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Exercise JIMEX 2026

- Indian Naval Ship Sahyadri participated in the bilateral naval exercise JAIMEX 2026 with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) on 13–14 Nov 2026. The exercise provided an opportunity for both navies to undertake coordinated maritime engagements and strengthen operational cooperation.
- During the exercise, INS Sahyadri operated alongside JMSDF Ship JS Ise, undertaking a series of maritime operational engagements.
- These included tactical manoeuvres, communication drills and cross-deck landings, providing valuable opportunities for both navies to practise coordinated operations and enhance their understanding of each other's procedures and capabilities.
- The engagements focused on strengthening interoperability, improving operational coordination and fostering mutual understanding between the participating units.
- The participation of INS Sahyadri in JIMEX 2026 reflects the growing depth of the India–Japan maritime partnership and the continued engagement between the two navies.
- Such exercises contribute to strengthening mutual trust, enhancing operational familiarity and advancing cooperation in the maritime domain.
- The exercise reaffirms the enduring India–Japan maritime partnership and the shared commitment of both navies to strengthening maritime cooperation, operational coordination and mutual understanding, contributing to a safe and stable Indo-Pacific.



4th India-Japan 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue

- Rajnath Singh will participate in the 4th edition of India-Japan Foreign and Defence Ministers' Dialogue (2+2) and hold bilateral discussions with his Japanese counterpart during his official visit to Japan from November 18 to 19, 2026.
- The 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue, to be held in Tokyo, will be co-chaired by Raksha Mantri and External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar, along with Japan's Minister of Defense Mr Shinjiro Koizumi and Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Toshimitsu Motegi.
- The dialogue will review the full spectrum of bilateral strategic and defence cooperation, exchange views on regional & global developments, and reaffirm the shared commitment of the two nations to a free, open, inclusive, and rule-based Indo-Pacific.
- Building on the momentum from their interactions in New Delhi in August 2026 and on the margins of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus in Cebu in October 2026.
- The two Ministers will deliberate on advancing defence equipment and technology collaboration, maritime security, enhancing the scale & complexity of joint exercises across all three services, and deepening industrial partnerships.
- India and Japan share a Special Strategic and Global Partnership rooted in shared democratic values, mutual trust & converging strategic interests. The

upcoming visit aims to further deepen bilateral defence ties and chart the roadmap for enhanced operational & industrial synergy between the two countries.



DHTI Launches First Global Leadership Programme

- The Defence Headquarters Training Institute (DHTI), Ministry of Defence has launched its first Global Leadership Programme in Defence Governance and Public Administration for Emerging Leaders for officers of the Ministry of Defence, Fiji.
- The first phase of the four-week programme, being held in Suva from November 16 to 27, 2026, was inaugurated by Fiji's Minister for Defence and Veteran Affairs Mr Pio Tikoduadua.
- High Commissioner of India to Fiji Shri Suneet Mehta commended DHTI's efforts and stated that the programme reflects the close & growing partnership between the two countries.
- During the first phase, the programme covers facets of good governance, defence procurement, ethics in governance, talent management & capacity building, administrative law, citizen centric governance, modernisation of the audit framework in defence, AI for digital transformation, purpose-driven leadership, strategic communication and emotional intelligence for leaders in the defence sector.

- The second phase is scheduled to take place in New Delhi for two weeks in the first quarter of 2027. The programme underscores India's commitment to capacity building in Fiji, while further strengthening bilateral cooperation.



Deadline For TEJAS MK-1A Induction By March 2027

- As IAF pushes to rebuild fighter strength, the IAF expects to induct its first squadron of the indigenous TEJAS MK-1A by the end of the current financial year, with Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit indicating a target date of March 2027.
- National Security Summit 3.0 in New Delhi, Dixit said the aircraft is now approaching induction after extensive work to address key shortcomings identified during the development of the original TEJAS platform.
- "Very shortly, we will have TEJAS MK-1A joining the Indian Air Force; within this financial year we will have a squadron," he said.
- The announcement is particularly significant as the IAF continues to contend with a shortage of fighter aircraft. The service currently operates about 29 fighter squadrons, well below its authorised strength of 42 squadrons, increasing the urgency of new inductions.
- Dixit explained that the TEJAS project represents a major national achievement, noting that designing, developing, testing and producing an indigenous fighter aircraft is a Dixit also outlined the broader roadmap for India's indigenous combat aviation sector, stating that the TEJAS MK-2 is expected to roll out next

year, while development work on the **Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA)** continues.



BBBS Unveils 'Vajra Sind'

- India’s Big Bang Boom Solutions Private Limited (BBBS), a Chennai-based deep-tech company focused on defence and strategic technologies, has introduced Vajra Sind, a portable handheld RF jamming gun designed to counter hostile drones at short range.India Military History
- The newly launched system delivers true wideband jamming capabilities across frequencies ranging from 400 MHz to 6 GHz, enabling operators to disrupt a broad spectrum of drone communications and control links.
- Pune-based private-sector defence manufacturer NIBE Limited successfully completed fresh firing trials of SURYASTRA, India's first indigenous Universal Vajra Sind was unveiled during a visit to BBBS headquarters by Major General Roopesh Mehta, PVSM, SM, VSM, a senior Army officer with more than 36 years of experience spanning strike operations, high-altitude warfare, information warfare and counter-terrorism. He currently oversees key capability development and procurement initiatives related to drone and counter-drone technologies.
- The handheld jammer is the latest addition to BBBS’s Vajra family of anti-drone systems, complementing the company’s existing medium- and long-range detection and jamming platforms.
- According to the company, the system was conceived following operational lessons from Operation Sindoor, which highlighted the limitations of

conventional ISM-band jamming techniques against emerging drone threats. The experience reinforced the need for effective counter-drone tools that can be deployed directly by frontline soldiers as the use of small, low-cost unmanned aircraft continues to expand on the battlefield.

- Designed and engineered in-house by BBBS's research and development team in Chennai, Vajra Sind was created as a tribute to the soldiers involved in Operation Sindoor.
- The company states that the system provides true wideband jamming coverage across frequencies commonly used by drones and features configurable bands that can be tailored to specific operational requirements and threat environments.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. JIMEX 2026 was conducted between the Indian Navy and which country's maritime force?

A. France
B. Japan
C. Australia
D. Indonesia

Correct Answer: B. Japan

2. Which Indian naval ship participated in JIMEX 2026 alongside Japan's JS Ise?

A. INS Vikrant
B. INS Chennai
C. INS Sahyadri
D. INS Kolkata

Correct Answer: C. INS Sahyadri

3. Where will the 4th India–Japan 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue be held in November 2026?

A. New Delhi
B. Osaka
C. Tokyo
D. Kyoto

Correct Answer: C. Tokyo

4. The Defence Headquarters Training Institute (DHTI) launched its first Global Leadership Programme for officers of which country?

A. Nepal
B. Fiji
C. Sri Lanka
D. Bangladesh

Correct Answer: B. Fiji

5. The Indian Air Force is targeting the induction of its first squadron of TEJAS MK-1A by which month and year?

A. December 2026
B. March 2027
C. June 2027
D. December 2027

Correct Answer: B. March 2027

6. What is the reported frequency coverage of the Vajra Sind handheld anti-drone RF jamming system?

A. 100 MHz to 2 GHz
B. 400 MHz to 6 GHz

C. 2 GHz to 10 GHz
D. 500 MHz to 12 GHz

Correct Answer: B. 400 MHz to 6 GHz

7. Which company has developed the Vajra Sind anti-drone system?

A. Bharat Electronics Limited
B. NIBE Limited
C. Big Bang Boom Solutions Private Limited
D. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

Correct Answer: C. Big Bang Boom Solutions Private Limited

8. Which of the following aircraft programmes was also mentioned alongside TEJAS MK-1A and TEJAS MK-2 in India's indigenous combat aviation roadmap?

A. AMCA
B. C-295
C. HTT-40
D. Dornier 228

Correct Answer: A. AMCA

9. Hambantota Port Is In

A. Indonesia
B. Sri Lanka
C. India
D. China

ANSWER: B

10. **Pakyong Airport is located in -**

A. Sikkim
B. Assam
C. Arunachal Pradesh
D. Nagaland

ANSWER: A

11. **Which port is also known as the New Mangalore Port?**

A. Mormugao Port
B. Panambur Port
C. Kandla Port
D. Tuticorin Port

ANSWER: B

12. Port Blair Is Located on Which Island?

A. The Little Andaman
B. The Great Nicobar
C. The South Andaman
D. The North Andaman

ANSWER: C

13. **Author of The Book 'Kerala: God's Own Country'**

A. Shashi Tharoor
B. Jeet Thayil
C. Sudha Murthy
D. Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai

ANSWER: A

14. **AUSINDEX Ex Conducts B/W**

A. India & Indonesia
B. India & Australia
C. India & Sri Lanka
D. India & Thailand

ANSWER: B

15. "Poverty and Un-British Rule in India" Is Written By

A. Mahadevi Verma
B. Premchand
C. Dadabhai Naoroji
D. Ratan Tata

ANSWER: C

16. **Havana Is The Capital Of**

A. Cuba
B. Qatar
C. UAE
D. Cyprus

ANSWER: A

17. Who Was The Prime Minister Of India During Indo-PAK War In 1965?

A. Jawaharlal Nehru
B. Indira Gandhi
C. Lal Bahadur Shastri
D. Rajiv Gandhi

ANSWER: C

18. **Who Was The PM Of India During The Indo-Pak War In 1999?**

A. Atal Bihari Vajpayee
B. Indira Gandhi
C. Lal Bahadur Shastri
D. Rajiv Gandhi

ANSWER: A

19.Ex 'Jal Prahar' Conducted In

A. Pune
B. Vishakhapatnam
C. Mumbai
D. Kakinada

ANSWER: D

20.**Current DG of The ICG Is**

A. VS Pathania
B. Rakesh Pal
C. R Hari Kumar
D. Paramesh Sivamani

ANSWER: D