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India's Defence Advancements:

Pralay Missile Trials: The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted two consecutive test flights of the indigenously developed 'Pralay' quasi-ballistic missile on July 28th and 29th, as part of user evaluation trials. These tests validate the missile's maximum and minimum range capabilities and pave the way for its induction into the armed forces, enhancing India's conventional strike capabilities.

Defence Testing Facility in Tamil Nadu: The Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Development Nadu Industrial Corporation Limited (TIDCO) to establish a state-of-the-art testing facility for mechanical and material domains in Tiruchirappalli. This is part of the Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme (DTIS) and aims to boost self-reliance in defence manufacturing.

Adani Defence Achieves Milestone: Adani Defence and Aerospace has become the first private Indian firm to successfully clear Desert Trials for 155mm artillery ammunition, marking a significant step towards indigenous defence manufacturing and potentially making their Kanpur facility a major hub for 155mm shells.

Indian Army Foils Infiltration Attempt: The Indian Army successfully thwarted infiltration attempt along the Line of Control (LoC), eliminating two terrorists and seizing weapons.

India-UAE Army-to-Army Staff Talks: The 4th Army-to-Army Staff Talks between India and the UAE were convened in New Delhi.

"Surya Dronathon 2025" Announced: The Indian Army's Surva Command, in collaboration with the Drone Federation of India, will host a drone competition at Sumdo in Himachal Pradesh's Spiti Valley in August. This aims to promote indigenous drone technology for defence.

India's Use of UN Charter Article 51: Former Foreign Secretary and nominated Rajya Sabha MP Harsh Vardhan Shringla highlighted that India is one of the few nations to have effectively used Article 51 of the UN Charter, which outlines the right to self-defence, citing India's strikes against terror hubs in Pakistan.

Other Notable Defence-Related News:

US Defence Projects in Micronesia: The U.S. Department of Defence has released details of proposed airport and seaport projects on Yap Federated States of Micronesia, to enhance military deployment and power projection in the region.

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2. Where will the new state-of-the-art defence testing facility for mechanical and material domains be established in Tamil Nadu, as per the MoU between MoD and TIDCO?

- a) Chennai
- b) Coimbatore
- c) Tiruchirappalli
- d) Madurai

Answer: c) Tiruchirappalli

The news mentions, "The Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited (TIDCO) to establish a state-of-the-art testing facility for domains mechanical and material Tiruchirappalli."

3. Which private Indian firm became the first to successfully clear Desert Trials for 155mm artillery ammunition?

- a) Tata Advanced Systems
- b) Mahindra Defence Systems
- c) Larsen & Toubro Defence
- d) Adani Defence and Aerospace

Answer: d) Adani Defence and Aerospace The news states, "Adani Defence and Aerospace has become the first private Indian firm to successfully clear Desert Trials for 155mm artillery ammunition."

4. What is the primary purpose of "Surya Dronathon 2025" being hosted by the Indian **Army's Surva Command?**

- a) To showcase international drone technology
- b) To promote indigenous drone technology for defence
- c) To conduct anti-drone warfare exercises
- d) To recruit drone pilots for the Army

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1. Which missile was successfully tested by DRDO on July 28th and 29th, 2025, validating its maximum and minimum range capabilities?

- a) Agni-V
- b) BrahMos
- c) Pralay
- d) Akash

Answer: c) Pralay

The news explicitly states, "The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted consecutive test flights of the indigenously developed 'Pralay' quasi-ballistic missile on July 28th and 29th, as part of user evaluation trials."

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Answer: b) To promote indigenous drone technology for defence

The news highlights, "This [Surya Dronathon 2025] aims to promote indigenous drone technology for defence."

- 5. According to former Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla, India has effectively used which article of the UN Charter, outlining the right to self-defence, citing strikes against terror hubs in Pakistan?
- a) Article 42
- b) Article 51
- c) Article 99
- d) Article 100

Answer: b) Article 51

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- 6. The U.S. Department of Defence has released details of proposed airport and seaport projects in which Pacific island nation to enhance military deployment?
- a) Fiji
- b) Papua New Guinea
- c) Micronesia
- d) Solomon Islands

Answer:c) Micronesia

The news mentions, "The U.S. Department of Defence has released details of proposed airport and seaport projects on Yap, Federated States of Micronesia, to enhance military deployment and power projection in the region."

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