

Indian Forces (Defence)

Agni-V test-fired successfully

- Agni-V, the 'Big Boy' in the country's missile armoury, was successfully launched on Sunday from the APJ Kalam Island, off the coast of Odisha. This is the sixth successful test flight of the missile.
- The nuclear-capable, intercontinental ballistic missile has a range of over 5,000 km.

Operation 'NISTAR' – to rescue the Indians

- The Indian Navy rescued 38 Indians by its ship INS Sunayna from Socotra island in Yemen where they were stranded for nearly 10 days after a severe cyclonic storm Mekenu hit the area.

Exercise Malabar 2018

- 22nd edition of Exercise Malabar, off Guam, USA from 07 to 16 June 2018, will have the participation of navies from India, the US and Japan.
- The Indian Navy will be represented by the two indigenously designed and built ships, the multi-purpose stealth frigate INS Sahyadri and Anti-Submarine Warfare corvette, INS Kamorta, Fleet Tanker INS Shakti and Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft P8I.

Three-Day Campaign for Blue Flag Certification

- SICOM conceived an integrated coastal management scheme named BEAMS (Beach Management Services).
- SICOM under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has embarked upon a programme for Blue flag certification of one Blue Flag beach in each of the 13 coastal States /UTs under the World Bank-assisted Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project (ICZMP).

Geo-Intelligence Asia – 2018

- The Eleventh edition of GeoIntelligence Asia 2018 organised by GeoSpatial Media and Communication at New Delhi.
- **Theme of Seminar was 'GeoSpatial : A Force Multiplier for Defence and Industrial Security'.**

NIMAS expedition team to Mt Everest

- Raksha Mantri Smt Nirmala Sitharaman flagged-in the expedition team to Mt. Everest conducted successfully by National Institute for Mountaineering & Allied Sports (NIMAS), Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh.

IND-INDO CORPAT

- Closing ceremony of the 31st edition of the India – Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT) from 06 to 09 Jun 18.

DAC approves Equipment Acquisition proposals

- The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Raksha Mantri Smt Nirmala Sitharaman, met and accorded approval for the procurement of equipment for the Defence Forces valued at over Rs 5500 crore.

Dhanush, ready for induction into Army

- India's first indigenous, long-range artillery gun "Dhanush" has passed its final test at Pokhran, paving the way for its induction into the Army.

India to host first BIMSTEC war games in September

- India will host the first military exercise of the BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) group focussing on counter-terrorism in Pune in the second week of September.

Flood preparedness exercise in Uttar Pradesh

- The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)) conducted a table-top exercise at the State Emergency Operation Centre (SEOC) in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- The exercise is being held in collaboration with State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA).

2nd BSF Mt. Everest Expedition

- Padma Shri Love Raj Singh Dharmshaktu creates history by conquering the peak for the seventh time.

India, Kazakhstan to enhance military-industrial cooperation

- India and Kazakhstan have agreed to further develop bilateral cooperation in the military-industrial sphere.

Inaugurates BEL representative office in Vietnam

- Raksha Mantri, Smt Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the first Representative Office of Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) in Hanoi, Vietnam.

India-US security cooperation

- The Trump administration has approved a deal to sell six AH-64E Apache attack helicopters to India for USD 930 million, the Pentagon underlining that this will strengthen India's ability to defend its homeland and deter regional threats.

Graduation of 113 Flight Cadets as Flying Officers of the IAF

- A total number of 113 Flight Cadets including 13 women cadets were commissioned as Flying Officers, at their alma-mater, the Air Force Academy, the 'Cradle of IAF Leadership' that has moulded generations of prodigious aviation leaders.

26th edition of Exercise RIM of PACific (RIMPAC)

- Indigenously built guided missile stealth frigate INS Sahyadri arrives at Pearl Harbour to participate in world's largest multilateral naval exercise RIMPAC 2018.

Indian, Indonesian navies participate in Passage exercise

- The navies of India (Indian Naval ships INS Shakti and INS Kamorta) and Indonesia participated in Passage Exercise (PASSEX) in the Port of Makassar, Indonesia.

Flood Relief Operations in Tripura

- Three Mi 17 helicopters of Indian Air Force undertook flood affected areas of the state of Tripura, particularly in the town of Kailashahar on 15 Jun 18.

Cyber Security Framework workshop

- A workshop on Cyber Security Framework for Department of Defence was organised by DDP, Ministry of Defence. The workshop was inaugurated by RakshaMantri Smt Nirmala Sitharaman.

Airbridge for Mansarovar Yatra

- Indian Air Force would create an airbridge between Pithoragarh and Gunji, in an effort to airlift 1080 registered passengers to Gunji to enable them to continue their journey for the coveted annual Kailash Mansarovar Yatra.

Chief of the Naval Staff Visits Bangladesh

- Admiral Sunil Lanba, Chief of the Naval Staff will be proceeding on a goodwill visit to Bangladesh from 24 to 29 Jun 18. The visit is aimed at consolidating bilateral defence relations between India and Bangladesh and to explore new avenues for naval cooperation.