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- On 7 May 2025, Operation Sindoor carried out precision strikes on nine terrorist sites in Pakistan and PoK; earlier, the surgical strike of 29 September 2016 and the Balakot action of 26 February 2019 had laid down a new policy line against cross-border terrorism.
- On 2 September 2022, INS Vikrant, the first indigenous aircraft carrier, was commissioned into the Navy and, on the same day, a new Naval Ensign inspired by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was adopted.
- Defence exports rose from ₹686 crore in 2013-14 to a historic peak of ₹38,424 crore in 2025-26 (2 April 2026); on 19 April 2024, the first consignment of BrahMos missiles was handed over to the Philippines.
- On 28 October 2024, the first private-sector military aircraft plant (C-295) was opened in Vadodara; the S-400 “Sudarshan Chakra” air defence system has been deployed.
- On 7 November 2015, the four-decade-old demand for One Rank One Pension was fulfilled; on 25 February 2019, the National War Memorial was dedicated to the nation, and on 1 January 2020, the post of Chief of Defence Staff came into existence.