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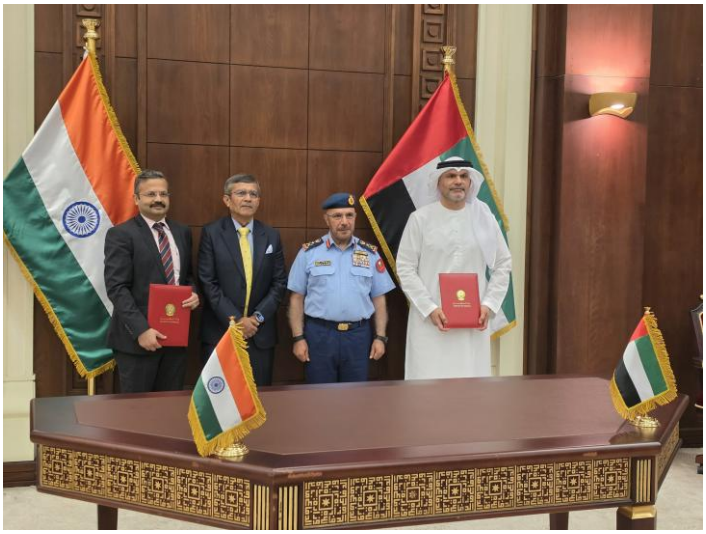
Four Army Aircraft Land on Gujarat Highway

- On November 26, 2026, Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari announced that four Indian Army microlight aircraft had landed and taken off from the Amritsar-Jamnagar Economic Corridor (NH-754A) in Gujarat.
- The Indian Army's Team Mountain Eagles carried out the operation between Chainage Km 946 and Km 949 as part of the Wings of Valour and Unity Expedition. Gadkari called it a "historic demonstration of synergy" between the Army and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).
- The expedition was flagged off on November 14 and is scheduled to conclude on November 28, traversing Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajasthan.
- Gadkari said highways could support defence preparedness, emergency response and military logistics, as well as aero-adventure and tourism, subject to safety measures and coordination. He also cited the development of highway infrastructure to meet the strategic and operational needs of the Armed Forces.



India and UAE Agree To Accelerate Co-development & Co-Production

- The 14th meeting of the India-UAE Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) took place in Abu Dhabi on November 26, 2026. The meeting was co-chaired by Defence Secretary from the Indian side and Under Secretary, Ministry of Defence, UAE Lieutenant General Ibrahim Nasser M. Al Alawi.
- The meeting provided strategic direction to the initiatives laid out in the India-UAE Strategic Defence Partnership Framework signed in May 2026 during the visit of the Prime Minister to UAE.
- Both sides agreed to enhance bilateral defence ties under a wide range of areas, specifically defence industry, defence innovation & advanced technology, artificial intelligence, cyber, military training and maritime safety.
- They agreed to accelerate co-development and co-production partnerships in next generation defence equipment.
- The co-chairs decided to review the progress made in defence cooperation at regular intervals in the interim before the next JDCC. The Indian delegation comprised representatives from the Department of Defence, Indian Defence Forces, National Security Council Secretariat and Ministry of External Affairs.
- To facilitate business-to-business (B2B) partnerships, a delegation from the Indian defence industry also accompanied the JDCC delegation. A B2B interaction between defence industries of the two countries was held on the sidelines of the meeting.



Convocation & Valedictory Ceremony of 66th NDC Course

- Rajnath Singh has called for anticipating emerging risks, examining alternative scenarios and preparing institutions for the security environment of the future, while ensuring an effective response to immediate threats arising from evolving geopolitical dynamics and the changing nature of warfare.
- The Course is run for 47 weeks from January to November every year, divided into six studies. These six studies are Understanding India & Introduction to Strategy, Study on Economic Security, Science and Technology, Global Issues, International Security Environment, India's Strategic Neighbourhood and Strategies & Structures for National Security.
- A total of 122 officers attended the course including officers from India and abroad. They are drawn from the Indian Defence Forces, Indian Civil Services, Indian Police Services and other organs of the Government.
- 40 foreign officers were from Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brazil, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Kenya, Kazakhstan, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, UK, USA, Uzbekistan and Vietnam.



India-Japan Hypersonic Partnership

- India and Japan are moving towards a significant new phase in their strategic defence relationship, with both nations actively exploring cooperation in advanced missile technologies, particularly hypersonic weapons, alongside a broader framework of defence-industrial collaboration.

- The discussions, which gathered pace during the recent India-Japan 2+2 ministerial dialogue, signal an ambition to move beyond traditional military exchanges and into high-end research, development and technology-sharing initiatives.
- Officials familiar with the talks indicated that both countries are examining opportunities to share technical expertise and collaborate on next-generation missile systems, with hypersonic capabilities emerging as an area of particular interest.
- The proposed cooperation comes as Japan undertakes one of the most profound transformations of its military posture since the Second World War. Once constrained by a strictly defensive security doctrine, Tokyo is steadily developing longer-range strike capabilities, expanding its defence industrial base and assuming a more active role in Indo-Pacific security affairs.
- Japan is also advancing plans for a layered coastal defence architecture that integrates large numbers of comparatively low-cost unmanned aerial, surface and underwater vehicles for reconnaissance and strike missions.
- The country is developing a new generation of missile systems to strengthen deterrence amid increasing Chinese military activity and North Korea's advancing missile capabilities.
- Against this backdrop, collaboration with India on advanced missile technologies, including hypersonic systems, could become an important pillar of future bilateral defence cooperation.



Successful Test Fire of Bhargavastra

- Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited (SDAL) has successfully designed, developed and integrated Bhargavastra, a Vehicle-Mounted Counter Swarm Drone System (VMCSDS), and completed its in-house development trials at Pokhran field firing ranges from 20th to 24th November 2026.
- The system offers an effective, two-layer defence against enemy drone swarms, with the capability to engage multiple drones simultaneously.
- Bhargavastra is India's first indigenously designed and developed two-layer vehicle mounted counter-swarm drone system, combining air defence rockets and guided micro-missiles to provide an integrated solution against this emerging threat.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Four Indian Army microlight aircraft recently landed and took off from which highway in Gujarat?

A) Delhi-Mumbai Expressway

B) Amritsar-Jamnagar Economic Corridor (NH-754A)

C) Mumbai-Ahmedabad Highway

D) East-West Corridor

Correct Answer: B) Amritsar-Jamnagar Economic Corridor (NH-754A)

2. The 14th meeting of the India-UAE Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) was held in which city?
A) New Delhi
B) Dubai
C) Abu Dhabi
D) Sharjah
Correct Answer: C) Abu Dhabi

3. India and the UAE agreed to accelerate cooperation in which of the following areas?
A) Joint space tourism
B) Co-development and co-production of next-generation defence equipment
C) Civil nuclear power generation only
D) Agricultural machinery production
Correct Answer: B) Co-development and co-production of next-generation defence equipment

4. How long does the National Defence College (NDC) Course run every year?
A) 24 weeks
B) 36 weeks
C) 47 weeks
D) 52 weeks
Correct Answer: C) 47 weeks

Q5. How many officers attended the 66th National Defence College (NDC) Course?
A) 100
B) 112
C) 122
D) 150
Correct Answer: C) 122

6. India and Japan are exploring defence cooperation in which advanced missile technology?
A) Ballistic missile technology only
B) Hypersonic weapons technology
C) Anti-tank guided missiles only
D) Cruise missiles exclusively

Correct Answer: B) Hypersonic weapons technology

7. Bhargavastra, recently developed by Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited (SDAL), is associated with which defence technology?
A) Anti-submarine warfare system
B) Vehicle-Mounted Counter Swarm Drone System
C) Long-range ballistic missile system
D) Electronic warfare aircraft
Correct Answer: B) Vehicle-Mounted Counter Swarm Drone System

8. Where were the in-house development trials of the Bhargavastra system conducted in November 2026?
A) Pokhran Field Firing Ranges
B) Mahajan Field Firing Ranges
C) Chandipur Test Range
D) Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island
Correct Answer: A) Pokhran Field Firing Ranges

9. Which Country Is Not The Member Of QUAD?
A. USA
B. India
C. Japan
D. Russia
ANSWER: D

10. Dhanush (howitzer) Manufactured By
A. L & T
B. Boeing
C. ISRO
D. Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited
ANSWER: D

11. Where Is The Hq of The Eastern Command of The IAF?
A. Kochi
B. Vishakhapatnam
C. Shillong
D. Mumbai
ANSWER: C

12. PVSM Stands For

A. Param Vishisht Seva Medal
B. Param Vishisht Sainik Medal
C. Param Vishishthtm Seva Medal
D. None

ANSWER: A

13. Canberra Is The Capital Of

A. Armenia
B. Qatar
C. UAE
D. Australia

ANSWER: D

14. “Broken Wing" Book Is Written By

A. Sarojini Naidu
B. Jawaharlal Nehru
C. Maithili Sharan Gupt
D. APJ Abdul Kalam

ANSWER: A

15. Israeli 'Non-Line of Sight (NLOS) Is A

A. Ballistic Missile
B. ATGM
C. Helicopter
D. Tank

ANSWER: B

16. Chairman Of NITI Aayog Is

A. Rajiv Kumar
B. Rakesh Asthana
C. R Hari Kumar
D. Narendra Modi

ANSWER: D

17. Blaser R93 Tactical Is Rifle Of

A. Oman
B. Qatar

C. Sri Lanka
D. Germany
ANSWER: D

18. Leclerc Is A
A. Tank
B. Missile
C. Gun
D. Rocket
ANSWER: A

19. Sena Medal Award Is Given To The Soldiers Of
A. Indian Army
B. IAF
C. Indian Navy
D. ICG
ANSWER: A

20. In The 2026 Global Firepower Military Strength Rankings, Which Position Did Russia Claim?
A. Fifth
B. Second
C. Fourth
D. Sixth
ANSWER: B