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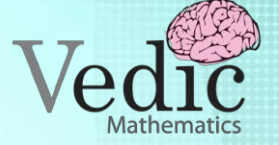
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## Defence news

### Combined Commanders' Conference

**16th Combined Commanders' Conference (CCC):** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 16th edition of the Combined Commanders' Conference (CCC) in Kolkata on September 15, 2025.

**Theme:** The theme for this year's conference is "Year of Reforms – Transforming for the Future," which focuses on driving transformative reforms, integration, and modernization of the Indian Armed Forces.

**Key Focus Areas:** The Prime Minister reviewed the security situation and operational preparedness of the forces, particularly in the context of "Operation Sindoor," and instructed the Ministry of Defence to swiftly implement measures to achieve greater jointness, self-reliance (atmanirbharta), and innovation.

**Significance:** This is the first time the CCC has been held at the Eastern Command headquarters, highlighting the strategic importance of India's eastern front. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and NSA Ajit Doval were also in attendance.

### Submarine Modernisation and Indigenous Projects

**Project 75(I) Progress:** Formal contract negotiations have begun between Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (MDL) and Germany's ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems (TKMS) for Project 75(I), a ₹70,000 crore program to build six next-generation diesel-electric submarines.

**Project 77 (SSNs):** The government has cleared the development of two nuclear-powered attack submarines (SSNs) under Project 77. These submarines will feature a 190 MW indigenous pressurised light-water reactor and will integrate unmanned underwater vehicles.

**Extra Large Unmanned Underwater Vehicle (XLUUV):** The Indian Navy's XLUUV program, named JALKAPI-XLUUV, is nearing operational readiness, with induction expected within the next 1-2 years.

### Recent Military Exercises

**Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2025:** The 21st edition of this annual bilateral exercise between the Indian and U.S. Armies successfully concluded in Alaska on September 14, 2025. The exercise, which involved 450 soldiers from each side, focused on enhancing operational synergy in a challenging environment.

**Mount Gorichen Expedition:** The Indian Army's "Spear Corps" is in the final phase of its high-altitude mountaineering expedition to Mount Gorichen in Arunachal Pradesh. The expedition is seen as a demonstration of the Army's operational fitness and a civil-military initiative to honor the region's traditions.

**Exercise ZAPAD 2025:** An Indian contingent has departed to participate in the multilateral joint military exercise ZAPAD 2025 in Russia. The exercise will focus on conventional warfare and counter-terrorism operations.

### Other Defence News

**Defence Procurement Manual (DPM) 2025:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved the new DPM 2025. This revised manual aims to streamline revenue procurement, support the





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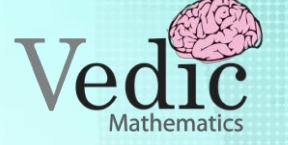
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domestic industry by easing financial penalties, and promote innovation and self-reliance (atmanirbhar) within the defence sector.

**HAL's Tejas Mk1A:** Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) expects to deliver 10 Tejas Mk1A jets by March 2026 and is working to secure more F-404 engines by the end of the year.

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## MCQS

1.What was the main theme of the 16th Combined Commanders' Conference (CCC) held in Kolkata?

- A) "Operation Sindoor"
- B) "Enhancing Operational Synergy"
- C) "Year of Reforms – Transforming for the Future"
- D) "Mount Gorichen Expedition"

**Answer:** C) "Year of Reforms – Transforming for the Future"

The text explicitly states, "The theme for this year's conference is 'Year of Reforms – Transforming for the Future,' which focuses on driving transformative reforms, integration, and modernization of the Indian Armed Forces."

2.Which of the following describes Project 75(I)?





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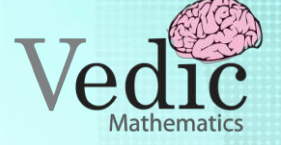
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- A) A project to develop nuclear-powered attack submarines (SSNs).  
B) A program to build six next-generation diesel-electric submarines.  
C) A joint military exercise with the U.S. Army.  
D) A procurement manual to streamline revenue.

**Answer:** B) A program to build six next-generation diesel-electric submarines.

The "Submarine Modernisation and Indigenous Projects" section details that Project 75(I) is a program to "build six next-generation diesel-electric submarines" and that negotiations have begun between MDL and TKMS.

**3. Where did the 21st edition of Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2025, a bilateral exercise between the Indian and U.S. Armies, conclude?**

- A) Kolkata, India  
B) Russia  
C) Arunachal Pradesh, India  
D) Alaska, USA

**Answer:** D) Alaska, USA

The text states, "The 21st edition of this annual bilateral exercise between the Indian and U.S. Armies successfully concluded in Alaska on September 14, 2025."

**4. What is the primary aim of the new Defence Procurement Manual (DPM) 2025?**

- A) To increase financial penalties on the domestic industry.  
B) To promote dependence on foreign imports.  
C) To streamline revenue procurement and promote self-reliance in the defence sector.  
D) To fund the development of unmanned underwater vehicles.

**Answer:** C) To streamline revenue procurement and promote self-reliance in the defence sector.

The "Other Defence News" section mentions that the DPM 2025 aims "to streamline revenue procurement, support the domestic industry by easing financial penalties, and promote innovation and self-reliance (atmanirbharta) within the defence sector."

**5. What is the name of the Indian Navy's Extra Large Unmanned Underwater Vehicle (XLUUV) program?**

- A) Project 77  
B) Operation Sindoor  
C) JALKAPI-XLUUV  
D) Tejas Mk1A

**Answer:** C) JALKAPI-XLUUV

The text specifies the name of the program: "The Indian Navy's XLUUV program, named JALKAPI-XLUUV, is nearing operational readiness..."

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