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Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026

- The opening ceremony of **22nd edition** of India-US Joint Military Exercise Yudh Abhyas was held at Auli Foreign Training Node in Uttarakhand.
- Major General Amaresh Gunjan, General Officer Commanding, 14 Infantry Division and Colonel Benjamin Jackman, Commander, 1st Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 11th Airborne Division, US Army, addressed the participating contingents comprising of 600 personnel from each side.
- The exercise is simultaneously being conducted at Auli and Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan.
- The exercise is aimed at enhancing the joint military capability of both armies for employment of Integrated Battle Groups in mountainous and semi-mountainous terrain, with emphasis on infantry-dominated operations.
- Technology infusion will form a key focus area. The training will include the employment of drones and autonomous systems for surveillance and reconnaissance as well as demonstration of contemporary weapon systems will be undertaken at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges.



Western Air Command Station MWO's Seminar-2026

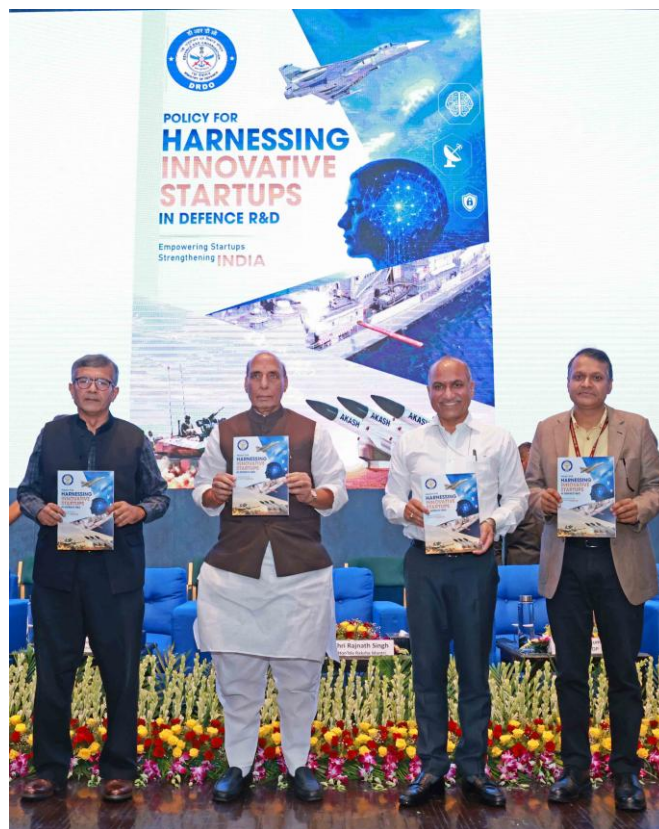
- A Seminar for Station Master Warrant Officers of Western Air Command was conducted at HQ WAC on 14 Sep 26. The Seminar was presided over by Air Marshal George Thomas, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, WAC, and attended by Station MWOs from across the Command's Area of Responsibility.
- A common platform was provided to share best practices, exchange ideas and deliberate upon areas for improvement. Discussions focussed on enhancing the working environment, addressing common challenges and strengthening welfare initiatives for Air Warriors and their families.
- The AOC-in-C emphasised the vital role of Station MWOs in fostering effective communication, sound professionalism and a welfare-oriented approach in the organisation to create a positive and conducive environment across Air Force Stations.



‘VIMARSH’ DRDO-Industry Synergy Meet: Raksha Mantri

- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh unveiled key policy initiatives during ‘VIMARSH’, a DRDO-Industry Synergy Meet, in New Delhi on September 15, 2026.
- The initiatives include a comprehensive framework to lower technical and financial entry barriers for MSMEs & deep-tech start-ups, offering direct funding, incubation support and dedicated access to DRDO testing facilities.
- A standardised, secure framework for sharing DRDO-developed software source codes with licensee industries was also launched to accelerate software-defined defence capabilities and obsolescence management.

- Nine (09) Licensing Agreements for Transfer of Technology (LAToTS) were handed over to 13 manufacturing partners in the presence of Raksha Mantri to enable commercial production of state-of-the-art systems.
- Strategic MoUs were also formally exchanged with the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) and Laghu Udyog Bharati (LUB) to expand industry outreach and foster grass-roots participation.
- DRDO also signed a contract with Quality Council of India for System for Advance Manufacturing Assessment and Rating (SAMAR) version 2.0 to benchmark the manufacturing maturity of domestic defence enterprises.
- Raksha Mantri highlighted that the new policy initiatives focus on promoting industry-led R&D; providing funding and mentorship to start-ups and MSMEs; fostering academia-industry collaboration; and encouraging investment in futuristic technologies such as AI, quantum computing, hypersonics, and directed energy.



DAD Achieves 100% Normalization

- Defence Accounts Department (DAD) has achieved a remarkable milestone in the normalization of discrepant pension cases on SPARSH (System for Pension Administration – Raksha) through a focused and concentrated approach.
- As part of a special drive, undertaken in mission mode with close monitoring, focused examination of cases and coordinated action by the concerned offices, the Department has successfully normalized all 1,45,182 discrepant cases pertaining to the Indian Air Force and Indian Navy.
- The cases normalized include:
 - Indian Air Force: 1,12,638 cases – 100%
 - Indian Navy: 32,544 cases – 100%
- The Department has simultaneously made substantial progress in normalization of discrepant cases pertaining to the Indian Army; Out of a total of 3,94,779 discrepant cases, 3,90,336 cases, constituting 98.8%, have already been normalized on SPARSH.
- The achievement is a reflection of the dedication, coordinated efforts and result-oriented approach of DAD, particularly the Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA) and Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (Pension) [PCDA (Pension)], towards strengthening the SPARSH ecosystem.



Sanjukta Parasor As The First Female Inspector General of CoBRA unit

- IPS officer Sanjukta Parasor has been appointed the Inspector General (IG) of the CRPF's special jungle warfare commando unit, CoBRA, the first woman to hold the post.

- Parasor is a 2006-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer from the Assam-Meghalaya cadre.
- The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) headquarters issued an order to this effect last week. Parasor will succeed 1996-batch IPS officer Danesh Rana as the IG of the Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (CoBRA).
- "This is the first time that the ten-battalion-strong CoBRA of the CRPF will be headed by a woman officer," a senior officer told PTI.
- Parasor previously served in the National Investigation Agency (NIA), in addition to working in her cadre state of Assam.
- The CRPF raised CoBRA in 2008-09 to tackle Left Wing Extremism (LWE) in multiple Indian states, and insurgency in certain Northeast states.
- Two CoBRA units were recently deployed by the CRPF to check armed violence in Manipur.
- The MHA credits the battalion's commandos with successful intelligence-based jungle warfare and guerrilla operations against Naxals, which led to the end of Maoist violence in the country this March.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The 22nd edition of Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026 is being conducted jointly by India and:

- A. France
- B. Russia
- C. United States
- D. United Kingdom

Answer: C. United States

2. Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026 is being conducted simultaneously at Auli and:

- A. Pokhran Field Firing Range
- B. Mahajan Field Firing Range
- C. Deolali Field Firing Range
- D. Babina Field Firing Range

Answer: B. Mahajan Field Firing Range

3. What is a major technological focus of Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026?

- A. Aircraft carrier operations
- B. Cyber warfare only
- C. Drones and autonomous systems
- D. Submarine warfare

Answer: C. Drones and autonomous systems

4. The Western Air Command Station MWO's Seminar 2026 was held at:

- A. Air Force Station Ambala
- B. Air Force Station Jodhpur
- C. HQ Western Air Command
- D. Air Force Station Pune

Answer: C. HQ Western Air Command

5. Which initiative was launched during the 'VIMARSH' DRDO–Industry Synergy Meet to benchmark the manufacturing maturity of domestic defence enterprises?

- A. SPARSH 2.0
- B. SAMAR 2.0
- C. VIKAS 2.0
- D. Raksha Udyog 2.0

Answer: B. SAMAR 2.0

6. How many Licensing Agreements for Transfer of Technology (LAToTs) were handed over during VIMARSH 2026?

- A. 5
- B. 7
- C. 9
- D. 13

Answer: C. 9

7. The Defence Accounts Department achieved 100% normalisation of discrepant SPARSH pension cases relating to which two services?

- A. Indian Army and Indian Navy
- B. Indian Navy and Indian Air Force
- C. Indian Army and Indian Air Force
- D. Indian Army and Coast Guard

Answer: B. Indian Navy and Indian Air Force

8. Sanjukta Parasor became the first woman to be appointed as Inspector General of which CRPF unit?

- A. RAF
- B. CoBRA
- C. NDRF
- D. STF

Answer: B. CoBRA

9. Commander-in-Chief Of All Three-Armed Forces Is

- A. The President
- B. The PM
- C. CJI
- D. NSA

ANSWER: A

10. South-Western Air Command Hq Is In

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

ANSWER: A

11. IAI Harop Developed By

- A. Iran
- B. India
- C. Israel
- D. Indonesia

ANSWER: C

12. Operation Poomalai Was Conducted By IAF In

- A. 1984
- B. 1987
- C. 1991
- D. 1999

ANSWER: B

13. CHM Full Form Is

- A. Company Havildar Major
- B. Company Havildar Monitor
- C. Company Havildar Mega
- D. None

ANSWER: A

14. GOC In Indian Army Stands For

- A. General Officer Command
- B. General Officer Commanding
- C. General Offer Commanding
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

15. UNCED Stands For

- A. UN Conference on Essential and Development
- B. UN Control on Environment and Development
- C. UN Conference on Environment and Development
- D. UN Conference on Environment and Developed

ANSWER: C

16. "An Introduction to Dreamland" Book Is Written

- A. Bhagat Singh
- B. Raja Ram

- C. Leo Tolstoy
- D. George Bernard Shaw

ANSWER: A

17. Wassenaar Arrangement Works on Transfer Of

- A. conventional weapons and dual-use goods and technologies
- B. Wheat and Rice
- C. Space Technology
- D. High yielding seeds

ANSWER: A

18. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Hq Is In

- A. Nairobi, Kenya
- B. New York City, USA
- C. Rome, Italy
- D. Washington, DC, USA

ANSWER: A

19. Joint Exercises B/w The India and UK Is Called:

- A. KONKAN
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: A

20. CISF Comes Under Which Ministry?

- A. MHA
- B. MOD
- C. MEA
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A