is scheduled to be commissioned by the Indian Navy, is a:

- A. Guided Missile Destroyer
- B. Fast Patrol Vessel
- C. Diving Support Vessel
- D. Landing Ship

Answer: C. Diving Support Vessel

3. NIPUN belongs to which class of vessels?

- A. Vikrant Class
- B. Nistar Class
- C. Shivalik Class
- D. Sandhayak Class

Answer: B. Nistar Class

4. The second India–New Zealand Defence Strategic Dialogue 2026 was held in:

- A. New Delhi
- B. Auckland
- C. Wellington
- D. Mumbai

Answer: C. Wellington

5. ICGS Ajit has been built by which organisation?

- A. Cochin Shipyard Limited
- B. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers
- C. Goa Shipyard Limited
- D. Hindustan Shipyard Limited

Answer: C. Goa Shipyard Limited

6. What type of vessel is ICGS Ajit?

- A. Diving Support Vessel
- B. Fast Patrol Vessel
- C. Offshore Patrol Vessel
- D. Survey Vessel

Answer: B. Fast Patrol Vessel

7. Which country was removed from the US State Sponsors of Terrorism list on 24 August 2026?

- A. Iran
- B. Iraq
- C. Syria
- D. Libya

Answer: C. Syria

8. 'Operation Economic Outcast' announced by the United States was directed against:

- A. Russia
- B. Iran
- C. North Korea
- D. Syria

Answer: B. Iran

9. Where was India's first Mahila Commando Conversion Course launched?

- A. Gurugram, Haryana
- B. Manesar, Haryana
- C. New Delhi
- D. Jaipur, Rajasthan

Answer: B. Manesar, Haryana

10. What is the theme of the NSG's Mahila Commando Conversion Course?

- A. Nari Shakti, Rashtriya Shakti
- B. Women in National Security
- C. She Who Dares, Leads
- D. Empowering Women, Securing India

Answer: C. She Who Dares, Leads

11. Colonel Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank Of Indian Navy Is

- A. Commander
- B. Captain
- C. Group Captain
- D. Lieutenant

ANSWER: B

12. Maitree Exercise Held B/W India And____?

- A. Thailand
- B. USA
- C. Qatar
- D. Singapore

ANSWER: A

13. Tangail Airdrop Was Done At Which War

- A. 1948
- B. 1962
- C. 1965
- D. 1971

ANSWER: D

14. War Cry of NAGA REGIMENT

- A. Bharat Mata ki Jai
- B. Ki ki so so Lhargyalo

- C. Jai Durga Naga
- D. Durga Mata Ki Jai

ANSWER: C

15. Kamov Ka-31 Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle
- C. Helicopter
- D. Submachine gun

ANSWER: C

16. High Altitude Warfare School Is At

- A. Wellington
- B. Gulmarg
- C. Shimla
- D. Dehradun

ANSWER: B

17. War Cry of THE MAHAR REGIMENT

- A. Bharat Mata ki Jai
- B. Bolo Hindustan Ki Jay
- C. Jai Hind
- D. Durga Mata Ki Jai

ANSWER: B

18. Southwestern Air Command Of IAF Is In

- A. Prayagraj
- B. Gandhinagar
- C. Shillong
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: B

19. Bagram Air Base Located In

- A. Pakistan
- B. Iraq
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Qatar

ANSWER: C

20. Dassault Aviation Is A Company Of

- A. Thailand
- B. USA
- C. Qatar
- D. France

ANSWER: D