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Exercise ‘Rahat Mitra’ 2026

- The inaugural bilateral Tri-Services Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise ‘RAHAT MITRA’, conducted between the Defence Forces of India and Myanmar on 05 and 06 Nov 2026, concluded at Chennai.
- The two-day exercise brought together personnel from the Indian Navy, Indian Army and IAF, along with a delegation from the Myanmar Defence Forces, to enhance operational interoperability, improve coordination and facilitate the exchange of Best Practices in disaster response operations.
- The exercise commenced with a focus on joint planning and familiarisation with HADR capabilities. A **Table-Top Exercise** (TTX), based on a severe cyclone scenario, facilitated discussions on coordinated response mechanisms and joint disaster management protocols.
- The participating contingents also witnessed demonstrations of obstacle clearance and bridge-laying capabilities by the Indian Army and visited INS Sukanya to gain insights into the Indian Navy’s shipborne HADR capabilities.
- On the second day, the participating contingents witnessed demonstrations of multi-domain HADR capabilities by the Indian Defence Forces, highlighting coordinated response mechanisms across maritime, land and air domains.
- Exercise ‘RAHAT MITRA’ provided an important platform for the Defence Forces of both countries to exchange operational experiences, share Best Practices and enhance mutual understanding in planning and executing HADR operations.



Raksha Mantri Celebrates Deepawali With Troops

- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh celebrated Deepawali with the soldiers of the Trishakti Corps (33 Corps) deployed in the forward areas of Sikkim, on November 8, 2026.
- He was accompanied by the Chief of the Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth; General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command Lt Gen VMB Krishnan; General Officer Commanding, 33 Corps Lt Gen Man Raj Singh Mann, and other senior officers of the Indian Army.
- Interacting with the soldiers at Sherathang, Shri Rajnath Singh described them as the brightest lights of Diwali, stating that their dedication and vigilance at the borders provide the entire nation with a sense of security.
- “Like a lamp which dispels darkness without seeking attention, soldiers perform their duties silently, ensuring that citizens can celebrate festivals with peace and security,” he said.
- Raksha Mantri commended the soldiers for their professionalism, high morale and steadfast commitment to safeguarding the Nation's borders in challenging high-altitude conditions, urging them to continue protecting the motherland with the same enthusiasm and dedication.



Prime Minister Speaks with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation today with H.E. Mr. Volodymyr Zelenskyy, President of Ukraine.
- President Zelenskyy shared his perspective on recent developments related to the ongoing conflict.
- Prime Minister reaffirmed India’s human-centric approach and reiterated India’s consistent position that the conflict must be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy. He conveyed India’s readiness to contribute to all efforts aimed at peaceful resolution of the conflict.
- The two leaders also discussed measures to further strengthen India-Ukraine bilateral cooperation in various sectors for the mutual benefit of the two peoples.

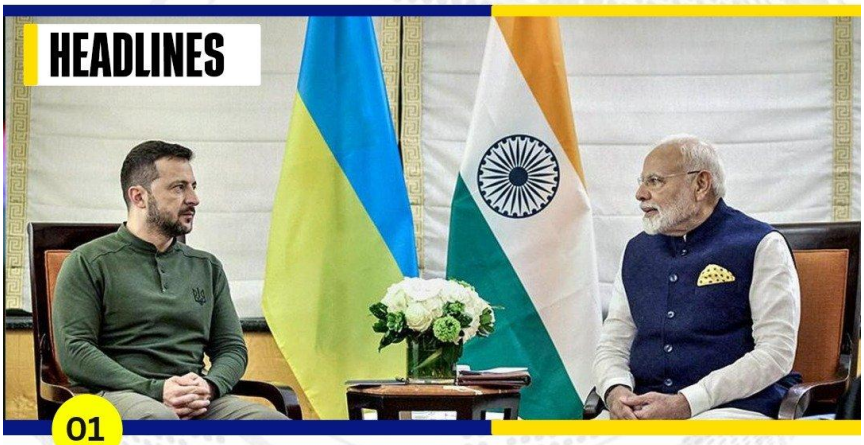
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INS Surat At Muscat, Oman

- The exercise will comprise professional activities during the harbour and sea phases, including cross-deck visits, operational interactions and sporting events.
- These activities will provide opportunities for personnel of both Navies to exchange experiences and Best Practices, enhance interoperability and foster greater mutual understanding.
- The port call underscores the strong and enduring maritime partnership between India and Oman, founded on longstanding ties between the two nations.
- It is in consonance with the Government of India's vision of **MAHASAGAR** (**Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions**) and provides an opportunity to build upon the momentum generated during the

13th edition of the **Joint Military Cooperation Committee** meeting held on 24 Nov 2025



Indian Navy Passing Out Parade of Agniveers

- INS Chilka, the Indian Navy's premier ab-initio training establishment, will conduct the Passing Out Parade (POP) of the **ninth batch of Agniveers** of the Indian Navy and Naviks of the **Indian Coast Guard** on 13 Nov 2026.
- The parade will mark the successful completion of 16 weeks of ab-initio training by over 3,300 trainees, making it the largest batch to pass out from INS Chilka.
- Awards will be presented to meritorious trainees, the champion division and best instructor in recognition of their exemplary performance and contribution to training. The event will also witness the unveiling of '**Ankur**', the bilingual trainees' magazine.



Iran Shot Down 260 US Aircraft, Captured 7 MQM-170 Drones: IRGC

- Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) has claimed that its air defence units intercepted and brought down 260 hostile aircraft during hostilities initiated by the United States against the country. The force also claimed to have recovered seven MQM-170 reconnaissance drones intact over the past week or two, while highlighting its expanding domestic capabilities to manufacture missiles, drones and air-defence systems despite enemy attacks, ANI reported, quoting Iran's semi-official Mehr.
- The claims were made by IRGC Aerospace Force spokesman Brigadier General Hossein Mohebbi during a press briefing at the Sarcheshmeh Cultural Complex in Tehran on Saturday, as part of the force's commemorative Aerospace Week. The briefing focused on Iran's military preparedness, indigenous defence technology and efforts to reduce dependence on foreign suppliers.
- Mohebbi said the recovery of seven intact reconnaissance drones demonstrated the capabilities of Iran's air defence network. He also indicated that the force had developed new capabilities that could be demonstrated in the event of another conflict. These assertions have not been independently verified.
- The IRGC spokesman said Iranian forces had brought down seven MQM-170 reconnaissance drones intact during the preceding one or two weeks. He presented the recovery as evidence of the country's ability to detect, intercept and capture enemy surveillance platforms.

- The claim comes alongside Iran's assertion that its air defence units intercepted 260 hostile aircraft during the hostilities initiated by the US. Mohebbi did not provide a detailed breakdown of the aircraft involved or independently verifiable evidence supporting the figure in the remarks reported by Mehr News Agency.
- A key part of Mohebbi's briefing concerned changes to Iran's defence manufacturing infrastructure following recent military engagements. He said the country had moved production facilities from above ground to underground locations to protect manufacturing operations from attacks.
- Mohebbi identified three major developments behind the IRGC Aerospace Force's expansion: the creation of indigenous scientific expertise, the industrial production of domestically developed weapons and greater self-reliance in military equipment and components.



LG Ladakh Congratulates IAF On Successful Landing of IL-76MD Aircraft at Nyoma Airbase

- Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Vinai Kumar Saxena congratulated the Indian Air Force (IAF) on Sunday on the successful landing of its heavy-lift IL-76MD aircraft at the newly developed Nyoma Airbase in Changthang district, describing it as a significant achievement for India's military preparedness and forward-deployment capabilities in high-altitude regions.
- The Indian Air Force's (IAF) IL-76MD heavy-lift transport aircraft on Saturday made a historic landing at Nyoma airfield in eastern Ladakh at an altitude of

13,629 feet, achieving what the force described as the highest-altitude landing ever by an aircraft of this type anywhere in the world.

- Sharing the achievement on X, the IAF said the successful landing demonstrated the aircraft's capabilities and the exceptional skills of its crew."13,629 FEET. A NEW HEIGHT IN AVIATION HISTORY. An Indian Air Force IL-76MD has scripted history with a successful landing at Nyoma, marking the highest-altitude landing ever achieved by the aircraft anywhere in the world," the IAF said.
- Nyoma airfield, located in eastern Ladakh at an altitude of approximately 13,600 feet, is around 25 km from the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China.
- The IL-76MD, known as 'Gajraj' in the Indian Air Force, is a Russian-origin, four-engine heavy-lift military transport aircraft designed to carry troops, military equipment, vehicles and cargo over long distances.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The first bilateral Tri-Services HADR Exercise 'RAHAT MITRA' 2026 was conducted between India and which country?

A) Bangladesh
B) Myanmar
C) Sri Lanka
D) Thailand

Correct Answer: B) Myanmar

2. Exercise RAHAT MITRA 2026 was conducted in which Indian city?

A) Visakhapatnam
B) Kochi

C) Chennai
D) Port Blair

Correct Answer: C) Chennai

3. Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh celebrated Deepawali 2026 with soldiers of which Army formation?

A) Sudarshan Chakra Corps
B) Trishakti Corps
C) White Knight Corps
D) Strike One Corps

Correct Answer: B) Trishakti Corps

4. Who is the President of Ukraine who held a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

A) Petro Poroshenko
B) Viktor Yushchenko
C) Volodymyr Zelenskyy
D) Denys Shmyhal

Correct Answer: C) Volodymyr Zelenskyy

5. What is the full form of MAHASAGAR, India's maritime vision?

A) Maritime Advancement and Security for Global Asian Regions
B) Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
C) Maritime Alliance for Strategic Growth Across Regions
D) Mutual Association for Humanitarian Security and Global Regional Development

Correct Answer: B) Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

6. INS Chilka is the premier initial training establishment of which force?

A) Indian Army
B) Indian Air Force
C) Indian Navy
D) Indian Coast Guard

Correct Answer: C) Indian Navy

7. What is the name of the bilingual trainees' magazine scheduled to be unveiled during the INS Chilka Passing Out Parade?

A) Sagar
B) Ankur
C) Tarang
D) Prerna

Correct Answer: B) Ankur

8. According to claims made by the IRGC, how many MQM-170 reconnaissance drones were recovered intact?

A) Five
B) Six
C) Seven
D) Nine

Correct Answer: C) Seven

9. The Indian Air Force's IL-76MD aircraft, which successfully landed at Nyoma Airbase, is popularly known by which name?

A) Garuda
B) Gajraj
C) Vajra
D) Akash

Correct Answer: B) Gajraj

Explanation: IL-76MD is a Russian-origin, four-engine heavy-lift military transport aircraft known as 'Gajraj' in the Indian Air Force.

10. At what altitude did the IAF's IL-76MD aircraft successfully land at Nyoma Airbase?

A) 12,500 feet
B) 13,000 feet
C) 13,629 feet
D) 14,500 feet

Correct Answer: C) 13,629 feet

11. College of Defence Management Is In

A. Secunderabad
B. Chennai
C. Noida
D. New Delhi

ANSWER: A

12. 'Swift and Sure' Is The Motto Of

A. Army Aviation Corps
B. Sikh Regiment
C. Rajput Regiment
D. Gorkha

ANSWER: A

13. GAGAN Stands For

A. GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigate
B. GPS Aided Geography Augmented Navigation
C. GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigation
D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

14. Which One of The Following Countries Is Smaller Than India?

A. Argentina
B. Canada
C. China
D. Brazil

ANSWER: A

15. "Future Shock" Book Is Written By

A. Alvin Toffler
B. Emest Hemingway
C. Jeffrey Archer
D. Aldous Huxley

ANSWER: A

16. Range of Sagarika Missile Is

A. 500 km
B. 600 km
C. 700 km
D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

17. Regimental Centre of GARHWAL RIFLES Is In

A. Happy Valley, Shillong, Meghalaya
B. Ranikhet, Uttarakhand

C. Lansdowne, Uttarakhand
D. None of the above
ANSWER: C

18. LGM-30 Minuteman III Is a
A. Air to Air missile
B. Sniper Rifle
C. Anti-tank Guided Missile
D. ICBM
ANSWER: D

19. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Island Is Located At
A. A&N
B. Ladakh
C. J&K
D. Puducherry
ANSWER: A

20. Heckler and Koch Is a Company of
A. UK
B. USA
C. Germany
D. None of the above
ANSWER: C