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Delivery of Samarthak

- Samarthak, the first Multi-Purpose Vessel (MPV), built by Larsen & Toubro Ltd. (L&T), Kattupalli, was delivered to the Indian Navy on 27 Aug 2026.
- The ship comprises over 75 percent indigenous content and has been conceived as a versatile trial and evaluation platform.
- Further, the ship is engineered to perform maritime surveillance and reconnaissance, Offshore patrolling and support Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief operations, when required.
- The ship has been aptly named 'Samarthak', meaning 'The Proponent'. The name signifies the ship's intended role as a dependable enabler of multiple missions.
- True to its designation, Samarthak is not limited to one specific task but is engineered to support a wide spectrum of activities, thereby embodying the concept of a multi-purpose vessel.



Bhoomi Puja for T-Series Tanks Overhaul Project

- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav performed the Bhoomi Puja for T-Series Tanks Overhaul Project at Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur, a unit of Mini Ratna Defence Public Sector Undertaking **Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL)**.
- Heavy Vehicles Factory, Avadi, has supplied around 4,400 tanks to the Indian Army over the past four decades, reflecting its significant contribution to the country's armoured capabilities.
- AVNL, with 25 years of experience in overhauling T-72 and T-90 variant tanks, will set new benchmarks for quality, productivity, innovation, and global competitiveness in the years to come.
- He stated that sustained efforts over the past decade have resulted in record increase in defence production to around Rs 1.80 lakh crore in Financial Year 2025-26 from Rs 46,000 crore in 2014, and all-time high defence exports of approximately Rs 39,000 crore from less than Rs 1,000 crore.
- The overhauling facilities for T-Series tanks will create significant opportunities for MSMEs by generating demand for a wide range of mechanical, electrical, electronic and hydraulic components, assemblies and subsystems.



Commander of Sri Lanka Navy, On An Official Visit To India

- VAdm Damian Fernando, Commander of the Sri Lanka Navy, is on an official visit to India from 26 to 29 Aug 2026. The visit is aimed at further strengthening

bilateral maritime cooperation and enhancing Navy-to-Navy engagements between India and Sri Lanka.

- VAdm Damian Fernando was accorded a ceremonial Guard of Honour at South Block, New Delhi, and paid homage to the fallen soldiers by laying a wreath at the National War Memorial on 27 August 2026. He also held discussions with Adm Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff, on furthering bilateral maritime cooperation, including joint operations, capacity building, training and measures related to maritime security.
- During the visit, VAdm Fernando is scheduled to meet senior defence officials, and also interact with representatives of the Indian defence industry to explore avenues for cooperation and collaboration.
- As part of the visit, VAdm Fernando will travel to Kochi to visit Indian Naval training establishments and Headquarters Southern Naval Command, with a focus on enhancing training linkages and professional exchanges between the two navies.
- The Sri Lanka Navy is an important and longstanding maritime partner of the Indian Navy. The visit of VAdm Damian Fernando is expected to further consolidate the longstanding and multifaceted Navy-to-Navy relationship between India and Sri Lanka, contributing to enhanced maritime cooperation and greater stability in the Indian Ocean Region.



India, US sign Rs 292 crore deal for buying Javelin missiles

- India and the United States have signed a Rs 292 crore deal to buy around 60 Javelin anti-tank guided missiles for the Indian Army under the emergency procurement powers.

- The procurement has been done under the Emergency Procurement powers granted to the defence forces to build their capabilities post Operation Sindoor last year, Defence sources told.
- The contracts under the (EP-6) are expected to start being delivered to the armed forces by the end of 2026-27.
- The missile is being procured by the Indian Army in limited numbers only, as the Emergency procurement powers allow them to make purchases only up to Rs 300 crore per equipment.
- The American side has been pushing for the sale of these missiles to India under a government-to-government deal. India is also developing its own man-portable anti-tank guided missile and has done multiple trials of the system, which is still under development.



Inaugural India-Kuwait Joint Defence Committee Meeting

- The inaugural meeting of the India-Kuwait Joint Defence Committee (JDC) was held in New Delhi on August 28, 2026. Both countries agreed to further strengthen bilateral defence cooperation across a wide range of areas, including training, military exercises, military medicine, staff talks, defence industry, and Research & Development (R&D).
- The first meeting of the JDC marked an important step towards operationalising the objectives outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Defence Cooperation between India and Kuwait, signed during the visit of Prime Minister of India to Kuwait in December 2024.
- The meeting was co-chaired by Joint Secretary Shri Amitabh Prasad and Brigadier General Raed Alsakran of the five-member Kuwaiti delegation. The Indian delegation comprised representatives from the three Services, Department of Defence Production, Defence Research and Development

Organisation (DRDO), Armed Forces Medical Services and Ministry of External Affairs.

- Ahead of the JDC meeting, Brigadier General Raed Alsakran laid a wreath at the National War Memorial, New Delhi, and paid homage to the fallen heroes. The Kuwaiti delegation visited DPSU Bhawan, New Delhi, on the first day of their visit, where discussions were held with representatives of the Indian defence industry on potential areas of mutual cooperation. An industry interaction with the Kuwaiti delegation is also scheduled for the second day of the visit.
- India and Kuwait enjoy traditionally warm and friendly relations, rooted in historical ties that have stood the test of time. Diplomatic relations between the two countries were established in 1962.
- The relationship was upgraded to a Strategic Partnership during the visit of Prime Minister of India to Kuwait in December 2024. Geographic proximity, historical trade links, cultural affinities, and the presence of a large Indian community in Kuwait continue to sustain and nurture the longstanding and multifaceted relationship between the two countries.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. 'Samarthak', delivered to the Indian Navy, is what type of vessel?

- A. Destroyer
- B. Multi-Purpose Vessel
- C. Fast Patrol Vessel
- D. Diving Support Vessel

Answer: B. Multi-Purpose Vessel

2. What percentage of indigenous content does Samarthak comprise?

- A. More than 50%
- B. More than 60%
- C. More than 75%
- D. More than 90%

Answer: C. More than 75%

3. The T-Series Tanks Overhaul Project was inaugurated at which location?

- A. Heavy Vehicles Factory, Avadi
- B. Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur
- C. Armoured Vehicles Factory, Medak
- D. Ordnance Factory, Pune

Answer: B. Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur

4. Who is the Commander of the Sri Lanka Navy mentioned in the article?

- A. Vice Admiral Priyantha Perera
- B. Vice Admiral Damian Fernando
- C. Admiral Nishantha Ulugetenne
- D. Vice Admiral Kanchana Banagoda

Answer: B. Vice Admiral Damian Fernando

5. India and the United States signed a ₹292 crore deal for approximately how many Javelin missiles?

- A. 40
- B. 50
- C. 60
- D. 80

Answer: C. 60

6. Where was the inaugural India-Kuwait Joint Defence Committee meeting held?

- A. Kuwait City
- B. Mumbai
- C. Bengaluru
- D. New Delhi

Answer: D. New Delhi

7. India and Kuwait established diplomatic relations in which year?

- A. 1956
- B. 1962
- C. 1971
- D. 1984

Answer: B. 1962

8. INS Kochi Is A

- A. Guided-missile destroyers
- B. Landing ship tank
- C. Submarine
- D. Frigates

ANSWER: A

9. _ Is Not A G7 member.

- A. China
- B. USA
- C. UK
- D. France

ANSWER: A

10. The Standard Meridian Of India Is

- A. 82 degrees 30' E
- B. 84 degrees 30' E
- C. 72 degrees 30' E
- D. 92 degrees 30' E

ANSWER: A

11. Army Medical Corps Motto Is

- A. Courage and Valor
- B. Sarve santu niramaya
- C. Service Before Self

D. Lethal

ANSWER: B

12. Glock 18 Is A

A. Destroyer

B. Machine Pistol

C. Assault rifle

D. Submachine gun

ANSWER: B

13. Which Is The Largest Uranium-producing Country In The World?

A. USA

B. India

C. Kazakhstan

D. Uzbekistan

ANSWER: C

14. Kaiga Atomic Power Plant Is In

A. Karnataka

B. Gujarat

C. Madhya Pradesh

D. Uttarakhand

ANSWER: A

15. Who established the Atomic Energy Commission of India in 1948?

A. P.K. Iyengar

B. M.R. Srinivasan

C. Vikram Sarabhai

D. Homi Bhabha

ANSWER: D

16. Nay Pyi Taw Is The Capital Of

- A. Bhutan
- B. Nepal
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Myanmar

ANSWER: D

17. “India’s Women Unsung Heroes” Book Is Written By

- A. Chandrachur Ghose
- B. Ruskin Bond
- C. Dr. Thomas Matthew
- D. Meenakshi Lekhi

ANSWER: D

18. Ex ‘Konkan Shakti’ conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. UK
- C. UAE
- D. Japan

ANSWER: B

19. “Kartavyam Anvatma” (Duty before death) Is The Motto Of

- A. RAJPUT REGIMENT
- B. DOGRA REGIMENT
- C. SIKH REGIMENT
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

20. Which Country Isn’t the member of NSG?

- A. USA
- B. China

C. Pakistan

D. France

ANSWER: C