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KEY EVENTS

PM Reviews Defence Preparedness at Combined Commanders' Conference

On 15 September 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi [reviewed](#) India's security situation and the Armed Forces' operational preparedness during the 16th Combined Commanders' Conference (CCC) in Kolkata. The PM emphasised Jointness, Aatmanirbharta, and Innovation (JAI) to enhance operational readiness and meet emerging threats.

Raksha Mantri Urges Armed Forces to Prepare for Unconventional Threats

Addressing the Combined Commanders' Conference in Kolkata on 16 September 2025, [Raksha Mantri](#) Rajnath Singh urged the Armed Forces to move beyond traditional concepts of war and remain prepared for unconventional threats, including information, ideological, ecological, and biological warfare.

Raksha Mantri Inaugurates TASL Defence Facility in Morocco

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh and Morocco's Defence Minister Abdelatif Loudyi [inaugurated](#) the Tata Advanced Systems Limited's (TASL) defence manufacturing facility in Berrechid, Morocco, on 23 September 2025. The facility is a first-of-its-kind defence manufacturing unit by the Indian private sector in a foreign country. The RM highlighted the facility as a model of strategic partnership under India's 'Make in India' and 'Make for the World' approach.

India and Morocco Sign MoU to Deepen Defence Cooperation

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh and Morocco's Defence Minister Abdeltif Loudiyi [signed](#) a Memorandum of Understanding on defence cooperation in Rabat on 22 September 2025. Both sides agreed to enhance cooperation in counter-terrorism, maritime security, cyber defence, peacekeeping, military medicine, and expert exchanges. The RM also opened the new Defence Wing at the Indian Embassy in Rabat.

Raksha Mantri Approves Defence Procurement Manual 2025

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh, on 14 September 2025, [approved](#) the Defence Procurement Manual (DPM) 2025, which aims to streamline revenue procurements, expedite decision-making, and enhance India's self-reliance in defence manufacturing. The DPM 2025 aligns with modern procurement practices, ensures fairness and transparency, and strengthens India's operational preparedness while promoting *Aatmanirbhar Bharat* in defence.

Raksha Mantri Commemorates Diamond Jubilee of 1965 War

On 19 September 2025, Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh [interacted](#) with veterans and families of the fallen heroes of the 1965 India-Pakistan war at South Block, New Delhi, commemorating 60 years of India's victory. He paid glowing tributes to the bravery, patriotism, and sacrifices of Indian soldiers, highlighting key battles such as Asal Uttar, Chawinda, and Phillora. The RM emphasised that victory stemmed from collective national resolve.

Raksha Mantri Highlights Legacy of MiG-21

On 26 September 2025, the Indian Air Force (IAF) formally retired the MiG-21 after more than six decades of service. Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh [described](#) the MiG-21 as a symbol of courage, discipline, and patriotism, emphasising its decisive role in multiple conflicts, including the 1971 war, Kargil, Balakot airstrike, and Operation Sindoor.

Raksha Mantri Flags off Samudra Pradakshina

On 11 September 2025, Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh virtually [flagged off](#) Samudra Pradakshina, the first-ever Tri-service all-women circumnavigation sailing expedition, from Mumbai. Ten women officers will sail the indigenously-built Indian Army Sailing Vessel (IASV) *Triveni* over nine months, covering approximately 26,000 nautical miles, crossing the Equator twice, rounding the three great Capes, and making four international port calls.

Raksha Mantri Addresses ICG Commanders' Conference

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh [inaugurated](#) the 42nd Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Commanders' Conference in New Delhi on 29 September 2025. He called the ICG a "true force multiplier," highlighting its multi-agency coordination, disaster relief efforts, and growing global recognition.

Defence Secretary Calls for Stronger Industry-R&D-Academia Collaboration

On 12 September 2025, Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh [stressed](#) the need for

enhanced collaboration between public and private industry, DRDO, and academia to strengthen India's defence capabilities. He spoke at STRIDE 2025 in Pune on 'Synergy of Technology, Research & Defence Ecosystem'.

Chief of Naval Staff Visits Sri Lanka

Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff, visited Sri Lanka from 22 to 25 September 2025. During the visit, he called on Prime Minister Dr Harini Amarasuriya. He held bilateral discussions with the three Service Chiefs and senior government officials on opportunities to strengthen collaboration.

Kenya Navy Chief Visits India

Major General Paul Owuor Otieno, Commander of the Kenya Navy, was on an [official visit](#) to India from 28 September to 2 October 2025. On 29 September 2025, CNS Adm Dinesh Tripathi accorded him a ceremonial Guard of Honour. Discussions focused on operational, training, hydrographic engagements, multilateral Exercise AIKEYME, and the India-Kenya 'BAHARI' Maritime Vision.

16th India-Singapore Defence Working Group Meeting Held

The 16th India-Singapore Defence Working Group (DWG) meeting was [held](#) in Singapore on 04 September 2025. The meeting discussed the full spectrum of bilateral defence cooperation.

Tri Services Academia Technology Symposium (T-SATS) Held

The maiden Tri Services Academia Technology Symposium (T-SATS), a two-

day event [to strengthen](#) collaboration between the Armed Forces, academia, and research institutions, concluded on 23 September 2025 in New Delhi. Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan presided over the closing ceremony, which was attended by Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth and General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff.

Third Edition of Dweep Diksha Dialogue Held

The Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) [hosted](#) the third edition of the Dweep Diksha Dialogue on 19–20 September 2025 at Sri Vijaya Puram, A&N Islands, under the theme ‘Evolution of ANC as a Strategic Hub and Beyond.’ The forum discussed future-ready operational concepts, cognitive and cyber warfare, strategic signalling, and building India’s profile as a preferred regional security partner. The Chief of Defence Staff, Gen Anil Chauhan, Commander-in-Chief ANC (CINCAN), Lt Gen Dinesh Singh Rana and Lt Governor of A&N Islands, Admiral DK Joshi, among other dignitaries, addressed the gathering.

Military Nursing Service Centenary Celebrations Held

The Military Nursing Service (MNS) [marked](#) its centenary on 30 September 2025 with a ceremony at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, inaugurated by Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan. The CDS lauded the MNS for its role in wars, peacekeeping, humanitarian relief, and healthcare.

Indian Coast Guard Participates in 4th Coast Guard Global Summit.

From 11–12 September 2025, the Indian Coast Guard [participated](#) in the 4th Coast Guard Global Summit in Rome, Italy, reaffirming India’s commitment to global maritime governance. The summit was attended by 115 countries. The ICG also announced its intent to host the 5th Coast Guard Global Summit in India in 2027.

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DRDO Transfers Advanced Materials Technologies to Industry

DRDO’s Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory (DMRL), Hyderabad, [transferred](#) three advanced materials technologies to industry partners on 4 September 2025. These include high-strength Radomes and steel plates for defence applications.

iDEX-DIO and EdCIL Collaborate Under ASPIRE Programme

On 9 September 2025, iDEX-DIO and EdCIL (India) Ltd [signed](#) an MoU to develop dual-use technologies under the new ASPIRE (Accelerating Strategic Progress in Research and Education) programme. The initiative aims to extend iDEX’s defence innovation model to the civilian sector, leveraging start-ups and ed-tech solutions to promote scalable, indigenous technologies. Since its launch in 2018, iDEX has engaged over 650 start-ups and MSMEs, with procurement orders exceeding Rs 1,650 crore for 36 products.

INS Androth, Second ASW Shallow Water Craft Delivered

On 13 September 2025, INS Androth, the second of eight indigenously built Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWCs) by GRSE Kolkata, was [delivered](#) to the Indian Navy. Androth has lightweight torpedoes, indigenous ASW rockets, and advanced shallow-water SONAR, enhancing the Navy's anti-submarine, coastal surveillance, and mine-laying capabilities.

Indian Navy Receives First Indigenous Diving Support Craft

The Indian Navy [took](#) delivery of *DSC A20*, the first of five indigenously designed and constructed Diving Support Craft (DSC), on 16 September 2025 at Kolkata. DSC A20 is designed for diving operations in coastal waters and strengthens the Navy's capabilities in underwater operations.

MDL Signs MoU with Tamil Nadu Government for Greenfield Shipyard

Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) [signed](#) a Memorandum of Understanding with Government of Tamil Nadu on 19 September 2025 to explore the development of a world-class greenfield shipyard on India's eastern coast.

DRDO Successfully Launches Agni-Prime Missile from Rail-Based Launcher

On 24 September 2025, DRDO, in collaboration with the Strategic Forces Command (SFC), successfully [conducted](#) the launch of the Intermediate Range Agni-Prime Missile from a Rail-Based Mobile Launcher system.

MoD Signs Contract for 97 LCA Mk-1A Aircraft

On 25 September 2025, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) [signed](#) a contract with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to procure 97 Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Mk1A for the Indian Air Force, including 68 single-seat fighters and 29 twin-seaters, along with associated equipment. The total contract value is over Rs. 62,370 crore (excluding taxes), with deliveries scheduled to begin in 2027-28 and completed over six years.

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The 21st edition of the India-US Joint Military Exercise [Yudh Abhyas 2025](#) was held at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, from 1 to 14 September. The exercise covered heliborne operations, UAS employment, mountain warfare, casualty evacuation, combat medical aid, and the integrated use of artillery, aviation, and electronic warfare systems.

Exercise Maitree-XIV Held in Meghalaya

The 14th edition of the India-Thailand joint military exercise [Maitree-XIV](#) was held from 01-14 September at the Joint Training Node, Umroi, Meghalaya. The exercise focused on company-level counter-terrorist operations in semi-urban terrain under the UN Charter.

INS Trikanth Participates in Exercise Bright Star 2025

INS Trikanth participated in [Exercise Bright Star 2025](#) (1-10 September). The

multilateral drill, led by US CENTCOM and Egypt, saw participation from India's Army, Navy, and Air Force, along with forces from Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Greece, Cyprus, and Italy. The exercise focused on interoperability in multi-domain operations and tackling hybrid threats.

INS Kadmatt Leads Fleet Review in Papua New Guinea

On 04 September 2025, [INS Kadmatt](#), an indigenously designed Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette, led the mobile Fleet Review during Papua New Guinea's 50th Independence Day celebrations. Seven warships from five countries participated in the event.

Indian Armed Forces Participate in Exercise ZAPAD

On 09 September 2025, a 65-member Indian Armed Forces contingent departed for Russia to participate in Exercise ZAPAD 2025 from 10 to 16 September. The team included 57 Army personnel, seven from the Air Force, and one from the Navy, led by a battalion of the Kumaon Regiment.

INS Nistar Participates in Exercise Pacific Reach 2025

On 14 September 2025, the Indian Navy's indigenously-built Diving Support Vessel [INS Nistar](#) made its maiden port call at Changi Naval Base, Singapore, before participating in Exercise Pacific Reach 2025. The week-long exercise, hosted by Singapore, brought together over 40 nations to enhance submarine rescue interoperability through harbour and sea phases.

First Bilateral Maritime Exercise Held with Hellenic Navy

The first-ever bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the Hellenic Navy [concluded](#) on 18 September 2025 in the Mediterranean Sea, marking a milestone in India-Greece defence cooperation. The exercise's successful completion reflects growing maritime security convergence between India and Greece.

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