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Defence news

India's Defence Developments:

DRDO Pushes for Hypersonic Edge & Next-Gen ICBM:

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) chairman, Samir V. Kamat, has urged the Kalam Missile Complex in Hyderabad to focus on developing faster, stealthier, and more agile missiles, particularly hypersonic systems, to counter emerging air threats. This push aims to accelerate the induction of weapon systems currently undergoing user trials.

DRDO has also completed design studies for a next-generation Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM). This new missile builds on advancements from the Agni-V MkII, incorporating cutting-edge features like robust anti-Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) capabilities, Maneuverable Re-entry Vehicles (MaRVs), and advanced decoys to penetrate modern missile defence systems (like Russia's S-500, China's HQ-19, and American THAAD). It is designed to enhance India's strategic deterrence, particularly in response to evolving regional threats from China.

Indian Army's "Rudra Brigades" and "Bhairav Light Commando Battalions":

The Indian Army is undergoing a significant restructuring, converting existing brigades into "Rudra Brigades". These are all-arms formations integrating infantry, mechanised infantry, tanks, artillery, Special Forces, and unmanned aerial systems into cohesive units for

swift, integrated, and technology-backed responses in border scenarios.

Alongside Rudra Brigades, the Army is also raising "Bhairav Light Commando Battalions," which are lean, tactical units focused on quick strikes and rapid border deployment. These initiatives aim to make the Army a more modern, agile, and future-ready force.

India-US Defence Cooperation Deepens:

Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (CISC) Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit held discussions with Lieutenant General Joshua Rudd, Deputy Commander US Indo-Pacific Command, on the sidelines of Exercise Talisman Sabre 2025 in Australia. They explored avenues for strengthening defence cooperation, collaboration, and future operational opportunities, underscoring mutual resolve towards regional security in the Indo-Pacific.

Discussions also included deepening integration of US-origin platforms into India's military inventory and pursuing new deals for co-producing Javelin Anti-Tank Guided Missiles and Stryker Infantry Combat Vehicles in India.

India Eyes Russian S-500 Missile System: India has expressed strong interest in procuring the advanced S-500 Prometey air defence system from Russia. Russia is keen to offer the S-500 through a government-to-government (G2G) deal that includes technology transfer and co-production in India, aiming to bypass Western sanctions and enable India to export the system to other nations.

"Operation Sindoor" Praised by PM Modi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted that "Operation Sindoor" proved there is no safe





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haven for terrorists targeting India. The cross-border military offensive, launched in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, has created new self-confidence across the country.

Indian Navy Advances Submarine Programs:

The Indian Navy is making rapid progress on the design of both Nuclear Attack Submarines (Project-77) and Conventional Attack Submarines (Project-76), with designs for both programs expected to be finalized soon. These will feature shared technologies.

Cybersecurity Concerns: An older article published today indicates ongoing concerns about India's cybersecurity, citing successful targeting of Indian military, defence production, and research institutes, including DRDO, by Pakistani and Chinese hacking groups, leading to confidential data being put on sale on the dark web. This highlights the need for expanded AI-powered threat detection and real-time incident response systems.

BSF Receives Body Cameras & Biometric Devices:

The Border Security Force (BSF) has received 5,000 body cameras and biometric capturing devices for use along the Bangladesh border.

International Defence News:

Ukraine Conflict: Russian forces attacked Kyiv with drones, wounding five people. A Russian drone also hit a Ukrainian bus carrying evacuees in the Sumy region, killing three. Ukrainian drones reportedly targeted St. Petersburg as Russian President Putin attended a scaled-down Navy Day event.

South Korea Upgrades Air Defence: South Korea has successfully upgraded its Cheongung-I air defense system to the Cheongung-II system, capable of intercepting ballistic missiles as well as aircraft. The first batch has been deployed and is expected to be fully operational by 2027.

Jordan and UAE Aid Airdrops in Gaza: Jordan with cooperation from the UAE, carried out three aid airdrops over the Gaza Strip, delivering 25 tons of food and humanitarian supplies, amidst ongoing humanitarian crisis and stalled ceasefire talks.

US Special Operations Forces Transformation:

The US is transforming its special operations forces in response to strategic competition with China and Russia, considering enhanced roles in space and polar regions, including a "Space Joint Terminal Attack Controller" function. There's also a debate about the Pentagon suspending participation in think tank events and the need for more effective military advising.

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- a) Shakti Brigades
- b) Vajra Brigades
- c) Rudra Brigades
- d) Garuda Brigades

Answer: c) Rudra Brigades

The news states, "The Indian Army is undergoing a significant restructuring, converting existing brigades into 'Rudra Brigades'."

3. Which US military exercise in Australia served as the backdrop for discussions between India's CISC Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit and Lieutenant General Joshua Rudd?

- a) Exercise Malabar
- b) Exercise Red Flag
- c) Exercise Talisman Sabre 2025
- d) Exercise Yudh Abhyas

Answer: c) Exercise Talisman Sabre 2025

The news mentions, "...on the sidelines of Exercise Talisman Sabre 2025 in Australia."

4. Which advanced air defence system from Russia has India expressed strong interest in procuring?

- a) S-300
- b) S-400
- c) S-500 Prometey
- d) Pantsir-S1

Answer: c) S-500 Prometey

The news states, "India has expressed strong interest in procuring the advanced S-500 Prometey air defence system from Russia."

5. What was the name of the cross-border military offensive praised by PM Modi, launched in response to the Pahalgam terror attack?

- a) Operation Vijay
- b) Operation Parakram
- c) Operation Sindoor

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1. What type of advanced missile systems has DRDO chairman Samir V. Kamat urged the Kalam Missile Complex to focus on developing?

- a) Ballistic Missiles
- b) Cruise Missiles
- c) Hypersonic Systems
- d) Anti-ship Missiles

Answer: c) Hypersonic Systems

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2. What are the newly restructured all-arms formations in the Indian Army called?



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d) Operation Meghdoot

Answer: c) Operation Sindoor

The news states, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted that 'Operation Sindoor' proved there is no safe haven for terrorists targeting India."

6. What are the two types of submarine programs on which the Indian Navy is making rapid progress in design?

- a) Patrol Submarines and Research Submarines
- b) Nuclear Attack Submarines (Project-77) and Conventional Attack Submarines (Project-76)
- c) Ballistic Missile Submarines and Rescue Submarines
- d) Autonomous Submarines and Midget Submarines

Answer: b) Nuclear Attack Submarines (Project-77) and Conventional Attack Submarines (Project-76)

The news states, "The Indian Navy is making rapid progress on the design of both Nuclear Attack Submarines (Project-77) and Conventional Attack Submarines (Project-76)..."

7. What items has the Border Security Force (BSF) recently received for use along the Bangladesh border?

- a) New firearms and armored vehicles
- b) Drones and surveillance equipment
- c) Body cameras and biometric capturing devices
- d) Night vision goggles and communication radios

Answer: c) Body cameras and biometric capturing devices

The news states, "The Border Security Force (BSF) has received 5,000 body cameras and biometric capturing devices for use along the Bangladesh border."

8. Which South Korean air defense system has been successfully upgraded to intercept ballistic missiles as well as aircraft?

- a) Patriot System
- b) THAAD System
- c) Cheongung-II system (upgraded from Cheongung-I)
- d) Iron Dome System

Answer: c) Cheongung-II system (upgraded from Cheongung-I)

The news states, "South Korea has successfully upgraded its Cheongung-I air defense system to the Cheongung-II system, capable of intercepting ballistic missiles as well as aircraft."

9. Which two countries cooperated with aid airdrops over the Gaza Strip, delivering food and humanitarian supplies?

- a) Egypt and Saudi Arabia
- b) Jordan and UAE
- c) Turkey and Qatar
- d) Israel and United States

Answer: b) Jordan and UAE

The news mentions, "Jordan, with cooperation from the UAE, carried out three aid airdrops over the Gaza Strip..."

10. In response to strategic competition, what new roles are being considered for US Special Operations Forces?

- a) Peacekeeping operations in Africa.
- b) Enhanced roles in space and polar regions.
- c) Counter-insurgency operations in South America.
- d) Humanitarian aid missions in disaster zones.

Answer: b) Enhanced roles in space and polar regions.

The news states, "The US is transforming its special operations forces in response to..."





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