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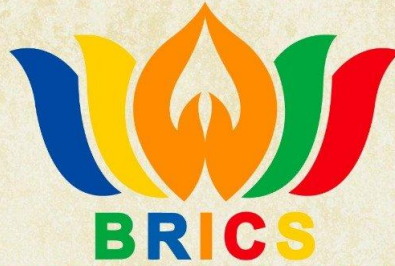
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At BRICS, Putin Slams West's "Ugly" Trade Tactics

- Russian President Vladimir Putin on Friday revealed that Russia has been hit with over 30,000 sanctions, more than double the total restrictions slapped on all other countries in the world combined, as he condemned global economic coercion and "ugly" competitive tactics.
- Delivering his remarks at the Leaders' Session of the BRICS Business Forum in the national capital, Putin lashed out at Western nations for turning trade and diplomatic pressure into state-level interference.
- "More than 30,000 sanctions have been slapped on Russia which is twice as much as the number of all sanctions against all other countries of the world combined," President Putin said.
- In a veiled attack against the US, Putin detailed how trade conflicts have escalated into extreme geopolitical disruptions, emphasising the blockade of transport corridors, destruction of pipelines, illegal restrictions and the threat of possible "so-called secondary sanctions" targeting countries that don't abide by "someone else's interest."
- "Sometimes competition is taking some ugly forms. This ugly form is something we see even at the State level, at the Government level," Putin asserted. "Sometimes the measures resorted to are of physical nature, when pipelines are being destroyed, when attempts are undertaken to block international transport corridors to seize maritime vessels, illegal restrictions are applied and there is also the threat of so-called secondary sanctions against those who do not want to follow someone else's interest and rather look after their own," he remarked.
- Despite the unprecedented wave of punitive measures, the Russian President emphasised that Moscow has successfully pivoted its trade strategy by expanding ties with "reliable, predictable partners."
- "Against this difficult backdrop, Russia has been working actively and Russia has managed to achieve great success. We have reinforced our national sovereignty, we are developing ties with reliable, predictable partners." Putin noted.

- Pointing to economic performance as evidence of resilience, he added, "During the last 3 years, the economic growth in Russia has been superior to the world average."





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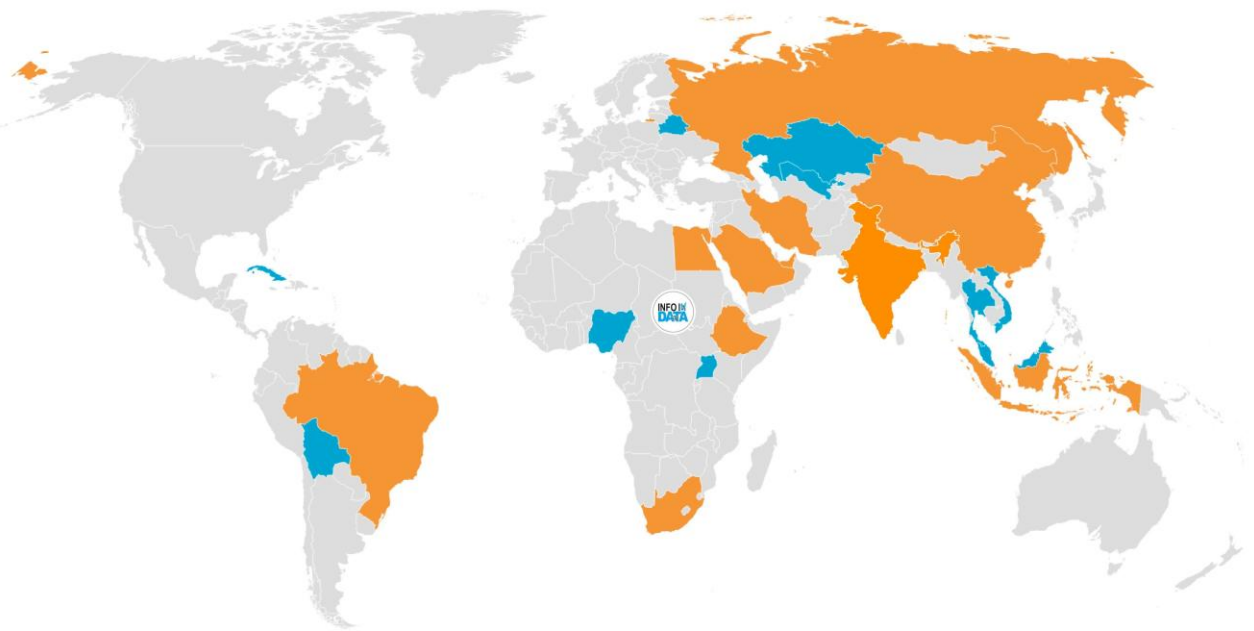
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of Global GDP

49.5%
of the World's Population

~26%
of Global Trade

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India Secures 105 Russian Il-114-300 Jets

- Russia's United Aircraft Corporation has signed intent agreements and Memoranda of Understanding for the delivery of 105 Il-114-300 regional turboprop aircraft to three Indian domestic airlines.
- The package includes 50 aircraft for Pinnacle Air, up to 20 for Air Kerala, and 35 for Sleek Aviation. The deal was finalised on the sidelines of the Innoprom.India exhibition in New Delhi, marking a milestone in Indo-Russian civil aviation cooperation.

- This breakthrough represents Russia's first major multi-airline civil aircraft commercial commitment in India. It signals a shift from Moscow's traditional focus on military hardware towards high-volume civil transport.
- The agreements complement the ongoing co-production and licensing partnership between UAC and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, which is currently localising the 100-seat SJ-100 passenger jet program in India.
- The Il-114-300 is a twin-engine turboprop designed for short runways and remote locations, making it well-suited to India's UDAN regional connectivity scheme. Pinnacle Air, Air Kerala, and Sleek Aviation are adopting Russian-origin turboprops to overcome global supply backlogs from Western manufacturers.
- The localisation angle also builds credibility for HAL's joint program with UAC, paving the way for potential local manufacturing of the Il-114-300 alongside the SJ-100.
- India remains the third-largest and fastest-growing domestic aviation market globally. Regional carriers face severe constraints in securing aircraft due to supply chain bottlenecks.
- Cost-effective, import-substituted turboprops like the 64-70 seat Il-114-300 provide a competitive option for tier-2 and tier-3 connectivity, directly supporting government efforts to expand affordable air travel.



Hydrogen UAV For Indian Air Force

- Lucknow-based Kalam Labs has joined hands with France's H3 Dynamics to develop a cutting-edge hydrogen-powered UAV for the Indian Air Force, promising 24-hour endurance and zero-emission flight. This collaboration is set to significantly enhance India's ISR capabilities while aligning with global sustainability goals.
- The partnership between Kalam Labs and H3 Dynamics is a strategic step in advancing India's aerial defence technology. Kalam Labs, a Lucknow-based aerospace Start-Up specialising in stratospheric systems, has already demonstrated expertise in high-altitude UAVs and stratospheric deployment programs.
- H3 Dynamics, headquartered in France, is recognised globally for its pioneering hydrogen fuel cell propulsion systems, which are now being adapted for military-grade UAV applications.
- The goal of this collaboration is to build a hydrogen-electric drone capable of flying continuously for 24 hours. Such endurance is a major leap compared to conventional battery-powered UAVs, which typically achieve only a fraction of this duration.
- The Indian Air Force is the intended end user of this system. For the IAF, the UAV promises enhanced intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capabilities. A 24-hour endurance platform would allow persistent monitoring of sensitive border regions, maritime zones, and strategic installations without the need for frequent recovery or refuelling.
- H3 Dynamics complements this expertise with its advanced hydrogen fuel cell propulsion modules, which are lighter, more efficient, and capable of delivering long-duration power output. Together, the two companies aim to indigenise production while leveraging French technology for propulsion.



North Korea Launches Ballistic Missiles Toward Sea

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- The US president also said it was important to "get along" with Kim, adding that Pyongyang now had 57 "very powerful" nuclear weapons.
- It was unusual for a US official to state a specific number on a classified issue. Seoul says the North has around 80-120 nuclear weapons.
- Hours after Trump's remarks, North Korea fired more than 10 short-range ballistic missiles from the Pyongyang area towards the Sea of Japan, South Korea's military said.
- Hours after the launches, Kim Yo Jong, the powerful sister of the North Korean leader, said Trump's decision to scale back the drills with South Korea was Seoul's punishment.
- She called it in a statement "an evident disaster brought by the unrealistic and anachronistic security outlook" pursued by Seoul, arguing the South had a "master-and-servant" relationship with the United States.



IIT Ropar To Award Mtech In Defence Technology To Army Officers

- The IIT-Ropar will award MTech degrees in Defence Technology to officers of the Indian Army under a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Army Air Defence College, Gopalpur.
- The agreement was signed by Prof Rajeev Ahuja, Director, IIT-Ropar, and Lt Gen Amit Rao, Commandant, Army Air Defence College, Gopalpur, an official statement said on Thursday.
- According to the statement, the agreement builds on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Academic and Research Cooperation signed between Army Training Command, Integrated Headquarters of the Ministry of Defence (Army), and IIT-Ropar in December 2022.
- As per the agreement, Army officers on the Long Air Defence Course will receive formal accreditation through the MTech programme at IIT-Ropar, with faculty members nominated as mentors to guide their dissertations and research projects.
- The officers will also get access to the institute's laboratories and infrastructure, subject to prior approval, along with seminars and lectures conducted by IIT-Ropar faculty in both online and offline mode.
- Both institutions have further agreed to jointly develop technological knowledge in areas of mutual interest, strengthening the academic and research partnership between the two organisations.
- Speaking on the occasion, IIT-Ropar Director Ahuja said, "This agreement is a significant step in our continuing engagement with the Indian Army. Our faculty and infrastructure are now directly contributing to the technical education of

officers who serve on the frontlines of our national defence. We look forward to deepening this collaboration in the years ahead.” Lt Gen Surinder Singh Mahal, Managing Director, IIT-Ropar Defence Research and Innovation Foundation, and Brigadier Rohit Das were also present on the occasion.

- IIT-Ropar has been working closely with the Indian Army on academic and research cooperation since the signing of the MoU in December 2022. The institute’s Defence Research and Innovation Foundation has been central to strengthening this partnership.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. At the BRICS Business Forum, who criticised the use of economic coercion and “secondary sanctions”?

- A. Xi Jinping
- B. Vladimir Putin
- C. Emmanuel Macron
- D. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva

Answer: B. Vladimir Putin

2. According to Vladimir Putin, approximately how many sanctions have been imposed on Russia?

- A. Over 10,000
- B. Over 20,000
- C. Over 30,000
- D. Over 40,000

Answer: C. Over 30,000

3. Which Russian aircraft is covered under the agreements for supplying 105 regional aircraft to Indian airlines?

- A. SJ-100
- B. Il-114-300
- C. MC-21
- D. Tu-204

Answer: B. Il-114-300

4. Which Indian company is involved in the wider co-production and localisation partnership with Russia's UAC for the SJ-100 programme?

- A. Bharat Electronics Limited
- B. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- C. Bharat Dynamics Limited
- D. Cochin Shipyard Limited

Answer: B. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

5. Kalam Labs has partnered with which French company to develop a hydrogen-powered UAV for the Indian Air Force?

- A. Dassault Aviation
- B. Airbus Defence and Space
- C. H3 Dynamics
- D. Safran

Answer: C. H3 Dynamics

6. What is the targeted endurance of the hydrogen-electric UAV being developed for the Indian Air Force?

- A. 12 hours
- B. 18 hours
- C. 24 hours
- D. 36 hours

Answer: C. 24 hours

7. North Korea launched more than 10 short-range ballistic missiles towards which sea on September 12, 2026?

- A. Yellow Sea
- B. East China Sea

- C. South China Sea
- D. Sea of Japan

Answer: D. Sea of Japan

8. Which trilateral military exercise had ended shortly before North Korea's missile launches?

- A. US–Japan–Australia
- B. US–South Korea–Japan
- C. China–Russia–North Korea
- D. South Korea–Japan–Australia

Answer: B. US–South Korea–Japan

9. IIT-Ropar signed a Memorandum of Agreement with which institution to award MTech degrees in Defence Technology to Army officers?

- A. Indian Military Academy
- B. Army War College
- C. Army Air Defence College, Gopalpur
- D. Officers Training Academy

Answer: C. Army Air Defence College, Gopalpur

10. The IIT-Ropar–Indian Army academic cooperation builds upon an earlier MoU signed in which year?

- A. 2020
- B. 2021
- C. 2022
- D. 2024

Answer: C. 2022

11. The Hawker Siddeley HS 748 Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Machine Gun
- C. UAV
- D. Transport Aircraft

ANSWER: D

12. 'Swift and Sure' Is The Motto Of

- A.** Army Aviation Corps
- B.** Sikh Regiment

- C. Rajput Regiment
- D. Gorkha

ANSWER: A

13. Which Regiment Has Motto: "Veer Bhogya Vasundhara"?

- A. RAJPUTANA RIFLES
- B. RAJPUT REGIMENT
- C. DOGRA REGIMENT
- D. SIKH REGIMENT

ANSWER: A

14. ICMF Stands For

- A. Integrated Cryogenic Engine Manufacturing Facility
- B. Integrated Cry Engine Manufacturing Facility
- C. Integrated Cryogenic Engine Make Facility
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

15. "Bolo Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj ki jai" Is The War Cry Of

- A. Maratha Light Infantry Regiment
- B. Grenadiers
- C. Punjab Regiment
- D. Parachute Regiment

ANSWER: A

16. Rabat Is The Capital Of

- A. Morocco
- B. Montenegro
- C. Monaco
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

17. "Without Fear or Favour" Book Written By

- A. R K Narayan
- B. Khushwant Singh
- C. Neelam Sanjiva Reddy
- D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: C

18. Exercises B/w The India And Bangladesh Is Called:

- A. GARUDA SHAKTI
- B. SLINEX
- C. SAMPRITI
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: C

19. __Is The Legal Branch Of The Indian Army.

- A. Army Court
- B. Supreme Court
- C. Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Department
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

20. Exercises B/w India And Kyrgyzstan Is Called:

- A. KHANJAR
- B. SLINEX
- C. NOMADIC ELEPHANT
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: A