

## Major activities of Department of Defence for the month of November, 2017

### International Cooperation

- (1) Lt. General Talgat Mukhtarov Deputy Defence Minister of Kazakhstan visited India during 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.
- (2) General Sedki Sobhy Sayyid Ahmed Defence Minister of Egypt with a high-level delegation visited India from 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.
- (3) Sr. Lt General Luong Cung, Chief of General Political Department, Vietnam People's Army visited India and met Defence Secretary and discussed a range of issues concerning bilateral defence cooperation on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.
- (4) A delegation led by Raksha Rajya Mantri visited Canada to attend United Nations Peacekeeping Defence Ministerial Conference from 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.
- (5) Dr. Ng Eng Hen, Defence Minister of Singapore visited India from 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 to attend 2<sup>nd</sup> India-Singapore Defence Minister Dialogue (DMD). During the visit, a bilateral Agreement between India and Singapore for Navy Cooperation was signed on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.

### Seminars/ Releases

- (6) Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee & Chief of the Naval Staff released 'Joint Training Doctrine Indian Armed Forces – 2017' at a function in New Delhi on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. The document has been prepared involving all the three Services Headquarters. The aim of the Doctrine is to promote 'Synergy' and 'Integration' amongst the three Services and other stakeholders leading to an enhanced efficiency and optimum utilization of resources.
- (7) A seminar on 'Challenges in Planning, Investigation, Design and Construction of Highway Tunnels in Himalayan Region' was organized by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) in New Delhi on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017.
- (8) The 42<sup>nd</sup> World Congress of the International Committee of Military Medicine (ICMM) organized by the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) under the aegis of the Ministry of Defence (MoD) concluded in New Delhi. 1,187 delegates from 75 countries attended the event. Top Indian scientific institutions, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Health, the United Nations and the International Committee of Red Cross were also represented at the Congress.

### Search and Rescue Operations

- (9) Assistance was provided by the Indian Coast Guard by way of food and medical aid to a Wooden Vallam with a 7 member crew stranded on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2017, 40 nautical miles South West of Manappad point.

(10) Indian Coast Guard (ICG) helicopter on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 evacuated a 75 year old German passenger who suffered from cardiac stroke, hypertension and lung fibrosis from Cruise Liner 'MV Mein Schiff I'.

(11) Assistance was provided on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 to the three member crew of Disabled Fishing Dinghy 'Sindhu Sagar' off Shoal Bay. Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) C-146 was diverted on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 to tender assistance.

(12) Search and Rescue (SAR) assistance was provided on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2017 to flooding 'IFB Kalyangeshwari', 42 nautical miles west of Jakhau. Though the boat capsized and sank, however 6 crew members were rescued and handed over to concerned authorities.

#### **Acquisitions/ Inductions**

(13) Two contracts for acquisition of three 76/62 Super Rapid Gun Mounts (SRGMs) and 78 Portable Diver Detection Sonar (PDDS) for Indian Navy have been signed with M/s BHEL, Bangalore and M/s Tata Power SED Ltd. on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017 and 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at a cost of Rs. 272 crore and Rs. 98.64 crore respectively.

(14) OPV Sujay and Interceptor Boat C-161 have been inducted by the Indian Coast Guard on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 and 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 respectively.

#### **Miscellaneous**

(15) An Indian Air Force Embraer transport aircraft specialized to conduct Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) function, successfully carried out on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 Air to Air Refuelling (AAR), to fly a long duration flight beyond the aircraft's stated endurance. It is also the first time that AAR has been carried out on the Embraer platform.

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