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President Droupadi Murmu To Review POP OF Autumn Term 2026 AT INA

- The Passing Out Parade (POP) of Autumn Term 2026 at the Indian Naval Academy will be held on 28 Nov 2026, with the Hon'ble President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, as the Chief Guest and Reviewing Officer.
- The occasion will mark the successful completion of training by officer trainees and their transition into commissioned service in the Indian Navy.
- More than 400 officer trainees from various courses will participate in the POP at Pereira Parade Ground, marking the culmination of their training at INA.
- The parade will reflect the discipline, precision and high standards of training imparted at the Academy, preparing trainees for the responsibilities and challenges of leadership and service.
- The trainees have undergone a comprehensive training programme aimed at developing their professional competence, leadership qualities, physical endurance and character, while instilling the core values of Duty, Honour and Courage.
- The Passing Out Parade of Autumn Term 2026 will be live-streamed on the official social media channels of the Indian Navy, enabling people across the country and beyond to witness the ceremony.



Amit Shah Inaugurates 12th Battalion Campus of NDRF

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the campus of 12th Battalion of the **National Disaster Response Force** (NDRF) in Itanagar, the capital of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Amit Shah said that 12th Battalion of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) is being officially inaugurated here. Arunachal Pradesh and the entire Northeast are among the regions most vulnerable to natural disasters.
- All the buildings in this campus have been constructed in accordance with earthquake-resistant standards. The first line of defence against natural disasters begins with the facilities of our 12th Battalion.
- This campus will serve as a centre for disaster response not only for Arunachal Pradesh and the entire Northeast but also for several neighbouring regions. Training for the **State Disaster Response Forces** (SDRFs) of all eight Northeastern states will also be conducted here.



To Resume Military Action Against Iran If No Deal Is Reached

- US President Donald Trump has indicated that he is prepared to authorise renewed military action against Iran after the New Year if ongoing negotiations fail to produce an agreement.
- Speaking on Sunday, Trump sharply criticised Tehran's approach to the talks, accusing Iranian negotiators of prolonging discussions without delivering meaningful results. Describing them as "professional tap dancers", he expressed frustration at what he characterised as a lack of substantive progress.
- "They talk all the time. All they do is talk, but it's all BS," Trump said, underscoring his growing dissatisfaction with the pace and direction of negotiations.
- He also adopted a confrontational tone regarding maritime tensions in the Gulf, warning that any attempt by Iranian oil tankers to challenge a blockade would be met forcefully. "I hope Iranian tankers try to test the blockade. They will all be at the bottom of the sea, like Iran's navy," Trump said.
- Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi recently stated that reopening the strategically vital Strait of Hormuz would not be difficult if the United States accepted what he described as reasonable conditions consistent with international law. He argued that progress would require Washington to acknowledge previous mistakes and honour earlier commitments.



TEJAS MK-2 Full-Scale Real-Materials Engineering Model Set To Take Centre Stage At Aero India 2027

- A full-scale engineering model of India's TEJAS MK-2 is expected to be one of the standout attractions at Aero India 2027, providing the public and industry stakeholders with the most detailed look yet at the country's next-generation medium-weight fighter aircraft.
- Unlike a conventional exhibition mock-up, the display model is understood to be an engineering representative built using the same materials, avionics and major onboard systems planned for the actual aircraft. Its purpose is to accurately demonstrate the fighter's design, configuration and technology integration rather than serve merely as a visual show-piece.
- However, the aircraft on display will not be a flying prototype. Sources associated with the program indicate that Aero India 2027 will showcase the engineering model exclusively, with no flight-test article expected to appear at the event.
- The TEJAS MK-2 represents a significant evolution of the TEJAS family. Developed as a medium-weight multi-role combat aircraft, it features a larger airframe, greater internal fuel capacity, enhanced payload capability and more advanced mission systems than earlier TEJAS variants.



Trump's 15 Battleships Could Cost US Navy $275 Billion

- US President Donald Trump's plan to build a new fleet of nuclear-powered battleships could significantly increase the financial burden on an already stretched US Navy, with a Congressional Budget Office (CBO) assessment estimating that the proposed programme may cost $118 billion more than the Navy's own projection.
- The plan to acquire 15 Trump-class battleships is emerging as a major contributor to the rising cost of Washington's long-term naval expansion, even as the existing fleet faces prolonged deployments and maintenance pressures.
- In its report released on November 19, the CBO estimated that the Navy's 30-year shipbuilding programme, covering 2027 to 2056, would require an average annual expenditure of $53.8 billion. This is around 18% higher than the Navy's estimate of $45.7 billion a year. The projected spending is also 41% above the average annual amount appropriated for shipbuilding over the previous five years.
- The proposed Trump-class battleships account for a substantial part of the projected spending increase. The CBO estimates that building 15 nuclear-powered vessels could cost approximately $275 billion, compared with the Navy's estimate of $157 billion.
- This puts the projected average cost at around $18.3 billion per battleship, against the Navy's estimate of approximately $10.4 billion. The difference between the two projections amounts to $118 billion, highlighting the potential

financial impact of the programme on the Navy's long-term shipbuilding requirements.

- The battleship plan is part of a broader effort to expand the US Navy's battle force fleet from 286 ships in 2026 to 398 by 2056. To achieve this target, the Navy proposes purchasing 371 new battle force ships over the next three decades.
- The planned acquisitions include seven aircraft carriers, 38 Virginia-class attack submarines, 16 next-generation SSN(X) submarines, 57 destroyers, 79 frigates and 15 Trump-class battleships. The Navy also intends to add 72 medium unmanned surface vessels to its future fleet.



Adani Defence Fires Four Anti-Tank Missiles in Pokhran Test Range

- Adani Defence & Aerospace successfully demonstrated its vehicle-mounted anti-tank guided missile (ATGM) system, Bagheera AT1, at the Pokhran Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan on Saturday, showcasing its ability to engage armoured vehicles and aerial targets at extended ranges.
- The demonstration was conducted on November 20 under the No Cost No Commitment (NCNC) programme and was witnessed by senior representatives of the Indian Army, Department of Military Affairs and Ministry of Defence (MoD), the company said in a statement.

- The trials validated day and night engagements, a tandem firing of two missiles along a single laser beam against a target representing an armoured vehicle, and an engagement against an aerial target at an extended range. The programme was followed by a static display of the complete system.
- Developed over 18 months, Bagheera AT1 has been customised for Indian terrain, climatic conditions and operational requirements. The integrated combat system comprises the missile, an automated launcher and day and night sights, mounted on an Adani Defence-designed 4x4 high-mobility armoured vehicle.
- The missile has an engagement range of up to 8 km, twice the approximately 4 km range of the land-based anti-tank missile. Unlike systems relying on radio links, Bagheera AT1 follows a laser beam, making it highly resistant to electronic jamming.
- The automated launcher carries four ready-to-fire missiles, while another eight reloads are stored onboard, taking the total missile capacity of each vehicle to 12. The system is equipped with integrated day television and thermal-imaging sights, along with automated target tracking.
- India continues to require modern anti-tank guided missiles, with reported gaps in its existing inventory highlighting the need for further modernisation. The country's in-service ATGM inventory is primarily based on second-generation Milan-2T and Konkurs-M systems, while Spike missiles were subsequently inducted to meet immediate operational requirements.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Who will be the Chief Guest and Reviewing Officer at the Passing Out Parade (POP) of Autumn Term 2026 at the Indian Naval Academy?

A) Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar
B) President Droupadi Murmu
C) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh
D) Chief of Defence Staff

Correct Answer: B

2. The 12th Battalion campus of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) was inaugurated in which city?

A) Guwahati
B) Shillong
C) Itanagar
D) Kohima

Correct Answer: C

3. Who is the Iranian Foreign Minister mentioned in the report concerning negotiations with the United States?

A) Javad Zarif
B) Abbas Araghchi
C) Ali Bagheri Kani
D) Hossein Amir-Abdollahian

Correct Answer: B

4. TEJAS MK-2 is being developed as which type of combat aircraft?

A) Light Combat Helicopter
B) Heavy Transport Aircraft
C) Medium-Weight Multi-Role Combat Aircraft
D) Fifth-Generation Stealth Bomber

Correct Answer: C

5. According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), what could be the estimated cost of constructing 15 proposed Trump-class battleships?

A) $157 billion
B) $200 billion
C) $275 billion
D) $118 billion

Correct Answer: C

Q6. What is the estimated average cost of one Trump-class battleship according to the CBO?

A) $10.4 billion
B) $12.5 billion
C) $15.2 billion
D) $18.3 billion

Correct Answer: D

7. Bagheera AT1, recently demonstrated by Adani Defence & Aerospace, belongs to which category?

A) Surface-to-Air Missile
B) Anti-Tank Guided Missile
C) Air-to-Air Missile
D) Ballistic Missile

Correct Answer: B

8. What is the maximum engagement range of the Bagheera AT1 missile system?

A) 4 km
B) 6 km
C) 8 km
D) 12 km

Correct Answer: C

9. **Ex GARUDA SHAKTI, IND-INDO CORPAT, IND-INDO BILAT Conducted b/w India &**

A. Qatar
B. Sri Lanka
C. Indonesia
D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

10.**SIMBEX Series of Exercises Began In 1994 And Were Initially Known As**

A. Exercise Lion King
B. Exercise Asia King
C. Exercise Jungle King
D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

11. WNC Hq Is In

A. Mumbai
B. Kochi
C. Chennai
D. Panaji

ANSWER: A

12. **Northrop Grumman Is The Defence Manufacturing Company Of Which Nation?**

A. USA
B. UK
C. Israel
D. Russia

ANSWER: A

13. **The Unending Game Book Is Written By**

A. Vikram Sood
B. Shivshankar Menon
C. Ravi Shastri
D. Salman Rushdie

ANSWER: A

14. **What Is The Capital of Andorra?**

A. Maseru
B. Andorra la Vella
C. Yamoussoukro
D. Addis Ababa

ANSWER: B

15. **“The School for Good Mothers " Book Is Written By**

A. Jessamine Chan

B. Beatrice Hitchman
C. Hew Strachan
D. Nikki May
ANSWER: A

16. Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration Is In
A. H.P
B. U.P
C. U.K
D. M.H
ANSWER: C

17. **"Discipline and united action are the real sources of strength for the nation." Said By**
A. Gandhi Ji
B. Lal Bahadur Shastri
C. Pt. Nehru
D. Gopal Krishna Gokhale
ANSWER: B

18. **PVSM Stands For**
A. Param Vishisht Seva Medal
B. Param Vishisht Sainik Medal
C. Param Vishishthtm Seva Medal
D. None
ANSWER: A

19. **Commodore Rank of Indian Navy Is Equivalent To Which Rank Of IAF?**
A. Air Commodore
B. Air Marshal
C. Wing Commander
D. Major
ANSWER: A

20.**The Wings of Fire Book Is Written By**
A. APJ Kalam
B. Shivshankar Menon
C. Ravi Shastri
D. Salman Rushdie

ANSWER: A