

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### MoD Signs Rs 811 Crore Contract With BDL

- Ministry of Defence has inked a contract with Bharat Dynamics Limited for the procurement of 160 Satellite Smart Anti Airfield Weapons (SAT-SAAW) along with associated equipment for IAF with a total cost of Rs 810.79 crore under Buy (Indian - Indigenously Designed, Developed and Manufactured) category.
- The contract was signed in the presence of Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh in New Delhi on September 23, 2026.
- SAT-SAAW is an air-to-ground precision guided glide bomb which can be launched from platforms like Jaguar, Hawk & Su-30 MKI, and has the capability to neutralise enemy airfields from a long stand-off range.
- Indigenously designed and developed by DRDO, the system will have an indigenous content of 60% along with indigenisation of sub-systems like Initial Measurement Unit, Long Impact Delay Fuse and Twin Store Carrier to further boost Aatmanirbharta in defence.
- The delivery of SAT-SAAW is scheduled between 2027-2028 and 2028-2029. Its induction would certainly enhance the operational capability of IAF to continue their unhindered operations and strengthen defence preparedness of the country.



## **‘Exercise SLINEX 2026’ Concludes**

- The 13th edition of the India–Sri Lanka bilateral maritime exercise, SLINEX-26, concluded at Visakhapatnam on 21 Sep 2026. Conducted from 17–21 Sep 26, the exercise provided opportunities for professional interactions, exchange of best practices and enhancement of interoperability between the two Navies.
- The harbour phase of the exercise featured professional exchanges, cross-deck visits and sporting interactions between the Indian Navy and Sri Lanka Navy.
- The Sea Phase featured coordinated maritime manoeuvres, air operations, night replenishment at sea and Special Forces drills, including Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) and slithering operations. These activities provided valuable opportunities to hone operational coordination and interoperability between the participating forces.
- SLINEX-26 reflects the strong maritime partnership between India and Sri Lanka and their shared commitment towards a secure and stable Indian Ocean Region. The exercise contributes to India’s vision of MAHASAGAR and the Neighbourhood First policy through enhanced maritime cooperation, interoperability and capacity building.



## **Raymond Moves Into Fighter Aircraft Assembly**

- Raymond Ltd on Wednesday said that the company is expanding its aerospace business into aircraft structures, with its subsidiary JK Maini Global Aerospace Ltd winning a tender to assemble wing and centre-fuselage structures for an indigenous fighter aircraft programme.

- The company, in a release on exchanges, said that the contract was awarded by a leading Indian aerospace and defence original equipment manufacturer (OEM). It did not disclose the name of the customer, the fighter aircraft programme or the value of the order.
- The win marks Raymond's planned entry into aircraft structures, moving the group beyond precision manufacturing and aerospace components into larger aircraft assemblies.
- The company said the new aircraft-structures opportunity would allow JK Maini Global Aerospace to develop capabilities in the assembly of major aircraft structures while keeping the investment model relatively capital-efficient.
- Wing structures and centre-fuselage structures are critical aircraft assemblies, requiring specialised manufacturing and quality-control capabilities. Raymond said the latest programme would help its subsidiary establish credentials that could be used to pursue larger aerospace programmes in India and overseas.



## **Germany Ready To Sign Submarine Deal With India**

- Germany is ready to sign the proposed submarine partnership with India once the Indian side completes the required approvals, German Ambassador to India Jasper Wieck said, stressing that the deal is envisaged as a technology partnership rather than merely a sale of submarines.
- German Ambassador said the proposed partnership involving German defence major Thyssenkrupp Marine Systems (TKMS) would focus on production in India and technology transfer.
- The Ambassador said the partnership would benefit several companies and contribute to the development of India's broader maritime ecosystem.

- The project involves construction of six advanced conventional submarines for the Indian Navy, priced at roughly Rs 70,000 crore.
- These submarines are to be built primarily in India by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL) in Mumbai, in partnership with Germany's ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems (TMKS).
- The deal has been under negotiation for years, and talks have stalled repeatedly over commercial terms and technical specs.
- A CCS nod would finally clear the way for the contract to be signed and work to begin.
- The delay in the deal comes amid the Indian Navy grappling with a shortfall in its conventional submarine fleet.
- The six new boats are meant to bring better underwater endurance, stealth, and surveillance and strike capability. Their air-independent propulsion (AIP) systems mean longer stretches submerged - useful for extended patrols and sea-denial work across the Indian Ocean.
- It also comes at a time when Chinese submarine activity in the Indian Ocean is picking up.
- Earlier, the MDL built six Kalvari-class submarines with help from France. While the first one entered service in 2017, the last, INS Vagsheer, was commissioned in January 2025.
- India has run German-designed Type 209/1500 Shishumar-class submarines for decades, and several of them were built at MDL going back to the 1980s.
- The TKMS-MDL tie-up would pick up that thread, but this time it would have a much heavier focus on building things in India, transferring real technology, and growing a broader underwater warfare industry at home.



## West Bengal Govt Allots 256 Acres to Jupiter Defence

- West Bengal government has allotted around 256 acres of land to Jupiter Defence for setting up a large-scale integrated defence manufacturing facility at the Jangal Sundari Karmanagari Phase II Industrial Park in Raghunathpur, Purulia, in a move that is set to give a fresh push to the state's ambitions to attract large industrial investments.
- The facility is expected to become West Bengal's first major defence manufacturing unit, creating an industrial base for defence production while generating employment and opportunities for local businesses and ancillary industries.
- This time, defense production is going to be added to that industrial infrastructure. Jupiter Defense is a part of the Jupiter Wagons group. Until now, this group, which is mainly known for its railway-related production, has recently been expanding its business in several other industrial sectors, including defense. The company said that the proposed factory in Purulia is an important part of that expansion plan.
- This project will not only create a large factory in Purulia but also create a complete supply chain. Small and medium enterprises, component manufacturers and various ancillary companies will get an opportunity to be associated with a large defense factory.
- According to Vivek Lohia, Managing Director of Jupiter Wagons, this project will not only increase the country's own defense production capacity, but will also create local business and employment opportunities.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. The Ministry of Defence signed a ₹810.79 crore contract with which company for SAT-SAAW?**

- A. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- B. Bharat Electronics Limited
- C. Bharat Dynamics Limited
- D. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited

**Answer: C. Bharat Dynamics Limited**

**2. How many SAT-SAAW weapons are being procured for the Indian Air Force?**

- A. 120
- B. 140
- C. 160
- D. 180

**Answer: C. 160**

**3. SAT-SAAW has been indigenously designed and developed by which organisation?**

- A. DRDO
- B. ISRO
- C. HAL
- D. BDL

**Answer: A. DRDO**

**4. Exercise SLINEX-26 was conducted between India and which country?**

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Indonesia
- D. Maldives

**Answer: B. Sri Lanka**

**5. Where did the 13th edition of SLINEX-26 conclude?**

- A. Kochi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Chennai
- D. Visakhapatnam

**Answer: D. Visakhapatnam**

**6. Which company expanded into fighter aircraft structures after its subsidiary secured a contract for wing and centre-fuselage assemblies?**

- A. Tata Advanced Systems
- B. Raymond Ltd
- C. Larsen & Toubro
- D. Bharat Forge

**Answer: B. Raymond Ltd**

**7. The proposed India-Germany submarine partnership involves the construction of how many submarines?**

- A. Four
- B. Five
- C. Six
- D. Eight

**Answer: C. Six**

**8. Which German company is partnering with Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders for the proposed submarine programme?**

- A. Rheinmetall
- B. Airbus Defence
- C. Thyssenkrupp Marine Systems
- D. Diehl Defence

**Answer: C. Thyssenkrupp Marine Systems**

**9. How much land has the West Bengal government allotted to Jupiter Defence for its proposed defence manufacturing facility?**

- A. 156 acres
- B. 206 acres
- C. 256 acres
- D. 306 acres

**Answer: C. 256 acres**

**10. Jupiter Defence is a part of which group?**

- A. Tata Group
- B. Adani Group

- C. Mahindra Group
- D. Jupiter Wagons Group

**Answer: D. Jupiter Wagons Group**

**11. 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**

**12. "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**

**13. Rabat Is The Capital Of**

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

**ANSWER: A**

**14. "Without Fear or Favour" Book Written By**

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

**ANSWER: C**

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

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

**ANSWER: C**

**16. \_\_\_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**

**17. Hq of REGIMENTS UNDER CORPS OF ENGINEERS Is In**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Jabalpur
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**18. Predator C Avenger Is A**

- A. Air to Air missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Anti-tank Guided missile
- D. Drone

**ANSWER: D**

**19. INS Vikrant Is Manufactured By**

- A. CSL
- B. MDL
- C. HSL
- D. GRSE

**ANSWER: A**

**20. Indian Army Corps of Engineers HQ Is In**

- A. Mumbai
- B. Noida
- C. Chennai
- D. New Delhi

**ANSWER: D**