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Defence news

National Defence News (India)

Indian Army Procurement: The Indian Army has signed a ₹223.95 crore deal with Axiscades Aerospace and Technologies Private Limited for the procurement of 212 next-generation 50-ton Tank Transporter Trailers. This indigenous contract, under the 'Aatmnirbhar Bharat' initiative, aims to improve logistical and operational efficiency for the army's field units by enabling the swift transport of tanks and armored vehicles over challenging terrain.

India Rejects US F-35 Offer: In a move that prioritizes its self-reliance strategy, India has informed U.S. officials that it is not interested in purchasing the Lockheed Martin F-35 stealth fighter. The decision reflects India's preference for indigenous development and collaborative partnerships with technology transfer, such as the GE-HAL deal for F414 engines, over outright imports.

Indian Navy's Overseas Deployment: Indian Naval Ships INS Delhi, INS Shakti, and INS Kiltan have arrived in Manila, Philippines, as part of the Indian Navy's ongoing operational deployment to Southeast Asia. The visit, led by Rear Admiral Susheel Menon, includes a bilateral maritime exercise and harbor interactions to strengthen maritime cooperation and interoperability.

New Naval Appointment: Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan has taken charge as the 47th Vice Chief of the Indian Navy.

Indian Army's New Formations: The Indian Army has announced the creation of new fighting formations, including the "Rudra All Arms Brigade" and the "Bhairav Light Commando Battalion," to be future-combat ready. The Rudra Brigade will integrate infantry, armor, artillery, and special forces for rapid deployment.

Counter-Terrorism Operations: A joint operation by the Indian Army, J&K Police, and CRPF is underway in the Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir. The operation, named "Operation Akhal," resulted in the neutralization of one terrorist.

Humanitarian Aid: The Indian Air Force (IAF), in coordination with the Assam Rifles, has successfully carried out "Operation Sahyog" to deliver essential supplies to remote villages in Manipur that were cut off by landslides.

Indian Air Force Recruitment: The online application window for the Indian Air Force's Agniveervayu Recruitment 2025 is set to close on August 4, 2025.

International Defence News

Indonesia's Defence Strategy: Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto has convened a meeting with top defense officials to discuss global security challenges and emphasize the importance of defense in safeguarding the nation's sovereignty and natural resources.

Russia's Hypersonic Missiles: Russia has announced that its new hypersonic missiles have entered service and will be deployed in Belarus.





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1. What is the name of the new fighting formation created by the Indian Army that integrates infantry, armor, artillery, and special forces for rapid deployment?

- a) Rudra All Arms Brigade
- b) Bhairav Light Commando Battalion
- c) Operation Akhal
- d) Operation Sahyog

Answer: a) Rudra All Arms Brigade

The news report on the Indian Army's new formations explicitly names the "Rudra All Arms Brigade" as the new formation that will integrate various arms for rapid deployment.

2. Which country's stealth fighter offer has India reportedly rejected in favor of indigenous development?

- a) Russia
- b) France
- c) United Kingdom
- d) United States

Answer: d) United States

The news states that India has informed U.S. officials of its disinterest in purchasing the "Lockheed Martin F-35 stealth fighter," which is made in the United States.

3. Who has taken charge as the 47th Vice Chief of the Indian Navy?

- a) Rear Admiral Susheel Menon
- b) Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan
- c) Vice Admiral R. Hari Kumar
- d) General Manoj Pande

Answer: b) Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan

The news report on the new naval appointment clearly identifies Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan as the new 47th Vice Chief of the Indian Navy.





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4. What was the name of the humanitarian aid operation carried out by the Indian Air Force and Assam Rifles in Manipur?

- a) Operation Akhal
- b) Operation Vijay
- c) Operation Sahyog
- d) Operation Parakram

Answer: c) Operation Sahyog

The news about humanitarian aid specifies that the Indian Air Force and Assam Rifles carried out "Operation Sahyog" to deliver essential supplies to remote villages in Manipur.

5. Which two Indian Naval Ships, along with INS Kiltan, have arrived in Manila, Philippines, for an operational deployment?

- a) INS Vikramaditya and INS Viraat
- b) INS Delhi and INS Shakti
- c) INS Ranvir and INS Ranvijay
- d) INS Chennai and INS Kochi

Answer: b) INS Delhi and INS Shakti

The news report on the Indian Navy's overseas deployment names "INS Delhi, INS Shakti, and INS Kiltan" as the ships that have arrived in Manila.

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