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Exercise KAZIND-2026

- A 60-member Indian Armed Forces contingent departed today for Oskemen, Kazakhstan, to participate in the **ninth edition** of the India–Kazakhstan Joint Military Exercise KAZIND to be conducted from 28 September to 11 October 2026.
- The Indian contingent is drawn mainly from a battalion of the GARHWAL RIFLES, along with troops from other arms and services, and personnel from the Indian Air Force.
- The Kazakhstan Armed Forces will field a contingent of matching strength, comprising primarily personnel from its Land Forces.
- The exercise aims to enhance interoperability and strengthen the joint capability of both forces to undertake Joint Counter-Terrorism operations in a sub-conventional environment under a United Nations mandate.
- KAZIND-2026 will focus on Joint Counter-Terrorism operations in semi-urban and mountainous terrain, with an emphasis on joint planning and execution, air mobility and the integrated employment of Unmanned Aerial Systems and Counter-UAS capabilities.
- The participating contingents will train together in joint responses to terrorist actions, raids, search-and-destroy missions, cordon-and-search operations, the securing of helipads and landing sites, and Special Heliborne Operations, among other activities.



Indian Navy To Host 2nd Edition of Commanders' Conference 2026

- The Commanders' Conference 2026/02 (the second edition of 2026 Indian Navy's biannual Conference) is scheduled over a period of three days from 29 Sep 2026 to 01 Oct 2026 at Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi.
- As the Navy's Apex Level forum, the Conference provides an avenue for senior Naval leadership, including outstation Operational and Area Commanders, to undertake a comprehensive review of Operational preparedness at the military-strategic level and engage with Senior Government functionaries through an institutionalised mechanism.
- The Conference will be pivotal in underscoring Indian Navy's contribution towards safeguarding India's maritime interests, including 'Security of Energy' amidst the ongoing conflicts in West Asia.
- The Navy's resolute conduct of the ongoing Operation Urja Suraksha and its emergence as a credible maritime force further bolsters its stature as a Preferred Security Partner in the Indian Ocean Region and beyond.
- On subsequent days, Chief of the Naval Staff, along with the Commanders-in-Chief, will review key focus areas namely Operations, Materiel, Logistics, HR, Training, induction of niche technologies such as AI, Big Data Analysis (BDA), Autonomous/Uncrewed Systems, and Cyber Operations, reinforcing the need to

imbibe cutting-edge warfighting concepts and accelerating technology absorption.



Second JDC Meeting Between India and Ethiopia

- The second Joint Defence Cooperation meeting between India and Ethiopia was held today, September 28, 2026, in Addis Ababa. The two countries discussed areas of mutual interest in the fields of military training, military exercise, medical cooperation, peacekeeping and defence industries.
- Both sides agreed to expand and deepen defence cooperation activities through exchange of personnel from training institutes, exploring avenues for joint ventures in defence production, delegation visits and experience sharing interactions.
- This visit marks a pivotal step in India-Ethiopia defence relations and reinforces both side's commitment to work together.
- It is also part of the institutional mechanism set up through signing of the Defence Cooperation MoU in February 2025 by the Defence Ministers of both the countries. The 1st JDC was held in New Delhi in October 2025.
- Ethiopia is an important defence partner of India and the partnership started way back in 1958. During the visit of PM of India to Ethiopia in December 2025, the bilateral relationship between the two countries was elevated to the level of **'Strategic Partnership'**.



2nd India-Fiji Bilateral Joint Working Group Meeting

- The second India–Fiji Bilateral Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting was held in New Delhi on September 28, 2026.
- The two countries held discussions on a wide range of areas of mutual interest, including military training and capacity building, service-to-service engagements, maritime security, cyber training, defence industry collaboration and enhanced institutional cooperation between the Armed Forces of India and Fiji.
- India reiterated the importance accorded to Fiji and the Pacific Island Countries in its vision of a free, open, inclusive and secure Indo-Pacific. Both sides expressed satisfaction at the growing bilateral defence engagements and reaffirmed their commitment to further expanding cooperation in mutually beneficial areas.
- As part of efforts to expand specialised military training cooperation, the Fijian delegation is scheduled to visit Kochi on 29–30 September 2026.
- The delegation will inspect facilities at the Southern Naval Command to formalise advanced naval training cooperation and professional aviation training modules, enhancing technical proficiency and operational synergy between the two maritime forces.



DRDO, CSIR-CGCRI Join Hands on Rs 50-crore Project

- DRDO has joined hands with CSIR-Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute (CSIR-CGCRI) as technology partner for a Rs 50-crore project to develop indigenous advanced lightweight bulletproof glass for armoured vehicles.
- The four-year project, being executed with DRDO laboratories including the Naval Materials Research Laboratory in M.H and TBRL in Chandigarh, is at an advanced stage and seeks to take the technology from laboratory development to large-scale manufacturing with an industry partner to be selected by DRDO.
- The project is focused on developing advanced transparent glass-ceramics that can provide multi-shot ballistic protection while being substantially lighter and thinner than conventional transparent armour used in armoured vehicles, the Kolkata-based research lab officials said.
- "The primary objective is to deliver robust multi-shot ballistic protection capable of withstanding direct AK-47 rifle fire from a distance of 100 metres with a defined velocity as per the standard test methods for BIS V and VI," said Atiar Rahaman Molla, Scientist-F, Specialty Glass Division, CSIR-CGCRI and project leader.
- The project is also expected to facilitate the transition of technology from laboratory-scale development to commercial production through industry participation. CGCRI has received interest from Indian companies for exploring commercial applications of its glass-ceramic technology.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Exercise KAZIND-2026 is being conducted between India and which country?

- A) Uzbekistan
- B) Kazakhstan
- C) Kyrgyzstan
- D) Tajikistan

Answer: B) Kazakhstan

2. Where is Exercise KAZIND-2026 being conducted?

- A) Almaty
- B) Astana
- C) Oskemen
- D) Shymkent

Answer: C) Oskemen

3. The second edition of the Indian Navy's Commanders' Conference 2026 is scheduled to be held at:

- A) South Block, New Delhi
- B) Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi
- C) Naval Headquarters, Mumbai
- D) INS India, Kochi

Answer: B) Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi

4. The second Joint Defence Cooperation (JDC) meeting between India and Ethiopia was held in:

- A) Nairobi
- B) New Delhi
- C) Addis Ababa
- D) Johannesburg

Answer: C) Addis Ababa

5. During the second India-Fiji Bilateral Joint Working Group meeting, which Indian location was scheduled to be visited by the Fijian delegation?

- A) Visakhapatnam
- B) Kochi
- C) Mumbai
- D) Port Blair

Answer: B) Kochi

6. DRDO and CSIR-CGCRI have collaborated on a project worth how much to develop lightweight bulletproof glass?

- A) ₹25 crore
- B) ₹50 crore
- C) ₹75 crore
- D) ₹100 crore

Answer: B) ₹50 crore

7. The advanced lightweight bulletproof glass being developed under the DRDO-CSIR-CGCRI project is primarily intended for:

- A) Fighter aircraft
- B) Naval ships
- C) Armoured vehicles
- D) Submarines

Answer: C) Armoured vehicles

8. Light Combat Helicopter Is Manufactured By

- A. DRDO
- B. HAL
- C. Boeing
- D. Airbus

ANSWER: B

9. Ex 'KAZIND' & 'KHANJAR' Conducted b/w India &

- A.** Kazakhstan
- B.** Kyrgyzstan
- C.** Both a & b
- D.** None of the above

ANSWER: C

10. Munitions India Limited Is An Indian State-owned Defence Company, HQ in

- A.** Pune
- B.** Mumbai
- C.** Noida
- D.** Chennai

ANSWER: A

11. Current CDS Of India Is

- A.** Gen N S Raja
- B.** Gen Bipin Rawat
- C.** Gen M M Naravane
- D.** None of the above

ANSWER: A

12. War Cry Of Mechanised Infantry Regiment Is

- A.** Durga Mata K Jai
- B.** Raja Ram Chandra K Jai
- C.** Bolo Bharat Mata Ki Jai
- D.** Bajrang Bali K Jai

ANSWER: C

13. Ex 'BLUE FLAG' Conducted b/w India &

- A.** Qatar
- B.** Oman
- C.** UAE
- D.** Israel

ANSWER: D

14. Operation Devi Shakti Was Conducted In

- A.** 2016
- B.** 2017
- C.** 2018

D. 2021

ANSWER: D

15. Always Alert Is The Motto Of

A. RAW

B. IB

C. DRDO

D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

16. Only Five-star Rank Officer Of The IAF Is

A. K.M Karippa

B. V R Chaudhary

C. R K S Bhadauria

D. Arjan Singh

ANSWER: D

17. SPYDER Is A

A. Destroyer

B. OPV

C. Submarine

D. Air defence system

ANSWER: D

18. Vilnius Is The Capital Of

A. Lithuania

B. Qatar

C. Malawi

D. Maldives

ANSWER: A

19. "Making of a General-A Himalayan Echo" Book Is Written By

A. Ramesh Kandula

B. Meghna Pant

C. Hunter Biden

D. Lt. Gen. Konsam Himalay Singh

ANSWER: D

20. President's Bodyguard Motto Is

- A. Jai Hind
- B. Sarvda Shaktishali
- C. Bharat Mata Ki Jai
- D. Rashtra Pratham

ANSWER: C