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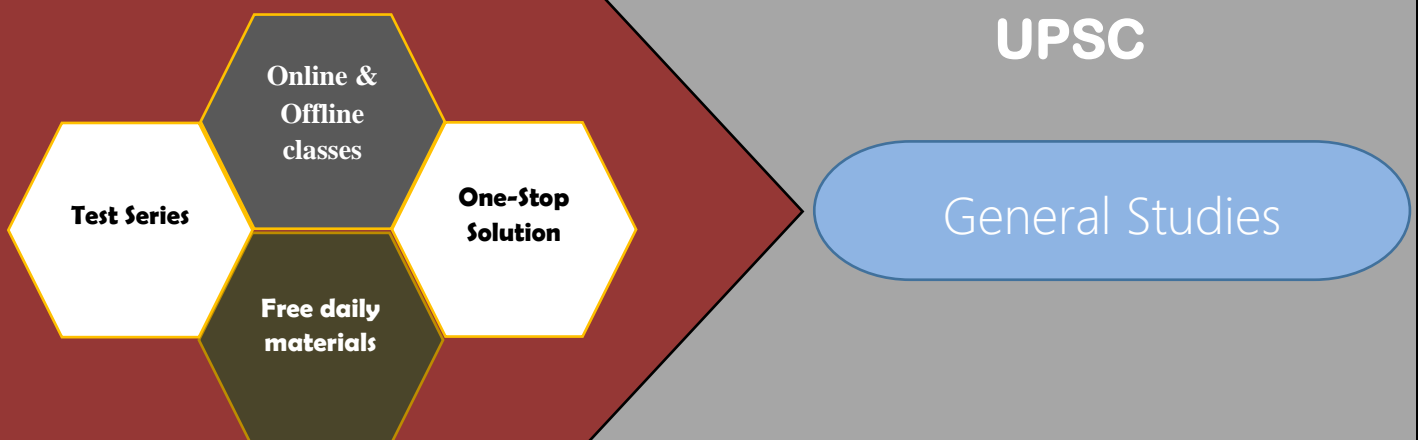
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## Defence Acquisition Council's Plans

Notes for civil services preparation



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- Multi billion deals for **armed drones from the USA** and advanced **submarines under Project-75I** are to be taken by the **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)**.

## Key Points

- **India - USA Drone Deals:**
- India has been looking to procure 30 armed drones, 10 for each service, from the USA but the process has been repeatedly delayed over the last couple of
- The USA has given in principle approval for the sale of these armed drones to India during the **India-US 2+2 ministerial**
- While the Navy has a pressing requirement for the **High Altitude Long Endurance (HALE) drones**, there have been questions on their utility for the Army and Air Force, given the high cost of the platform.
- Since the **stand-off with China** in Eastern Ladakh in May 2020, the need for long endurance drones to maintain continuous surveillance of the border has been acutely
- The Navy has already inducted two **MQ-9B Sea Guardian unarmed drones** procured from the

## Project-75I:

- The Project 75I-class submarine is a follow-on of the **Project 75 Kalvari-class submarine** for the Indian

- The project is being processed through the **Strategic Partnership (SP) model** of the **Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP)**.
- The strategic partnership model seeks to identify a few Indian private companies as Strategic Partners who would initially tie up with a few shortlisted foreign Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) to manufacture big-ticket military
- It aims to **promote the role of Indian industry in defence manufacturing** and build a domestic defence industrial
- This project is part of the **30 year Plan for indigenous submarine construction** and it got its approval by the **Cabinet Committee on Security** in
- The idea behind this was to help in streamlining the submarine acquisition process and creating two submarine production lines where the plan was to construct six submarines on

### **Defence Acquisition Council**

- The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) is the **highest decision-making body** in the Defence Ministry for deciding on new policies and capital acquisitions for the three services (Army, Navy and Air Force) and the Indian Coast
- The **Minister of Defence** is the Chairman of the
- It was formed, after the Group of Ministers recommendations on 'Reforming the National Security System', in 2001, post Kargil War (1999).