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### **1. Armenia becomes the first country to buy Pinaka rocket system from India ( Sept. 29, 2022 )**

India has signed a \$250 million agreement with the former Soviet republic of **Armenia** to supply indigenously developed multi-barrel rocket launcher **Pinaka** and other munitions .This is the **first time** the Pinaka system is being exported from India.

Earlier in 2020 India supplied four Swathi radars worth \$43 million to Armenia.These are weapon locating radars that can track incoming artillery projectiles and pinpoint the location of enemy gun positions for counter-action.

Pinak has been developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation and manufactured by Indian private firms. It is an artillery system where multiple rockets are fired simultaneously from a single platform.The Pinaka system has been deployed at the forward position in Ladakh along the border with China.

The government of India wants to increase its defence export and has set an export target of Rs 35,000 crore by 2025.

#### **Armenia**

It was part of the former Soviet Union which gained its Independence in 1991 after the dissolution of the Soviet Union. It is a European country in Transcaucasia.

Capital : **Yerevan**

Currency : **Dram**

Prime Minister: **Nikol Pashinyan**

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- Manufacturing will be carried out by Saab FFV India Pvt Ltd, a new subsidiary wholly owned by SAAB.
- This will be the company's first manufacturing facility for the Carl-Gustaf M4 outside Sweden.
- The Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) was manufacturing the Carl-Gustaf M3 with a range of up to 1,200 metres under a tie-up with Saab.
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**Important facts**

- The Supreme Court said that even unmarried women have the right to abort a fetus between 20 and 24 weeks of age arising out of consensual relations.
- The court held that depriving married or unmarried women the right to terminate unwanted pregnancies is a violation of fundamental rights.
- A bench headed by Justice DY Chandrachud was hearing an appeal by a woman who wanted to abort a 24-week-old foetus after her relationship with a man failed and her partner abandoned her.

- The bench also ruled that the definition of rape under the Medical Abortion Act should include marital rape.
- A division bench of the Delhi High Court had refused to grant any interim relief to the woman.

### **About Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act, 1971**

- Abortion in India has been a legal right under various circumstances since the introduction of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act in 1971.
- The Act was amended in 2003 to enable safe and legal abortion of women.
- The Act was also amended in the year 2021.

### **Major Provisions of MTP Amendment Act, 2021**

- Under this Amendment Act, abortion can be done in the following circumstances -
  1. If there is any danger to the life or mental health of the mother by continuing the pregnancy
  2. If there are any serious abnormalities in the fetus
  3. If pregnancy occurred as a result of failure of contraception (but this is applicable only for married women)
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## **10. CBI launches Operation GARUDA ( Sept. 29, 2022 )**

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on 29 September launched a multi-phase '**Operation GARUDA**' to dismantle drug networks with international linkages.

### **Important facts**

- The CBI has initiated this to coordinate enforcement operations in International Courts of Justice through Interpol and the Narcotics Control Bureau, with a special focus on the Indian Ocean region.

### **About Operation GARUDA**

- The goal of the Garud campaign is to take action against drug dealers, their production areas and those who help in this work on the basis of international intelligence.
- During the operation, searches, seizures and arrests have been made in several states and union territories of the country.

- Apart from this, the police of Union Territories including Punjab, Himachal Pradesh,
- Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Delhi and Manipur have also taken action.
  - Around 6,600 people were screened and 127 new cases were registered during this special drive.
  - During the operation 5 kg heroin, 33 kg ganja, more than 3 kg charas and several intoxicants have been recovered.
  - Around 175 people have been arrested.