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## Defence news

### India's Domestic & Strategic Defence

A major discussion in India's defense community revolves around the critical importance of sustained defense spending. Former Army Chief General M.M. Naravane stated that defense spending is an "insurance against war" and a necessary investment for national security. He also noted that India needs to be prepared for the impact of US tariffs imposed due to its purchase of arms and oil from Russia.

The Supreme Court of India has taken suo motu cognizance of the issue of military cadets who are injured during training and are not inducted into the forces. The court has urged the government to create a policy to provide these cadets with medical and financial help, suggesting insurance coverage and alternative job rehabilitation.

In a legal development, a soldier was assaulted at a toll plaza in Uttar Pradesh, prompting the Indian Army to condemn the incident. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has since imposed a ₹20 lakh fine on the toll operator.

An Agniveer recruitment rally is scheduled to take place in Sikar, Rajasthan, from August 25 to September 16 for various categories.

A historic T-55 tank that played a role in the Indo-Pak War has been installed in Ranebennur, Karnataka, to highlight Indian military history.

### International Defence & Geopolitical Developments

In a surprise move, the U.S. Air Force chief of staff, General David Allvin, has announced his retirement. The announcement comes just two years into his tenure.

The U.S. and Australia have completed joint air and missile defense trials, Exercise Archer 2025, off the NSW coast in Australia. The exercise involved live missile firings by RAAF F-35A Lightning II and F/A-18F Super Hornet aircraft.

U.S. President Donald Trump has again claimed that he "settled six wars in six months," including a potential nuclear conflict between India and Pakistan. This claim has been consistently denied by India's External Affairs Minister and Prime Minister.

A prominent Pakistani journalist, Najam Sethi, has reportedly admitted that India's precision missile strikes during a covert "Operation Sindoor" were highly effective, overwhelming Pakistan's defenses.

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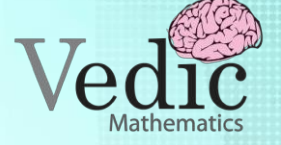
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- c) It has urged the government to create a policy for medical and financial help.  
d) It has ruled against providing them with any assistance.

**Answer:** c) It has urged the government to create a policy for medical and financial help. The provided information notes that the Supreme Court "has urged the government to create a policy to provide these cadets with medical and financial help."

**3. What is the fine imposed by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on the toll operator who assaulted a soldier?**

- a) ₹20 thousand  
b) ₹2 lakh  
c) ₹20 lakh  
d) ₹2 crore

**Answer:** c) ₹20 lakh

The text states, "The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has since imposed a ₹20 lakh fine on the toll operator."

**4. What is the name of the joint air and missile defense exercise completed by the U.S. and Australia?**

- a) Operation Sindoor  
b) Exercise Archer 2025  
c) Indo-US Defense Trial  
d) The RAAF Lightning

**Answer:** b) Exercise Archer 2025

The news mentions, "The U.S. and Australia have completed joint air and missile defense trials, Exercise Archer 2025, off the NSW coast in Australia."

**5. What historic tank has been installed in Ranebennur, Karnataka, to highlight Indian military history?**

**1. What did Former Army Chief General M.M. Naravane call defense spending?**

- a) A burden on the national economy  
b) An insurance against war  
c) A response to US tariffs  
d) A symbol of power

**Answer:** b) An insurance against war

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**2. What action has the Supreme Court of India taken regarding military cadets injured during training?**

- a) It has ordered their immediate induction into the forces.  
b) It has mandated that they be given a pension.

## MCQS







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- a) A T-55 tank
- b) An Agniveer tank
- c) An F-35A Lightning II
- d) A T-90 Bhishma

**Answer:** a) A T-55 tank

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