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India Develops BrahMos Belt Strategy

- The term “BrahMos Belt” refers to a proposed network of coastal supersonic cruise missile deployments by Southeast Asian states around the South China Sea.
- The BrahMos missile is a joint India-Russia weapon system, and its shore-based variant has been supplied to the Philippines under a contract valued at \$375 million.
- BrahMos is a supersonic cruise missile developed jointly by India and Russia through BrahMos Aerospace. The missile is named after the Brahmaputra and Moskva rivers, and it is known for sea-skimming flight and high-speed terminal attack profiles.
- The Philippines has received BrahMos shore-based missile deliveries for coastal batteries. Vietnam and Indonesia have also been linked to BrahMos procurement discussions, although the status of these engagements has varied across defence publications.
- Russia and India have planned upgrades to the BrahMos missile to improve its operational performance and export competitiveness. The missile remains one of the most prominent examples of India-Russia defence co-development.
- India has also expanded defence diplomacy support for weapon exports through embassy defence wings. The defence-diplomacy budget has been raised to ₹400 crore for 2025–26, with a target of 85 to 90 defence wings by 2030.



Raksha Mantri Calls On Sri Lankan PM in Colombo

- Rajnath Singh called on the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka Dr Harini Amarasuriya in Colombo on September 09, 2026. The two leaders exchanged views on a range of issues, with development cooperation being one of the central themes of the discussions.
- They also reviewed progress in other areas of mutual interest including education, information technology, infrastructure, innovation and research.
- They also reflected upon the ancient civilisation ties and identified strong people-to-people exchanges as an ever-lasting connection between the two nations.
- Raksha Mantri underlined that as sister democracies with shared heritage, India and Sri Lanka should continue to work on a shared developmental vision for the peace and prosperity of the region and welfare of their people.
- Rajnath Singh emphasised that Prime Minister Amarasuriya is one of the role models for women not only in Sri Lanka but also in India, describing her as a symbol of women empowerment and Nari Shakti.



Adani Defence Signs 5-year Deal To Power India-Russia AK-203 Rifle Programme

- Adani Defence & Aerospace has signed a five-year agreement with Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL) to supply indigenously manufactured 7.62x39 mm ammunition for AK-203 assault rifles being produced in India, creating an integrated domestic supply chain for the India-Russia rifle programme.
- Under the pact, Adani Defence will supply the small-calibre ammunition required for the AK-203 programme over the five-year period, providing an Indian source of supply and supporting continuity of ammunition availability through the contract term, an Adani release said.
- The agreement brings together two critical strands of the AK-203 programme within India's defence manufacturing ecosystem, rifle production by IRRPL and ammunition manufacturing by Adani Defence, pairing locally produced rifles with locally manufactured ammunition for the first time under a single supply arrangement.
- IRRPL was established in 2019 under an India-Russia intergovernmental agreement to manufacture AK-203 rifles for the Indian Armed Forces, with its manufacturing facility located at Korwa in Uttar Pradesh's Amethi district.
- The joint venture counts Indian shareholders Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Ltd and Munitions India Ltd, alongside Russian shareholders Concern Kalashnikov and Rosoboronexport.

- The Ministry of Defence has designated IRRPL as the entity responsible for indigenous production of the AK-203. The government had signed a contract with the company in December 2021 for 6,01,427 AK-203 rifles, to be manufactured at the Korwa facility.
- Adani Defence has built small-calibre ammunition manufacturing capabilities in India, including a dedicated production facility in Kanpur. The company said the latest agreement would further strengthen domestic capabilities across the small-arms supply chain and support the government's Aatmanirbhar Bharat push for greater self-reliance in defence manufacturing.



Andhra Pradesh Clears Path For ₹8,000 Crore Warship Building Hub

- Andhra Pradesh has formally cleared the decks for a major defence and warship building facility at Machilipatnam.
- The project will be spearheaded by Goa Shipyard Limited, a defence public sector undertaking, which will invest ₹8,000 crores in the new unit. This marks the first time the company will step outside its traditional base in Goa to establish a facility elsewhere.
- The State Investment Promotion Committee approved the project at its meeting. Sources confirmed that the company will be allotted 400 acres of land in two phases, with 198 acres in the first and 195 acres in the second.
- The scale of the project reflects the growing importance of Andhra Pradesh's coastline in India's maritime and defence expansion strategy.

- The preparatory phase will begin next month, including environmental impact assessments and preparation of a detailed project report. Machinery installation is scheduled to start in October next year, with trial production expected by January 2028.
- Goa Shipyard initiated discussions with the Andhra Pradesh government in early 2025. A memorandum of understanding was signed at the Confederation of Indian Industry partnership summit in Visakhapatnam in November 2025.
- Initially, the planned investment was pegged at ₹1,500 crores, but the scale has since expanded to ₹8,000 crores, underscoring the strategic importance of the project.



India, Bangladesh Push Defence Ties With Training And Security Talks

- India attaches "immense importance" to its defence and strategic ties with Bangladesh, Indian High Commissioner Dinesh Trivedi said on Wednesday during a meeting with Bangladesh Prime Minister Tarique Rahman's defence adviser, Brigadier (retd) Shamsul Islam. The talks focused on defence cooperation, training, shared security interests and regional stability.
- The meeting took place a day after Trivedi called on Bangladesh President Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, with both sides discussing ways to strengthen the "deep-rooted" and multifaceted relationship between the two neighbours. The outreach comes as India and Bangladesh seek to maintain and strengthen bilateral engagement after a period of strained ties.

- According to the Bangladesh Defence Ministry's Inter Services Public Relations directorate, Trivedi said during the meeting that "India attaches immense importance to its deep military and strategic relationship with Bangladesh". It said he also reaffirmed India's continued commitment to work with Bangladesh's armed forces on professional cooperation, capacity building and areas of shared security interest.
- The ISPR described Trivedi's meeting with Shamsul Islam at his cantonment office as "fruitful". It said the two sides discussed joint training programmes for the professional development of the armed forces, exchanges of experience and training between military officials, disaster management, and regional peace and maritime security. During the talks, the high commissioner also praised the Bangladesh government's socio-economic initiatives.
- "Both sides expressed their determination to work together as neighbouring countries on bilateral defence cooperation, safeguarding regional stability and addressing common global challenges," the ISPR said. In recent weeks, Trivedi has held a series of meetings with senior political leaders in Bangladesh, including Prime Minister Rahman, underlining the need to create a conducive environment to deepen bilateral ties after tensions over New Delhi granting political asylum to former prime minister Sheikh Hasina, who fled to India after being ousted in a youth-led agitation in August 2024.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The term “BrahMos Belt” refers to a proposed network of coastal missile deployments around which region?

- A. Arabian Sea
- B. South China Sea
- C. Bay of Bengal
- D. Mediterranean Sea

Answer: B. South China Sea

2. The BrahMos missile is jointly developed by India and which country?

- A. France
- B. Israel
- C. Russia
- D. Japan

Answer: C. Russia

3. Rajnath Singh met Sri Lankan Prime Minister Dr Harini Amarasuriya in Colombo on which date?

- A. September 7, 2026
- B. September 8, 2026
- C. September 9, 2026
- D. September 10, 2026

Answer: C. September 9, 2026

4. Adani Defence & Aerospace signed a five-year agreement with which company for supplying ammunition for AK-203 rifles?

- A. HAL
- B. Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited
- C. Bharat Dynamics Limited
- D. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited

Answer: B. Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited

5. The AK-203 rifles are being manufactured at which location in Uttar Pradesh?

- A. Kanpur
- B. Lucknow

- C. Korwa, Amethi
- D. Prayagraj

Answer: C. Korwa, Amethi

6. Which company will establish the ₹8,000-crore warship-building facility at Machilipatnam?

- A. Cochin Shipyard Limited
- B. Goa Shipyard Limited
- C. Hindustan Shipyard Limited
- D. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited

Answer: B. Goa Shipyard Limited

7. Approximately how much land is planned to be allotted for the Machilipatnam warship-building project?

- A. 200 acres
- B. 300 acres
- C. 400 acres
- D. 500 acres

Answer: C. 400 acres

8. Which of the following was among the areas discussed during recent India-Bangladesh defence talks?

- A. Joint military training
- B. Disaster management
- C. Maritime security
- D. All of the above

Answer: D. All of the above

9. 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

10. The IAI Harpy is a

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun

- C. UAV
- D. Fighter Jet

ANSWER: C

11. Motto Of Integrated Defence Staff

- A. Victory Through Jointness
- B. Victory Everywhere
- C. Always Ahead
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

12. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Hq Is In

- A. Queenstown, Singapore
- B. Berlin, Germany
- C. Abu Dhabi (UAE)
- D. Kathmandu, Nepal

ANSWER: A

13. XIV Corps Of Indian Army Is Also Known As

- A. Fire and Fury Corps
- B. Chinar Corps
- C. White Knight Corps
- D. None

ANSWER: A

14. First Made In India Passenger Aircraft Is ____

- A. Dornier 228
- B. Chetak
- C. Cheetah
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

15. Operation Sarp Vinash Was Conducted In

- A. 1978
- B. 2016
- C. 2003
- D. 1980

ANSWER: C

16. Tirana Is The Capital Of

- A. Albania
- B. Qatar
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

17. "All Time Favorites for Children" Book Is Written By

- A. Sunita Dwivedi
- B. Avtar Singh Bhasin
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Ruskin Bond

ANSWER: D

18. War Cry Of THE BRIGADE OF THE GUARDS Is

- A. Garud ka hun bol pyare
- B. Everywhere
- C. Victory Is Mine
- D. Charge and Attack

ANSWER: A

19. C-130J Super Hercules Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. OPV
- C. Submarine
- D. Transport Aircraft

ANSWER: D

20. Saab AB Is An Aerospace Company of

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

ANSWER: B