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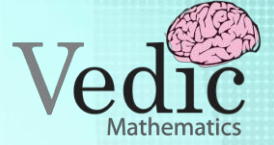
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## Defence news

### Naval Modernization and Acquisition

India is on the verge of finalizing two major submarine deals worth over ₹1 lakh crore to strengthen its naval capabilities against China's growing presence in the Indo-Pacific.

**Scorpene-class Submarines:** The procurement of three additional Scorpene-class submarines is nearing completion. These submarines will be built in a joint venture between India's Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL) and France's Naval Group. This project, valued at an estimated ₹36,000 crore, is an extension of the existing Project-75.

**Project 75-India (P75-I):** India is moving forward with the ambitious Project 75-India, which involves the construction of six new-generation stealth diesel-electric submarines. This landmark project, estimated to cost around ₹65,000 crore, will feature advanced technologies like Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) systems. Germany's ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems (TKMS) has partnered with MDL for this initiative.

### Indigenous Manufacturing and Technology

**LCA Tejas Deliveries:** The first two Tejas Mark 1A fighter jets are expected to be handed over to the Indian Air Force by the end of September. This delivery is a crucial step for the indigenization of India's air fleet, as the Tejas will replace the aging MiG-21s.

**Adani Defence Expansion:** Adani Defence and Aerospace announced plans to drastically increase bullet manufacturing at its Kanpur

facility, in a move that supports the "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" (Self-Reliant India) initiative. The company also plans to invest heavily in producing other high-tech equipment like missiles, drones, and fighter jets.

**Indian Army Cyber Quest:** The Indian Army, in collaboration with IIT Madras and other partners, launched the Terrier Cyber Quest 2025, a national-level challenge to find innovative solutions for cybersecurity and defense. The challenge focuses on emerging technologies such as AI, Machine Learning, and Quantum Computing.

### International Cooperation and Military Exercises

#### Joint Military Exercises:

**Exercise Maitree:** The 14th edition of the joint military exercise between India and Thailand began today in Meghalaya's Umroi. The exercise focuses on enhancing operational capabilities in joint counter-terrorism operations.

**Exercise Bright Star:** India is participating in the multinational military exercise "Bright Star 2025," hosted by Egypt, with over 700 Indian personnel. The exercise aims to improve joint planning and operational coordination with friendly foreign countries.

**Yudh Abhyas 2025:** The 21st edition of the joint military exercise between India and the United States began in Alaska. This year's exercise features the largest-ever Indian Army contingent to date.

**India-Japan Pact:** India and Japan signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) on critical minerals, which are vital for defense systems and advanced technologies. The pact aims to





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reduce supply chain vulnerabilities and foster collaboration in technology.

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## MCQS

**1.Which two countries are collaborating with India to build submarines under the ongoing naval modernization projects?**

- a) Russia and the United States
- b) France and Germany
- c) Japan and Israel
- d) The United Kingdom and Russia

**Answer:** b) France and Germany

The text details two projects: one for Scorpene-class submarines with a joint venture involving France's Naval Group and another for Project 75-I with Germany's ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems (TKMS).

**2.What is the primary purpose of the new submarine projects, as stated in the text?**

- a) To replace all of India's aging warships.
- b) To strengthen India's naval capabilities against China's growing presence in the Indo-Pacific.
- c) To export submarines to friendly foreign countries.
- d) To conduct deep-sea research.

**Answer:** b) To strengthen India's naval capabilities against China's growing presence in the Indo-Pacific.

The text explicitly mentions the projects are intended "to strengthen its naval capabilities against China's growing presence in the Indo-Pacific."

**3.What is the name of the joint military exercise between India and Thailand that began on September 1, 2025?**

- a) Exercise Yudh Abhyas
- b) Exercise Bright Star
- c) Exercise Maitree
- d) Exercise Cyber Quest





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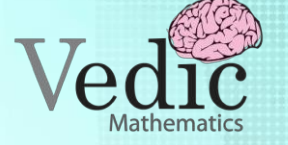
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**Answer: c) Exercise Maitree**

The text states, "The 14th edition of the joint military exercise between India and Thailand began today... The exercise is named Exercise Maitree."

**4.Which company announced plans to drastically increase bullet manufacturing in its Kanpur facility to support the "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" initiative?**

- a) Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL)
- b) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- c) Adani Defence and Aerospace
- d) ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems (TKMS)

**Answer: c) Adani Defence and Aerospace**

The text notes, "Adani Defence and Aerospace announced plans to drastically increase bullet manufacturing at its Kanpur facility, in a move that supports the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' (Self-Reliant India) initiative."

**5.The joint military exercise "Yudh Abhyas 2025" is conducted between India and which other country?**

- a) Egypt
- b) United States
- c) Japan
- d) Thailand

**Answer: b) United States**

The text clearly states, "Yudh Abhyas 2025: The 21st edition of the joint military exercise between India and the United States began in Alaska."

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