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## Defence news

Indian armed forces have been active in joint military exercises, international cooperation, and humanitarian assistance on September 9, 2025. Here is a summary of the latest defense news.

### India's Defence Developments

**High-Altitude Combat Diving:** The Indian Army's PARA (Special Forces) and the Indian Navy's Marine Commandos (MARCOS) concluded a joint scuba and combat diving exercise in Sikkim. Conducted at an altitude of 17,000 feet, the week-long exercise from August 30 to September 5 focused on open-circuit and closed-circuit diving in freezing glacial waters to improve high-altitude operational readiness and inter-service cooperation.

**Military Exercises:** The 14th edition of the India-Thailand joint military exercise, "MAITREE-XIV," is underway in Meghalaya from September 1 to September 14, 2025. The exercise focuses on counter-terrorism operations.

**Humanitarian Assistance:** The Indian Army's Western Command has been conducting extensive humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) operations in flood-affected areas of Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu & Kashmir since August 26.

**Jammu and Kashmir Encounter:** An encounter in the Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir entered its second day, with two soldiers and two terrorists killed so far. One of the terrorists is believed to be a Pakistani national.

**Procurement and Technology:** A new book by two Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) officials, "Nuances of Transfer of Technology (TOT)," was launched, discussing procurement reforms and the importance of TOT for India's self-reliance in defense manufacturing.

### International Defence News

**NATO:** The NATO Secretary General, Mr. Mark Rutte, is in the United Kingdom for a meeting of the Ukraine Defence Contact Group.

**International Criminal Court:** A confirmation of charges hearing for Joseph Kony is scheduled to begin on September 9, 2025, at the International Criminal Court in The Hague. He is being tried in absentia for crimes against humanity and war crimes.

**India-New Zealand Consultation:** India and New Zealand held Foreign Office Consultations in New Delhi to strengthen bilateral relations, including in the defense and trade sectors.

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**2: The joint military exercise "MAITREE-XIV" is a counter-terrorism exercise between India and which other country?**

- A) Myanmar
- B) Sri Lanka
- C) Thailand
- D) Malaysia

**Answer: C) Thailand**

The summary mentions, "The 14th edition of the India-Thailand joint military exercise, 'MAITREE-XIV,' is underway in Meghalaya..."

**3: What is the primary focus of the new book "Nuances of Transfer of Technology (TOT)," written by two HAL officials?**

- A) The history of Indian military aviation.
- B) The challenges of defense procurement from the US.
- C) Procurement reforms and the importance of TOT for India's self-reliance.
- D) The development of new stealth aircraft.

**Answer: C) Procurement reforms and the importance of TOT for India's self-reliance.**  
The news states that the book discusses "procurement reforms and the importance of TOT for India's self-reliance in defense manufacturing."

**4: Where is the confirmation of charges hearing for Joseph Kony scheduled to begin on September 9, 2025?**

- A) The United Kingdom
- B) New York
- C) The Hague
- D) Paris

**Answer: C) The Hague**

The summary mentions that the hearing for Joseph Kony is scheduled to begin "at the International Criminal Court in The Hague."

## MCQS

**1: The joint high-altitude combat diving exercise between the Indian Army's PARA (Special Forces) and the Indian Navy's MARCOS was conducted in which location?**

- A) Ladakh
- B) Arunachal Pradesh
- C) Sikkim
- D) Himachal Pradesh

**Answer: C) Sikkim**

The news states, "The Indian Army's PARA (Special Forces) and the Indian Navy's Marine Commandos (MARCOS) concluded a joint scuba and combat diving exercise in Sikkim."







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**5: What was the purpose of the Foreign Office Consultations held between India and New Zealand in New Delhi?**

- A) To sign a new trade agreement.
- B) To discuss cooperation on climate change.
- C) To strengthen bilateral relations, including in the defense and trade sectors.
- D) To coordinate a joint military exercise.

**Answer:** C) To strengthen bilateral relations, including in the defense and trade sectors.  
The news states that the consultations were held "to strengthen bilateral relations, including in the defense and trade sectors."



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