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DMA Successfully Completes 6th Edition of Special Campaign

- Department of Military Affairs (DMA) and all establishments under its purview successfully conducted the sixth edition of the Special Campaign from October 2 to 31, 2026, with the active participation of the Defence Forces and Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS).
- The cleanliness drive was undertaken at 8,507 campaign sites identified by the Department. In addition, various organisations simplified a total of 324 rules and processes.
- Disposal and sale of scrap, including electronic waste (e-waste), generated revenue of approximately ₹89.68 crore. As part of the record management initiative, 5,28,443 physical files were reviewed, of which 16,837 files were weeded out.
- This resulted in the effective freeing up of 3,53,291 square feet of space, enabling its improvement and alternate utilisation. During the campaign, a total of 2,905 public grievances and 466 public grievance appeals were disposed of. Further, 91 MP references and four IMC references were responded to.
- As part of the campaign, the Defence Forces and HQ IDS contributed extensively towards promoting cleanliness across military posts, units, stations, establishments and cantonments, while simultaneously undertaking concerted efforts to minimise pendency in official matters.



CDS General NS Raja Subramani Arrives In Tanzania

- Chief of Defence Staff General NS Raja Subramani has arrived in Dar es Salaam for a three-day official visit aimed at strengthening defence cooperation between India and Tanzania and exploring new opportunities for military collaboration.
- The CDS was received at Dar es Salaam International Airport by India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Bishwadip Dey, along with the Defence Adviser, marking the start of a visit focused on advancing an already expanding strategic relationship.
- During the visit, General Raja Subramani and the accompanying delegation are scheduled to engage with senior leadership of the Tanzania People's Defence Forces. Discussions are expected to focus on expanding military cooperation, strengthening institutional links and identifying new areas of partnership.
- The programme also includes visits to military training establishments, providing an opportunity for both sides to exchange views on training, professional military education and capacity-building initiatives.
- The visit follows the inaugural India-Tanzania Army-to-Army Staff Talks held in New Delhi between 27 and 29 October 2026. Those discussions centred on enhancing bilateral defence cooperation through military education, training exchanges and the development of professional capabilities.
- The relationship received a major boost in 2023 when it was elevated to the level of a strategic partnership during the State Visit of Tanzanian President

Samia Suluhu Hassan to India, providing a stronger framework for expanding cooperation across multiple sectors, including defence and security.



MEA Rebukes USCIRF

- India has strongly criticised the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) describing the body as a biased and poorly informed organisation driven by a political agenda.
- Speaking at a media briefing in New Delhi, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal questioned the credibility of the commission and accused it of selectively ignoring issues within the United States while frequently commenting on India.
- “As I have said before, the USCIRF is a biased and ill-informed organisation with a blatantly political agenda. It is particularly telling that the USCIRF and its Commissioners have consistently chosen to remain silent on attacks on religious places in the US and on the hate crimes and racial abuse targeted at the Indian community in the US. A prejudiced entity can hardly be taken seriously,” Jaiswal said.
- His remarks came amid continuing differences between India and the USCIRF, which has repeatedly raised concerns regarding religious freedom issues in India. New Delhi has consistently rejected such assessments, arguing that the commission lacks a proper understanding of India’s democratic institutions, constitutional safeguards and social realities.

- On the Russia-Ukraine conflict, Jaiswal reiterated that dialogue and diplomacy remain the only viable path towards ending the war. He noted that India continues to engage both Moscow and Kyiv as part of its efforts to support peace initiatives.
- Addressing reports that Chinese influencers had filmed content in Dhaka while allegedly portraying parts of the Bangladeshi capital as Delhi, Jaiswal described such attempts as regrettable and misleading.
- “Such efforts to present a distorted picture of any country are unfortunate. In so far as efforts by foreign elements to portray parts of Dhaka as Delhi are concerned, peddling of false narratives only undermines the credibility of the actors involved and those behind them in such an exercise. We urge authorities concerned to take appropriate action against them,” he said.



Embraer Targets India-Built C-390s

- Embraer is positioning India not merely as a customer for its C-390 Millennium military transport aircraft, but as a potential manufacturing and export hub serving the wider Asian market.
- The Brazilian aerospace company, working alongside Mahindra Group, believes Asia could account for 40-45% of global demand in this aircraft category, translating into a requirement for around 500 aircraft over the next two decades.

- Embraer Defence & Security chief executive Bosco da Costa Junior said the company views India as a strategic industrial partner rather than simply a buyer for an initial order.
- His comments underline Embraer's ambition to use an Indian production base to support future exports across the region, although the projected 500-aircraft demand remains the company's own market forecast rather than a confirmed order pipeline.
- The immediate focus is the Indian Air Force's Medium Transport Aircraft program, under which India intends to acquire 60 aircraft in a deal estimated to be worth approximately ₹1 lakh crore. Embraer and Mahindra are competing for the contract by offering the C-390 Millennium alongside a proposal for extensive local manufacturing and supply-chain development.
- Under the program's reported requirements, the winning bidder must supply the first 12 aircraft in fly-away condition, while the remaining 48 aircraft would be manufactured in India. Locally produced aircraft must contain at least 40% indigenous content, and the entire contract is expected to be completed within 11 years. The deadline for bid submissions is 13 January.



Army Turns to MSMEs and Start-Ups For Critical Combat Spares as Defence PSUs Fall Short

- To address supply chain constraints and bridge gaps left by traditional defence PSUs, the Indian Army is now reaching out to the private industry, mainly MSMEs and start-ups, for developing and manufacturing combat critical spares and sub-assemblies, among others, of tanks such as T-72 and T-90s, alongside other armoured vehicles. The move is aimed at strategically improving operational efficiency through localised manufacturing and reducing import dependence, said sources in the Army.
- The Master General Sustenance (MGS) branch, which oversees revenue procurement for logistics and equipment maintenance in the Army, is soon going to share a compendium of 300 different types of critical spares and their required quantities with the domestic industry as a part of the indigenisation attempt to advance supply chain sovereignty, key to the modern day warfare, said sources in the Army.
- This is in addition to a compendium of 200 spares and components shared with the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) — an apex body of the domestic defence industry — on August 18, this year. By way of the interface, the Army has sent out a clear message to the industry that it's no longer mere suppliers but integral components of the national combat force, said officials, adding that focus was on addressing supply chain challenges and ensuring ease of business.
- The initiative flowed from a new sustenance policy introduced a couple of years ago since the DPSUs, manufacturing tanks and armoured vehicles for decades struggled to develop them inhouse, forcing the MGS branch deciding to give definitive business-friendly visibility to the private industry.
- The Branch and its Indigenisation Directorate opened up with a list of 375 specific parts in 2025 that the defence companies could innovate and produce across various segments, including from spares of engines to electronics and metallurgy. Out of roughly 450,000 total spares identified for replacement or upgrades, the Army is actively working to indigenise some 50,000 critical items essential for platform upkeep.
- The Army has channelled over ₹97 crore in business to domestic industries through 2,340 supply orders over the past few years, significantly reducing costs to the exchequer. These orders covered 1,073 items specifically targeted for

indigenisation and their costs have fallen by one-third due to R&D carried out by contracted firms.

- According to officials, strict warranty clauses, lifetime sustenance frameworks, and integrated engineering support packages are factored directly into production costs and order volumes.
- Before Aatmanirbharta was enforced in the defence sector since 2014, India was dependent on Russian and adjoining countries for supply of these spares. Since Russia-Ukraine war, India started diversifying its global supply chain for meeting its maintenance and repair requirements, besides strengthening indigenous industry for self-reliance.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The sixth edition of the Special Campaign conducted by the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) took place during which period?

A) 1 September – 30 September 2026
B) 2 October – 31 October 2026
C) 15 October – 15 November 2026
D) 1 October – 30 October 2026

Correct Answer: B) 2 October – 31 October 2026

2. How much revenue was generated through the disposal and sale of scrap, including e-waste, during the DMA Special Campaign?

A) ₹45.68 crore
B) ₹67.25 crore
C) ₹89.68 crore
D) ₹100.50 crore

Correct Answer: C) ₹89.68 crore

3. Who is the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) who arrived in Tanzania for an official visit in November 2026?

A) General Anil Chauhan
B) General Upendra Dwivedi
C) General NS Raja Subramani
D) Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi

Correct Answer: C) General NS Raja Subramani

4. India and Tanzania elevated their bilateral relationship to the level of a Strategic Partnership in which year?

A) 2019
B) 2021
C) 2023
D) 2025

Correct Answer: C) 2023

5. USCIRF, which was criticised by India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), is headquartered in which country?

A) United Kingdom
B) United States
C) France
D) Germany

Correct Answer: B) United States

6. Which Indian company is partnering with Brazil's Embraer for the C-390 Millennium military transport aircraft initiative?

A) Tata Advanced Systems
B) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
C) Mahindra Group
D) Bharat Electronics Limited

Correct Answer: C) Mahindra Group

7. Under the reported Indian Air Force Medium Transport Aircraft programme, how many aircraft are proposed to be procured?

A) 40
B) 50

C) 60
D) 80

Correct Answer: C) 60

8. Which branch of the Indian Army is responsible for revenue procurement related to logistics and equipment maintenance?

A) Military Operations Branch
B) Master General Sustenance Branch
C) Military Intelligence Branch
D) Adjutant General's Branch

Correct Answer: B) Master General Sustenance Branch

9. How many critical items is the Indian Army actively working to indigenise out of approximately 4.5 lakh identified spares?

A) 10,000
B) 25,000
C) 50,000
D) 75,000

Correct Answer: C) 50,000

10. A hypersonic speed cruise missile would travel at least _____the speed of sound.

A. four times
B. five times
C. Three times
D. None of these

ANSWER: B

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

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

ANSWER: B

12. How Many Countries Are In BRICS?

A. 3
B. 4

C. 5
D. 6
ANSWER: C

13. 'Ex KOMODO' Hosted By
A. Qatar
B. Oman
C. UAE
D. Indonesia
ANSWER: D

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