

Defence Current Affairs 2017

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January

- Israeli Air Force Receives First Anti-Missile Interceptors for Arrow 3 System
- SF launches operation 'SardHawa' at Rajasthan border
- Pakistan Navy Receives Two Ships From China to Ensure Security along Gwadar Port
- NS Khanderi, Second Scorpene Class Submarine Launched in Mumbai
- Chinese Navy Commissions Sophisticated Ship CNS Kaiyangxing into its Fleet
- Guided Pinaka Rocket Successfully Test-Fired by India
- Indian Navy's Theatre Level Exercise, TROPEX 17 Begins
- INS Vikramaditya Becomes India's First Warship to Have ATM Onboard
- China Commissions its 31st Stealth Warship
- Guided Pinaka test fired successfully again
- Pakistan Successfully Conducts First Flight Test of N-Capable Ababeel Missile
- Whatsapp helpline Launched by Army Chief Gen. Bipin Rawat launches to Address grievances of Army personnel

- Indian Navy Issues RFI to procure 57 Carrier-Borne Fighter Jets
- India Successfully Test Fires Agni IV Ballistic Missile off Odisha Coast. Agni IV is a two-stage solid-propelled, surface-to-surface ballistic missile which is designed to carry a payload of 1-tonne up to a distance of 4,000 km.
- Pakistan Successfully Test-Fires Submarine-Launched Nuclear-Capable Missile. The missile Babur-3 which was fired from an underwater, mobile platform, hit the target with precise accuracy.
- Indian Army conducted trials of Indigenous Artillery Gun System Dhanush in the Himalayas
- Ministry of Defence to Set up Rs 1500 cr Defence Unit in Morena district of Madhya Pradesh
- Reliance Defence Signs Contract with Ministry of Defence to Construct 14 Fast patrol Vessels for Indian Coast Guard

February

- China tests missile DF-5C with 10 nuclear warheads
- Integrated Underwater Harbour Defence & Surveillance System Launched in Mumbai
- Multinational Naval Drill Aman-17 Begins in Karachi
- 2017 Cobra Gold Exercise Begins in Thailand
- India Successfully Test-Fires Home Grown Interceptor Missile in Odisha coast
- INS Sarvekshak Becomes India's First Ship to be Installed with Solar Power System
- Sailboat INSV Tarini Inducted into Indian Navy on 18 February 2017
- Fast Patrol Vessel of Indian Coast Guard Ship ICGS AYUSH Commissioned at Kochi
- Pakistan Army Launches Military Operation Radd-ul-Fasaad to Eliminate Terrorism

March

- India Successfully Test-Fires Indigenously Developed Supersonic Interceptor Missile
- Navy successfully test-fires anti-ship missile from Kalvari submarine

- DRDO Hands Over 3 of its Developed Products
Weapon Locating Radar (WLR) SWATHI, NBC Recce Vehicle, NBC Drugs to Indian Army
- Indian Navy's Oldest Warship INS Viraat, Decommissions on March 6 After 30-Year Service
- Vice Admiral Girish Luthra Commissions INS Tillanchang at Karwar
- South Korea and United States Begin Annual Military Drill Foal Eagle
- India to train Myanmar Navy to boost strategic cooperation under the 'Act East' policy
- Indo-Nepal joint Military exercise 'Surya Kiran-Xi' begins in Uttarakhand
- Joint Military Exercise AL NAGAH-II Begins Between India-Oman in Himachal Pradesh
- India Successfully Conducts Maiden Tests of Extended Version of BrahMos Supersonic Cruise Missile
- Pakistan successfully test-fires land based anti-ship missile
- Three New Naval System To Indian Navy By DRDO i.e. 1. USHUS –II SUBMARINE SONAR. 2. DIRECTING GEAR FOR HULL-MOUNTED SONAR ARRAY, 3. INTERNAL NAVIGATION SYSTEM FOR SHIP APPLICATION

- Indian Navy Conducts Successful Test-Firing of Surface-to-Air Barak Missile from INS Vikramaditya
- INLCU L51 commissioned into Indian Navy at Port Blair
- De-Induction Of Indian Navy's TU142M Aircraft and Induction of Boeing P8I Into INAS 312

April

- India Mongolia Military Exercise Exercise Nomadic Elephant- XII kicks off in Mizoram
- US conducts successful field test of new B61-12 nuclear bomb
- Coast Guard decommissions ICGS Varad after 27 years
- Nepal and China to Conduct Sagarmatha Friendship
- Joint Indian-French naval exercise 'Varuna' begins at the Mediterranean Sea
- INS Chennai dedicated, Chennai to become hub of Naval activities
- Navy successfully tests land-attack BrahMos supersonic missile
- IAF Inducts Su-30 MKI into Frontline 221 Squadron
- Joint operational doctrine for army, navy, air force unveiled

- India successfully test-fires Agni-III ballistic missile

May

- INS Ganga placed in non-operational category
- Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) missile defense system now operational in South Korea
- Indian Army successfully test-fires advanced Block-III version of Brahmos cruise missile
- India test-fires Agni-II ballistic Missile from Wheeler Island, off Odisha coast
- Cordon and Search Operations (CASO) reintroduced as part of counter-terror ops in Kashmir
- Indian Navy Decommissions Minesweepers - INS Karwar and INS Kakinada
- Bilateral exercise between Indian Republic of Singapore Navy Simbex 17 commences
- 29th India- Indonesia Co-Ordinated Patrol (Corpat) Commences
- Philippines, US begin smaller-scale joint military exercises
- "Jordan, US launch major military exercises " Eager Lion"
- India's INS Tarkash marks 'UK India Year of Culture'

- Joint Hadr Exercise commences at Naval Station Karwar
- Indian Army gets its first two modern artillery gun M777 Ultra Lightweight Howitzer artillery guns from BAE Systems, US almost 30 years after Bofors

June

- Prithvi-II missile successfully test-fired from Odisha
- India successfully test-fires 1st all weather tracked-chassis Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile (QR-SAM)
- Indian Warships reach Australia to take part in Bilateral Maritime Exercise AUSINDEX-17
- DRDO successfully test fires anti-tank guided missile 'Nag' in desert ranges of Rajasthan

July

- Indo-Thai joint military exercise Ex Maitree 2017 begins in Himachal Pradesh
- Trilateral Malabar exercise begins in Chennai
- NATO military drills in Eastern Europe begin in Bulgaria
- China-Russia naval exercise Joint Sea 2017 begins in Baltic Sea.

- Australia and US test-fires multimillion hypersonic missile - Hypersonic International Flight Research Experimentation Program (HIFiRE)
- US Navy tests world's first Laser Weapons System LaWS
- GRSE hands over 2nd LCU Mark IV vessel to Indian Navy
- World's largest supercarrier USS Gerald R Ford commissioned in USA
- Reliance Defence launches first two naval patrol vessels Shachi and Shruti
- Muntra - country's first unmanned tank, rolls out from the Chennai lab

August



- Sri Lankan Navy commissions India-built AOPV
- Indian Coast Guard ship 'Shaurya' commissioned in Goa
- First tri-service "Indra" exercise to be conducted by India and Russia in Oct 2017
- IMMSAREX: India, China to join Indian Ocean exercise in November
- Defence acquisition council (DAC) approves Army to Get 6 Apache Attack Helicopters in Deal worth Rs 4,168 Crore

- Central govt approves nearly Rs.32k crore plan for boosting Coast Guard capabilities
- Ministry of Defence approves delegation of Powers to Border Roads Organisation (BRO)
- Dr. Jagdish Mukhi commissioned IN LCU L52, Second Ship of Landing Craft Utility into the Indian Navy at Port Blair
- US-South Korea begin annual "The Ulchi Freedom Guardian" military
- Indian student develops Nano Missile for Indian Army
- Arun Jaitley hands over Long-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (LRSAM) to Indian Navy jointly developed by India and Israel
- Coast Guard ship 'Varuna' decommissioned
- American Ship USS Pearl Harbor arrived India as part of Defense cooperation
- Government approves first phase of Army reforms of recommendations of Shekatkar Committee with an aim to increase "teeth to tail ratio"

September

- India hands over off-shore patrol vessel Varuna to Sri Lanka

- India and Sri Lanka begin Joint Naval Exercise SLINEX 2017 at Visakhapatnam
- Joint India-Nepal army exercise begins in Saljhandi, Nepal
- Ashok Leyland, ELCOM ink defence pact with Russian firm
- Swedish defence giant Saab, Adani join hands for defence manufacturing
- DRDO successfully flight tested Anti Tank Guided Missile – NAG
- SpaceX launches US Air Force's super-secret mini-shuttle
- Reliance Energy launched digital assistance robot-ELEKTRA
- In accordance with the India's 'Act East Policy', two Indian Naval Ships departed for deployment to East and South-East Asia.
- Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharam flags off INSV Tarini at INS Mandovi
- "Sweden hosts huge war games exercise "Aurora" with NATO
- China, Pakistan air forces launch joint exercise Shaheen VI
- IAF completes development trials of Astra air-to-air missile Astra – Beyond Visual Range Air to Air Missile (BVRAAM) were successfully

- Indigenous artillery gun Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS) sets new record in range – 48KM
- Indian Naval units of Western Naval Command on Long Range Deployment
- IDF, US Army inaugurates first American military base in Israel
- India & US armies begin 'Yudh Abhyas 2017' military exercise in Joint Base Lewis McChord, Washington
- Iron Union 5: Joint military exercise of US and UAE started in Abu Dhabi
- Joint Sea-2017: China, Russia joint naval drills in Russian port city, Vladivostok
- Exercise Panda-Kangaroo 2017: Chinese, Australian conducted 1st joint drills in China
- Turkey hosts NATO naval exercise" Dynamic Monarch"
- Indian Navy commissions INS Tarasa, a Water Jet Fast Attack Craft at Mumbai
- New interceptor boat V-409 launched
- DRUZBA 2017: Pak, Russia holds joint military drill in Minralney Vody, Russia
- Pakistani Navy successfully tests anti-ship missile
- Coast Guard commissions 2 high speed interceptor boats

October

- Mitra Shakti 2017: India-Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise held in Pune
- INS Satpura, Kadmat participates in Passage Exercise in Japan
- Sixteen planes of the Indian Air Force performed breathtaking landings and touch-and-go manoeuvres on a stretch of the Lucknow-Agra Expressway today. A 35,000 kg C-130J Super Hercules aircraft landed first with Garud Special Forces commandos to secure the landing zone as part of the drill.
- Defence Ministry to raise three new tri-service agencies 1. Defence Cyber Agency 2. Defence Space Agency 3. Special Operations Division
- INS Kiltan commissioned into Indian Navy in Visakhapatnam.
- 4th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus to be held in Philippines
- INDRA 2017: First tri-services military exercise between India-Russia begins
- All-women crew of Navika Sagar Parikrama expedition reaches Fremantle.
- Sri Lankan Coast Guard commissions OPV SURAKSHA gifted by India.
- 27 October: Infantry Day.

- Indian Navy approves new mission-based deployment plan.
- Indian Army finalises plan to modernise weapons. Around 7 lakh rifles, 44,000 LMGs and nearly 44,600 carbines will be acquired for infantry modernisation.
- OPV Vikram: L&T hand overs first defence vessel built in private shipyard to Coast Guard.

November

- Indra-2017: Joint Indo-Russia Tri-Services Exercise successfully conducted.
- Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) clears mega project to acquire 111 helicopters for Indian Navy.
- Indian Army releases Integrated Quarter Master Package Software Application.
- PRABAL DOSTYK 2017: Indo – Kazakhstan Joint Exercise begins.
- Smart Anti Airfield Weapon: DRDO successfully tests light weight glide bomb Smart Anti Airfield Weapon (SAAW).
- India offers to share real-time maritime data with 10 Indian Ocean littoral states.
- NIRBHAY Sub-Sonic Cruise Missile successfully flight tested.

- CATOBAR: India Navy to use US aircraft launch system in ship.
- EX BLUE FLAG-17' kicked off along with air forces from nine countries - the largest aerial exercise ever held by the Israel Defense Forces. For the first time, the Indian Air Force or IAF is participating in Blue Flag 2017.
- Indian Army will soon get new generation, state-of-the-art tanks called the Future Ready Combat Vehicle (FRCV), numbering over 1700, to replace the ageing Soviet-era T-72 tanks.
- Indian Air Force's 'flying daggers' squadron expected to shift from Bengaluru to Tamil Nadu's Coimbatore.

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