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Defence news

Indian Defence

India-Philippines Defence Cooperation: Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. arrived in India for a five-day state visit to strengthen defence and trade relations. Manila is interested in purchasing more defense equipment from India, citing quality and affordability. The two nations are also scheduled to hold their first-ever joint naval patrols in the South China Sea. This move is seen as a way for both countries to counter Chinese aggression in the region.

Military Transport Aircraft: India has received the last of its 16 Airbus C-295 military transport aircraft from Spain. These aircraft will replace the Indian Air Force's (IAF) aging Avro fleet. The remaining 40 aircraft under the contract will be manufactured in India by a partnership between Airbus and Tata Advanced Systems Limited.

Surya Dronathon 2025: The Indian Army's Surya Command is set to host a drone competition in Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh, from August 10-24. The event, "Surya Dronathon 2025," aims to promote indigenous drone technology and find new solutions for the Army's operational requirements.

International Defence

Boeing Strike: More than 3,200 unionized workers who assemble Boeing's fighter jets in the St. Louis area went on strike after rejecting a new contract offer. This affects the production of F-15 and F/A-18 fighters, the T-7 trainer, and the MQ-25 aerial refueling drone.

Russia-Ukraine Conflict: A Ukrainian drone attack reportedly caused a major fire at an oil depot in Sochi, southern Russia. This is part of ongoing drone attacks by Ukraine targeting sites inside Russia.

China-Russia Joint Drills: China and Russia have commenced joint naval exercises, "Joint Sea-2025," in the Sea of Japan. The three-day drills, taking place near the port of Vladivostok, involve multiple warships from both countries and are seen as a move to reinforce their partnership against a perceived U.S.-led global order.

Exercise Talisman Sabre 2025: The 11th iteration of this major combined training activity between the Australian Defence Force and the U.S. Armed Forces has concluded. The exercise involved over 40,000 military personnel from 19 nations and for the first time, included a component held in Papua New Guinea.

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MCQS

1. The first-ever joint naval patrols between India and the Philippines are scheduled to take place in which body of water?

- a) Indian Ocean
- b) Bay of Bengal
- c) South China Sea
- d) Arabian Sea

Answer: c) South China Sea

The news states, "The two nations are also scheduled to hold their first-ever joint naval patrols in the South China Sea."

2. Which aircraft will the new Airbus C-295 military transport aircraft replace for the Indian Air Force (IAF)?

- a) Sukhoi Su-30MKI
- b) HAL Tejas
- c) Avro fleet
- d) Dassault Rafale

Answer: c) Avro fleet

The news reports, "These aircraft will replace the Indian Air Force's (IAF) aging Avro fleet."

3. What is the name of the drone competition that the Indian Army's Surya Command is set to host in Spiti Valley?

- a) Surya Challenge
- b) Dronathon 2025
- c) Surya Dronathon 2025
- d) Spiti Drone Wars

Answer: c) Surya Dronathon 2025

The news states, "The Indian Army's Surya Command is set to host a drone competition in Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh... The event, 'Surya Dronathon 2025,' aims to promote indigenous drone technology..."

4. Where did a Ukrainian drone attack reportedly cause a major fire at an oil depot?

- a) Moscow
- b) St. Petersburg
- c) Sochi
- d) Vladivostok

Answer: c) Sochi

The news reports, "A Ukrainian drone attack reportedly caused a major fire at an oil depot in Sochi, southern Russia."

5. How many nations participated in Exercise Talisman Sabre 2025?

- a) 10 nations
- b) 15 nations
- c) 19 nations
- d) 40 nations

Answer: c) 19 nations

The news states, "The exercise involved over 40,000 military personnel from 19 nations..."





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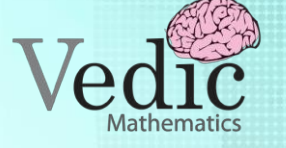
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6. Which country is manufacturing the remaining 40 Airbus C-295 aircraft under the contract with a partnership between Airbus and Tata Advanced Systems Limited?

- a) Spain
- b) France
- c) India
- d) United States

Answer: c) India

The news reports, "The remaining 40 aircraft under the contract will be manufactured in India by a partnership between Airbus and Tata Advanced Systems Limited."



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