

Indian Forces (Defence)

DAC approves indigenous construction of 6 submarines

- The Defence Acquisitions Council, DAC chaired by Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman approved indigenous construction of six submarines worth 40 thousand crore rupees.
- It is the second project under the Ministry's ambitious strategic partnership model aiming to boost the government's 'Make in India' program.

Aero India

- The 12th edition of the biennial Aero India is scheduled between February 20 and 24. The French defence industry is gearing up for a major presence at the premier air show Aero India 2019 to be held later this month in Bengaluru.

Exercise Cutlass Express 2019

- INS Trikand, a front-line warship of the Indian Navy, participated in a multinational training exercise 'CUTLASS EXPRESS – 19' held from 27 Jan to 06 Feb 19. The aim of the exercise was to improve law enforcement capacity, promote regional security and progress inter-operability between the armed forces of the participating nations for the purpose of interdicting illegal maritime activity in the Western Indian Ocean.

'Exercise Rahat' in Jaipur

- In Rajasthan, Jaipur based Sapta Shakti Command of Indian Army is conducting a two- day Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Exercise "Exercise Rahat".

Parallel Taxi Track

- In a first for the IAF, the "OTTERS" squadron of Western Air Command has undertaken Parallel Taxi Track (PTT) Operations with a full women crew in the Dornier 228 aircraft. The pilots, **Sqn Ldr Kamaljeet Kaur and her co-pilot Sqn Ldr Rakhi Bhandari** carried out successful parallel taxi track landing and take-off operations at Sirsa.

Indian Air Force to display firepower in Pokharan, Rajasthan

- Indian Air Force is set to demonstrate its full combat and fire capabilities during 'Exercise Vayu Shakti-2019' in the Pokharan firing range close to Indo-Pak border in Rajasthan.
- Akash missile firing, gun firing from Advanced Light Helicopter and MiG 29's air-to-ground role will be demonstrated in the exercise.
- Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is scheduled to attend the event.
- Ability to detect targets, multi-spectrum capability, swift identification and neutralising targets with precision will also be displayed.

Aero India 2019

- Unmanned aerial vehicles or drones, unmanned aircraft systems and balloons have been banned in Bengaluru for security reasons during the five-day Aero India show.
- Defence Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the 12th biennial edition of International Aerospace and Defence Exhibition Aero India 2019 at Air Force Station Yelahanka in Bengaluru.

CRPF to add more security features to its convoy movement

- The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has decided to add new security features to its convoy movement in Jammu and Kashmir making its passage more safe and secured.

Final Operational Clearance of LCA Tejas MK I

- The formal declaration of Final Operational Clearance (FOC) for Indian Air Force (IAF) Light Combat Aircraft Tejas MK I was made by Secretary Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Dr G Satheesh Reddy.

Maiden Drone Olympics Competition

- Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) made a spectacular entry at the Aero-India 2019 with the first ever 'Drone Olympics' competition for UAV's held at Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru.
- **Theme - 'The Runway to a Billion Opportunities'.**

IAF conducts airstrikes

- The Indian Air Force conducted airstrikes at the biggest terror camp of Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) in Balakot at Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in Pakistan.

India successfully test fires QRSAM missiles

- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully test fired indigenously developed Quick Reach Surface-to-Air missiles (QRSAM) from ITR Chandipur, off the Odisha Coast. The two missiles were tested for different altitude and conditions.

'Sampriti 2019'

- A joint military exercise Sampriti 2019 between India and Bangladesh will be conducted at Tangail in Bangladesh. It will be the eighth edition of the exercise which is hosted alternately by both countries.

DAC approves acquisition of defence equipment worth Rs 2700 cr

- The Defence Acquisition Council has approved the acquisition of defence equipment for about 2700 Crores rupees.
- The approval include acquisition of three Cadet Training ships for the Navy, which will provide basic sea training to officer cadets including women officer under trainees

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