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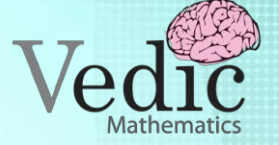
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## Defence news

### Indian Defence Developments

**India-UAE Defense Collaboration:** India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are set to significantly deepen their defense partnership. Following the 13th India-UAE Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting in New Delhi, the two nations are moving beyond traditional military exchanges to co-develop cutting-edge, AI-powered defense projects. A Memorandum of Understanding was also signed to enhance cooperation in maritime domains like search and rescue and anti-piracy.

**Indian Air Force (IAF) and F-35 Fighter Jets:** India has reportedly rejected a U.S. offer to purchase F-35 stealth fighter jets. The decision, made amid new U.S. tariff threats, signals a preference for joint design and domestic manufacturing over expensive off-the-shelf acquisitions, aligning with the "Make in India" initiative.

**Naval Developments:** The Indian Navy has received a new indigenous multi-role stealth frigate, INS Himgiri, built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE). This is the third of seven frigates being constructed under Project-17A, designed to enhance the Navy's combat capabilities with advanced sensors and weapons, including BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles.

### DRDO and HAL Updates:

**Project Kusha:** The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is developing a new Long-Range Battle Management Radar (LRBMR) with a detection

range of over 500 km. This indigenous radar will support India's layered air and missile defense systems.

**RudraM-III Missile:** Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has successfully conducted release trials of the RudraM-III air-to-surface missile from a modified Su-30 MKI aircraft. The missile is part of a series for Suppression of Enemy Air Defences (SEAD) missions.

**Army Leadership Change:** Lt Gen Pushpendra Singh has assumed the role of the new Vice Chief of the Army Staff (VCOAS), succeeding Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani.

### Global Defence Developments

**AUKUS Alliance Review:** The U.S. Defense Department has confirmed that its review of the AUKUS agreement will take months, extending into the U.S. Fall. This review is intended to ensure the alliance aligns with "America First" principles.

**UK-Australia Defence Pact:** The UK and Australia have announced the "Geelong Agreement," a new treaty that focuses on co-developing AUKUS submarines and outlines how submarine rotations will work.

**U.S. Tariffs and Defence Trade:** The Trump administration's new round of global tariffs is causing concern in the defense industry, with the Australian Defence Industry Network urging both the U.S. and Australian governments to de-escalate the "tariff war" to avoid hindering vital defense trade.





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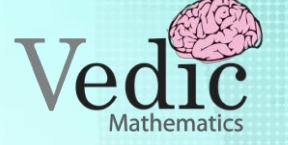
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## MCQS

1. What is a key focus of the deepened defense partnership between India and the UAE?
- a) Joint naval exercises and war games
  - b) Co-development of AI-powered defense projects
  - c) The sale of Indian-made fighter jets to the UAE
  - d) Joint patrols in the Indian Ocean

**Answer:** b) Co-development of AI-powered defense projects  
The news states, "...the two nations are moving beyond traditional military exchanges to co-develop cutting-edge, AI-powered defense projects."

2. Which indigenous multi-role stealth frigate has the Indian Navy recently received?
- a) INS Vikrant
  - b) INS Himgiri
  - c) INS Arihant
  - d) INS Chennai

**Answer:** b) INS Himgiri  
The news states, "The Indian Navy has received a new indigenous multi-role stealth frigate, INS Himgiri, built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)."

3. What is the name of the new air-to-surface missile for which HAL has successfully conducted release trials?
- a) BrahMos
  - b) Pralay
  - c) RudraM-III
  - d) Akash

**Answer:** c) RudraM-III  
The news states, "Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has successfully conducted





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release trials of the RudraM-III air-to-surface missile..."

**4. What is the detection range of the new Long-Range Battle Management Radar (LRBMR) being developed by DRDO?**

- a) Less than 100 km
- b) 200 to 300 km
- c) Over 500 km
- d) Over 1,000 km

**Answer:** c) Over 500 km

The news specifies that the new radar is being developed "with a detection range of over 500 km."

**5. What is the "Geelong Agreement" a new treaty between the UK and Australia intended for?**

- a) To address U.S. tariffs on defense trade
- b) To outline a plan for a joint space force
- c) To focus on co-developing AUKUS submarines and submarine rotations
- d) To establish a new military base in the Pacific

**Answer:** c) To focus on co-developing AUKUS submarines and submarine rotations

The news states, "The UK and Australia have announced the 'Geelong Agreement,' a new treaty that focuses on co-developing AUKUS submarines and outlines how submarine rotations will work."

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