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## Defence news

### Key points about Mission Sudarshan Chakra:

**Objective:** To create a comprehensive, multi-layered air and missile defense shield for the entire country. This shield will protect strategic locations, as well as civilian infrastructure like hospitals and railways.

**Indigenous Development:** The mission emphasizes "Atmanirbhar Bharat" (self-reliant India), with a focus on indigenous research, development, and manufacturing of the defense system. The Prime Minister called on Indian innovators and engineers to work on developing indigenous fighter jet engines.

**Scope:** The system is envisioned to be similar to Israel's "Iron Dome," but on a much larger scale, covering the entire nation. It will incorporate advanced surveillance, interception, and counter-strike capabilities.

**Offensive Capabilities:** The shield is not just defensive; it will be integrated with potent counter-offensive weapons to "hit back at the adversary many times more." This includes the planned induction of the 500-km range Pralay quasi-ballistic missile and the 1,000-km range subsonic cruise missile, as well as the expansion of the BrahMos missile's range.

**Timeline:** The government aims for the system to be fully operational by 2035. Phase-1 of the indigenous long-range surface-to-air missile (LR-SAM) system, developed under Project Kusha, is expected to be ready by 2028-29.

In addition to this major announcement, other defense-related news on August 16, 2025, includes:

**Gallantry Awards:** Defence personnel, including those who participated in "Operation Sindoor," were awarded gallantry medals on the eve of Independence Day.

**Diplomatic Engagements:** India is set to host two major defense meetings with the United States in August to expedite military hardware procurements.

**Tributes:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh paid tribute to former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his death anniversary.

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2. Which of the following is a key component of the "Atmanirbhar Bharat" (self-reliant India) focus within Mission Sudarshan Chakra?

- a) The procurement of foreign-made fighter jets.
- b) Indigenous research, development, and manufacturing of the defense system.
- c) Importing all necessary defense technology from allied nations.
- d) Relying on foreign engineers for the project.

**Answer:** b) Indigenous research, development, and manufacturing of the defense system.

The news emphasizes that the mission focuses on "indigenous research, development, and manufacturing," with a call for Indian innovators and engineers to develop domestic fighter jet engines, aligning with the "Atmanirbhar Bharat" initiative.

3. What is the projected timeline for the "Mission Sudarshan Chakra" to be fully operational?

- a) By 2028.
- b) By 2030.
- c) By 2035.
- d) By 2040.

**Answer:** c) By 2035.

The provided text explicitly states, "The government aims for the system to be fully operational by 2035."

4. The long-range surface-to-air missile (LR-SAM) system, which is a part of Phase-1 of Mission Sudarshan Chakra, is being developed under what project name?

- a) Project Shakti
- b) Project Vayu
- c) Project Agni
- d) Project Kusha

### MCQS

1. What is the primary objective of "Mission Sudarshan Chakra"?

- a) To increase India's defense budget.
- b) To create a comprehensive, multi-layered air and missile defense shield for the entire country.
- c) To develop a new fleet of submarines.
- d) To establish a new military training academy.

**Answer:** b) To create a comprehensive, multi-layered air and missile defense shield for the entire country.

The news states that Mission Sudarshan Chakra is an initiative to create a "comprehensive, multi-layered air and missile defense shield" to protect strategic and civilian locations across India.







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**Answer: d) Project Kusha**

The news mentions that Phase-1 of the indigenous LR-SAM system, a component of the larger mission, is being developed under "Project Kusha."

**5. What event is referenced as the context for the announcement of "Mission Sudarshan Chakra"?**

- a) The 2019 Balakot airstrike.
- b) "Operation Sindoor."
- c) The Kargil War.
- d) The 2008 Mumbai attacks.

**Answer: b) "Operation Sindoor."**

The news states that the announcement was made "following recent military tensions with Pakistan, specifically referencing 'Operation Sindoor.'"

**6. Which of the following is NOT an offensive capability mentioned as being integrated with the new defense shield?**

- a) The 500-km range Pralay quasi-ballistic missile.
- b) The expansion of the BrahMos missile's range.
- c) The induction of the 1,000-km range subsonic cruise missile.
- d) A new line of stealth bombers.

**Answer: d) A new line of stealth bombers.**

The text lists the Pralay missile, BrahMos, and a new subsonic cruise missile as planned offensive capabilities. It does not mention a new line of stealth bombers.

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