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INDIA-RoKN Bilateral Exercise 2026

- Indian Naval Ship Sahyadri, an indigenously designed and built guided missile stealth frigate of the Indian Navy, arrived at Busan Naval Harbour, Republic of Korea, on 26 Oct 2026 to participate in the **India-Republic of Korea Navy (IN-RoKN) Bilateral Exercise**.
- The visit marks another step towards strengthening maritime cooperation and enhancing interoperability between the two navies in the Indo-Pacific.
- INS Sahyadri was accorded a warm welcome by the Republic of Korea Navy (RoKN), reflecting the growing engagement and enduring strategic partnership between India and the Republic of Korea.
- The harbour phase will be followed by coordinated maritime activities at sea involving INS Sahyadri and ROKS Munmu the Great, providing opportunities to strengthen operational coordination, enhance interoperability and consolidate professional ties between the two navies.
- The exercise underscores the shared commitment of India and the Republic of Korea to strengthening maritime cooperation and contributing to peace, stability and security in the Indo-Pacific.



India Raises Concerns Over 'F-16 Package To Pakistan'

- Defence minister Rajnath Singh has raised concerns over the supply of sustainment packages for Pakistan's F-16 fighter jet fleet during a meeting with US Secretary of War Pete Hegseth and cautioned against the transfer of sensitive technology to the country.
- Singh, who met Hegseth on the sidelines of the Asean Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) in the Philippines, discussed regional and global security issues and reviewed the progress of the India-US Defence Framework.
- The meeting marked a vital opportunity to review the progress under the India-US Major Defence Partnership. Reflecting on the ongoing collaboration, both sides noted the robust progression of their foundational security agreements and explored fresh pathways to accelerate operational readiness, technology sharing and defence industrial integration.
- A key highlight of the dialogue was the review of regional security, during which both nations strongly emphasised their joint resolve to eliminate the global menace of terrorism.
- Raksha Mantri stressed that the global community must maintain an uncompromising, zero-tolerance approach towards nations that support, train, or fund terrorist organisations.



L&T Begins Production of BVS-10 Sindhu ATVs

- Larsen & Toubro (L&T), in partnership with BAE Systems, has commenced production of the BvS10 Sindhu articulated all-terrain vehicle for the Indian Army, marking a significant step in enhancing the Army's mobility and operational reach across some of India's most challenging terrains.
- The Indian Army has placed an initial order for 18 BvS10 Sindhu vehicles. These platforms are slated for deployment in Ladakh and the Kutch region, where troops routinely operate in some of the harshest climatic and geographical conditions encountered anywhere in the world.
- In Ladakh, the vehicles will support military operations at altitudes of up to 18,000 feet. The region is characterised by rugged mountains, heavy snowfall and extreme winter conditions, with temperatures capable of falling to as low as minus 55 degrees Celsius.
- At the opposite end of the climatic spectrum, the vehicles will also serve along the Pakistan-facing frontier in the Kutch region. There, troops contend with scorching temperatures that can reach 55 degrees Celsius, as well as marshlands, desert terrain and the vast Great Rann of Kutch, where conventional military vehicles often face severe mobility limitations.
- The BvS10 Sindhu is an upgraded version of the globally proven BvS10 articulated all-terrain vehicle. The platform has been specially adapted to meet

the Indian Army's requirements across high-altitude, desert, marshland and amphibious operating environments.

- A key feature of the vehicle is its articulated mobility system, which enables it to traverse snow, ice, rocks, sand, mud, swamps and steep mountainous terrain.
- This capability allows troops and equipment to be transported into areas that are difficult or impossible to access using conventional wheeled or tracked vehicles.



Project-18A Gets Green Light

- The Indian government has taken a significant step towards strengthening the Indian Navy's future surface combat capabilities, with the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, granting in-principal approval for the long-awaited Project-18A program.
- The initiative falls under the naval platforms category and is expected to deliver a new generation of stealth-guided missile destroyers that will become key frontline assets in the decades ahead.
- Designed by the Warship Design Bureau, the future destroyers are planned to be larger, heavier and considerably more capable than the existing destroyer fleet.
- With a displacement exceeding 10,000 tons, the vessels will be substantially bigger than the current Visakhapatnam-class destroyers, which displace around 7,400 tons.
- The ambitious program is expected to cost more than ₹75,000 crore. Following approval, a competitive bidding process is likely to be initiated for construction

of the destroyers. Deliveries are expected to commence between five and ten years after contracts are awarded, highlighting the long-term strategic nature of the project.



Raksha Mantri Holds Bilateral Talks With Defence Minister of Singapore

- On the sidelines of the 13th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM)-Plus in Cebu, Philippines, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh held a productive bilateral meeting with the Minister for Defence of Singapore Mr Chan Chun Sing on October 28, 2026. The meeting highlighted the deep-rooted, historical ties and strong strategic partnership between the two nations, providing an opportunity for both leaders to review ongoing defence initiatives and chart out future areas of cooperation.
- The two Ministers expressed deep satisfaction with the strong momentum in bilateral defence relations. The deliberations focused on expanding the scope of joint military exercises across the Army, Navy, and Air Force, aimed at enhancing operational synergy and mutual understanding.
- Raksha Mantri reiterated India's commitment to ASEAN centrality and a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific region. He acknowledged Singapore as a key pillar in India's Act East Policy.
- To further strengthen the defence industry and technology collaboration, Shri Rajnath Singh formally extended an invitation to Mr Chan Chun Sing to

participate in the upcoming Aero India 2027 scheduled to take place in Bengaluru in February. Raksha Mantri also congratulated the Singaporean Defence Minister on taking over the chair of ADMM-Plus for 2027 and conveyed best wishes.



Japan Eyes Indian Ranges To Test 1,000-km Type-25 Missiles And Drone Training

- Japan is exploring the possibility of using Indian test facilities and firing ranges for live-fire training involving long-range surface-to-ship missiles and small attack drones, a move that could add a significant new dimension to India-Japan defence cooperation in the Indo-Pacific.
- The development comes as Tokyo seeks solutions to a growing challenge created by its rapidly expanding arsenal of stand-off weapons, particularly new missile systems capable of striking targets at far greater distances than previous generations.
- Japan Ground Self-Defence Force (GSDF) Chief of Staff General Arai Masayoshi confirmed on October 27 that Japanese personnel had been dispatched to India to coordinate discussions related to potential training opportunities.
- “It is true that we dispatched personnel to coordinate various matters with India,” Arai said during a press conference.
- His remarks followed reports that Japanese Defence Ministry officials travelled to India in mid-October and spent approximately a week inspecting test facilities and firing ranges that could potentially support future training activities.

- No decision has yet been taken regarding live-fire exercises in India, and Tokyo has not selected any specific missile system for a prospective deployment. The discussions remain exploring. However, the talks reflect a broader challenge facing Japan's military as it fields increasingly long-range weapons.
- "When operating relatively long-range missiles, such as surface-to-ship missiles, how to conduct training that makes use of their range is a major challenge," Arai stated.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which Indian Navy warship arrived at Busan Naval Harbour, South Korea, on 26 October 2026, for the India–RoK bilateral naval exercise?

- A) INS Kolkata
- B) INS Sahyadri
- C) INS Vikrant
- D) INS Chennai

Correct Answer: B) INS Sahyadri

2. During the India–US defence meeting, Rajnath Singh raised concerns regarding the sustainment package for which aircraft operated by Pakistan?

- A) JF-17 Thunder
- B) Mirage 2000

- C) F-16 Fighting Falcon
- D) J-10C

Correct Answer: C) F-16 Fighting Falcon

3. Larsen & Toubro has partnered with which company to manufacture BvS10 Sindhu all-terrain vehicles for the Indian Army?

- A) Lockheed Martin
- B) BAE Systems
- C) Boeing
- D) Airbus Defence and Space

Correct Answer: B) BAE Systems

4. What is the initial order quantity of BvS10 Sindhu vehicles mentioned in the supplied material?

- A) 12
- B) 18
- C) 24
- D) 36

Correct Answer: B) 18

5. Which organisation is responsible for designing the proposed Project-18A destroyers?

- A) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers
- B) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
- C) Warship Design Bureau
- D) Hindustan Shipyard Limited

Correct Answer: C) Warship Design Bureau

6. What is the expected displacement of the proposed Project-18A destroyers?

- A) More than 5,000 tonnes
- B) More than 7,000 tonnes
- C) More than 8,000 tonnes
- D) More than 10,000 tonnes

Correct Answer: D) More than 10,000 tonnes

7. Who is Singapore's Defence Minister named in the bilateral meeting with Rajnath Singh on 28 October 2026?

- A) Ng Eng Hen
- B) Chan Chun Sing
- C) Vivian Balakrishnan
- D) Lawrence Wong

Correct Answer: B) Chan Chun Sing

8. Japan is exploring the possibility of using Indian firing ranges for training involving which of the following?

- A) Long-range surface-to-ship missiles and small attack drones
- B) Nuclear-powered submarines only
- C) Manned fighter aircraft only
- D) Ballistic missile defence systems only

Correct Answer: A) Long-range surface-to-ship missiles and small attack drones

9. 'No First Use Policy of Nuclear' Is Related To Which Nation Policy?

- A. USA
- B. India
- C. UK
- D. Pakistan

ANSWER: B

10. Annual Hydrographic Conference Held At

- A. Dehradun
- B. Ranikhet
- C. Jaipur
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

11. How Many Countries Are In BRICS?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 6

ANSWER: C

12. 'Ex KOMODO' Hosted By

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. UAE

D. Indonesia

ANSWER: D

13. Hiroshima Day Observed Every Year

A. 4 August

B. 5 August

C. 6 August

D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

14. India Meteorological Department Comes Under The Ministry Of__.

A. MHA

B. Ministry of Earth Sciences

C. Ministry of I&T

D. MOD

ANSWER: B

15. INS Kumbhir Is A

A. Destroyer

B. OPV

C. Submarine

D. Landing Ship Tank

ANSWER: D

16. Operational Range of Rudram-1 Is

A. 150 km

B. 250 km

C. 350 km

D. 450 km

ANSWER: B

17. Which One Of The Following Countries Does Not Border With Lithuania?

A. Latvia

B. Belarus

C. Poland

D. Ukraine

ANSWER: D

18. "Tiger of Drass: Capt. Anuj Nayyar, 23, Kargil Hero" Book Is Written By

- A. Rajesh Talwar
- B. Roger Faligot
- C. Mithilesh Tiwari
- D. Meena Nayyar & Himmat Singh Shekhawat

ANSWER: D

19. Army Air Defence College Is In

- A. Gopalpur, Odisha
- B. Pune, M.H.
- C. Chennai, T.N.
- D. None

ANSWER: A

20. Joint Exercises B/w The India And UK Is Called:

- A. Yama
- B. Indradhanush
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: B