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Defence news

Modernization and Indigenous Production

Air Defence Upgrades: Following lessons from recent global conflicts and its own "Operation Sindoor," the Indian Army is bolstering its air defence network. It has issued a Request for Information (RFI) for new Air Defence Fire Control Radar-Drone Detector (ADFCR-DD) systems. These new radars are designed to detect and neutralize a wide range of aerial threats, including drones, and will be integrated with existing artillery systems.

Helicopter Fleet Replacement: The Indian Army and Air Force are moving to replace their aging Chetak and Cheetah helicopter fleets. The Ministry of Defence has issued an RFI for 200 new modern light helicopters (also known as reconnaissance and surveillance helicopters, or RSH), with an emphasis on indigenous manufacturing.

Indigenous Technology: India continues to make strides in indigenous defence production. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has launched a new Quantum Technologies Research Centre (QTRC) to develop ultra-secure communication systems. Additionally, the Indian Defence Research Wing reports progress on a lighter, air-launched subsonic cruise missile, a naval variant of the Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS), and an indigenous long-range surface-to-air missile system under Project Kusha.

Strategic and International Relations

NSA Doval's Visit to Russia: National Security Advisor Ajit Doval is in Moscow for talks with Russia's First Deputy Prime Minister, Denis Manturov. The discussions are focused on bilateral military-technical cooperation and the implementation of joint projects. Doval's visit is also a precursor to a planned visit by Russian President Vladimir Putin to India later this year.

US-India Defence Deals: There is a mixed report on the status of India's defence purchases from the United States. While some reports suggest that India has paused talks for major defence acquisitions, including P-8I maritime patrol aircraft, due to recent US tariffs on Indian goods, the Ministry of Defence has officially refuted these claims, stating that all procurement cases are being progressed as per existing procedures.

Recent Military Exercises

Exercise Bold Kurukshetra 2025: The 14th edition of the joint military exercise between India and Singapore, "Exercise Bold Kurukshetra 2025," recently concluded. The exercise, which took place in Jodhpur from July 27 to August 4, focused on validating operational procedures for mechanized warfare and enhancing interoperability between the two armies.

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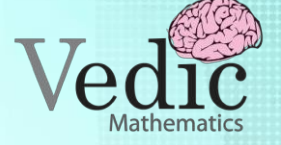
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1. The Indian Army is procuring new Air Defence Fire Control Radar-Drone Detector (ADFCR-DD) systems primarily to counter which of the following threats?

- A) Fighter jets and submarines
- B) Fighter jets, helicopters, and drones
- C) Long-range ballistic missiles
- D) Cruise missiles and attack helicopters

Answer: B) Fighter jets, helicopters, and drones

The ADFCR-DD systems are designed to enhance India's air defense against a wide range of threats, with a particular focus on neutralizing drones and other modern aerial threats, as learned from recent conflicts.

2. What is the name of the indigenous long-range surface-to-air missile system being developed under a DRDO project?

- A) Project Sindoor
- B) Project ATAGS
- C) Project Kusha
- D) Project Tejas

Answer: C) Project Kusha

Project Kusha is the name of the DRDO initiative to develop an indigenous long-range surface-to-air missile system, which will include multiple variants to counter various aerial threats.

3. Which countries participated in the recent "Exercise Bold Kurukshetra 2025"?

- A) India and the United States
- B) India and Russia
- C) India and Singapore
- D) India and France

Answer: C) India and Singapore

"Exercise Bold Kurukshetra 2025" was the 14th edition of a joint military exercise conducted between the armies of India and Singapore, held in Jodhpur.

4. What is the primary focus of National Security Advisor Ajit Doval's visit to Moscow?

- A) To discuss economic sanctions
- B) To negotiate an oil deal
- C) To strengthen bilateral military-technical cooperation
- D) To finalize a free trade agreement

Answer: C) To strengthen bilateral military-technical cooperation





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NSA Ajit Doval's visit to Russia is aimed at strengthening military-technical cooperation and discussing joint projects between India and Russia, ahead of a planned visit by President Vladimir Putin.

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