

## Major activities of Department of Defence for the month of September, 2018

### International Cooperation

- (1) A delegation led by Minister of Defence, Uzbekistan visited India on 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 for a bilateral meeting with Raksha Mantri.
- (2) 2+2 Dialogue between External Affairs Minister (EAM) and Raksha Mantri and US Secretaries of State and Defence was held on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 in New Delhi, during which India-USA Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA) was signed.
- (3) A delegation led by Raksha Mantri visited Egypt from 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2018 to discuss bilateral defence cooperation issues with Egypt.
- (4) A delegation led by Additional Secretary visited Seoul, Republic of Korea (RoK) from 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 and attended the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> Seoul Defence Dialogue and the Cyber Working Group (CWG).
- (5) Minister Delegate to the Head of Government, Incharge of National Defence Administration, Government of Kingdom of Morocco led delegation visited India from 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 to discuss bilateral defence cooperation issues. The delegation also visited BEL/HAL at Bangalore.
- (6) A delegation led by Minister Responsible for Defence Affairs, Oman visited India from 25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 to discuss bilateral defence cooperation issues.
- (7) The 19<sup>th</sup> India-UK Defence Consultative Group (DCG) meeting, co-chaired by the Defence Secretary was held on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 in New Delhi to discuss issues related to defence cooperation.
- (8) A delegation led by Director (Defence Policy), Singapore visited India for attending the 11<sup>th</sup> India-Singapore Defence Working Group (DWG) meeting

co-chaired by the Joint Secretary (Planning and International Cooperation) of the Department on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

### **Acquisition**

(9) Contract for Procurement of 12.7 MM Stabilized Remote Control Guns (SRCG) and Ammunition with ToT for IN and Coast Guard for the Indian Navy has been signed with M/s Elbit System Ltd., Israel on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 at a total cost of Rs. 1160.77crore and Contract for Procurement of 02 Diving Support Vessel (DSVs) was signed with M/s Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 at a total cost of Rs. 2493.90 crore.

(10) Contract for Procurement of three HUMSA-NG Sonar systems for P-1135.6 (Talwar Class) ships along with associated equipment for Indian Navy signed with M/s Bharat Electronics Limited , Bangalore on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 at a cost of Rs. 195.50 crore (excluding taxes and duties).

(11) ICGS Vijaya was commissioned by Defence Secretary on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 at Chennai and is based at Paradip.

### **Swachh Bharat**

(12) During 'Swachhta Hi Sewa' campaign (from 15.09.2018 to 02.10.2018), a community cleaning drive was carried out at Gate No. 9 and 10, South Block under the leadership of Defence Secretary on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 wherein senior officers and a large number of staff of Ministry of Defence took part. Apart from that a drive for collection of e-waste from Offices/ Sections of MoD (Sectt.) in South Block and Sena Bhawan was also carried out on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

### **Parakram Parv-2018**

(13) Raksha Mantri inaugurated Parakram Parv on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 at India Gate in New Delhi. Raksha Mantri said that the Armed Forces had sent a strong message that India shall not tolerate dastardly acts such as the Uri attack and such acts shall not go unpunished. Indian Army conducted surgical strikes in 2016 which had strategic ramifications and were aimed to dissuade inimical adversary from indulging in this misadventures across the LoC.

### **DAC approved procurement of equipment worth Rs. 9100 crore**

(14) DAC, chaired by Raksha Mantri, met on 18th September, 2018 and accorded approval for the procurement of equipment for the Defence Forces valued at over Rs. 9100 crore. Pursuing the goal of indigenization and self-reliance, the DAC approved procurement of two Regiments of Akash Missile Systems under 'Buy (Indian)' category from M/s Bharat Dynamics Limited.

### **Aero India-2019**

(15) The Government has decided to hold the Aero India 2019 in Bengaluru from 20th – 24th February, 2019. This five-day event will combine a major trade exhibition for the aerospace and defence industries with public air shows. Besides global leaders and big investors in aerospace industry, the show will also see participation by think-tanks from across the world.

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