

# Weekly Current Affairs

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## NATIONAL AFFAIRS

### 1. Tejas LCA Mk1A Unveiled

- Date: 17 October 2025
- Venue: HAL Nashik
- Launched by: Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh**
- Highlights:
  - 4.5 Gen multirole fighter replacing MiG-21.
  - Equipped with advanced avionics and air-to-air refueling.
  - Annual production capacity: 24 aircrafts.
  - Boosts India's *Aatmanirbhar Defence Manufacturing* goal.

### 2. Major Naxal Surrender in Gadchiroli (Maharashtra)

- 61 cadres, including Polit Bureau member **Mallujola Venugopal Rao (Bhupati)**, surrendered.
- Total bounty on them exceeded ₹6 crore.
- Rehabilitation under “Nayi Disha” program initiated.

### 3. Defence Ministry signed ₹659.47 crore contract

- Purpose: Procurement of night sights for SIG716 rifles.
- Company: Consortium of MKU Ltd & Medbit Technologies.
- Category: Buy (Indian–IDDM).
- Aim: Enhanced night-firing accuracy up to 500m.

### 4. RPF Recruitment to be Conducted Annually by SSC

- Announced by: **Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav**.
- From 2025 onwards, recruitment for Constable & SI posts will be held every year by SSC.
- Focus: Transparency and regularity.

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. **'Samudra Shakti-2025' Naval Exercise**
  - Countries: India – Indonesia
  - Location: Visakhapatnam
  - Dates: 14–17 October 2025
  - Focus: Maritime security, VBSS, and anti-submarine drills.
2. **India–South Korea Naval Exercise**
  - Location: Busan, South Korea
  - Indian Participant: INS Sahyadri
  - Focus: Interoperability and maritime cooperation.
3. **AUSTRAHIND 2025 (India–Australia Joint Exercise)**
  - Location: Perth, Australia
  - Duration: 13–26 October 2025
  - Indian Contingent: **Gorkha Rifles**.
4. **Visit of Afghanistan's Foreign Minister to India**
  - Name: **Mawlawi Amir Khan Muttaqi**
  - Dates: 9–16 October 2025
  - Purpose: Diplomatic and cultural engagement.

## AWARDS & IMPORTANT EVENTS

1. **Nobel Prize in Economics 2025**
  - Winners: **Joel Mokyr, Philippe Aghion, and Peter Howitt**
  - Field: Innovation & “Creative Destruction” theory of economic growth.
2. **CDS General Anil Chauhan's New Book Released**
  - Title: *“Ready, Relevant and Resurgent II – Shaping a Future Ready Force”*
  - Theme: Defence modernisation and future warfare readiness.
3. **Ahmedabad Recommended for Hosting Commonwealth Games 2030**
  - Recommended by: Commonwealth Sport Executive Board.
  - Final decision to be taken on 26 November 2025 in Glasgow.
  - Marks the centenary edition of the Games.

## ECONOMY & TECHNOLOGY

1. **Google to Invest \$15 Billion in AI Hub at Visakhapatnam**
  - Partnership: Adani & Airtel.
  - Facilities: Data centers, subsea cables, renewable energy.
  - Employment: Over 1 lakh jobs expected.
  - India's largest single tech investment.
2. **India Post Resumes Services to the USA**
  - Date: 15 October 2025
  - New System: DDP (Delivery Duty Paid).
  - Import Duty: Flat **50%** on declared FOB value.
  - Benefit: Boosts MSME exports and e-commerce logistics.



## DEFENCE & SECURITY EVENTS

- **United Nations TCC Chiefs' Conclave (UNTCC)**
  - Venue: New Delhi
  - Dates: 14–16 October 2025
  - Participants: 32 countries.
  - Focus: Peacekeeping operations, interoperability, tech-driven coordination.



## SPORTS

- **Sultan of Johor Cup (Hockey)**
  - India defeated Malaysia 2–1 to enter the final.
  - Venue: Johor, Malaysia.



## QUICK FACTS (One-Liners)

Topic	Key Fact
Tejas LCA Mk1A unveiled	17 Oct 2025, HAL Nashik
RPF Recruitment	Now conducted annually by SSC
Google AI Hub	Visakhapatnam – \$15 billion investment
India Post to USA	Resumed from 15 Oct 2025 (50% DDP duty)
Commonwealth Games 2030	Ahmedabad recommended
Samudra Shakti-2025	India–Indonesia naval exercise
UNTCC Conclave	14–16 Oct 2025, New Delhi

## 15 MOST RELEVANT MCQs (12–18 October 2025)

1. On which date was Tejas LCA Mk1A unveiled at HAL Nashik?
  - A) 15 Oct 2025
  - B) 16 Oct 2025
  - C) 17 Oct 2025
  - D) 18 Oct 2025
2. Which organisation manufactures Tejas LCA Mk1A?
  - A) DRDO
  - B) ISRO
  - C) BDL
  - D) HAL
3. Google will establish its \$15 billion AI Hub in which city?
  - A) Bengaluru
  - B) Hyderabad
  - C) Visakhapatnam
  - D) Chennai
4. From which date did India Post resume postal services to the USA?
  - A) 10 Oct 2025
  - B) 12 Oct 2025
  - C) 15 Oct 2025
  - D) 18 Oct 2025
5. Under DDP system, India Post charges what flat customs duty for USA-bound shipments?
  - A) 25%
  - B) 40%
  - C) 50%
  - D) 60%
6. RPF recruitment will now be conducted annually by which body?
  - A) UPSC
  - B) RRB
  - C) SSC
  - D) NRA
7. Which city has been recommended to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games?
  - A) Mumbai
  - B) New Delhi
  - C) Ahmedabad
  - D) Bengaluru
8. Samudra Shakti-2025 naval exercise was held between India and which country?
  - A) Japan
  - B) Indonesia
  - C) Sri Lanka
  - D) Australia
9. The Nobel Prize in Economics 2025 was awarded for research on —
  - A) Banking reforms
  - B) Innovation & Creative Destruction

- C) Global trade policy
  - D) Financial crises
10. The Defence Ministry signed a contract worth ₹659.47 crore for —
- A) Body armour
  - B) Night sights for SIG716 rifles
  - C) Drones
  - D) Bulletproof helmets
11. The UNTCC Chiefs' Conclave 2025 was held in —
- A) Mumbai
  - B) Chennai
  - C) New Delhi
  - D) Jaipur
12. The Indian contingent at AUSTRAHIND 2025 was led by —
- A) Rajput Regiment
  - B) Gorkha Rifles
  - C) Sikh Regiment
  - D) Madras Regiment
13. The surrendered Naxal leader in Gadchiroli was —
- A) Ganesh Patil
  - B) Mallujola Venugopal Rao (Bhupati)
  - C) Ramesh Yadav
  - D) Suresh Singh
14. The India–South Korea Naval Exercise was held at —
- A) Visakhapatnam
  - B) Busan
  - C) Chennai
  - D) Seoul
15. The book authored by CDS Gen. Anil Chauhan, released in Oct 2025, is titled —
- A) Ready and Resurgent
  - B) Ready, Relevant and Resurgent II
  - C) Future Force 2040
  - D) Mission Shakti