

## **Indian Forces (Defence)**

### **Ballistic Missile Interceptor AAD Successfully Flight Tested**

DRDO conducted the successful test of the Ballistic Missile Interceptor Advanced Area Defence
(AAD) the endo-atmospheric missile, capable of intercepting incoming targets at an altitude of 15 to
25 kms.

## HAL tests rotary drone co-developed with IIT-K

• A 10 kg rotary drone co-developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) and IIT-Kanpur was recently flown for the first time in Bengaluru, the defence public sector company.

## HAL's Light Combat Aircraft project to come under IAF control

• The government is poised to hand over control of the Bengaluru division of State-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to the Indian Air Force (IAF). This is to prevent more time and cost overruns on the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) project.

#### **New Defence Production Policy**

• Government has announced that it will bring out an industry friendly Defence Production Policy 2018 to promote domestic production by public sector, private sector and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

#### Joint cycling cum Trekking expedition

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 A joint Cycling cum Trekking Expedition of Indian Army and Royal Bhutan Army was conducted to commemorate "Fifty years of Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between India and Bhutan" in Bhutan



## **Operation 'Madad'**

Operation "Madad" has been launched by the Southern Naval Command (SNC) at Kochi since 09 Aug 2018 for assisting the state administration and undertaking disaster relief operations due to the unprecedented flooding experienced in many parts of Kerala.

#### **Curtain Raiser: Exercise SCO Peace Mission 2018**

SCO Peace Mission Exercise is conducted biennially for SCO member states. The joint exercise for the year 2018 will be conducted by Central Military Commission of Russia from 22 August to 29 August 2018 at Chebarkul, Chelyabinsk, Russia.

## **DAC Approves Procurement of Six NGOPVs**

The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) chaired by Raksha Mantri Smt Nirmala Sitharaman met and accorded approval for the procurement of six indigenously designed and manufactured Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels (NGOPVs) for the Indian Navy at an approximate cost of Rs. 4941 crore.

#### INS Sahyadri visits Suva, Fiji

To further strengthen our strong bilateral relations with Fiji, an Indian Naval Ship (INS) Sahyadri entered Port of Suva Republic of Fiji after participation in the RIMPAC 2018 at Hawaii.

## India, China Armies meet in Ladakh

Amid continuing transgression by China at Demchok in eastern Ladakh, the Armies of India and China held a ceremonial Border Personal Meeting to mark India's Independence Day.

## Indo-Israel missile defence system to be procured by Israeli Navy

The multi-purpose Barak 8 missile defence system, jointly developed by India and Israel, will be procured by the Israeli Navy to protect its economic zones and strategic facilities.



#### **Exercise Pitch Black 2018**

• Exercise Pitch Black a biennial multi-national large force employment warfare exercise was hosted by Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) from 24 Jul 18 to 18 Aug 18 in Darwin, Australia.

## Anti-Tank Guided Missile 'HELINA' & SAAW (Smart Anti Airfield Weapon)

 Indigenously developed Helicopter launched Anti-Tank Guided Missile 'HELINA' and SAAW (Smart Anti Airfield Weapon) guided bombs were successfully flight tested.

### India building new fighter jet

• The Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), India's next indigenous fighter, is expected to make its first flight by 2032.

### Indo - Thailand Joint Exercise Maitree 2018

Exercise Maitree 2018, culminated on 19 August 2018 is an annual event designed to strengthen the
partnership between Royal Thai Army and Indian Army and the exercise commenced on 06 August
2018 in Thailand.

#### INS Khanjar visits Yangon, Myanmar

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• INS Khanjar a Missile Corvette of Indian Navy was on a three-day visit to Yangon, Myanmar to undertake operational turn around (OTR) and as part of goodwill visit from 18 to 20 Aug 18.

### IAF-RMAF joint air exercise

• The first-ever joint air exercise involving the Indian Air Force and the Royal Malaysian Air Force commenced at Subang Air Base in Malaysia

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## Army begins scouting for light machine guns

• The Army has issued a Request for Information (RFI) for the procurement of 30,000 light machine guns (LMG) to equip the infantry.

## CSIR laboratory to manufacture critical composite air-frame components for LCA Tejas

 CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories (CSIR-NAL) has received an order of more than Rs 100cr for delivering critical composite air-frame components to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), for the LCA-Tejas Full Operational Capability (FOC) standard aircraft

## Launch of 'Speedex' Contract by IAF

• The Stores, Proactive, Efficient and Expeditious Despatch of Extra Size/ Wt Consignment (SPEEDEX) contract was formally launched today by Air Marshal RKS Shera to overcome the delay in piecemeal dispatch of consignment and to move operationally urgent stores by air and normal consignments by surface mode.

#### **Opening Ceremony Exercise SCO Peace Mission 2018**

Exercise Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Peace Mission 2018, opening ceremony was
conducted on 24 August 2018 at Chebarkul, Russia with military contingents of the all eight SCO
member nations participating in this exercise. This is the first time India and Pakistan participated in
the exercise.

#### **Exercise KAKADU 2018**

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 Indian Naval ship Sahyadri reaches Port of Darwin, Australia to participate in exercise KAKADU 2018.

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## Russia, China set to launch joint military exercises

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• China will join Russia in a giant military exercise (Vostok 2018), sending a message of deterrence to the U.S. which has designated Beijing and Moscow as "revisionist powers". Mongolia will be the third country participating in the drills.

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