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SIMBEX-2026

- The **33rd edition** of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX-2026) is being held at Visakhapatnam from 21 to 26 Oct 2026. Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) ship RSS Supreme arrived at Visakhapatnam on 21 Oct 2026 to participate in the exercise.
- The opening ceremony of SIMBEX-2026 was held on 21 Oct 2026 onboard INS Nilgiri and INS Kamorta. The ceremony was attended by the Chief Staff Officer (Operations) of the Eastern Naval Command, the Fleet Commander of the RSN, and other senior officers from both Navies.
- Since its inception in 1994 as Exercise Lion King, SIMBEX has evolved into a significant bilateral maritime engagement between the Indian Navy and the RSN.
- Over the years, the exercise has expanded in scope and complexity, strengthening professional ties, mutual understanding and operational interoperability between the two Navies.
- The exercise will be conducted in two phases. The Harbour Phase, from 21 to 23 Oct 2026, will include professional interactions, Subject Matter Expert Exchanges (SMEEs), cross-deck visits, sporting engagements, and planning conferences.
- The Sea Phase, scheduled from 24 to 26 Oct 2026 in the Bay of Bengal, will feature maritime operations and tactical exercises, including Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW), anti-surface and anti-air warfare drills, seamanship evolutions, and tactical manoeuvres.



Conclusion of IBSAMAR IX 2026

- The ninth edition of the India-Brazil-South Africa Maritime (IBSAMAR) Exercise 2026 concluded at Simon's Town, South Africa, on 20 Oct 2026.
- It brought together the Indian, Brazilian and South African Navies for a series of professional interactions and maritime evolutions aimed at enhancing interoperability, strengthening operational cooperation and fostering greater mutual understanding among the three maritime forces.
- The closing ceremony marked the culmination of ten days of joint activities conducted during the harbour and sea phases. Participating personnel engaged in professional exchanges, operational interactions and joint training, gaining valuable insights into each other's procedures, capabilities and methods of operating at sea.
- The successful conclusion of IBSAMAR IX 2026 underscores the shared commitment of India, Brazil and South Africa to strengthening maritime cooperation and enhancing interoperability in support of safe, secure and open seas underpinned by a rules-based order.



MOD Inks ₹ 770 Cr Contract

- The Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with M/s Bharat Electronic Limited (BEL) to procure Improved Low Level Light Weight Radar (LLLR-I) at a cost of approximately ₹ 770 Cr in the presence of the Defence Secretary, Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh in New Delhi on October 21, 2026.
- The LLLR(I) system has the capability of detecting and tracking fighter size targets and mini/ micro drones, it has additional capability of prioritizing aerial targets. This will enable the Army to successfully counter the threat of the Unmanned Aerial System (UAS).
- Aligning with the Government's vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, the procurement is a significant step towards indigenization of Air Defence platforms with a boost to India's Defence manufacturing ecosystem, including Micro Small & Medium Enterprises and building a resilient, self-reliant and globally competitive Defence Industry.



Army Commanders' Conference Commences

- The Army Commanders' Conference, the apex-level biannual forum of the Indian Army, commenced today. Chaired by the Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), the conference is being held in New Delhi from 21 to 23 October 2026.
- It brings together the senior leadership of the Indian Army, to deliberate the evolving security environment, operational preparedness, capability development and future-ready transformation initiatives.
- A key highlight of the conference will be the release of the Land Warfare Doctrine by the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri. The doctrine will provide an overarching framework to prepare the Indian Army to meet the challenges posed by the evolving character of warfare and future conflicts.
- The Hon'ble Raksha Mantri will also unveil the annual United Nations Journal and felicitate Indian Army personnel who have made notable contributions while serving as UN peacekeepers, recognising their exemplary service, professionalism and contribution to international peace and security under the United Nations banner.
- To recognise excellence in environmental sustainability, resource management and the promotion of a strong aviation safety culture, the COAS will also confer awards for Green Military Stations and Aviation Flight Safety.



DOMA Reviews Over 2.46 Lakh Files

- The Special Campaign 6 of the Department of Military Affairs, Ministry of Defence is being implemented from October 02 - 31, 2026. The Campaign is focused on achieving clean workplaces and surroundings through general cleanliness drives, improved space management, disposal of scrap, weeding out of records and beautification of available spaces.
- During the first two weeks of the Campaign, over 2.46 lakh files have been reviewed, cleanliness drives have been undertaken at 3,553 campaign sites, and 158 rules have been reviewed and simplified. Revenue of ₹50.60 lakh has also been generated through the disposal of scrap so far.
- The progress of the Campaign is being monitored on a daily basis to ensure the effective achievement of the targets set.
- With focus on the reduction of pendency in public grievances, references received from Members of Parliament, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and State Governments, the campaign is witnessing active participation of the defence forces and defence establishments across the country.



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REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The 33rd edition of SIMBEX-2026 is being conducted between India and which country?

- A) Indonesia
- B) Singapore
- C) Thailand
- D) Vietnam

Answer: B) Singapore

2. What was the original name of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX)?

- A) Exercise Malabar
- B) Exercise Lion King
- C) Exercise Sea Dragon
- D) Exercise Milan

Answer: B) Exercise Lion King

3. IBSAMAR IX 2026 brought together the navies of which three countries?

- A) India, Brazil and South Africa
- B) India, Australia and South Africa
- C) India, Brazil and Argentina
- D) India, France and South Africa

Answer: A) India, Brazil and South Africa

4. The Ministry of Defence signed a contract worth approximately ₹770 crore with which company for the Improved Low-Level Light-Weight Radar (LLLR-I)?

- A) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

- B) Bharat Dynamics Limited
- C) Bharat Electronics Limited
- D) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited

Answer: C) Bharat Electronics Limited

5. What is a key capability of the Improved Low-Level Light-Weight Radar (LLLR-I)?

- A) Detecting underwater submarines
- B) Detecting and tracking fighter-sized targets and mini/micro drones
- C) Tracking deep-space satellites
- D) Detecting underground tunnels

Answer: B) Detecting and tracking fighter-sized targets and mini/micro drones

6. Where was the Army Commanders' Conference held from 21 to 23 October 2026?

- A) Pune
- B) Jaipur
- C) New Delhi
- D) Lucknow

Answer: C) New Delhi

7. Who will release the Land Warfare Doctrine at the Army Commanders' Conference, according to the provided information?

- A) Chief of the Army Staff
- B) Defence Secretary
- C) Raksha Mantri
- D) National Security Adviser

Answer: C) Raksha Mantri

8. How much revenue was generated through scrap disposal during the first two weeks of Special Campaign 6.0 by the Department of Military Affairs?

- A) ₹25.60 lakh
- B) ₹40.50 lakh
- C) ₹50.60 lakh
- D) ₹75.60 lakh

Answer: C) ₹50.60 lakh

9. Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi Is The GOC In Chief Of

- A.** Northern Command
- B.** Western Command
- C.** Southern Command
- D.** Central Command

ANSWER: A

10. Wartime Distinguished Service Medal Is

- A. PVC
- B. MVC
- C. VSM
- D. YSM

ANSWER: D

11. Colonel Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank Of Indian Navy Is

- A. Commander
- B. Captain
- C. Group Captain
- D. Lieutenant

ANSWER: B

12. Maitree Exercise Held B/W India And____?

- A. Thailand
- B. USA
- C. Qatar
- D. Singapore

ANSWER: A

13. Tangail Airdrop Was Done At Which War

- A. 1948
- B. 1962
- C. 1965
- D. 1971

ANSWER: D

14. War Cry of NAGA REGIMENT

- A. Bharat Mata ki Jai
- B. Ki ki so so Lhargyalo
- C. Jai Durga Naga
- D. Durga Mata Ki Jai

ANSWER: C

15. Kamov Ka-31 Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle
- C. Helicopter
- D. Submachine gun

ANSWER: C

16. High Altitude Warfare School Is At

- A. Wellington
- B. Gulmarg
- C. Shimla
- D. Dehradun

ANSWER: B

17. War Cry of THE MAHAR REGIMENT

- A. Bharat Mata ki Jai
- B. Bolo Hindustan Ki Jay
- C. Jai Hind
- D. Durga Mata Ki Jai

ANSWER: B

18. Southwestern Air Command of IAF Is In

- A. Prayagraj

- B. Gandhinagar
- C. Shillong
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: B

19. Bagram Air Base Located In

- A. Pakistan
- B. Iraq
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Qatar

ANSWER: C

20. Dassault Aviation Is A Company Of

- A. Thailand
- B. USA
- C. Qatar
- D. France

ANSWER: D