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## KEY EVENTS

### Raksha Mantri Addresses Conference on Defence Manufacturing

At the National Conference on ‘Opportunities of Defence Manufacturing in the Country’ held at Vigyan Bhawan on 7 October 2025, Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh [urged](#) States and Union Territories to partner in building a strong and competitive defence industry. He also launched a compendium on State defence policies. During the event, the RM launched the new ‘Defence Exim Portal’, designed to streamline the issuance of export and import authorisations, as well as the Srijan DEEP (Defence Establishments and Entrepreneurs Platform) portal. This digital repository maps the capabilities and products of Indian defence industries. Before the event, Raksha Mantri attended the ‘Raksha Navachar Samvaad: Interaction with iDEX Startups’, on 7 October 2025, where he [urged](#) innovators to develop technologies that redefine warfare.

### Raksha Mantri Visits Australia

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh, on a two-day visit to Australia, held a bilateral meeting with Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, Richard Marles, on 9 October 2025. The first Defence Ministers’ Dialogue [signalled](#) growth in bilateral defence cooperation across maritime security, interoperability, joint exercises, information sharing, and defence industry collaboration. Both sides signed new arrangements on submarine rescue support, advanced air-to-air refuelling, and expanded training exchanges. The RM [addressed](#) the maiden India-Australia

Defence Industry Business Round Table in Sydney on 10 October 2025.

### Raksha Mantri Addresses Chiefs of UN Troop Contributing Countries

The Indian Army [hosted](#) the United Nations Troop Contributing Countries’ (UNTCC) Chiefs Conclave in New Delhi from 14-16 October 2025, bringing together senior military leadership of over 30 nations. Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh highlighted that enhanced Consultation, Cooperation, Coordination and Capacity Building (4C’s) can be guiding principles for countries contributing to United Nations peacekeeping. Smt Droupadi Murmu, the Hon’ble President of India, [interacted with the Chiefs and Representatives of UN Troop Contributing Nations](#) during a Call On at Rashtrapati Bhawan.

### Raksha Mantri Calls on President of Mongolia in New Delhi

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh [called](#) on the President of Mongolia, Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh, in New Delhi on 14 October 2025. Bilateral defence engagements between the two countries include Joint Working Group meetings, Military-to-Military exchanges, high-level visits, capacity-building, training programmes, and bilateral exercises.

### Raksha Mantri Holds Talks with Vice President and Defence Minister of Brazil

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh [met](#) the Vice President of Brazil, Geraldo Alckmin, and the Defence Minister of Brazil, José Múcio Monteiro Filho, in New Delhi on 15 October 2025. The leaders [reviewed](#) the progress of ongoing defence-related

initiatives and explored opportunities for co-development and co-production of defence equipment.

### **Raksha Mantri-led Consultative Committee on Defence visits ARDE**

The Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Defence, headed by Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh, [visited](#) the Armament Research & Development Establishment (ARDE) in Pune on 16 October 2025. The notable products demonstrated include the Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System, PINAKA Rocket System, Light Tank 'Zorawar', Wheeled Armoured Platform and AKASH-New Generation missile.

### **Raksha Mantri and UP CM Flag-Off First Batch of BrahMos Missiles**

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath jointly flagged off the first batch of BrahMos missiles manufactured at the BrahMos Integration and Testing Facility Centre in Lucknow on 18 October 2025. The RM also [dedicated](#) to the nation a Titanium and Superalloy Materials Plant at PTC Industries' Strategic Materials Technology Complex in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

### **Second Edition of the Indian Navy's Commanders' Conference Held**

The second edition of the Indian Navy's biannual Commanders' Conference 2025 was [held](#) at New Delhi from 22-24 October 2025. Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh acknowledged the Indian Navy for enhancing its capabilities through indigenous equipment and emerging as the flag bearer of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

### **Raksha Mantri Releases Defence Procurement Manual 2025**

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh [released](#) the Defence Procurement Manual (DPM) 2025 at a function in South Block, New Delhi, on 23 October 2025. Effective from 1 November 2025, the new procurement manual will facilitate the revenue procurement amounting to approximately Rs 1 (one) lakh crore by the three Services and other establishments under MoD.

### **Raksha Mantri Addresses Army Commanders' Conference in Jaisalmer**

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh [took](#) stock of the security situation and the operational preparedness of the Indian Army during the Army Commanders' Conference in Jaisalmer, and visited the forward areas of Tanot and Laungewala in Rajasthan on 24 October 2025.

### **Raksha Mantri Addresses the Annual Session of SIDM**

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh urged the domestic industry, especially the private sector, to further accelerate the pursuit of self-reliance by focusing on innovation and R&D. He was [addressing](#) the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) Annual Session in New Delhi on 27 October 2025.

### **Raksha Mantri Attends 12<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus**

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh [attended](#) the 12<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 1 November 2025. On the sidelines, the second edition of ASEAN-India Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting, under the chairmanship of

Malaysia, was held on 31 October 2025. Raksha Mantri held bilateral meetings with his counterparts from the participating ADMM-Plus nations as well as the senior leadership from Malaysia. He also met with US Secretary of War Pete Hegseth on 31 October 2025.

### **Raksha Rajya Mantri Meets Minister of State for Defence of the UK**

Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth held a bilateral meeting with the United Kingdom's Minister of State for Defence Vernon Coaker in Mumbai on 10 October 2025. The meeting was held on the sidelines of the UK Carrier Strike Group's visit to India, led by the Prince of Wales.

### **Defence Secretary Calls for Strengthening the Domestic Industrial Base**

Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh underlined the need for a structured policy framework to strengthen India's domestic industrial base through a balanced synergy between public and private sectors. He was speaking at a conference organised in New Delhi on 17 October 2025.

### **Commander Kenya Navy Visits Southern Naval Command**

Major General Paul Owuor Otieno, Commander of the Kenya Navy visited the Southern Naval Command (SNC) in Kochi from 30 September to 2 October 2025. He noted that the Indian Navy's maiden initiative, Indian Ocean Ship-Sagar (IOS Sagar), jointly crewed by personnel from nine IOR nations, including Kenya, was a unique step towards regional maritime synergy.

### **MoD Utilises over 50 per cent of the total FY 2025-26 capital outlay by September**

In the current Financial Year (FY) 2025-26, MoD has utilised more than 50 per cent of the capital outlay by the end of September 2025. In absolute terms, the capital expenditure stands at Rs 92,211.44 crore (51.23 per cent) out of the total allocation of Rs 1,80,000 crore. The MoD had utilised 100 per cent of the capital expenditure, amounting to Rs 1,59,768.40 crore, in the last financial year.

### **India and Ethiopia Hold Inaugural Joint Defence Cooperation Meeting**

The inaugural Joint Defence Cooperation (JDC) meeting between India and Ethiopia was held in New Delhi on 15 October 2025.

### **Commander, United Arab Emirates Land Forces Visits India**

Maj Gen Yousef Maayouf Saeed Al Hallami, Commander, United Arab Emirates Land Forces, visited India from 27-28 October 2025. The visit enhanced bilateral military cooperation, particularly in training and capability development.

### **Seventh Edition of Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue Held**

The Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2025 (IPRD 2025), organised by the Indian Navy in association with the National Maritime Foundation, was held from 28-30 October 2025 in New Delhi. Adm Dinesh Tripathi, CNS, emphasised the relevance of oceanic spaces, specifically the Indo-Pacific, for India's economic growth and security. Forty speakers from 19 countries attended the event.

### **Fifth India-Russia Working Group Meeting on Military Cooperation Held**

The fifth Meeting of the Working Group on Military Cooperation of the India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military & Military Technical Cooperation (IRIGC-M&MTC) took place at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, on 28-29 October 2025.

### **AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT**

#### **Prime Minister Dedicates To the Nation the Advanced Night Vision Factory**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi [dedicated](#) to the nation an Advanced Night Vision factory in Nimmaluru, Andhra Pradesh, on 16 October 2025. The PM stated that the factory will enhance India's capability to produce night vision equipment, missile sensors, and drone guard systems.

#### **Raksha Mantri Inaugurates Production Lines of LCA Mk1A & HTT-40**

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh [inaugurated](#) the third Production Line of Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas Mk1A and the second Production Line of Hindustan Turbo Trainer-40 (HTT-40) at the Nashik facility of HAL on 17 October 2025. He also flagged off the first LCA Mk1A produced at the facility.

#### **DAC Clears Proposals worth Rs 79,000 Crore**

The DAC, chaired by Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh, [approved](#) several Service proposals aimed at strengthening the Armed Forces' capabilities, valued at approximately ₹79,000 crore, during its meeting at South Block in New Delhi on 23 October 2025.

### **ICGS Akshar Commissioned into the Indian Coast Guard**

Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Akshar, the second in a series of eight Adamy-class Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs), was [commissioned](#) at Karaikal, Puducherry, on 4 October 2025. The 51-metre-long vessel has been designed and built indigenously by Goa Shipyard Limited.

#### **INS Androth, Second ASW Shallow Water Craft Commissioned**

The Indian Navy [commissioned](#) INS Androth, the second Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), on 6 October 2025 at the Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam.

#### **DRDO Releases the Indian Radio Software Architecture Standard 1.0**

DRDO, in collaboration with the Integrated Defence Staff (IDS) and the Tri-Services, [released](#) Indian Radio Software Architecture (IRSA) standard 1.0 to enable interoperability in Military Communication, on 6 October 2025 at DRDO Bhawan, New Delhi. IRSA is a comprehensive software specification for Software Defined Radios (SDRs) that defines standardised interfaces, APIs, execution environments, and mechanisms for waveform portability.

#### **Indian Navy Commissions Static Firing Facility 'Trinetra'**

A state-of-the-art Static Firing Facility 'Trinetra', for testing of Naval Weapon Systems, was [inaugurated](#) by Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command, on 8 October 2025 at Naval



Station Bheemunipatnam, near Visakhapatnam.

### **MoD Signs ₹659.47 Crore Deal for Advanced Night Sights for Assault Rifles**

The MoD [signed](#) a contract agreement worth ₹659.47 crore for the procurement of Night Sight (Image Intensifier) for 7.62 x 51mm SIG 716 Assault Rifle, along with accessories for the Indian Army, with the consortium of M/s MKU Ltd (Lead Member) and M/s Medbit Technologies Pvt Ltd on 15 October 2025.

### **Military Combat Parachute System Successfully Tested at 32,000 Feet Altitude**

Military Combat Parachute System (MCPS), indigenously developed by DRDO, has successfully [undergone](#) a combat free-fall jump from an altitude of 32,000 feet. This achievement makes the MCPS the only parachute system currently in operational use by the Indian Armed Forces capable of deployment above 25,000 feet.

### **‘Mahe’, First Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft, Delivered**

‘Mahe’, the first of eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Crafts (ASW SWC) being built by CSL, Kochi, was [delivered](#) to the Indian Navy on 23 October 2025.

### **ICG Launches Two Fast Patrol Vessels**

The ICG [launched](#) two advanced Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs), ICG Ship Ajit and ICGS Aparajit, at Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) on 24 October 2025. These vessels are the seventh and eighth in a series of

eight indigenously built FPVs being constructed by GSL for the ICG.

### **DRDO Hands Over 12 Licensing Agreements for ToT**

DRDO [handed](#) over 12 Licensing Agreements for Transfer of Technology (LATOTs) for eight products to the industry partners during the inaugural session of SAMANVAY 2025, held in Bengaluru on 29 October 2025.

## **DEFENCE DIPLOMACY**

### **INS Sahyadri Makes Port Calls in Malaysia, South Korea and Japan**

The Indian Navy's indigenous stealth frigate INS Sahyadri [made](#) a port call at Kemaman port in Malaysia on 2 October 2025 as part of the Eastern Fleet Operational Deployment to the South China Sea and Indo-Pacific. On its next stop, it [made](#) a port call at Busan Naval Harbour, South Korea, on 13 October 2025 to participate in the maiden IN–Republic of Korea Navy (RoKN) bilateral exercise. The ship then [participated](#) in the Sea phase of JAIMEX-25 (Japan India Maritime Exercise) from 16 to 18 October 2025 and made a port call at Yokosuka, Japan, on 21 October 2025 for the Harbour phase.

### **Exercise Konkan 2025 Held**

The Indian Navy and Royal Navy bilateral Exercise KONKAN-25 was [held](#) from 5 October 2025, off the western coast of India. The exercise was conducted in two phases from 5–12 October 2025. On the conclusion of Exercise Konkan 2025 with the Indian Navy on 12 October 2025, UK Carrier Strike Group (CSG 25) participated



in a one-day exercise with the Indian Air Force off the western coast of India on 14 October 2025.

### **ICGS Sachet Makes Port Call at Maputo, Mozambique**

The Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) Sachet made a port call at Maputo, Mozambique, on 11 October 2025, as part of its ongoing overseas deployment to Africa.

### **Indian Army Participates in Joint Military Exercise AUSTRAHIND**

An Indian Army contingent comprising 120 personnel [participated](#) in the fourth edition of the India-Australia joint military

Exercise AUSTRAHIND 2025, conducted from 13-26 October 2025.

### **Indian Navy Hosts Fifth Edition of 'Samudra Shakti' 2025**

The Indian Navy [hosted](#) the fifth edition of the Indo-Indonesian Joint Bilateral Maritime Exercise, 'Samudra Shakti 2025', at Visakhapatnam from 14-17 October 2025.

### **INS Sutlej Completes Hydrographic Survey at Mauritius**

INS Sutlej [completed](#) a joint hydrographic survey with the Mauritius Hydrographic Service, covering an extensive area of approximately 35,000 square nautical miles.

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