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Defence news

Strategic Operations and Indigenous Capabilities

India's defense minister, Rajnath Singh, hailed "Operation Sindoor" as a testament to the nation's self-reliance in defense. The operation, a retaliatory strike following a terrorist attack, successfully utilized indigenous equipment. The chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Samir V. Kamat, confirmed that the BrahMos missile was the primary offensive weapon, while the Akashteer air defense system was the main defensive system. This highlights India's growing capability to conduct complex military operations with domestically produced technology.

Defense Procurement

The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has approved procurement proposals worth ₹67,000 crore to enhance the operational capabilities of the armed forces. These include:

Indian Army: Procurement of Thermal Imager-based Driver Night Sight for BMP vehicles.

Indian Navy: Procurement of Compact Autonomous Surface Craft, BrahMos Fire Control System and launchers, and an upgrade to the BARAK-1 Point Defence Missile System.

Indian Air Force: Procurement of mountain radars and an upgrade to the SAKSHAM/SPYDER Weapon System.

In a separate development, there are reports that India has paused the procurement of six additional P-8I maritime patrol aircraft from the U.S. due to a significant price increase and trade tariffs. This has triggered a reassessment of defense deals with the U.S.

Military Exercises

India is actively participating in and hosting joint military exercises to strengthen defense cooperation with other nations.

Exercise Bold Kurukshetra: The 14th edition of this bilateral armor exercise with the Singapore Army concluded in Jodhpur, India, from July 28 to August 3, 2025. The exercise focused on a bilateral command post and professional exchanges.

Exercise Divya Drishti: The Indian Army is conducting this domestic exercise in the East Sikkim region to assess its combat readiness.

Exercise Talisman Sabre: India, along with 18 other countries, is participating in this significant bilateral military exercise led by Australia. The exercise aims to promote a free and open Indo-Pacific by enhancing cooperation and interoperability among key allies.

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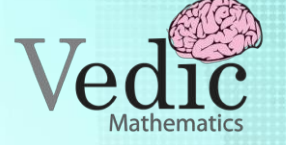
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MCQS

1. What was the primary offensive weapon used in "Operation Sindoor"?

- a) Akashteer air defense system
- b) P-8I maritime patrol aircraft
- c) BrahMos missile
- d) BARAK-1 Point Defence Missile System

Answer: c) BrahMos missile

The text states that the "BrahMos missile was the primary offensive weapon" in Operation Sindoor, a retaliatory strike that showcased India's indigenous defense capabilities.

2. Which country is India conducting the bilateral armor exercise "Bold Kurukshetra" with?

- a) Australia
- b) U.S.
- c) Singapore
- d) Russia

Answer: c) Singapore

The news item mentions that "The 14th edition of this bilateral armor exercise with the Singapore Army concluded in Jodhpur, India."

3. The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) approved procurement proposals worth ₹67,000 crore for which of the following?

- a) Only for the Indian Army.
- b) For the Indian Army, Indian Navy, and Indian Air Force.
- c) Only for the Indian Navy and Air Force.
- d) For foreign military equipment only.

Answer: b) For the Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force.

The text specifies that the procurement proposals include equipment for the "Indian Army," "Indian Navy," and "Indian Air Force," covering all three branches of the armed forces.

4. Why has India reportedly paused the procurement of six additional P-8I maritime patrol aircraft from the U.S.?

- a) India is no longer interested in maritime patrol aircraft.
- b) The U.S. has stopped their production.
- c) The aircraft are now being manufactured in India.
- d) Due to a significant price increase and trade tariffs.

Answer: d) Due to a significant price increase and trade tariffs.





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The news item directly states that the procurement was paused "due to a significant price increase and trade tariffs," which has led to a reassessment of defense deals.

5. What is the aim of "Exercise Talisman Sabre," in which India is participating along with 18 other countries?

- a) To conduct a domestic combat readiness assessment in East Sikkim.
- b) To promote a free and open Indo-Pacific by enhancing cooperation and interoperability.
- c) To practice anti-poaching operations for rhino conservation.
- d) To test a new indigenous air defense system.

Answer: b) To promote a free and open Indo-Pacific by enhancing cooperation and interoperability.

The text specifies that the exercise "aims to promote a free and open Indo-Pacific by enhancing cooperation and interoperability among key allies."

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