



## Indian Forces (Defence)

### Indigenously developed nuclear-capable missile Prithvi-II

- India successfully test-fired indigenously developed nuclear-capable missile Prithvi-II as part of a user trial by the Army from a test range off the Odisha coast. The trial of the surface-to-surface missile, which has a strike range of 350 km, was carried out from a mobile launcher from Launch Complex-III of the Integrated Test Range, ITR at Chandipur. The missile is capable of carrying 500 to 1000 kg of warheads and is powered by liquid propulsion twin engines.

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### 20TH Anniversary of The Victory at Kargil

- The year 2019, marks the 20th anniversary of victory in 'Operation VIJAY' popularly known as the 'Kargil War'. The Kargil War is a saga of strong political, military and diplomatic actions. The Nation shall be celebrating the 20th anniversary of victory this year in Kargil War with pride, honour and inspiration. This year, 20th anniversary of victory in 'Operation VIJAY' is being celebrated with the theme 'Remember, Rejoice and Renew'.

**Government issues EOI for shortlisting Strategic Partners for P-75(I)**

- As a major initiative towards Make in India, the government has issued the Expression of Interests for shortlisting of potential Indian Strategic Partners for construction of six conventional submarines for P-75(I) Project of the Indian Navy. The project cost is about 45 thousand crore rupees. It is the second project being undertaken under the latest Strategic Partnership Model, with the first being the procurement of 111 Naval Utility Helicopters.

**“Operation Sunrise 2”**

- The armies of India and Myanmar carried out a three-week-long coordinated operation from May 16 in their respective border areas, targeting several militant groups operating in Manipur, Nagaland and Assam. The first phase of “Operation Sunrise” was conducted three months ago along the Indo-Myanmar border, during which a number of camps of north-east-based militant groups were busted.
- During “Operation Sunrise 2”, the armies coordinated with each other to bust camps of militant outfits, including the Kamtapur Liberation Organisation, the National Socialist Council of Nagaland(Khaplang), the United Liberation Front of Assam (I) and the National Democratic Front of Boroland.

**Navy launches operation in Gulf for Indian vessels' security**

- Indian Navy has deployed Ships INS Chennai and INS Sunayna in the Gulf of Oman to re-assure Indian Flagged Vessels operating or transiting through the Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman following the maritime security incidents in the region.

**Indo-French Joint Naval Exercise**

- The latest edition of bilateral maritime exercise ‘Varuna’ between Indian and French Navy was held in May 2019. The exercise was conducted in two phases with the objective of conducting advanced exercise for a significant period at sea.

**Operation Bandar, code name of Balakot strike**

- The air strike by the Indian Air Force (IAF) on a terrorist training camp in Balakot, Pakistan, was code-named ‘Operation Bandar’. It was code-named Operation Bandar but was known to very few,” a defence source said . As a response to the Pulwama terror attack which claimed the lives of 40 security personnel, 12 IAF Mirage-2000 fighter jets struck on Jaish-e-Mohammed training camp in Balakot inside Pakistan in the early hours on February 26 with precision guided munitions.

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**ICG to Open Its 5th Recruitment Centre in Uttarakhand**

- Indian Coast Guard (ICG) recruitment centre will be opened in Uttarakhand. It will be India's fifth ICG recruitment centre. Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat will lay the foundation of the land for this recruitment centre on June 28, 2019. This recruitment centre will be established at Kuanwala(Hararwala), Dehradun. It will be the 5th ICG recruitment centre in Uttarakhand after Noida, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata.

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