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Defence news

1. India-US Joint Military Exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 2025' Begins

Event: An Indian Army contingent has arrived at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, for the 21st edition of the joint military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 2025'.

Participants: The Indian side is represented by a battalion of the Madras Regiment, while the U.S. troops are from the 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, also known as the "Bobcats," of the US Army's 11th Airborne Division.

Focus: Over the two-week exercise (September 1-14), troops will train in tactical drills including heliborne operations, mountain warfare, and the use of unmanned aerial systems (UAS). The exercise aims to improve capabilities for UN peacekeeping operations and strengthen preparedness for multi-domain challenges.

Context: The joint drill is a key part of Indo-US defense cooperation and is taking place despite heightened trade tensions and recent U.S. tariffs on India.

2. India's Focus on Indigenous Defence Manufacturing

Tejas Mark 1A: The Defence Secretary, Rajesh Kumar Singh, stated that the first two Tejas Mark 1A fighter jets could be handed over to the Indian Air Force by the end of September. These jets are expected to replace the aging MiG-21 fleet and a new contract for 97 additional jets has been cleared. The indigenous content in these jets is over 65%, with a significant role for small and medium enterprises.

Future Plans: The government is focused on indigenisation to achieve "strategic autonomy" and reduce dependence on foreign military hardware. Future orders for the Tejas Mark 2 jets and the fifth-generation Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) are expected to further boost the domestic defense industry.

3. Strengthening Ties with Russia and Other Nations

Su-57 Fighter Jets: Russia is reportedly studying investment plans to manufacture its Sukhoi Su-57 fifth-generation fighter jets in India. This comes amid ongoing discussions between New Delhi and Moscow on deepening defense ties, with Russia pushing for India to purchase its Su-57 jets and India seeking advanced air defense systems like the S-400 and S-500.

Multilateral Exercises: The Indian Armed Forces are participating in the multilateral 'Exercise Bright Star' in Egypt, alongside the United States and other nations, to enhance interoperability and cooperation.

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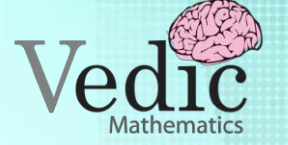
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- b) To boost exports to other countries.
- c) To achieve "strategic autonomy" and reduce dependence on foreign military hardware.
- d) To increase its budget for military spending.

Answer: c)

The text explicitly mentions that the government's focus on indigenization is to achieve "strategic autonomy" and reduce the country's reliance on military equipment from other nations.

3. Which aging fighter jet is the new Tejas Mark 1A expected to replace in the Indian Air Force?

- a) Rafale
- b) Sukhoi Su-30MKI
- c) MiG-21
- d) Mirage 2000

Answer: c)

The news report states that the Tejas Mark 1A fighter jets are expected to replace the Indian Air Force's aging MiG-21 fleet, which has been in service for decades.

4. In which country is the multilateral military exercise 'Exercise Bright Star' taking place?

- a) Russia.
- b) The United States.
- c) Egypt.
- d) India.

Answer: c)

The news report mentions that the Indian Armed Forces are participating in the multilateral 'Exercise Bright Star' which is being held in Egypt, alongside the United States and other nations.

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1. The joint military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 2025' is being held between the armed forces of which two countries?

- a) India and Russia.
- b) India and Egypt.
- c) India and the United States.
- d) India and France.

Answer: c)

The news report states that the joint military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 2025' involves an Indian Army contingent and U.S. troops, making it a key part of Indo-US defense cooperation.

2. What is the Indian government's primary goal in focusing on the indigenization of defense manufacturing?

- a) To increase its military's size.





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