



## Defence news

### Indian Defence Updates

India's defense production has reached a record high of ₹1.51 lakh crore in FY 2024-25, marking an 18% increase from the previous fiscal year.

This growth is driven by the government's 'Make in India' initiative, which has also seen the share of the private sector in defense production rise to 23%.

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is looking to expand its arsenal of long-range missiles, with a focus on developing extended-range versions of the indigenous Astra missile. The IAF is also considering acquiring two additional squadrons of the S-400 air defense system and is pushing for the development of the Project Kusha long-range air defense system. These moves follow the success of Operation Sindoor, which demonstrated the effectiveness of India's long-range strike capabilities.

In a significant recruitment drive, the Indian Navy has opened applications for 1,266 Civilian Tradesman Skilled positions. This aims to bolster its technical readiness with proficient civilian personnel. Additionally, the Indian Navy has completed a Rescue Seat Certification for a South African Navy submarine, marking a new milestone in international naval cooperation.

### International Defence News

In the Russia-Ukraine conflict, Russia's Ministry of Defence reported shooting down numerous Ukrainian drones and guided bombs. Meanwhile, Ukraine is undertaking military exercises, with President Zelenskyy warning of a new Russian offensive.

In other international news, the US President Donald Trump administration has circulated plans for its "Golden Dome" missile defense system, a multi-layered shield inspired by Israel's Iron Dome. The project, with a proposed budget of \$175 billion, would include space-based defenses, radar arrays, and lasers.

In the Indo-Pacific, Australia and Japan are strengthening their defense ties after Australia's decision to commission a Japanese company, Mitsubishi Heavy Industry (MHI), to build its next-generation frigate. This deal is seen as a move to increase interoperability and strategic cooperation between the two nations.

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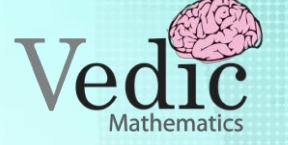
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- b) Acquiring two additional squadrons of the S-400 air defense system
- c) Pushing for the development of the Project Kusha long-range air defense system
- d) Inducting the Rafale fighter jet from France

**Answer:** d) Inducting the Rafale fighter jet from France

The text mentions the IAF's focus on extended-range Astra missiles, acquiring more S-400 systems, and developing Project Kusha. The induction of Rafale jets is not mentioned in this specific update.

**3. What is the Indian Navy's recent recruitment drive for?**

- a) 1,266 Agniveer positions
- b) 1,266 Civilian Tradesman Skilled positions
- c) 1,500 commissioned officers
- d) 500 Submarine crew members

**Answer:** b) 1,266 Civilian Tradesman Skilled positions

The text specifies that the Indian Navy has "opened applications for 1,266 Civilian Tradesman Skilled positions."

**4. What is the name of the new missile defense system proposed by the US President Donald Trump administration?**

- a) Iron Dome
- b) Project Kusha
- c) Golden Dome
- d) Star Shield

**Answer:** c) Golden Dome

The text states that the US President Donald Trump administration has plans for its "Golden Dome" missile defense system, which is "inspired by Israel's Iron Dome."

**5. Which two countries are strengthening their defense ties through a deal for a new frigate?**

- a) India and Japan

## MCQS

**1. What was India's defense production in the fiscal year 2024-25?**

- a) ₹1.28 lakh crore
- b) ₹1.51 lakh crore
- c) ₹1.82 lakh crore
- d) ₹2.00 lakh crore

**Answer:** b) ₹1.51 lakh crore

The text states, "India's defense production has reached a record high of ₹1.51 lakh crore in FY 2024-25, marking an 18% increase from the previous fiscal year."

**2. Which of the following is NOT a defense initiative or development mentioned for the Indian Air Force (IAF)?**

- a) Developing extended-range versions of the Astra missile





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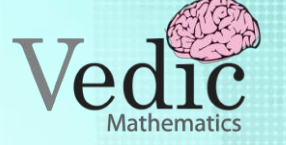
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- b) Australia and the US
- c) Japan and the US
- d) Australia and Japan

**Answer:** d) Australia and Japan

The text mentions that "Australia and Japan are strengthening their defense ties" after Australia commissioned a Japanese company, Mitsubishi Heavy Industry (MHI), to build its next-generation frigate.

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