

UPSC Current Affairs

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Internal Security & Defence

IAF Day 2025 – 93rd Anniversary (October 8, 2025)

Keywords: Air Power Doctrine, Indigenous Defence Capability - **Air Power Doctrine:** Strategic framework governing the employment of air forces to achieve national objectives through air superiority, precision strikes, and deterrence;

Indigenous Defence Capability: National capacity to develop, manufacture, and sustain defence equipment domestically, reducing dependency on foreign suppliers and enhancing strategic autonomy.

Venue & Theme

Hindon Airbase, Ghaziabad.
Theme: "Train Like We Fight."

Heritage Display

Tiger Moth, HT-2, Harvard aircraft in Heritage Flight formation.

Modern Assets

Rafale, Su-30MKI, MiG-29, Apache, C-17 Globemaster, C-130J, Akash Missile System.

Key Highlight: IAF showcased Operation Sindoor (May 2025) as example of operational excellence.

Next Event: Main fly-past at Guwahati on November 9, 2025.

Constitutional Link: Article 51 - Directive for national defence preparedness.

⚠️ Security & Counter-Terrorism Operations

Kishtwar-Kokernag Snowstorm Incident (J&K)

Keywords: Counter-Insurgency Operations, Mountain Warfare -

Counter-Insurgency Operations: Military operations designed to defeat insurgent movements through coordinated intelligence, security, and developmental activities; **Mountain Warfare:** Specialized military operations conducted in high-altitude terrain requiring adapted tactics, equipment, and training for extreme weather conditions.

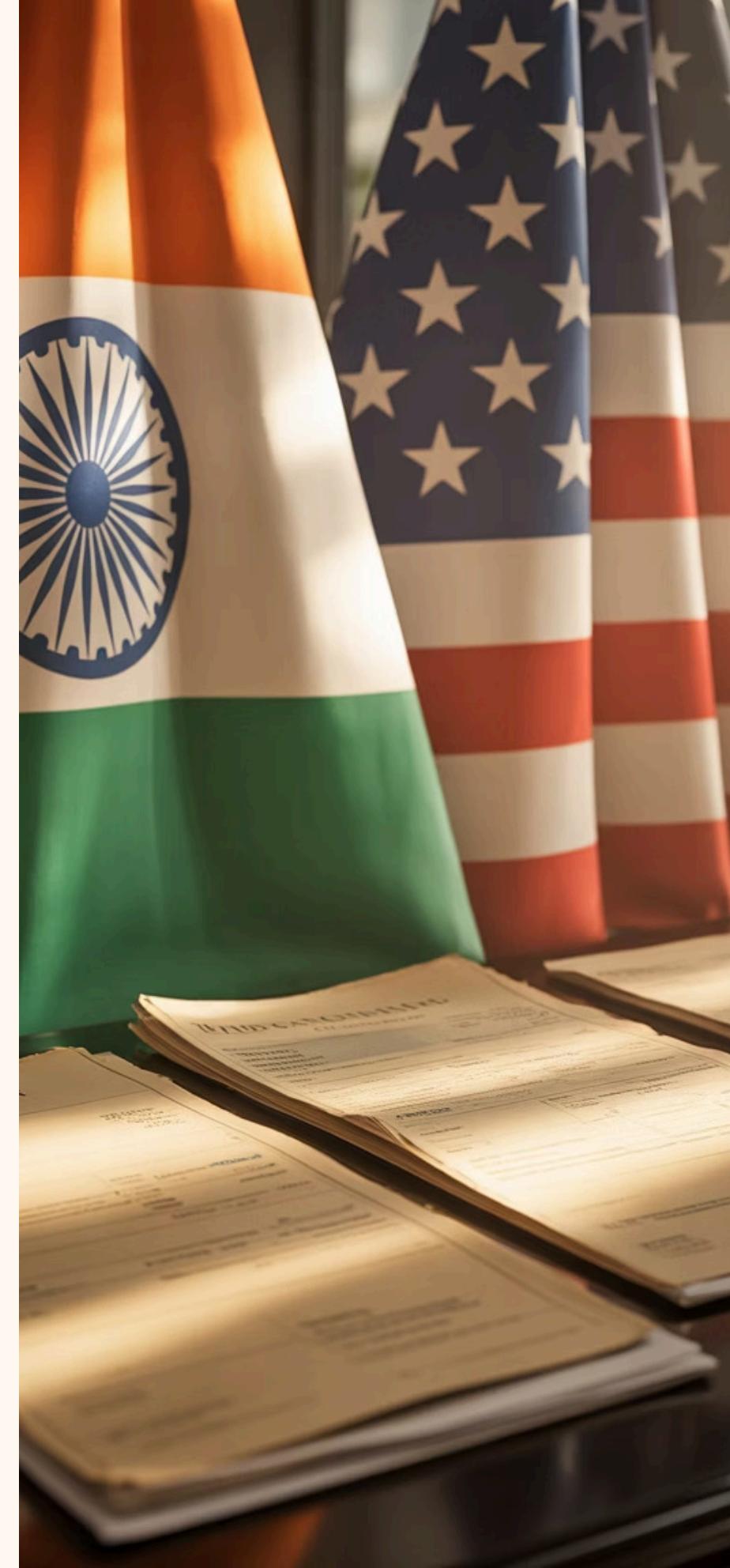
- **Event Date:** Night of Oct 6-7, 2025.
- **Incident:** Two Para Commando soldiers missing during anti-terror operation in Chenab Valley.
- **Cause:** Snowstorm, "white-out" conditions in high-altitude terrain.
- **Status:** Search operations hampered by weather.
- **Context:** Ongoing counter-insurgency operations in J&K's difficult terrain.

Operational Significance: Operation Sindoor (May 7-10, 2025) - First major cross-border strike post-Balakot (2019).

Keywords: Cross-Border Strikes, Surgical Strikes Doctrine - Cross-Border

Strikes: Military operations conducted across international borders to target specific threats while maintaining strategic restraint; **Surgical Strikes**

Doctrine: Precision military operations designed to achieve specific objectives with minimal collateral damage and escalation risk.





Economy & Business

Market Snapshot – October 8, 2025

Keywords: Market Indicators, Global Commodities - **Market Indicators:** Statistical measures reflecting economic health and investor sentiment through stock prices, currency values, and commodity rates; **Global Commodities:** Raw materials traded internationally whose prices influence inflation, trade balances, and economic policy decisions.

Indicator	Value	Change
Sensex	81,774	↓ 0.19%
Gold (₹/10g)	1,26,600	↑ 2.09%
Brent Oil (\$/bbl)	66.42	↑ 1.8%
USD/INR	88.75	+0.02%

The Hindu South India Property Expo (Singapore)

Keywords: Diaspora Engagement, FDI Inflows - **Diaspora Engagement:** Government initiatives to leverage overseas Indian communities for economic development, investment, and knowledge transfer; **FDI Inflows:** Foreign Direct Investment flows that contribute to capital formation, technology transfer, and economic growth in recipient countries.

Dates: October 11–12, 2025

Venue: Marina Bay Sands, Singapore

Chief Guest: A. Mohamed Ali, President, CREDAI Chennai

Focus: Residential & commercial projects, legal-financial consultation zone for NRIs and investors

Strategic Significance: India–Singapore economic ties strengthening

Target Audience: NRIs, institutional investors, property developers



International Relations

Gaza Conflict – 2 Years Since Oct 7, 2023

Keywords: Humanitarian Crisis, International Law - **Humanitarian Crisis:** Situation where civilian population faces threats to life, health, safety, or well-being due to conflict, requiring international assistance; **International Law:** Body of legal principles governing relations between states and international organizations, including laws of war and human rights.

Current Status

Casualties: ~65,000 Palestinians killed since the start of the conflict.

Duration: Two years since October 7, 2023 attacks.

Documentation: Books and testimonies document conditions in Gaza.

Cultural Resistance

Symbol: Refaat Alareer's poem "If I Must Die" became symbol of Palestinian resistance.

Context: Poet killed in Israeli airstrike, work inspired by Emily Dickinson.

Significance: Literature as soft power during conflict.

UPSC Relevance: West Asia crisis, UNGA & ICJ role in Gaza, violations of international humanitarian law.

Keywords: UNGA Resolutions, ICJ Proceedings - **UNGA Resolutions:** Non-binding declarations by UN General Assembly reflecting international opinion on global issues; **ICJ Proceedings:** International Court of Justice cases addressing disputes between states and advisory opinions on legal questions.

Strategic Operations Analysis

Operation Sindoor (Detailed Assessment)

Keywords: Cross-Border Counter-Terrorism, Strategic Deterrence - Cross-Border Counter-Terrorism: Military operations conducted across international boundaries to neutralize terrorist infrastructure and capabilities; Strategic Deterrence: Military doctrine aimed at preventing adversary actions through demonstration of capability and resolve.

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Terror Sites Struck	Days Duration	Since Balakot
Targets across Pakistan and Pakistan-administered Kashmir	May 7-10, 2025 operation timeframe	First major operation post-Balakot airstrikes

Operational Details

Targets: JeM headquarters Bahawalpur, LeT headquarters Muridke, multiple terror camps in Pakistan-administered Kashmir

Weapons Used: BrahMos missiles, AkashTeer air defense units, loitering munitions - all indigenous systems

Strategic Impact: Marked significant strategic turning point, demonstrated military advantage over Chinese-supported opponent

Constitutional Framework: Article 355 - Union's duty to protect states against external aggression.



Culture & Society

Cultural Reference – Gaza Poetry as Resistance

Keywords: Literature as Soft Power, Cultural Resistance - Literature as Soft Power: Use of creative works to influence international opinion, preserve cultural identity, and convey political messages; Cultural Resistance: Forms of non-violent opposition that preserve identity and values through artistic expression during conflicts.

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Refaat Alareer's "If I Must Die"

Inspiration: Parallel to Emily Dickinson's "If I Should Die"

Theme: Preservation of identity through art during conflict

Impact: Became symbol of Palestinian resistance after poet's death in Israeli airstrike

Literary Significance: Cross-cultural poetic dialogue transcending conflict boundaries

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UPSC Relevance: Culture amid war, literature as instrument of resistance, preservation of human dignity during conflicts.

Global Context: Role of intellectuals and artists in conflict zones, cultural diplomacy, UNESCO's role in protecting cultural heritage during wars.



UPSC Prelims Quick Reference Grid

Topic	Key Fact/Data	UPSC Relevance
IAF Day	93rd Anniversary, Oct 8, 2025	Defence/Internal Security
Operation Sindoor	May 7-10, 2025, 9 sites struck	India-Pakistan Relations
Kishtwar Incident	2 Para Commandos missing in snowstorm	J&K/Counter-Terror Operations
Gaza Conflict	65,000 deaths since 2023	International Relations/Humanitarian Law
Gold Price	₹1,26,600/10g (+2.09%)	Economy/Inflation Indicators
Brent Oil	\$66.42/barrel (+1.8%)	Global Trade/Energy Security
Property Expo	Singapore, Oct 11-12, CREDAI Chennai	FDI/Diaspora Engagement
Refaat Alareer	"If I Must Die" resistance poetry	Culture/Literature as Soft Power

Strategic Themes for Mains

- **Defence Modernization:** Indigenous capability vs. foreign dependence
- **Counter-Terrorism:** Cross-border operations and international law
- **Economic Indicators:** Global commodity price impact on Indian economy
- **Diaspora Policy:** Leveraging overseas Indians for economic development
- **Cultural Diplomacy:** Literature and art as instruments of soft power