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- ▶ *FIPSPHYSIOCON 2017* - Conference on Human Physiology - VII Congress of Federation of Indian Physiological Societies (FIPS) and XXIX Annual Conference of Physiological Society of India (PSI) organised at University of Delhi.
- ▶ 14 day joint training exercise *PRABAL DOSTYK – 2017* between Indian and Kazakhstan Armies commenced at Bakloh (Himachal Pradesh)
- ▶ 14-day long Combined India-UK Military exercise *Ajeya Warrior- 2017* began in Rajasthan.
- ▶ 45 Member Contingent of Indian Air Force left for Israel to participate in exercise 'Blue Flag-17', onboard a C-130J special operations aircraft. Exercise will be conducted in First week of November 2017. This is first time the Indian Air Force is operating with Israeli AF in a multilateral exercise.
- ▶ 5th India-Sri Lanka Joint Army Exercise MITRA SHAKTI 2017 Organized in Pune.
- ▶ 7th Joint Army exercise of Indian and Bangladeshi armies - *Sampriti 2017* began at Vairengte in Mizoram. It will last till Nov 18, 2017.
- ▶ 8th India - Maldives bilateral military exercise EKUVERIN 2017 held in Belagavi (Karnataka).
- ▶ DRDO successfully test fired Made-In-India Surface-to-Air Missile (QRSAM), capable of deceiving enemy radars making it difficult to be detected. It can strike within 30 KMs and will supplement medium-range surface-to-air missile Akash.
- ▶ Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) chaired by Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman accorded acceptance of necessity (AoN) for procurement 111 naval utility helicopters (NUHs) worth Rs 21,738 crore for Indian Navy.
  - ▶ DAC is Defence Ministry's highest decision-making body on procurement. After DAC gives AoN, request for proposal can be issued to firms, seeking their bids.
- ▶ Defence Ministry approved procurement of 260 Software Defined Radios (SDR) for Indian Navy at cost of 490 crores to ramp up surveillance on high seas, Developed by DRDO's Defence Electronics & Applications Laboratory (DEAL). These SDRs will be first batch of indigenously designed and developed software defined radio sets to be procured by any of three services.
- ▶ Defence Ministry launched 'ARPAN Version 3.0' software for Defence Security Corp, developed by Tech Mahindra. It would simplify personal documentation and all issues related to DSC Personnel's progression.
- ▶ Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully tested India's first indigenously developed Long Range Sub-Sonic Cruise Missile - *NIRBHAY*. It has operational range of 1000 - 1500 KM.
- ▶ Defence of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Exercise (DANX) conducted by Army's Andaman & Nicobar Command.
- ▶ Exercise INDRA-2017, First ever Tri Services Joint Exercise between Indian and Russian Armed Forces conducted in Eastern Military District of Russia.
- ▶ First India-Myanmar Bilateral Military Exercise 2017 (IMBAX 2017) started at Umroi Joint Training Node in Meghalaya (6 days long).
- ▶ INS Kalvari, first of 6 Scorpene-class submarines has been commissioned into Indian Navy, as a significant success for the Make in India initiative. Submarines are being indigenously built by Mazagaon Dockyard in Mumbai under Project 75 in collaboration with French industrial group DCNS.
- ▶ INS Sukanya Arrived in Indonesia for participating in 30th CORPAT (Coordinated Patrol) and 3rd Joint Naval exercise between India and Indonesia.
- ▶ India and Oman Navies completed 11th Joint exercise *Naseem Al Bahr OR Sea Breeze*.

19. ▶ India cancelled a \$500 million deal for procuring Spike ATGM (Anti-Tank Guided Missile) from Israel, keeping in view the fact that importing a foreign ATGM would negatively impact indigenous development of weapon system by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
20. ▶ Indian Air Force successfully fired BrahMos air version anti shipping missile from Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft.
  - ✍ BrahMos missile is a 2.5 ton supersonic air to surface cruise missile with ranges of more than 400 kms. IAF is first Air Force in world to have successfully fired an air launched 2.8 Mach surface attack missile of this category.
21. ▶ Indian Army approved huge procurement plans for infantry modernization at a cost of nearly Rs 40,000 crore to replace aging weapons. Under this, Approx 7 lakh rifles, 44,000 light machine guns (LMGs) and nearly 44,600 carbines will be procured.
22. ▶ Indian Army launched Integrated Quarter Master Package (IQMP) software application for automating various logistics related functions of an Army Unit, developed by Army Software Development Centre in association with TCS.
  - ✍ It will replace numerous legacy applications such as 'Vastra' and 'Quarter Master Package' and will automate all logistics functions of Indian Army at unit level.
  - ✍ IQMP will help in effective logistics management and decision making, assisting Indian Army units to be battle ready all time.
23. ▶ Indian Army launched an independent and fully-integrated Joint Training Node (JTN) at Umroi cantonment in Shillong, aimed at hosting foreign armies in joint military exercises. It is the first of its kind in eastern command and is different from other joint training centres in Belgaum, Varangte and Bakloh.
24. ▶ Indian Coast Guard Ship *Sujay* (6th (last) in series of 105m Offshore Patrol Vessels) has been commissioned.
25. ▶ Indian Coast Guard conducted Regional Level Marine Oil Pollution Response Exercise *Clean Sea - 2017* at sea off Port Blair (Andaman and Nicobar Islands).
26. ▶ Indian Naval Ships Satpura and Kadmatt participated in Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with Japanese Marine Self Defence Force (JMSDF) held at Sasebo (Japan).
27. ▶ Indian Navy signed contract with Tata Power SED under *Buy and Make* category, through which Tata Power SED will supply Portable Diver Detection Sonar (PDDS) for Indian Navy.
28. ▶ Indian and Japan Navies initiated an intensive air anti-submarine warfare exercise in Indian Ocean. It has P-8 I Long Range Maritime Reconnaissance Anti Submarine Warfare of Indian Navy and 2 P-3 Orion Anti Submarine Warfare aircraft of Japanese Navy.
29. ▶ Indigenously developed Prithvi Advanced Air Defence (AAD) supersonic interceptor missile has been successfully test-fired.
30. ▶ Indigenously-built anti-submarine warfare stealth corvette INS Kiltan has been commissioned into Indian Navy.
  - ✍ It is India's first major warship to have a superstructure of carbon fibre composite material resulting in improved stealth features, lower top weight and maintenance costs.
31. ▶ Larsen and Toubro (L&T) handed over offshore patrol vessel (OPV) *Vikram* to Indian Coast Guard. It is country's first-ever such defence vessel to be built in a private shipyard.
32. ▶ Ministry of Defence (MoD) will raise 3 new tri-service agencies - Defence Cyber Agency, Defence Space Agency and a Special Operations Division. These will be headed by officers of rank of Major General (equivalent in Navy and Indian Air Force).
  - ✍ Defence Cyber Agency will work in close coordination with National Cyber Security Advisor and It will focus on non-civilian cyber issues, including safeguarding critical infrastructure. It will have over 1,000 personnel.
  - ✍ Defence Space Agency will work closely with ISRO and DRDO for better utilisation and integration of space resources. It will have over 200 personnel.
  - ✍ Special Operations Division will have components of Special Forces of Army, Navy and IAF and will be trained together for various external contingencies.
33. ▶ Navy, the Air Force, Coast Guard Initiated *Operation Synergy* as a joint rescue mission to save fishermen stranded in seas after cyclone Ockhi, in Kerala.
34. ▶ Odisha and West Bengal held joint coast guard security exercise *Sagar Kavach*, to tighten existing coastal security mechanism.
35. ▶ President Ram Nath Kovind awarded President's Colour to Submarine Arm of Indian Navy.
  - ✍ President's Colour is highest honour which can be bestowed upon any military unit.
36. ▶ Surface to Air Missile AKASH has been tested successfully with indigenous radio frequency seeker.
  - ✍ AKASH missile is being inducted into Army as Short Range Surface to Air Missile (SRSAM) with range under 25 KM. This is first Surface to Air Missile with indigenous seeker that has been test fired.
37. ▶ USA will provide Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System (EMALS) technology to India for aircraft carriers. It will help to launch heavy combat planes from short runway of an aircraft carrier using electromagnetic force, instead of old steam-powered catapults.

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