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Quad Announces First Joint Military Exercise for 2027

- Quad leaders announced the grouping's first formal joint military exercise for 2027 at their summit in Manila, the Philippines. US President Donald Trump, Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended.
- The maritime drill will involve P-8 patrol aircraft from India, the United States and Australia, and Japan's P-3C aircraft. It will operate under the new Indo-Pacific Maritime Surveillance Collaboration, intended to strengthen information sharing and maritime domain awareness across the region.
- The Quad drill is expected to form part of Exercise Sea Dragon 2027, a US-led anti-submarine warfare exercise in Guam, likely around March 2027. The exercise is viewed as a political signal to China.



MoD inks Rs 1,976.40 Crore Contract With Israel Aerospace Industries

- Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with Israel Aerospace Industries for the upgradation and obsolescence management of Barak Point Defence Missile System onboard Indian Navy ships at an overall cost of Rs 1,976.40 crore.
- The contract, under Other Capital Procurement Procedure, was inked in the presence of Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh in New Delhi on November 18, 2026.
- The upgradation of the system would ensure enhanced features and potent range anti-air defence capability of the Indian Naval platforms. As part of the contract, a comprehensive upgrade of hardware and software of the system would be undertaken.



Indian Navy Marks 50 Years of Long-range Maritime Reconnaissance

- The milestone coincides with the 50th anniversary of the commissioning of Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) 312, the '**Albatross**', and commemorates five decades of airborne vigil in support of India's maritime security.
- Following the 1971 war, the need for shore-based maritime patrol aircraft capable of working alongside ships and helicopters led the Navy to assume responsibility for long-range maritime reconnaissance.
- The induction of the Boeing P-8I at INS Rajali, Arakkonam, in 2013 marked a further advance, bringing enhanced capabilities in wide-area intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, anti-submarine warfare and maritime strike.

- Over the past five decades, the Navy's LRMR aircraft have supported Operations Cactus, Vijay, Parakram and Sindoor, as well as anti-piracy and search and rescue missions.
- Today, P-8I aircraft of INAS 312 at **INS Rajali, Arakkonam, and INAS 316 at INS Hansa, Goa**, continue to maintain vigil over the Indian Ocean and beyond, safeguarding India's maritime interests.
- The Golden Jubilee honours generations of naval aviators, mission crews, maintainers and support personnel whose dedication and professionalism have built and sustained this capability over five decades.



Raksha Mantri visits Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Naval Base

- "The growing maritime cooperation between India and Japan is a reflection of the deep trust and shared commitment of the two nations towards a free, open and rules-based Indo-Pacific," said Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh in a post on X following his visit to the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) Naval Base in Yokosuka on November 18, 2026.
- Rajnath Singh was accorded a ceremonial Guard of Honour, following which the two Ministers interacted briefly at the Ministry. They, later, travelled to the JMSDF Naval Base in a JSDF helicopter. At the Naval Base, the two Ministers toured the Mogami-class multi-mission frigate JS Natori.

- Raksha Mantri also interacted with members of the Indian diaspora in Tokyo at an event organised by the Embassy of India. Addressing the gathering, he highlighted India's remarkable economic transformation, asserting that the country has emerged as one of the fastest-growing major economies in the world under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, despite challenges arising from the situation in West Asia.
- Highlighting the unprecedented growth in India’s defence sector, Shri Rajnath Singh stated that domestic defence production has crossed a record Rs 1.80 lakh crore, up from Rs 48,000 crore a decade ago. He added that defence exports have registered a remarkable increase from Rs 600 crore to an all-time high of Rs 38,000 crore, reflecting India's growing indigenous capabilities and expanding footprint in the global defence market.



Lashkar's Last Known Active Local Terrorist Killed

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah has congratulated brave Jawans of JKP, Army and CRPF and intelligence agencies for neutralizing Lashkar's last known active local terrorist in the valley, Lateef Bhat, in an operation in Kulgam in the early morning hours.
- In a post on X platform, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah said, “With the coordinated efforts of JKP, Indian Army, CRPF and intelligence agencies, Lashkar's last known active local terrorist in the valley, Lateef Bhat, was neutralised in an operation in Kulgam in the early morning hours today. One of his terrorist associates, Umar Nisar, was also neutralised in Kulgam, the day before. The entire operation was marked by a very high level of

synergy. The nation salutes the brave Jawans of JKP, Army and CRPF and intelligence agencies."

- Bhat, 22, was the only surviving local terrorist active in the Valley as per the police records, even though police say around 30 Pakistani operatives are active in different parts of Kashmir.
- It was on November 18, 2025, exactly a year ago, that he went missing and joined Zakir Ganai of Lashkar-e-Toiba. On Novemver 11, he was involved in the attack on CRPF personnel in Kulgam, which left three paramilitary personnel injured.



Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah To Inaugurate Two-Day 'Anti-Terror Conference'

- In line with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's policy of Zero Tolerance against terrorism, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah will inaugurate the two-day 'Anti-Terror Conference' in New Delhi on Thursday, 19th November 2026. The conference is being organised by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, as a part of a continued effort to bolster the nation's collective response to terrorism. This year's conference will deliberate on the theme 'Cross-Border Terrorism'.
- Held annually, the conference has steadily grown into a significant gathering of operational forces, agencies working in the field of counter-terrorism, and experts from the technical, legal and forensic domains. It offers the agencies / forces, an opportunity to collectively examine matters that have bearing on national security and the threats arising from terrorism.

- In keeping with the 'Whole of Government approach', the conference places particular emphasis on fostering synergy among all stakeholders. It seeks to establish formal as well as informal channels that enable coordinated and concerted action against terrorism. The conference also aims at contributing substantive inputs towards the formulation of future policy.
- The conference sessions will address a range of subjects, including, obtaining evidence from foreign jurisdictions, the application of digital forensics and data analysis in counter-terrorism investigations, and the effective management of trials. Sessions will also cover countering radicalisation, and emerging hybrid threats to national security.
- Further sessions will examine the tools, techniques and case experiences involved in disrupting terror financing networks, as well as the development of future-ready counter-terrorism strategies and the strengthening of institutional capacities to meet emerging national security challenges.
- This year, the conference will also host a capacity-building training programme for State police personnel and practising professionals. The programme has been designed to equip participants in several areas.
- These include applying the new criminal laws in terror investigations, using digital evidence in prosecution, and trial strategy and management. The programme will also cover special provisions relating to the investigation of terror cases, common challenges posed by the defence, the protection of witnesses, and the initiatives taken by the Government to improve prosecution.
- Over the two days, the deliberations will enable law enforcement agencies to share their experiences, highlight good practices in handling counter-terrorism matters, and draw upon lessons learnt from terror investigations.
- The conference will be attended by senior police officers of States and Union Territories, officers of Central agencies and departments dealing with counterterrorism and experts from allied fields including law, forensics and technology.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The Quad has announced its first formal joint military exercise for 2027 under which initiative?

(A) Indo-Pacific Maritime Surveillance Collaboration
(B) Indo-Pacific Defence Cooperation Initiative
(C) Maritime Security Partnership Programme
(D) Pacific Ocean Surveillance Initiative

Correct Answer: (A) Indo-Pacific Maritime Surveillance Collaboration

2. The Ministry of Defence has signed a contract worth ₹1,976.40 crore with which company for upgrading the Barak Point Defence Missile System?

(A) Rafael Advanced Defence Systems
(B) Israel Aerospace Industries
(C) Elbit Systems
(D) Bharat Electronics Limited

Correct Answer: (B) Israel Aerospace Industries

3. Indian Naval Air Squadron 312 (INAS 312), which recently completed 50 years of Long-Range Maritime Reconnaissance, is popularly known as:

(A) The Falcons
(B) The Eagles
(C) The Albatross
(D) The Sea Hawks

Correct Answer: (C) The Albatross

4. The Boeing P-8I maritime patrol aircraft was inducted into the Indian Navy in 2013 at which naval air station?

(A) INS Hansa
(B) INS Rajali
(C) INS Dega
(D) INS Garuda

Correct Answer: (B) INS Rajali

5. During his visit to Japan, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visited Yokosuka Naval Base and inspected which Japanese naval vessel?

(A) JS Kaga
(B) JS Izumo
(C) JS Natori
(D) JS Maya

Correct Answer: (C) JS Natori

6. Lateef Bhat, who was neutralised during a joint security operation, was associated with which terrorist organisation?

(A) Jaish-e-Mohammed
(B) Hizbul Mujahideen
(C) Lashkar-e-Taiba
(D) Al-Badr

Correct Answer: (C) Lashkar-e-Taiba

7. Who is scheduled to inaugurate the two-day Anti-Terror Conference in New Delhi on 19 November 2026?

(A) Rajnath Singh
(B) Narendra Modi
(C) Amit Shah
(D) Ajit Doval

Correct Answer: (C) Amit Shah

8. What is the central theme of the Anti-Terror Conference 2026 organised by the NIA?

(A) Global Counter-Terrorism Cooperation
(B) Cross-Border Terrorism

(C) Cyber Warfare and National Security
(D) Terror Financing and Internal Security

Correct Answer: (B) Cross-Border Terrorism

9. **"If you win, you need not have to explain...If you lose, you should not be there to explain!" Said By__**

A. Winston Churchill
B. Adolf Hitler
C. Subhas Chandra Bose
D. Bhagat Singh

ANSWER: B

10. **Air Marshal Rank of IAF Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of Indian Army?**

A. Brigadier
B. Lt. Gen
C. Captain
D. Major General

ANSWER: B

11. **Current Secretary-General of NATO Is__.**

A. Jens Stoltenberg
B. Admiral Rob Bauer
C. General Tod D. Wolters
D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

12. **"It Is Our Duty To Pay For Our Liberty With Our Own Blood." Said By__**

A. Pandit Nehru
B. Mahatma Gandhi
C. Subhas Chandra Bose
D. Bhagat Singh

ANSWER: C

13. **'The Communist Manifesto' Book Written By__.**

A. Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels
B. Alexis
C. Thomas Paine
D. Niccolo Machiavelli

ANSWER: A

14. OPEC Hq Is In

A. Budapest, Hungary
B. New York, USA
C. Luanda, Angola
D. Vienna, Austria

ANSWER: D

15. IPCC Was Created By

A. WMO & UNEP
B. IMO& UNESCO
C. IMF& WTO
D. UNO& UNFCCC

ANSWER: A

16. Madagascar Is In

A. Pacific Ocean
B. Indian Ocean
C. Black Sea
D. Arctic Ocean

ANSWER: B

17. Which Is Not The Member Of SAARC?

A. Bangladesh
B. Myanmar
C. India
D. Pakistan

ANSWER: B

18. With reference to MILAN Exercise, consider the following statements:

1. It is a multilateral Naval Exercise conducted by the members of NATO.
2. MILAN 2026 conducted in the Bay of Bengal.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(a) 1 only (b) 2 only
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

ANSWER: B

19. Mitra Shakti Ex Conducts B/W

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

ANSWER: C

20. Varuna Ex Conducts B/W

A. India & Indonesia
B. India & UK
C. India & France
D. India & Thailand

ANSWER: C