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Defence news

Several important developments in the Indian and global defense sectors are in the news on August 14, 2025, with a particular focus on India's Independence Day celebrations and recent military operations. IN

India's Defense News

Gallantry Awards for Operation Sindoor:

Gallantry awards are scheduled to be announced for defense personnel who demonstrated exceptional courage during Operation Sindoor. The success of this operation will be a central theme of this year's Independence Day celebrations, with a special flypast by the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the operation's logo being featured prominently.

Indian Army's New Counter-Infiltration Grid:

Ahead of Independence Day, the Indian Army has deployed a three-tiered robotic counter-infiltration grid along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir. The grid incorporates advanced surveillance equipment like radars and UAVs, an obstacle system with mines, and physical patrols by troops. This new system is designed to achieve "zero infiltration."

IAF Chief's Statement on Operation Sindoor:

The IAF Chief, Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh, stated that the IAF shot down five Pakistani jets and one early warning and control aircraft during Operation Sindoor. International military aviation experts have corroborated this claim, with one expert calling the successful shoot-down by an S-400 missile at a range of 300 km a "world record."

Changes to Agniveer Recruitment: The Indian Army has introduced a significant change to the Agniveer recruitment process. The physical test now includes four groups for the 1.6 km run, giving candidates an extra half-minute to complete it. This change is considered "candidate-friendly" and is expected to increase the number of qualified applicants.

Indian Navy Recruitment: The Indian Navy has opened registration for 1,266 Civilian Tradesman vacancies. The positions are open to candidates with a Class 10 pass and an ITI certificate. The roles are in various technical areas like shipbuilding, electrical, and weapon systems.

International Defense News

Malaysia-Australia Counter-Terrorism Working Group:

Australian and Malaysian delegations met for the 10th Malaysia-Australia Counter-Terrorism Working Group in Kota Kinabalu. The meeting, which included personnel from both nations' defense departments, focused on sharing intelligence and knowledge to address issues of radicalization, terrorism, and extremism.

Indian Navy and Philippines Naval Exercise:

The Indian Navy and the Philippines Navy conducted a joint exercise near the South China Sea. A former Philippines Foreign Minister and current UK Ambassador praised the Indian Navy for its courage in operating in the region.





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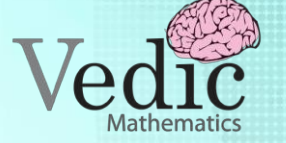
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1. What is the key change introduced to the physical test for the Agniveer recruitment process by the Indian Army?

- a) The running distance has been increased to 3.2 km.
- b) The physical test has been replaced with a written exam.
- c) Candidates for the 1.6 km run now have an extra half-minute to complete it.
- d) The physical test now includes swimming.

Answer: c) Candidates for the 1.6 km run now have an extra half-minute to complete it. The news states, "The physical test now includes four groups for the 1.6 km run, giving candidates an extra half-minute to complete it."

2. Which military operation's success is being celebrated as a central theme of India's Independence Day celebrations, with gallantry awards and a special flypast?

- a) Operation Blue Star
- b) Operation Vijay
- c) Operation Sindoor
- d) Operation Parakram

Answer: c) Operation Sindoor
The news report states that gallantry awards are scheduled to be announced for "Operation Sindoor" and that its success will be a central theme of this year's Independence Day celebrations.

3. What is the primary purpose of the new three-tiered robotic counter-infiltration grid deployed by the Indian Army along the Line of Control (LoC)?

- a) To provide logistical support to troops.
- b) To conduct search and rescue operations.
- c) To achieve "zero infiltration."
- d) To monitor weather patterns.





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Answer: c) To achieve "zero infiltration."

The news explains that the new counter-infiltration grid is "designed to achieve 'zero infiltration'" along the LoC.

4. What was the key topic of discussion at the 10th Malaysia-Australia Counter-Terrorism Working Group meeting?

- a) Economic cooperation between the two nations.
- b) Sharing intelligence and knowledge on radicalization, terrorism, and extremism.
- c) Joint military exercises in the Pacific Ocean.
- d) Cultural exchange programs.

Answer: b) Sharing intelligence and knowledge on radicalization, terrorism, and extremism.

The news states that the meeting focused on "sharing intelligence and knowledge to address issues of radicalization, terrorism, and extremism."

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