Major activities of Department of Defence for the month of August, 2019

International Cooperation

(1) Deputy Defence Minister of Russian Federation visited Jaisalmer (Rajasthan) for attending the Opening Ceremony of International Army Games – 2019 from 4th to 5th August, 2019.

(2) A delegation led by Joint Secretary (International Cooperation) visited China to attend the 5th meeting of India-China Joint Working Group (JWG) from 13th to 14th August, 2019.

(3) A delegation led by Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri visited Russia for attending the Closing Ceremony on International Army Games – 2019 from 16th to 18th August, 2019.

(4) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 'Cooperation in the Field of Defence' was signed between India and Zambia on 21st August, 2019 during the visit of the President of Zambia to India.

(5) Director General of JSC "Rosoboronexport" met Hon'ble Raksha Mantri on 28th August, 2019. The purpose of the meeting was for personal acquaintance and brief discussion on perspective issues on Military and Technical Cooperation.

Acquisition

(6) A contract for installation and commissioning of 09 Precision Approach Radars (PARs) was signed on 26th August, 2019 at a cost of Rs. 380 crore with M/s Data Pattern (India) Pvt. Ltd.

Awards

(7) President approved 132 awards to Armed Forces Personnel and members of Paramilitary Forces on the eve of 73rd Independence Day Celebrations on 15th August,
2019. The awards include 2 Kirti Chakras, 1 Vir Chakra, 14 Shaurya Chakras, 08 Bar to Sena Medals (Gallantry), 90 Sena Medals (Gallantry), 5 Nao Sena Medals (Gallantry), 7 Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry) and 5 Yudh Seva Medals.

**Hon’ble Raksha Mantri inaugurated 26th Ladakhi Kisan Jawan Vigyan Mela**

(8) Hon’ble Raksha Mantri inaugurated the 26th Ladakhi Kisan Jawan Vigyan Mela organized by Defence Institute of High-Altitude Research (DIHAR) at Leh on 29th August, 2019.

**Hon’ble Raksha Mantri raised the issue of cross-border terrorism**

(9) Hon’ble Raksha Mantri had a telephonic conversation with the U.S. Secretary of Defence. He raised the issue of cross-border terrorism affecting India and appreciated U.S. support for India's effort to maintain peace and stability in the region. U.S. Secretary of Defence acknowledge India’s position that the recent development in J&K is an internal matter of India.

**Miscellaneous**

(10) On two different dates i.e. on 16th and 21st August, 2019, the High Commission of India, Colombo intimated regarding apprehension on two Indian Fishing Boats (IFB) along with 07 crew and 04 crew members respectively by Sri Lanka Navy for allegedly poaching across IMBL, near Delft Island on 12th and 19th August, 2019 respectively. The fishing boats along with crews were brought to Karainagar harbour and handed over to AD Fisheries & Aquatic Resource (ADFAR), Jaffna for legal formalities.

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