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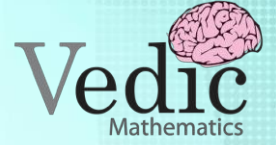
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Defence news

Indian Defence

New Vessel Commissioned: The Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) 'Adamyra,' a Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV), was commissioned at Paradip Port, Odisha. This is the first of eight ships in its class and is a testament to the "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" (Self-Reliant India) initiative, with over 60% indigenous content. The vessel, built by Goa Shipyard Limited, will be deployed for coastal surveillance.

Defence R&D: The Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), General Anil Chauhan, addressed the East Tech 2025 event, emphasizing the critical need for increased investment in defense research and development (R&D). He called for a review of existing projects and the speedy development of defense products to meet the requirements of future warfare, specifically mentioning areas like AI, machine learning, and quantum technology.

Army Overhauls: The Indian Army showcased its indigenous maintenance capabilities by overhauling the first VT-72B Armoured Recovery Vehicle (ARV) at the 512 Army Base Workshop in Pune. This highlights India's growing self-reliance in maintaining its military equipment.

Indigenization Push: Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) confirmed that 10 TEJAS MK-1A aircraft are now ready for delivery to the Indian Air Force. There is a strong push to increase the indigenization content of the 114 Rafale jets that India plans to acquire, with experts advocating for a higher percentage than the currently proposed 60%.

International Defence & Geopolitics

Saudi-Pakistan Defence Pact: Saudi Arabia and Pakistan signed a significant mutual defense pact. The agreement states that "any aggression against either country shall be considered an aggression against both." This marks a major strategic shift in regional security and is the first major defense agreement between an Arab nation and a nuclear-armed state.

Russia-Ukraine Conflict: Russia and Belarus conducted large-scale military drills, raising tensions with NATO. At the same time, Ukraine is set to receive a new U.S. military equipment package, which includes Patriot missiles and HIMARS ammunition, and is calling for a joint European air defense system.

NATO Underwater Project: NATO selected a consortium led by the Swedish defense company Saab to lead a new project for an underwater battlespace mission network. This initiative is aimed at improving interoperability for both crewed and uncrewed maritime systems across allied nations.

Russian-Estonian Airspace Incident: Estonia, a NATO member, accused three Russian military jets of violating its airspace for 12 minutes. The Russian Defence Ministry denied the accusation, stating that the jets were flying over neutral waters in the Baltic Sea.

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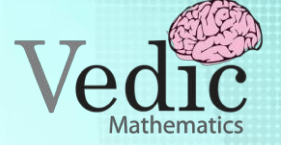
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MCQS

1: The newly commissioned Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) 'Adamyia' is what type of vessel?

- A. A submarine
- B. A Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV)
- C. An aircraft carrier
- D. A cargo ship

Answer: B. A Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV)

The text states, "The Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) 'Adamyia,' a Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV), was commissioned at Paradip Port, Odisha." This vessel is designed for coastal surveillance.

2: What was the focus of the Chief of Defence Staff's (CDS) address at the East Tech 2025 event?

- A. The need for increased military training exercises with foreign nations.
- B. A call for increased investment in defense research and development (R&D) for future warfare technologies.
- C. The importance of maintaining a large conventional army.
- D. The need to reduce the defense budget.

Answer: B. A call for increased investment in defense research and development (R&D) for future warfare technologies.

General Anil Chauhan, the CDS, "emphasized the critical need for increased investment in defense research and development (R&D)" and specifically mentioned technologies like AI, machine learning, and quantum technology.

3: What is the most significant aspect of the mutual defense pact signed between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan?

- A. It establishes a new military alliance against Iran.
- B. It is the first major defense agreement between an Arab nation and a nuclear-armed state.
- C. It allows Pakistan to station its troops in Saudi Arabia.
- D. It focuses solely on joint naval exercises.

Answer: B. It is the first major defense agreement between an Arab nation and a nuclear-armed state. The text highlights this as a "major strategic shift in regional security and is the first major defense agreement between an Arab nation and a nuclear-armed state."





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4: What is the primary purpose of the new NATO project led by the Swedish company Saab?

- A. To create a new fleet of submarines for NATO.
- B. To improve interoperability for both crewed and uncrewed maritime systems.
- C. To build a new naval base in the Baltic Sea.
- D. To develop a new type of torpedo.

Answer: B. To improve interoperability for both crewed and uncrewed maritime systems.

The text states that the project's goal is to improve "interoperability for both crewed and uncrewed maritime systems across allied nations," specifically for an underwater battlespace mission network.



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