

Major activities of Department of Defence for the month of May, 2017

- (1) A Memorandum of Agreement (MoU) between India and Fiji concerning bilateral Defence Cooperation was signed on May 29, 2017 during the visit of Minister of Defence and National Security of the Republic of Fiji to India.
- (2) The policy and criteria for selection of strategic partners have been finalized with the approval of Defence Acquisition Council on May 20, 2017. The policy and criteria are laid out in Chapter VII of the Defence Procurement Procedure 2016, which has since been uploaded on the Ministry's Website.
- (3) Defence Minister gave away Raksha Mantri's Award for Excellence for the years 2014-15 and 2015-16 in recognition of exemplary performance amongst Ordnance Factories and the Defence Public Sector Undertakings in New Delhi on May 20, 2017.
- (4) The Union Cabinet has accorded its approval to the Faculty Exchange Agreement signed between the National Defence College, New Delhi and National Defence College, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- (5) In pursuance of India's Act East Policy', Indian Naval Ships Shivalik and Jyoti were on overseas deployment to the South East Asia and Southern Indian Ocean. The ships had been on a port visit to Kuantan from May 14 to 19, 2017.
- (6) A contract for procurement of 100 Tracked Self Propelled Artillery Guns at a cost of Rs. 4366 crore from M/s Larsen & Toubro was signed on May 9, 2017.
- (7) A contract for procurement of 20 mm gun ammunition and associated equipment for Indian Air Force and Indian Army was signed on May 19, 2017 with M/s Nexter Munitions, France at the total cost of Rs. 409.10 crore.
- (8) One Auxiliary Barge (Urja) Shrota) was inducted in Indian Coast Guard on May 5, 2017.
- (9) The Indian Coast Guard assisted in the repatriation of 03 Indian fishermen from Sri Lanka on May 11, 2017.