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Exercise INDRA-2026

- Indian Naval Ship Sahyadri arrived at Vladivostok, Russia, on 10 Oct 2026 to participate in Exercise INDRA 2026, a bilateral exercise between the Indian Navy and the Russian Federation Navy scheduled from 13 to 18 Oct 2026.
- The deployment provides an opportunity for professional engagements and operational interaction between the two navies, furthering maritime cooperation and interoperability.
- The participation of INS Sahyadri is in consonance with the Government of India's vision of **MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions)** and builds upon the longstanding defence and maritime partnership between India and Russia.
- The deployment also provides an opportunity to carry forward the momentum generated during the **23rd India-Russia Annual Summit** held on 04–05 Dec 2025.
- Exercise INDRA 2026 will comprise engagements during the harbour phase followed by coordinated operational activities at sea.
- The exercise will include a range of professional interactions and maritime evolutions aimed at enhancing mutual understanding, operational coordination and interoperability between the participating navies.
- In addition to operational engagements, social and cultural interactions will provide opportunities for personnel of both navies to interact and foster camaraderie and people-to-people connections.



Exercise KONKAN 2026

- Indian Navy's guided missile stealth frigate INS Trishul arrived at Plymouth, United Kingdom. The ship is scheduled to participate in Exercise KONKAN-26 with the Royal Navy.
- India-UK annual bilateral maritime exercise KONKAN-26 is a testament to the enduring maritime partnership between India and the UK.
- Over the past two decades, the exercise has grown significantly in scale and complexity, fostering enhanced interoperability and mutual understanding in maritime operations between the two Navies.
- The exercise is being conducted off Plymouth, UK, in two phases from 08-15 Oct 26. The Harbour Phase includes a broad spectrum of professional interactions, cross-deck visits, sports fixtures, cultural engagements and the ship being open to visitors.
- The Sea Phase will encompass complex maritime operational drills across all three domains – air, surface and sub-surface.
- Flying operations involving cross-deck landings, firing serials, air defence exercises, complex seamanship evolutions and anti-submarine exercises will add further complexity to this edition of Exercise KONKAN.
- The exercise is a reaffirmation of the shared commitment to ensuring secure, open and free seas and exemplifies the **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership** outlined in the **India-UK Vision 2035**.



Launch of Next Generation OPV

- Yard 3040 (Shreyas), Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV), was launched at M/s GRSE, Kolkata, on 10 Oct 2026 by Mrs Reyman Kochhar, in the presence of VAdm Ajay Kochhar, Vice Chief of the Naval Staff.
- The event reflected the rich traditions and ethos of the Indian Navy. Senior dignitaries from the Indian Navy, Ministry of Defence, GRSE and Industry Partners attended the occasion.
- The construction of NGOPVs is concurrently being undertaken at two shipyards (GSL, Goa & GRSE, Kolkata).
- These indigenously designed and built ships will augment the existing OPVs/ NOPVs for multi-domain operations, such as maritime surveillance, search & rescue, protection of offshore assets, HADR and anti-piracy missions.
- These ships derive their names from India's rich heritage, with this ship being named as '**Shreyas**', meaning '**Best**' or '**Most Excellent**' in Sanskrit.
- The launch marks yet another significant milestone in Indian Navy's pursuit towards indigenous shipbuilding and is in consonance with Government of India's vision of '**Aatmanirbhar Bharat**' and '**Make in India**' initiatives.



ICG Commissions Indigenous ICGS Ajit

- ICG commissioned the indigenous **Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) ICGS Ajit** at Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) on 9 October 2026. Dr Sirish Choudhary, Principal Integrated Financial Advisor (Coast Guard), presided over the ceremony. GSL handed over the vessel to the Coast Guard on 25 August 2026.
- ICGS Ajit is 51.43 metres long and has a displacement of 330 tonnes. More than 65% of its content is indigenous. Twin marine diesel engines power the vessel through controllable pitch propellers, a first-of-its-kind feature for this class of FPV in India.
- It can exceed 27 knots and has an endurance of 1,500 nautical miles. One knot equals one nautical mile per hour. The vessel will be operated by six officers and 35 sailors. A Fast Patrol Vessel is a coast guard craft designed for patrol and other maritime operational duties.
- ICGS Ajit will be based at Okha in Gujarat. Its assigned roles include maritime surveillance, search and rescue, anti-smuggling and anti-piracy operations, fisheries protection, and response to marine pollution.
- The vessel will operate along Gujarat's coastline and in adjoining offshore areas, including the Arabian Sea.
- The Coast Guard Act was enacted in 1978.
- The Indian Coast Guard was established on 1 February 1977.
- ICGS Ajit has a stated maximum speed of more than 27 knots.
- GSL handed over ICGS Ajit on 25 August 2026, before its commissioning on 9 October 2026.



Defence Secretary to Visit Cyprus and Greece

- Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh will undertake an official visit to Cyprus and Greece from October 12 to 15, 2026. Maritime security and defence industrial cooperation will remain prominent themes during the discussions with both the countries.
- During his visit to Cyprus on October 12-13, the Defence Secretary is scheduled to meet his counterparts in the Cypriot Ministry of Defence and also call on the Cypriot leadership. Following the visit of the President of Cyprus to India in May 2026, the India-Cyprus Strategic Partnership has gained further momentum. Defence Secretary's visit is expected to underscore the shared commitment to deepening and expanding bilateral engagement, particularly in the maritime domain.
- In the second leg of his visit, Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh will interact with the senior defence and military leadership of Greece. The Greek Minister of National Defence visited India in February 2026 and held talks with Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh. These high-level exchanges reflect the growing India-Greece partnership in the defence and strategic domains.
- The visit assumes added significance as India seeks to further strengthen its defence and strategic cooperation with partners in the European Union, following the signing of the landmark India-EU Security and Defence Partnership.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Exercise INDRA 2026 is a joint military exercise between which two countries?

- A. India and France
- B. India and Russia
- C. India and the United Kingdom
- D. India and Japan

Correct Answer: B. India and Russia

2. INS Sahyadri arrived at which Russian port for Exercise INDRA 2026?

- A. Moscow
- B. St. Petersburg
- C. Vladivostok
- D. Murmansk

Correct Answer: C. Vladivostok

3. Exercise KONKAN 2026 is a joint naval exercise between India and which country?

- A. Australia
- B. United Kingdom
- C. United States
- D. Germany

Correct Answer: B. United Kingdom

4. The Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) Shreyas was launched at which shipyard?

- A. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
- B. Cochin Shipyard Limited
- C. Goa Shipyard Limited
- D. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)

Correct Answer: D. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)

5. What is the primary base of the Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Ajit?

- A. Mumbai, Maharashtra
- B. Kochi, Kerala
- C. Okha, Gujarat
- D. Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Correct Answer: C. Okha, Gujarat

6. What is the reported maximum speed of ICGS Ajit?

- A. 18 knots
- B. 22 knots
- C. 27 knots
- D. 35 knots

Correct Answer: C. 27 knots

7. Who was scheduled to visit Cyprus and Greece from 12 to 15 October 2026?

- A. Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh
- B. Chief of Defence Staff Anil Chauhan
- C. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar
- D. Chief of the Army Staff Upendra Dwivedi

Correct Answer: A. Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh

8. Which initiative is associated with the development of indigenous defence platforms such as Shreyas and ICGS Ajit?

- A. Digital India
- B. Make in India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat
- C. Smart Cities Mission
- D. PM Gati Shakti

Correct Answer: B. Make in India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat

9. _ Is Not A G7 member.

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

ANSWER: A

10. The Standard Meridian Of India Is

- A. 82 degrees 30' E
- B. 84 degrees 30' E
- C. 72 degrees 30' E
- D. 92 degrees 30' E

ANSWER: A

11. Army Medical Corps Motto Is

- A. Courage and Valor
- B. Sarve santu niramaya
- C. Service Before Self
- D. Lethal

ANSWER: B

12. Glock 18 Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. Machine Pistol
- C. Assault rifle
- D. Submachine gun

ANSWER: B

13. Which Is The Largest Uranium-producing Country In The World?

- A. USA
- B. India

C. Kazakhstan

D. Uzbekistan

ANSWER: C

14. Kaiga Atomic Power Plant Is In

A. Karnataka

B. Gujarat

C. Madhya Pradesh

D. Uttarakhand

ANSWER: A

15. Who established the Atomic Energy Commission of India in 1948?

A. P.K. Iyengar

B. M.R. Srinivasan

C. Vikram Sarabhai

D. Homi Bhabha

ANSWER: D

16. Nay Pyi Taw Is The Capital Of

A. Bhutan

B. Nepal

C. Afghanistan

D. Myanmar

ANSWER: D

17. "India's Women Unsung Heroes" Book Is Written By

A. Chandrachur Ghose

B. Ruskin Bond

C. Dr. Thomas Matthew

D. Meenakshi Lekhi

ANSWER: D

18. Ex 'Konkan Shakti' conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. UK
- C. UAE
- D. Japan

ANSWER: B

19. "Kartavyam Anvatma" (Duty before death) Is The Motto Of

- A. RAJPUT REGIMENT
- B. DOGRA REGIMENT
- C. SIKH REGIMENT
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

20. Which Country Isn't the member of NSG?

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

ANSWER: C