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DAD to Celebrate 279th Annual Day

- The Defence Accounts Department (DAD) will celebrate its 279th Annual Day on October 1, 2026, in New Delhi. Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh will grace the celebrations at Dr. D.S. Kothari Auditorium, DRDO Bhawan.
- The Defence Accounts Department (DAD) operates under the Ministry of Defence, Government of India, and is responsible for providing financial advice, payments, accounting, and internal audit for the armed forces and allied organizations.
- Origin: Established in 1747, it is one of the oldest government departments in India.
- Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
- Leadership: Headed by the Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA).
- Cadre: Manages and controls the Indian Defence Accounts Service (IDAS)



ASEAN-INDIA MARITIME EXERCISE (AIME-2026)

- The Second Edition of the ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2026) commenced at Subic Bay, Philippines, on 28 Sep 2026, with the participation of Indian Naval Ships Sahyadri and Kulish, along with maritime forces from ASEAN Member States.
- Conducted under the theme “Anchored in Trust, United at Sea”, the exercise brings together maritime forces from India and ASEAN countries for professional, operational and social engagements aimed at enhancing mutual understanding, cooperation and interoperability.
- The exercise commenced with the Opening Ceremony, wherein His Excellency Shri Harsh Kumar Jain, Ambassador of India to the Philippines, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour and addressed the participating maritime forces.
- The Harbour Phase will comprise a series of professional, operational and social engagements, including Subject Matter Expert Exchanges, sporting and cultural activities, community engagement and Operational Synchronisation, followed by a Pre-Sail Brief prior to commencement of the Sea Phase.
- The exercise will thereafter transition to the Sea Phase, wherein the participating maritime forces will undertake coordinated maritime exercises and operational serials.
- The sea phase is aimed at enhancing professional understanding, operational coordination and interoperability through practical training and coordinated activities at sea.
- The participation of INS Sahyadri and INS Kulish in AIME-2026 underscores the Indian Navy’s continued commitment to strengthening maritime partnerships and promoting practical cooperation with ASEAN maritime forces.
- The exercise is being conducted in furtherance of India’s Act East Policy and the vision of **MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions)**.



IAF's 17 Squadron 'Golden Arrows' Marks 75 Years

- The Indian Air Force's No. 17 Squadron, known as the Golden Arrows, completed 75 years on 1 October 2026. The squadron was raised on 1 October 1951 at Air Force Station Ambala, and Flight Lieutenant D. L. Springett served as its first commanding officer.
- No. 17 Squadron began as a tactical reconnaissance unit in 1951. It first operated 12 American **Harvard-II B aircraft** and later converted to British de Havilland Vampires in 1955. The Vampire was among the early jet aircraft inducted by the IAF.
- The squadron has served in major Indian military operations since the 1960s. Its operational record includes the 1961 Liberation of Goa, the Indo-Pakistan wars of 1965 and 1971, the Kargil conflict of 1999, the Balakot strikes, and Operation Sindoor in May 2025.
- The squadron was number-plated in 2016 during the phase-out of MiG-21 aircraft. It was re-raised on 11 September 2019 at Ambala Air Force Station and became the first IAF unit to operate the Dassault Rafale fighter aircraft.
- In October 2025, No. 17 Squadron received a Unit Citation for its performance during Operation Sindoor under Group Captain Amit Gehani. The squadron's role in the Kargil war was later depicted in a Netflix series released in August 2026.



IDS Celebrates 25 Years of Jointness And Integration

- Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS) today marked its Silver Jubilee, commemorating 25 years since its establishment on 01 October 2001 in New Delhi, observed as 'Tri-Service Day'.
- In recognition of its distinguished contributions to strengthening jointness and integration, HQ IDS released a Silver Jubilee Book chronicling its evolution and achievements over the past 25 years, along with a film showcasing key milestones since its establishment.
- The Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS) is an apex tri-service organization in India responsible for fostering jointness, integration, and operational synergy among the Indian Army, Indian Navy, and Indian Air Force.
- **Established:** October 1, 2001, in New Delhi (following recommendations of the Kargil Review Committee).
- **Leadership:** Headed by the Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to the Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee (CISC), currently Air Marshal Tejinder Singh. It works in tandem with and assists the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS).
- **Composition:** Includes military representatives from all three services alongside officials from the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of External Affairs, and DRDO.



Maritime Exercise Varuna 2026

- Indian Naval Ship Trishul arrived at Toulon, France, on 22 Sep 2026 to participate in the **24th edition** of Exercise 'Varuna', the annual bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the French Navy.
- The ship received a warm welcome from the French Navy with a ceremonial water cannon salute. The harbour phase comprised professional, sporting and cultural engagements aimed at strengthening maritime ties and professional bonds between the two navies.
- The Commanding Officer, INS Trishul, called on RAdm Mackara Ouk, Deputy Commander-in-Chief for Operations (CECMED), and interacted with senior leadership of the French Navy.
- INS Trishul also hosted a cultural interaction onboard, attended by VAdm (Retd) Laurent Isnard, Deputy Mayor of Toulon, officers of the French Navy and civil dignitaries. A friendly volleyball match further fostered camaraderie between personnel of the two navies.
- The ship's crew also visited French Navy ships Charles de Gaulle, Forbin and La Fayette, gaining insights into carrier operations, aviation facilities and practices followed onboard.
- During the Sea Phase, INS Trishul exercised alongside French Navy units, including FDA Forbin, FLF La Fayette and SNA Suffren, as well as NH90 helicopters and Atlantique 2 maritime patrol aircraft.



Army Conducts Exercise Jai Se Vijay

- The Indian Army conducted Exercise Jai Se Vijay on 29 September 2026 near the India-Pakistan International Border in Rajasthan. The drill used a stretch of National Highway-911 near Dantour as a temporary military runway for helicopter operations.
- The exercise took place on NH-911, a road corridor in Rajasthan that runs close to the border area. The location near Dantour placed the drill in a strategically sensitive sector under the South Western Command, also known as Sapta Shakti Command.
- National Highway-911 is part of India's road network and was used as a dual-use infrastructure asset for military aviation activity. Such road-runway arrangements are relevant in border regions where fixed airfields may not be available for rapid deployment.
- Rudra, Dhruv, and Chetak helicopters of the Army Aviation Corps took part in the exercise. The helicopters carried out precision landings and take-offs on the highway surface.
- Rudra is the armed version of the Advanced Light Helicopter, Dhruv is the indigenous Advanced Light Helicopter, and Chetak is the Indian licence-built version of the Aérospatiale Alouette III. These platforms are used by the Indian Army for reconnaissance, transport, casualty evacuation, and support missions.
- The India-Pakistan International Border is one of India's most sensitive land borders and passes through Rajasthan, Punjab, and Gujarat. The 2016 surgical strikes across the Line of Control took place on 28-29 September 2016.



Exercise Mountain Guardian 2026

- The India-UAE Joint Military Exercise MOUNTAIN GUARDIAN 2026 commenced today at the Foreign Training Node, Chaubatia, Uttarakhand. The exercise, being conducted from 05 to 18 October 2026, aims to enhance interoperability, mutual understanding and cooperation, with a focus on Mountain Warfare.
- A total of 92 personnel, with equal representation from both Armies, are participating in the exercise. The Indian Army contingent comprises troops from a Bhairav Battalion, while the UAE Army contingent comprises troops from a Mountain Infantry Battalion.
- During the exercise, troops will undertake joint planning, tactical drills, firing practices, establishment of surveillance grids, drone operations, physical endurance training, rock climbing, obstacle training and integrated field exercises.
- Exercise MOUNTAIN GUARDIAN 2026 will provide an opportunity for both armies to exchange professional experience, enhance tactical proficiency and exchange best practices in operational procedures.
- The exercise will further strengthen military-to-military cooperation between India and the UAE and reinforce the bonds of friendship and trust between the two nations.



Maiden Live Jump of Advanced High-Altitude Parachute

- DRDO conducted the maiden live jump of the Advanced High-Altitude Parachute at one of the highest-altitude drop zones, Nyoma (Mudh DZ).
- The jump was executed at 16,000 feet above mean sea level (AMSL). The parachute was deployed at 15500 feet AMSL and landing was undertaken at Nyoma (Mudh DZ) which is at 13,700 feet.
- The jump proved the efficacy and tactical employability of the AHAP parachute at extremely High-Altitude Terrains.
- Designed and developed by Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment (ADRDE), Agra, AHAP is a static line parachute system for mass drop of paratroopers.



DRDO Conducts Flight Trial of High-Altitude Platform

- DRDO has carried out the successful flight trial of indigenously developed High-Altitude Platform (HAPS).
- The experimental flight attained an altitude of 21 km above mean sea level (AMSL) and remained at an altitude of 20 km AMSL for more than 30 minutes, before it was commanded to descend back to ground.
- Real-time video data and all other vehicle parameters were acquired from the Airborne platform at Ground Control Station during the entire flight, which showed intended flight performance.
- The High-Altitude Platform, a lighter than air system as a long endurance stratospheric aerial surveillance platform, is being designed and developed by Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment (ADRDE), Agra.



MoD Signs Rs 661 Crore Contract

- The Ministry of Defence signed a contract with BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited (BAPL) for procurement of BrahMos Fire Control System and Launchers for Indian Navy ships under Buy (Indian-IDD) Category, on October 6, 2026 in New Delhi.
- Valued at Rs 661.50 crore, the contract was inked in the presence of Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh.
- With a minimum 68% indigenous content, the project encourages active participation of various Indian industries including MSMEs. The project will generate employment over a period of three years.

- It also bolsters India's maritime security architecture and defence capabilities and marks a critical milestone in the ongoing efforts to indigenise advanced military technology.
- The BrahMos System fitted onboard various frontline warships is the Indian Navy's primary Surface to Surface Missile (SSM) system for maritime strike operations. The weapon system is capable of targeting land and sea targets from extended ranges with pinpoint accuracy at supersonic speed.



Raksha Mantri Launches First Indigenous Fleet Support Ship 'Surya'

- Rajnath Singh launched the first Fleet Support Ship (FSS-1), laid the keel of the fifth Fleet Support Ship (FSS-5) and inaugurated the upgraded Slipway-4 and 300-tonne Goliath Crane at Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam.
- The milestone is a significant step in strengthening HSL's capacity to build larger and more complex ships and advancing India's indigenous maritime capability.
- Recalling the launch of the first ship built in independent India 'Jala Usha' at Visakhapatnam in 1948, RM highlighted India's longstanding maritime heritage, noting that the country's relationship with the sea dates to ancient times.
- The upgraded Slipway-4 has been extended and strengthened to enable HSL to build and launch ships of up to 45,000 DWT. The 300-tonne Goliath Crane spanning Slipways 3 and 4 has been designed and manufactured by M/s L&T Geostructure with Konecranes under Make in India.



94th Indian Air Force Day 2026

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted the Air Warriors on the occasion of Air Force Day. The Prime Minister stated that India is proud of them, saluting their courage and commitment to protect the nation's skies.
- **Theme:** The official theme for the 94th anniversary is “Indian Air Force: Infallible, Impervious and Precise”.
- **Main Venue:** The grand ceremonial parade and spectacular air flypast are being held at the **Hindon Air Force Station** in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, returning to Hindon after a gap of three years.
- **Celebration Events:** The displays feature advanced fighter aircraft, helicopters, air defence systems, and a women-led rifle drill alongside precision aerial maneuvers.
- **National Tributes:** President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and other leaders extended their greetings, saluting the valor and dedication of India's air warriors.
- **Establishment:** Formed on October 8, 1932.
- **Motto:** “Nabhahḥ Spriśaṃ Dīptam” (Touch the Sky with Glory), taken from the Bhagavad Gita.



Launch and Keel Laying Of Fleet Support Ships

- FSS-1, the first of the Fleet Support Ships, under construction at Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam, was launched on 06 Oct 2026.
- In keeping with the Naval traditions, Smt Laila Swaminathan, President NWWA (Navy Welfare & Wellness Association), launched the ship in the presence of the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh.
- The event also marked the keel laying of FSS-5, the fifth of the Fleet Support Ships, and inauguration of Augmented Slipway, a key infrastructure upgrade at HSL, by the Chief Guest.
- The Fleet Support Ships are indigenously designed and built by HSL, Visakhapatnam with over 82 percent indigenous content signifying highest levels of mutual cooperation between the Navy, Shipyard, Defence industries and MSMEs.
- The ships will significantly bolster Operational logistics, thereby enhancing the Fleet's strategic reach and mobility.

- In their secondary role, these ships would be capable of undertaking Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations and Non-Combatant Evacuation Operations (NEO) for expeditious delivery of relief material and evacuation of personnel.
- This prestigious project has significantly boosted the Indian Shipbuilding Industry and is a proud flag bearer of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiative of Government of India.



ICG Conducts 12th SAREX-2026

- The Indian Coast Guard conducted the 12th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX-2026) off Paradip, Odisha, under the aegis of the National Maritime Search and Rescue Board (NMSARB) on October 08, 2026.
- Under the theme “**Leveraging Technology to Strengthen SAR Preparedness and Maritime Safety**”, the exercise brought together maritime and aeronautical agencies to demonstrate operational readiness, interoperability and coordinated response to mass rescue operations at sea.
- The exercise was reviewed by Director General Paramesh Sivamani, DG, ICG and witnessed participation from Coast Guard, Navy, Air Force, Shipping Corporation of India, Directorate General of Shipping, Fisheries, Customs, Marine Police, Paradip Port Authority, and Odisha State Administration.
- 32 observers from 30 countries also participated in the exercise, marking a significant step towards strengthening international cooperation in maritime Search and Rescue.
- The assets deployed included 15 Coast Guard ships, three Dornier aircraft, three Advance Light Helicopters, one Chetak helicopter, IAF C-130J and Mi-17 aircraft,

two Indian Navy ships, along with civil and state resources and shore-based support units.

- SAREX-2026 reaffirmed the collective resolve of India and its international partners to build a faster, technology-enabled and seamlessly coordinated Search and Rescue framework, in line with the vision of SAGAR and the spirit of MAHASAGAR.



IAF Extends Mirage-2000 'Vajra' Service Life To 2038–2039

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) has decided to retain its Mirage-2000 'Vajra' fighter fleet in frontline service until 2038-2039, extending the aircraft's planned retirement date by roughly three to four years.
- The move is intended to prevent a capability gap as several next-generation combat aircraft programs continue to face delayed induction timelines.
- The extension reflects growing pressure on the IAF's fighter force structure. The service currently operates approximately 31 fighter squadrons, significantly below its sanctioned strength of 42 squadrons, a shortfall that has become increasingly important amid evolving regional security requirements.
- A major factor behind the decision is the slower-than-expected arrival of replacement platforms. The indigenous Tejas Mk1A, Tejas Mk2 and AMCA programs are expected to play central roles in future force modernisation, but revised schedules have compelled the IAF to continue relying on proven legacy aircraft for a longer period.

- The service-life extension also helps counter the impact of the planned withdrawal of the SEPECAT Jaguar fleet. Around 115-120 Jaguars are expected to leave service between 2028 and 2031 as ageing engines, dwindling spare parts availability and increasing maintenance challenges make long-term operation progressively more difficult.
- By retaining the Mirage-2000, the IAF gains a dependable bridge capability during a critical transition period. The aircraft remains one of the force's most respected multi-role platforms and continues to provide valuable air-defence and precision-strike capabilities.



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.



Indian Navy Commissions Mangrol

- The Indian Navy commissioned INS Mangrol (P82), the third Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), at the Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, on 12 Oct 2026.
- Indigenously designed and constructed by **Cochin Shipyard Limited**, Kochi, INS Mangrol represents India's growing capabilities in warship design, construction and systems integration.
- With over 80 percent indigenous content, the ship reflects the nation's commitment to **Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India**, while highlighting the contribution of Indian defence industries and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) towards strengthening indigenous naval capabilities.

- Designed for operations in coastal and shallow waters, INS Mangrol is equipped to undertake Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW), underwater surveillance and Low-Intensity Maritime Operations (LIMO), along with mine warfare-related tasks.
- INS Mangrol derives its name from the coastal town and prominent fishing harbour of Mangrol in Junagadh district of Gujarat.
- The commissioning of INS Mangrol marks another significant milestone in strengthening the Indian Navy's anti-submarine warfare capabilities and coastal defence preparedness.



IBSAMAR IX 2026

- Indian Naval Ship Tarkash, a frontline guided missile stealth frigate of the Indian Navy, is on an overseas deployment to South Africa to participate in the ninth edition of **India-Brazil-South Africa Maritime (IBSAMAR) Exercise 2026**.
- The trilateral maritime exercise brings together the Indian, Brazilian and South African Navies with the aim of enhancing interoperability, strengthening maritime cooperation and promoting mutual understanding amongst the participating forces.
- IBSAMAR has been conducted biennially since 2008 under the **India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) framework** and has emerged as an important platform for collective training and exchange of operational best practices amongst the three Navies.

- The exercise encompasses a broad spectrum of maritime operations, which include surface warfare, anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare, naval air operations, maritime interdiction, Visit Board Search and Seizure (VBSS), anti-piracy operations, Search and Rescue, Damage Control and Firefighting, as well as professional interactions.
- The current edition IBSAMAR IX holds significance in the context of furthering maritime cooperation and security in Indian Ocean Region.
- The theme of IBSAMAR IX is Stronger Together Towards a Shared Future in the Maritime Domain. It aims to promote collective maritime security and preparedness to address maritime challenges.



India Hosts First BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting

- India hosted the first BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting in New Delhi on 13 October 2026. Union Home Minister Amit Shah is chairing the meeting, attended by delegations from all seven BIMSTEC member states.
- Its agenda covers regional cooperation against terrorism, transnational organized crime, narcotics radicalization, trafficking, illicit financial flows and cyber threats.
- The seven participating member states are **Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand**. Bangladesh's Home Minister, Salahuddin Ahmed, is not attending; a delegation led by Home Affairs Senior Secretary Manzur Morshed Chowdhury is representing Bangladesh.

- BIMSTEC is the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation, a regional organisation promoting cooperation among countries around the Bay of Bengal. It was established on 6 June 1997.
- The meeting's security agenda includes cross-border threats and criminal activities that can involve multiple jurisdictions. Transnational organised crime refers to serious criminal activity conducted across national borders. Illicit financial flows involve the movement of money across borders in ways that are unlawful or improperly recorded.



450 Nagastra-1R Loitering Munitions Delivered To Indian Army

- Indian Army has significantly strengthened its short-range precision-strike capability after receiving 450 Nagastra 1R loitering munitions from **Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited (SDAL)**, marking the largest single-batch delivery of such systems to the service.
- Developed in India, the Nagastra-1R is a loitering munition designed for precision attacks against enemy targets. Unlike conventional kamikaze drones, it can abort a mission mid-flight and be safely recovered if engagement is no longer required.
- The acquisition was made under the Army's emergency procurement route following extensive technical assessments and live operational trials. Four

companies participated in the evaluation process, but SDAL was the only manufacturer to meet all required operational criteria.

- The induction comes as loitering munitions assume a growing role in modern warfare, providing commanders with a rapid-response precision-strike option while reducing risk to frontline personnel. Their importance has been underscored by recent operational experiences, including Operation Sindoor.
- The Nagastra-1R has been tailored specifically to meet the Indian Army's short-range operational requirements. A key feature is its ability to conduct kamikaze-style attacks while retaining an abort-and-recovery capability, improving flexibility and reducing unnecessary losses of equipment.
- The delivery of 450 Nagastra-1R systems represents a significant milestone for India's defence-industrial base and further strengthens the Army's ability to conduct precise, intelligence-led strikes at short range while maintaining operational flexibility and cost efficiency.



Jio Unveils Ambitious 1,600-Satellite Vision To Expand Connectivity

- Reliance Jio has outlined an ambitious space-based connectivity roadmap, unveiling its proposed 'Sovereign Satellite Connectivity' initiative at India Mobile Congress 2026 in New Delhi.
- The plan centres on a constellation of around 1,600 Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellites supported by 23 ground stations across India, designed to complement the company's existing mobile and fibre networks rather than replace them.

- Jio aims to extend connectivity to locations where conventional telecom infrastructure remains difficult or uneconomical to deploy. Key target areas include remote villages, islands, border outposts and maritime regions.
- The proposed network is intended to provide coverage across land and sea, with Jio outlining a long-term goal of reaching more than 6,00,000 villages through a hybrid satellite-and-terrestrial communications system.
- The company has also highlighted potential use cases beyond consumer connectivity, including enterprise services, remote industrial sites, aviation, maritime operations, government applications, defence communications and disaster response.
- Reports indicate Jio is targeting an initial test flight in 2027 before moving towards a broader deployment programme, subject to regulatory approvals, infrastructure development and execution timelines.



Indian Navy Commissioned 'Samarthak'

- Indian Naval Ship Samarthak, the first of class Multi-Purpose Vessels (MPVs), was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 16 Oct 2026. The ceremony was presided over by the Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Chandrapuram Ponnusamy Radhakrishnan, in the presence of Adm Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff.
- Designed and constructed by L&T Shipyard, INS Samarthak marks a significant milestone in India's indigenous shipbuilding journey as the first major warship to be built by an Indian private shipyard. The commissioning is a powerful testament to the growing maturity and capability of the nation's private shipbuilding industry and reflects the deepening synergy between the Indian

Navy and the Indian shipbuilding industry in advancing the national vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

- Conceived as a versatile platform for trials and evaluation, INS Samarthak embodies the enhanced technological and operational capabilities of the Indian Navy in the 21st century. With over 75% indigenous content, the Ship incorporates extensive modular construction and pre-outfitting, significantly optimising the build process and construction timelines.
- Aptly named Samarthak, meaning 'The Proponent', the ship represents the spirit of a dependable enabler, capable of supporting multiple missions and has been designed with inherent versatility and adaptability, enabling it to undertake diverse range of operational and developmental tasks.
- The induction of INS Samarthak significantly strengthens India's ability for testing and training new sensors and weapons developed indigenously by domestic industry. The ship's versatility is an advantage in an unpredictable maritime environment, given the rise of non-traditional maritime threats.



MoD inks Rs 4,106 Crore Contracts For satellite & Varunastra

- The Ministry of Defence has signed contracts worth a total of approximately Rs 4,106 crore for the acquisition of a dedicated communication satellite capability, GSAT-7C for the **IAF Varunastra Heavy Weight Torpedoes** for the Indian Navy.

- The contract for GSAT-7C, valued at **Rs 2,563 crore**, was inked with New Space India Limited, Bengaluru.
- This indigenously designed, developed & manufactured satellite will enhance the secure, resilient & seamless communication capabilities for the assets of the Indian Air Force, thereby strengthening operational effectiveness.
- The contract for Varunastra was signed with **Bharat Dynamics Limited**, Hyderabad worth **Rs 1,543 crore**. Varunastra is an indigenous ship-launched anti-submarine torpedo developed by the Naval Science and Technological Laboratory.
- Equipped with advanced maneuvering capabilities, it is capable of engaging enemy submarines at long ranges, thereby enhancing the anti-submarine warfare capability of the Indian Navy.



Exercise AUSTRAHIND 2026

- The 5th edition of the India-Australia Joint Military Exercise AUSTRAHIND 2026 commenced today at the Foreign Training Node, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- The exercise, being conducted from 19 October to 01 November 2026, will witness participation of approximately 120 personnel each from the Indian Army and Australian Army. The fourth edition was held at Irwin Barracks, Perth, Australia, from 13 to 26 October 2025.
- The Indian Army contingent comprises troops from the Garhwal Rifles, along with personnel from other arms and services, while the Australian Army contingent comprises troops from 13 Brigade.
- Exercise AUSTRAHIND 2026 will further strengthen military-to-military cooperation, interoperability and mutual trust between India and Australia. It

will reinforce their shared commitment towards peace, stability and security in the Indo-Pacific region.



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.



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.



Indian Army Gets First Batch of Nagastra-2

- The army has received its first batch of indigenous anti-armour loitering munitions that are capable of operating in highly jammed and contested environments. The batch of Nagastra-2 loitering munitions have been ordered to meet immediate requirements of the army.
- Learning from the conditions faced during Operation Sindoor, the army has ordered munitions that are capable of operating in GPS-denied environments, with an onboard vision-based guidance system that can track and hit moving targets.
- The Nagastra-2 Loiter Munition successfully completed technical trials at the Mahajan Field Firing Range (MFFR) in August, validating the system's readiness for deployment.
- "The advanced configuration provides the Indian Army with a highly capable indigenous loitering munition designed for modern electronic warfare scenarios.
- Combining EW resilience, long-range precision engagement and potent anti-armour capability, Nagastra-2 represents a significant enhancement to India's battlefield strike capabilities," manufacturer Solar Defence and Aerospace said.
- The systems are equipped with an indigenously developed 4 kg tandem anti-tank warhead capable of defeating Explosive Reactive Armour (ERA) and penetrating up to 650 mm of Rolled Homogeneous Armour (RHA).
- With an operational range of over 25 km and a dual-sensor day-and-night electro-optical payload, Nagastra-2 can detect, track and engage a wide variety of targets, including armoured vehicles.



Nagastra-2

INDIA'S INDIGENOUS ANTI-TANK LOITERING MUNITION



50 km
Fire-and-forget range



25 km
Recover-and-reuse range



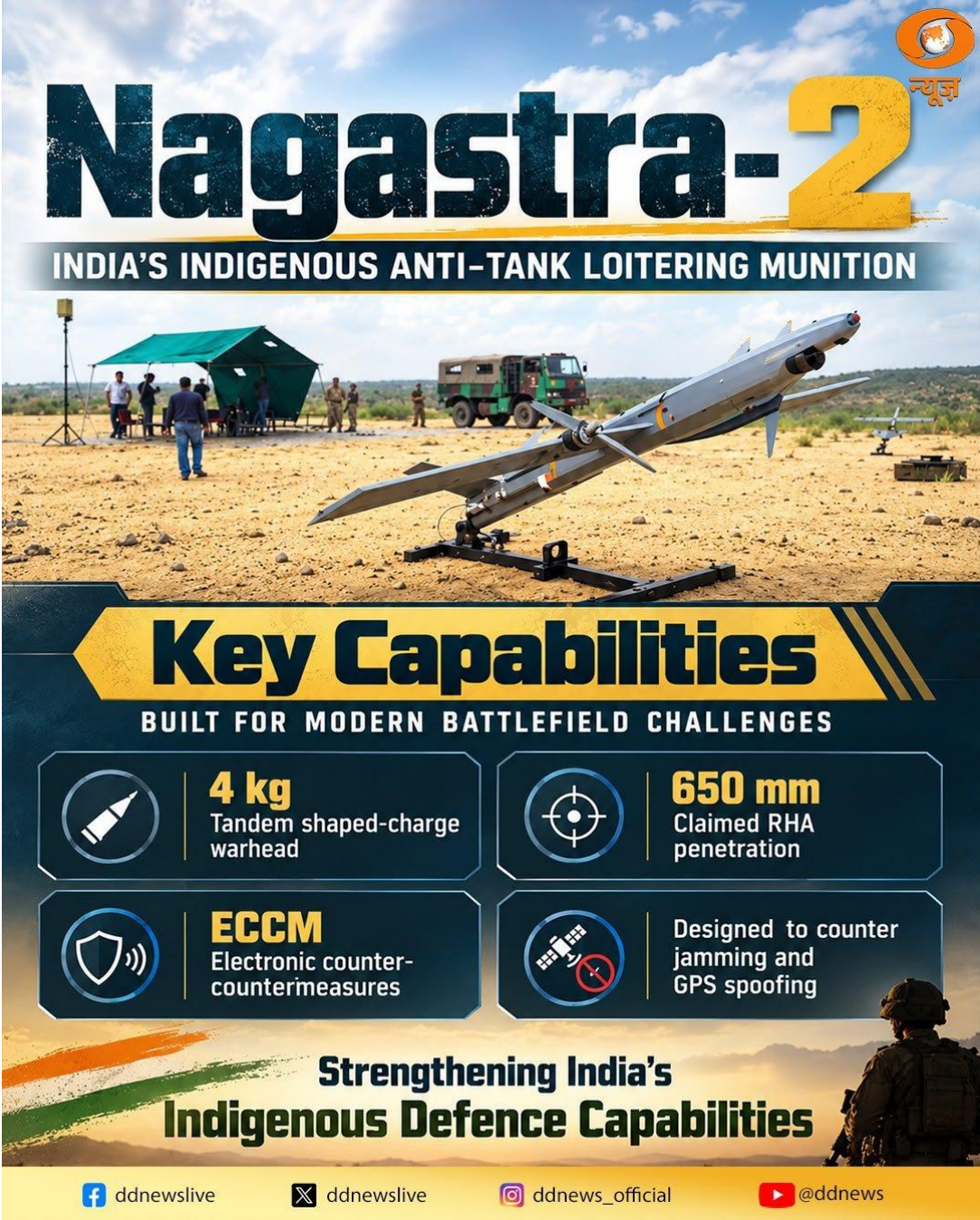
60 minutes
Maximum endurance



Day-and-night
surveillance



Developed by Solar Defence & Aerospace Ltd, Nagpur



Nagastra-2 न्यूज़

INDIA'S INDIGENOUS ANTI-TANK LOITERING MUNITION

Key Capabilities
BUILT FOR MODERN BATTLEFIELD CHALLENGES

	4 kg Tandem shaped-charge warhead		650 mm Claimed RHA penetration
	ECCM Electronic counter-countermeasures		Designed to counter jamming and GPS spoofing

Strengthening India's Indigenous Defence Capabilities

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DAC Clears Capital Acquisition Proposals worth Rs 2.12 Lakh Crore

- Defence Acquisition Council chaired by Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh on October 26, 2026, accorded AoN i.e. in-principle administrative to various capital acquisition proposals of the Defence Forces at an estimated cost of about Rs 2,12,000 crore.

- For the Indian Army, approval was accorded for the procurement of High Mobility Vehicles (HMV), Self-Propelled Tracked Gun System, Gun Shot Response System (GSRS), Light Multi Role Helicopters (LMRH), Very Short-Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS),
- Platform Based Counter Unmanned Aerial System (C-UAS), Unmanned Aerial System Brick Long Range, Surveillance UAV, Integrated Surveillance and Strike System and Long-Range Kamikaze Drone System.
- The HMTs will enhance operational capabilities, logistic support and mobility in challenging terrains. The Self-Propelled Tracked Gun System will provide matching mobility and firepower to mechanised formations. The GSRS will serve as a force multiplier providing real-time situational awareness of the forces.
- The LMRH will be used by both the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force for Reconnaissance and Surveillance, Combat, Search and Rescue of troops, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief etc.
- The VSHORADS will engage new generation small-size aerial threats, while C-UAS will enhance survivability of Tanks on the modern battlefield. The Surveillance and Drone Systems will enhance the surveillance and targeting capabilities of the Indian Army.
- For the Indian Navy, approval was given for the procurement of Active Offboard Decoy System (AODS) and other major Naval platforms. The AODS will enhance the credibility of anti-missiles defence, especially against modern anti-ship missiles of adversaries. The indigenously designed and constructed major Naval platforms will possess modern-day warfare capabilities and enhance the combat capability of the Navy.
- For the Indian Air Force, approval was accorded for the procurement of Helicopters, Air Defence Systems, Weapons and Mobile X-Band Doppler Weather Radar System to enhance the air defence and war fighting capabilities. The procurement of Special Utility Helicopters will help the Indian Air Force to meet the important air transport requirements.
- The X-Band Doppler Weather Radar System will provide high-resolution, localised weather surveillance in forward areas.
- Out of the total AoNs accorded, approximately 82% of the procurements will be made from the Indian Industry.

Ministry of Defence
Government of India

₹2.12 LAKH CRORE
DEFENCE PROCUREMENT BOOST
INDIA ACCELERATES MILITARY MODERNISATION

Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, has accorded Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for defence procurement proposals worth approximately **₹2.12 lakh crore** to strengthen the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force.

Rajnath Singh
Defence Minister of India

INDIAN ARMY
STRONGER MOBILITY | GREATER FIREPOWER | ENHANCED SURVEILLANCE

- High Mobility Vehicles**
For improved mobility and logistics in challenging terrain.
- Self-Propelled Tracked Gun Systems**
To boost mobile firepower.
- Gun Shot Response Systems**
For real-time battlefield awareness.
- Light Multi Role Helicopters**
For reconnaissance, combat, search & rescue and disaster relief.
- Very Short-Range Air Defence Systems (VSHORADS)**
To counter low-flying aerial threats.
- Platform-Based Counter-Drone Systems**
To improve tank survivability.
- Long-range unmanned, surveillance, integrated strike and kamikaze drone systems**
For enhanced intelligence, strike and reconnaissance.

INDIAN NAVY
SECURE SEAS | STRONGER FLEET | INDIGENOUS BUILD

- Active Offboard Decoy Systems**
To strengthen protection against modern anti-ship missiles.
- Major naval platforms**
Designed and constructed indigenously to enhance combat capabilities.

INDIAN AIR FORCE
MODERN PLATFORMS | ENHANCED READINESS | ALL-WEATHER OPERATIONS

- Helicopters, air-defence systems and weapons**
For multi-domain operations and combat readiness.
- Special Utility Helicopters**
For essential air-transport requirements.
- Mobile X-Band Doppler Weather Radars**
For high-resolution weather surveillance in forward areas.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- ₹2.12 lakh crore**
- 82%** of the proposed
- Strengthens** domestic defence manufacturing
- Enhances** battlefield awareness, air defence
- Supports** development of 4 new weapons

ATMANIRBHAR NAVY
SAFE SEAS | SECURE INDIA

INDIGENOUS TECHNOLOGY

Note: AoN is an in-principle approval, not a completed contract or final purchase.

Exercise Garuda Shakti 2026

- The **11th edition** of the India-Indonesia Joint Special Forces Exercise GARUDA SHAKTI has commenced at Banyuwangi, Indonesia. The exercise is being conducted from 27 October to 06 November 2026.
- The Indian contingent comprises troops from the **Parachute Regiment (Special Forces)**, while the Indonesian contingent comprises personnel from the Indonesian Special Forces.
- The exercise aims to strengthen mutual understanding, cooperation and interoperability between the Special Forces of the two nations.
- The training focuses on tactics, techniques and procedures for special operations in jungle environments, including obstacle crossing, combat marksmanship, mountaineering, air assault training and combat-hardening sessions. It also includes the exchange of expertise and information on weapons, equipment and operational practices.
- The joint training will culminate with a validation exercise designed to simulate realistic operational scenarios and assess the endurance, coordination and combat readiness of both contingents.



Launch of Next Generation OPV

- Yard 1283 (Srishti), Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV), was launched at Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), Goa on 27 Oct 2026 by Smt Sandeepa Sahay, in the presence of Shri Vishvajit Sahay, Secretary (Defence Finance). The event reflected the rich traditions and ethos of the Indian Navy.
- These indigenously designed and built ships will augment the existing OPVs/ NOPVs for multi domain operations, such as maritime surveillance, Search and Rescue, protection of offshore assets, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) and anti-piracy missions.
- The construction of NGOPVs is concurrently being undertaken at two shipyards (**GSL, Goa & GRSE, Kolkata**).
- These ships derive their names from India's rich heritage, with this ship being named as 'Srishti', meaning 'Creation' or 'Act of Creating' 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.



Launch of Yard 142, Keel Laying of Yard 144 And 148

- Launching of first Sullage Barge (Yard 142), Keel Laying of third Sullage Barge (Yard 144), and Keel Laying of first Bottom Opening Dumb Barge (Yard 148) were held on 26 Oct 2026 at **M/s Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd, Thane**.
- The contract for construction of Four 300T Sullage Barge and Three Bottom Opening Dumb Barge was concluded with M/s Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd, Thane, an MSME Shipyard, in Nov 2024 and Jan 2026 respectively.
- These Barges have been indigenously designed and built by the shipyard in collaboration with an Indian Ship Design firm and Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) respectively. The Barges will aid in operations of Indian Navy platforms and compliance with MARPOL regulations.
- These Barges are proud flag bearers of Make in India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiatives of Govt of India.



BRO Celebrates Project ARUNANK'S 19th Raising Day

- Project Arunank of the Border Roads Organisation celebrated its 19th Raising Day at Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh, on October 24, 2026, marking nearly two decades of dedicated service in strengthening strategic infrastructure and improving connectivity across the challenging terrain of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Raised in 2008, Project Arunank has been instrumental in developing and maintaining vital border infrastructure amid rugged mountains, dense forests and difficult climatic conditions.
- Its efforts have contributed to enhancing the operational preparedness of the Armed Forces while improving accessibility, mobility and opportunities for communities residing in remote areas.
- The Project continues to focus on engineering excellence and sustainable infrastructure development through the adoption of modern technologies and innovative construction practices.
- The use of alternative construction materials, geocells, slope-protection measures and other engineering solutions has helped improve the durability, resilience and long-term performance of infrastructure in demanding terrain.



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 wheels or tracked vehicles.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The Defence Accounts Department (DAD) was established in which year?

- A) 1747
- B) 1774
- C) 1857
- D) 1947

Answer: A) 1747

2. The Defence Accounts Department functions under which ministry?

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Home Affairs
- C) Ministry of Defence
- D) Ministry of External Affairs

Answer: C) Ministry of Defence

3. Approximately how much narcotics were seized by the Indian Coast Guard and Gujarat ATS during the September 2026 operation?

- A) 326 kg
- B) 426 kg

- C) 526 kg
- D) 626 kg

Answer: C) 526 kg

4. What is the theme of the ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2026)?

- A) Together for Maritime Security
- B) Anchored in Trust, United at Sea
- C) Secure Seas, Strong Nations
- D) United for a Free Indo-Pacific

Answer: B) Anchored in Trust, United at Sea

5. Which two Indian naval ships are participating in AIME-2026?

- A) INS Vikrant and INS Chennai
- B) INS Kolkata and INS Shivalik
- C) INS Sahyadri and INS Kulish
- D) INS Vikramaditya and INS Kolkata

Answer: C) INS Sahyadri and INS Kulish

6. The Indian Air Force's No. 17 Squadron is popularly known by which name?

- A) Black Panthers
- B) Golden Arrows
- C) Flying Daggers
- D) Falcons

Answer: B) Golden Arrows

7. No. 17 Squadron of the IAF was raised on which date?

- A) 15 August 1947
- B) 26 January 1950
- C) 1 October 1951
- D) 11 September 1955

Answer: C) 1 October 1951

8. No. 17 Squadron became the first IAF unit to operate which fighter aircraft after being re-raised in 2019?

- A) MiG-29
- B) Su-30MKI

- C) Tejas
- D) Dassault Rafale

Answer: D) Dassault Rafale

9. Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS) was established in which year?

- A) 1999
- B) 2000
- C) 2001
- D) 2005

Answer: C) 2001

10. HQ Integrated Defence Staff marked its Silver Jubilee in 2026 after completing how many years?

- A) 20 years
- B) 25 years
- C) 30 years
- D) 35 years

Answer: B) 25 years

11. Exercise Varuna is a bilateral maritime exercise between India and which country?

- A) Germany
- B) Italy
- C) France
- D) Spain

Answer: C) France

12. Which Indian Naval Ship participated in Exercise Varuna 2026 at Toulon, France?

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

Answer: C) INS Trishul

13. What was the theme of the ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME) 2026?

- A) Together for Maritime Security
- B) United for Peace at Sea
- C) Anchored in Trust, United at Sea
- D) Secure Seas, Strong Nations

Answer: C) Anchored in Trust, United at Sea

14. INS Samarthak, built by Larsen & Toubro, is the Indian Navy's first:

- A) Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette
- B) Multi-Purpose Vessel
- C) Guided Missile Destroyer
- D) Offshore Patrol Vessel

Answer: B) Multi-Purpose Vessel

15. INS Mangrol belongs to which class of vessels?

- A) Mahe-class
- B) Shivalik-class
- C) Nilgiri-class
- D) Kamorta-class

Answer: A) Mahe-class

16. Exercise MOUNTAIN GUARDIAN 2026 is being conducted jointly by India and which country?

- A. Oman
- B. UAE
- C. Saudi Arabia
- D. Qatar

Answer: B. UAE

17. Where is Exercise MOUNTAIN GUARDIAN 2026 being conducted?

- A. Leh, Ladakh
- B. Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Chaubatia, Uttarakhand
- D. Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir

Answer: C. Chaubatia, Uttarakhand

18. What is the name of the first indigenous Fleet Support Ship (FSS-1) launched at Hindustan Shipyard Limited?

- A) INS Samarthak

- B) INS Surya
- C) INS Sahyadri
- D) INS Jala Usha

Answer: B) INS Surya

19. What was the official theme of the 94th Indian Air Force Day 2026?

- A. Touch the Sky with Glory
- B. Power in Partnership
- C. Indian Air Force: Infallible, Impervious and Precise
- D. Strength, Courage and Honour

Answer: C. Indian Air Force: Infallible, Impervious and Precise

20. Where was the 12th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX-2026) conducted?

- A. Kochi, Kerala
- B. Paradip, Odisha
- C. Mumbai, Maharashtra
- D. Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

Answer: B. Paradip, Odisha

21. What was the theme of SAREX-2026?

- A. Securing the Indian Ocean Region
- B. Maritime Cooperation for Global Peace
- C. Leveraging Technology to Strengthen SAR Preparedness and Maritime Safety
- D. Building a Stronger Blue Economy

Answer: C. Leveraging Technology to Strengthen SAR Preparedness and Maritime Safety

22. 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

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

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

Correct Answer: C. Vladivostok

24. 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

25. 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)

26. Which Indian Navy vessel participated in IBSAMAR IX 2026?

- A) INS Vikrant
- B) INS Tarkash
- C) INS Arihant
- D) INS Chennai

Answer: B) INS Tarkash

27. Which shipyard designed and constructed INS Samarthak?

- A. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
- B. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers
- C. L&T Shipyard
- D. Goa Shipyard Limited

Answer: C. L&T Shipyard

28. The fifth edition of Exercise AUSTRAHIND 2026 is being conducted between India and which country?

- A) France
- B) Australia
- C) Japan
- D) United States

Correct Answer: B) Australia

29. 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

30. Which company is associated with the development of the Nagastra-2 loitering munition?

- A. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- B. Bharat Dynamics Limited
- C. Solar Defence and Aerospace
- D. Bharat Electronics Limited

Answer: C. Solar Defence and Aerospace