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Defence news

India

The Defence Ministry approved the **Defence Procurement Manual (DPM) 2025**, a new framework to streamline and simplify the process of revenue procurement for the armed forces. This new manual is a major overhaul of the previous version from 2009. It aims to expedite decision-making, promote 'Aatmanirbharta' (self-reliance) in defense manufacturing, and foster "jointness" among the three services. It also includes new provisions to support the domestic defense industry, such as abolishing fines for prototype delays and providing assured orders to companies.

Additionally, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is in Kolkata to inaugurate the three-day **Combined Commanders' Conference (CCC) 2025** at the Eastern Command Headquarters. The conference, with the theme "Year of Reforms — Transforming for the Future," will focus on institutional reforms, deeper integration, and technological modernization of the armed forces.

International

Russia-Ukraine Conflict

Russian and Belarusian troops have begun the "Zapad 2025" war games, which are taking place in Belarus. The exercise, which includes simulating the use of tactical nuclear weapons, has been condemned by Ukraine and its allies as a threat to regional stability. Meanwhile, Ukraine claimed to have launched drone attacks on Russian railway supply lines and an oil

refinery, continuing its strategy of targeting Russian infrastructure.

US-Japan-South Korea Military Drills

The United States, South Korea, and Japan have kicked off a joint air and naval exercise called "Freedom Edge" off South Korea's southern island of Jeju. The drills are aimed at strengthening their combined operational capabilities to counter North Korea's growing nuclear and missile threats. North Korea's leader's sister, Kim Yo Jong, condemned the drills as a "reckless show of strength."

Australian Defence

The Australian government is set to sign a new defense pact with Papua New Guinea (PNG), which will allow for greater integration of the two countries' defense forces. In other news, the Australian Defence Force and the Indonesian Air Force recently completed Exercise Elang Ausindo 2025 to enhance interoperability and strengthen defense relationships.

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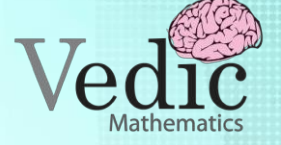
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'Aatmanirbharta' (self-reliance) in defense manufacturing."

2: What is the theme of the Combined Commanders' Conference (CCC) 2025?

- a) "India's Military Modernization"
- b) "Year of Reforms — Transforming for the Future"
- c) "Joint Operations and Integration"
- d) "Securing India's Borders"

Answer: b) "Year of Reforms — Transforming for the Future"

The report clearly mentions that the conference's theme is "Year of Reforms — Transforming for the Future."

3: The joint military drills between the United States, South Korea, and Japan are named what?

- a) "Pacific Unity"
- b) "Freedom Edge"
- c) "Allied Shield"
- d) "Guardian Strike"

Answer: b) "Freedom Edge"

The news identifies the joint exercise as "Freedom Edge," aimed at countering North Korea's threats.

4: What is the name of the military exercise that Russian and Belarusian troops have begun in Belarus?

- a) "Slavic Brotherhood"
- b) "Zapad 2025"
- c) "United Shield"
- d) "Eastern Fury"

Answer: b) "Zapad 2025"

The report states that "Russian and Belarusian troops have begun the 'Zapad 2025' war games."

5: What is the name of the recent exercise completed by the Australian Defence Force and the Indonesian Air Force to enhance interoperability?

MCQS

1: What is the primary purpose of the new Defence Procurement Manual (DPM) 2025?

- a) To streamline the procurement of weapons from foreign countries.
- b) To simplify the process of revenue procurement for the armed forces and promote self-reliance.
- c) To exclusively support small and medium-sized enterprises in defense.
- d) To increase the budget for defense research and development.

Answer: b) To simplify the process of revenue procurement for the armed forces and promote self-reliance.

The news states that the DPM 2025 is a new framework "to streamline and simplify the process of revenue procurement" and "promote





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- a) Exercise Talisman Sabre
- b) Exercise Elang Ausindo 2025
- c) Exercise Pitch Black
- d) Exercise Malabar

Answer: b) Exercise Elang Ausindo 2025

The news states that the "Australian Defence Force and the Indonesian Air Force recently completed Exercise Elang Ausindo 2025."

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