

Indian Forces (Defence)**Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue – 2019**

- In continuation of the process of engaging the global strategic community in an annual review of India's opportunities and challenges in the Indo-Pacific region, the second edition of Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) – 2019 will be held on 05 and 06 March 2019 at New Delhi.

CISF creates Guinness world record in single-line bicycle parade

- The Central Industrial Security Force, CISF, has made history by creating a Guinness world record in a single line bicycle parade to mark the 50 years of the paramilitary force.
- The record was created at the Yamuna Expressway in Noida. The CISF was raised in 1969 and has about one lakh 80 thousand personnel in its ranks.

SAMPRITI 2019

- The eighth edition of joint military exercise 'SAMPRITI' between the armies of India and Bangladesh in Tangail, Bangladesh. The joint military exercise 'Sampriti' is aiming to increase mutual cooperation between the armies of two countries.

Foal Eagle

- United States and South Korea said that they will end their annual large-scale joint military exercises as Washington pursues efforts to improve ties with North Korea.
- Foal Eagle is the biggest of the regular joint exercises held by the allies, and has always infuriated Pyongyang. In the past, it has involved 200,000 South Korean forces and some 30,000 US soldiers.

Al Nagah 2019

- The third edition of the bilateral joint exercise between India and Oman, Al Nagah 2019 will begin from 12th of this month at Jabel Al Akhdar Mountains in Oman. The aim of this exercise is to enhance interoperability in counter terrorist operations in semi urban mountainous terrain.

Rs 35, 000 cr released to be disbursed under OROP for defence personnel

- Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman says 35 thousand crore rupees have been released to be disbursed under the One-Rank One-Pension(OROP) for the defence personnel.

USSOCOM commander meets Army Chief General BipinRawat

- Commander US Special Operations Command of Army General Raymond Thomas who is on an official visit to India called on Army Chief General BipinRawat. Both the Generals deliberated on the developing regional security environment and issue of global terrorism.

50th Raising Day ceremony of CISF

- PM Modi was addressing the 50th Raising Day ceremony of CISF at Indirapuram in Ghaziabad district of Uttar Pradesh.

Indian defence lab develops ‘combat drugs’ to reduce casualties in Pulwama type attacks, warfare

- With 90 per cent of gravely wounded security personnel succumbing to injuries within a few hours, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO’s) medical laboratory has come up with a range of ‘combat casualty drugs’ that can extend the golden hour till the trooper is shifted to hospital.

Man Portable Anti Tank Guided Missile

- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully test fired indigenously developed, low weight, fire and forget Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM) for the second time in the ranges of Rajasthan desert.

Australia to embark on its largest ever defence engagement with Sri Lanka

- Australia will embark on its largest ever defence engagement with Sri Lanka next week as part of the Indo-Pacific Endeavour 2019. More than 1,000 defence personnel will be involved in the exercise comprising of Australian Naval, Army and Air force and their assets.

Navy hires multipurpose vessel for logistics support

- The Southern Naval Command has hired the services of multipurpose vessel MV Triton Liberty from M/s Triton Maritime Pvt Ltd for providing logistics support to the Lakshadweep and Minicoy Islands, sorties across Kerala and Mahe, support to naval harbour operations and other miscellaneous support functions for a period of one year from mid-March.

Second Scorpene submarine Khanderi ready for induction

- The Navy is set to induct the second Scorpene submarine Khanderi by early May. The remaining submarines in the series are in advanced stages of manufacturing and trials. Khanderi was launched in January 2017 and has since been undergoing a series of trials

Africa-India Field Training Exercise-2019

- The inaugural Africa-India Field Training Exercise-2019 for India and African nations called AFINDEX-19 scheduled from 18 March to 27 March 2019 started with a grand opening ceremony on 18 March 2019 at Aundh Military Station, Pune.
- The aim of the exercise is to practice the participating nations in planning and conduct of Humanitarian Mine Assistance and Peace Keeping Operations under Chapter VII of United Nations Peace Keeping Operations.

IND-INDO CORPAT

- Indonesian Naval Ship and Maritime Patrol Aircraft arrived at Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, India for the Opening Ceremony of the 33rd edition of the India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT) to be held from 19 Mar to 04 Apr 2019.

Exercise MITRA SHAKTI

- Exercise MITRA SHAKTI is conducted annually as part of military diplomacy and interaction between armies of India & Sri Lanka. The joint exercise for the year 2018-19 will be conducted from 26 March to 08 April 2019 in Sri Lanka.

India-U.S. looking to develop unmanned aerial vehicles

- India and the U.S. have identified small air launch unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) and a lightweight small arms technology project along with aircraft maintenance for defence collaboration.

Indian Navy – first Responder to Cyclone ‘IDAI’ in Mozambique

- The ships of First Training Squadron of Indian Navy (Sujata, Sarathi and Shardul) operating in the Southern Indian Ocean were diverted to Port Beira, Mozambique based on request received from the Government of Mozambique to provide Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) to the local population post the devastation caused by cyclone ‘IDAI’ which struck the coast of Mozambique on 15 Mar 19.

Indian Air Force to participate in LIMA 2019

- Indian Air Force will participate in Langkawi International Maritime Aero Expo, LIMA 2019. The expo will take place in Langkawi, Malaysia from 26th to 30th of this month.

Development of Combat Management System for Indigenous Aircraft Carrier through Private Sector

- The Combat Management System (CMS) for the Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC) developed with M/s Tata Power Strategic Engineering Division (TPSED), in collaboration with Weapon and Electronics System Engineering Establishment (WESEE) and M/s MARS, Russia.

IAF inducts first four heavy-lift Chinook helicopters

- Indian Air Force (IAF) formally inducted the four heavy-lift Chinook helicopters. Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa announced the induction at a ceremony held at Air Force base in Chandigarh.
- The Chinook helicopter has fully integrated digital cockpit management system and is capable of transporting fully-equipped infantry soldiers for specialised operations.

Navy's nuclear, biological, chemical training facility launched

- Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Sunil Lanba inaugurated the Indian Navy's Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Training Facility (NBCTF) at INS Shivaji in Lonavala.
- The NBCTF, christened "Abhedya", impenetrable in Sanskrit, will help train personnel of naval ships fitted with nuclear, biological and chemical detection and protection systems.

Military exercise Mitra Shakti

- The joint training exercise MITRASHAKTI – VI between Indian and Sri Lanka Army is being held at Diyatalawa in Sri Lanka. It is one of the largest bilateral army exercises to be conducted in the region.

LIMA-19

- Indian Navy's frontline ASW corvette, INS Kadmatt arrived at Langkawi, Malaysia on a seven days official visit. The ship is scheduled to participate in the 15th edition of Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition, LIMA-19.

Mountaineering Expedition to Mt Makalu

- First Indian Army Mountaineering Expedition to Mt Makalu (8485m) comprising five Officers, two JCOs and eleven OR was flagged off by Director General Military Training on 26 Mar 2019.

India successfully tests anti-satellite missile

- Defence Research and Development Organisation, DRDO successfully conducted an Anti-Satellite (A-SAT) missile test, Mission Shakti from Dr A P J Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha.
- Mission Shakti aimed at strengthening India's overall security.

INS Magar Departs for Mozambique with Relief Material

- INS Magar, an amphibious warfare vessel, departed Mumbai for Port Beira in Mozambique with essential relief material for the cyclone ravaged areas.

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