

Major activities of Department of Defence for the month of December, 2018

International Cooperation

- (1) A delegation led by Hon'ble Raksha Mantri visited USA for bilateral meetings from 3rd – 6th December, 2018.
- (2) The 18th India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military Technical Cooperation meeting, co-chaired by Hon'ble Raksha Mantri, was held in New Delhi on 13th December, 2018. An Agreement on establishing the Indian-Russian Inter-Governmental Commission on Military Technical Cooperation was also signed.
- (3) 8th meeting of Joint Defence Committee (JDC) on Military Cooperation between India and Egypt was held in New Delhi on 26th December, 2018.

Acquisition

- (4) The Contract for Procurement & Setting up of D Level & Extended D Level Repair Facility for Under Water Surveillance System, ESM and External Communication System for Scorpene (P-75) Submarine for Indian Navy signed with M/s Thales DMS France, SAS on 28th December, 2018 at a cost of € 50,500,000 (Euros Fifty Million Five Hundred Thousand only), excluding taxes and duties.

Inauguration

- (5) Raksha Mantri launched the Information Fusion Centre – Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR) at Information Management and Analysis Centre (IMAC), Gurugram on 22nd December, 2018. Apart from representation by officials from the Ministry of Defence, shipping, External Affairs, Home Affairs and the NSCS, Ambassador and Resident Defence Attaches of partner countries also participated in the event.

DAC approval for acquisition of defence equipment

(6) The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) chaired by Hon'ble Raksha Mantri on 1st December 2018 accorded approval for acquisition of defence equipment for about Rs. 3000 crore. It was a follow up of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) decision in October 2018 for procurement of four P1135.6 Follow-on ships. The DAC granted approval for procurement of indigenous BrahMos Missile for two Indian Navy ships to be built in Russia. The indigenously designed BrahMos Missile is a tested and proven supersonic cruise missile and will form the primary weapon on-board these Ships.

Raksha Mantri's Award for Excellence 2018:

(7) Raksha Mantri felicitated the Raksha Mantri's Award for Excellence 2018 for Directorate General of Defence Estate establishments, at a function, in New Delhi on 22nd December, 2018.

Apprehending

(9) ICGS Vighraha apprehended 01 Sri Lankan fishing boat 'Lavanja' alongwith 05 crew on 4th December, 2018. Boat alongwith crew was handed over to Kashimedu police station, Chennai on 6th December, 2018.

Swachh Bharat

(10) During 'Swachhta Pakhwada 2018' campaign from 1st December, 2018 to 15th December, 2018, a total number of 764 activities regarding cleanliness were performed countrywide by various offices/units of MoD. A workshop on "Awareness of cleanliness" was also organized in Headquarter Zone of MoD, South Block on 14th December, 2018.
