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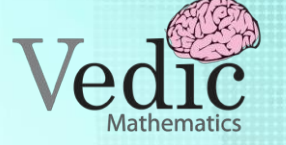
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Defence news

Indian Defence

Operation Sindoor: India's Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), General Anil Chauhan, addressed students in Ranchi, stating that 'Operation Sindoor' signaled a "new kind of warfare" for India. He highlighted the use of precision strikes on long-distance targets at night to avoid civilian casualties. He also emphasized that the Indian armed forces have learned key lessons from the operation to improve preparedness and integration.

Indigenous Development: The Indian Army's Eastern Command is set to host the fourth edition of its flagship defense technology exhibition, East Tech 2025, in Ranchi. The event aims to promote the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' vision by showcasing indigenous defense technologies, including AI, drones, robotics, and advanced firepower platforms.

Defence Procurement: A major procurement proposal for 114 "Made in India" Rafale fighter jets, valued at over ₹2 lakh crore, is under review by the Defence Ministry. This deal, a collaboration between France's Dassault Aviation and Indian firms, follows the Rafale's strong performance during 'Operation Sindoor'.

Pension System Reform: CDS General Anil Chauhan also inaugurated the SPARSH Outreach Programme for defense pensioners in Siliguri. The program, which has onboarded about 31 lakh defense pensioners, is a "Minimum Government, Maximum Governance" reform that streamlines the pension process by crediting payments directly to bank accounts.

International Defence

Saudi Arabia-Pakistan Defence Pact: Saudi Arabia and Pakistan signed a formal "Strategic Mutual Defence Agreement," pledging mutual support in the event of an external aggression. Pakistan's Defence Minister stated that their nuclear program could be made available to Saudi Arabia under this new pact. India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) is studying the implications of this development, reaffirming its commitment to protecting national interests.

NATO: NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte visited the Volkel Air Base in the Netherlands home to two Royal Netherlands Air Force F-35 squadrons. The visit highlighted the importance of allied cooperation and the readiness of F-35 aircraft for 'Quick Reaction Alert' duties to intercept unidentified aircraft.

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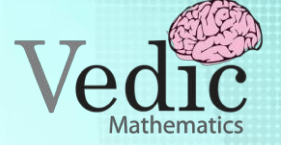
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2. What is the primary purpose of the 'East Tech 2025' exhibition to be hosted by the Indian Army's Eastern Command?

- a) To showcase military parades and drills.
- b) To promote the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' vision by showcasing indigenous defense technologies.
- c) To conduct joint military exercises with foreign armies.
- d) To recruit new soldiers for the Indian Army.

Answer: b) To promote the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' vision by showcasing indigenous defense technologies.

The text states that the 'East Tech 2025' exhibition "aims to promote the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' vision by showcasing indigenous defense technologies."

3. The procurement proposal for 114 new Rafale fighter jets is a collaboration between which two entities?

- a) Boeing and Indian firms
- b) Lockheed Martin and Indian firms
- c) Dassault Aviation and Indian firms
- d) Sukhoi and Indian firms

Answer: c) Dassault Aviation and Indian firms

The text mentions that the deal for the new Rafale fighter jets is a "collaboration between France's Dassault Aviation and Indian firms."

4. What is the name of the program CDS General Anil Chauhan inaugurated to streamline the pension process for defense pensioners?

- a) The Atmanirbhar Bharat Programme
- b) The East Tech 2025 Programme
- c) The SPARSH Outreach Programme
- d) The F-35 Squadron Programme

Answer: c) The SPARSH Outreach Programme

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1. What kind of warfare was 'Operation Sindoor' described as, according to India's Chief of Defence Staff?

- a) A new kind of urban warfare.
- b) A new kind of naval warfare.
- c) A new kind of asymmetric warfare.
- d) A new kind of warfare involving precision strikes on long-distance targets at night.

Answer: d) A new kind of warfare involving precision strikes on long-distance targets at night.
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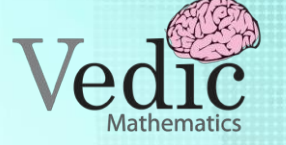
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5. According to the new pact, Pakistan's Defence Minister stated that their nuclear program could be made available to which country in the event of an external aggression?

- a) The Netherlands
- b) Saudi Arabia
- c) India
- d) France

Answer: b) Saudi Arabia

The text says that a formal "Strategic Mutual Defence Agreement" was signed between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, and that Pakistan's Defence Minister stated that their nuclear program "could be made available to Saudi Arabia under this new pact."

6. What did NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte visit at the Volkel Air Base in the Netherlands?

- a) An anti-terrorism training center.
- b) A missile defense system.
- c) Two Royal Netherlands Air Force F-35 squadrons.
- d) A naval base.

Answer: c) Two Royal Netherlands Air Force F-35 squadrons.

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