

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

- (1) The Hon'ble President and Supreme Commander of the Indian Armed Forces Shri Pranab Mukherjee conferred one Kirti Chakra and 13 Shaurya Chakras to Armed Forces Personnel on April 6, 2017 for displaying conspicuous gallantry, indomitable courage and extreme devotion to duty. One Kirti Chakra and four Shaurya Chakra were given posthumously. The President also conferred 15 Param Vishisht Seva Medals, two Uttam Yuddh Seva Medals, one Bar to Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and 27 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals to senior officers of the Armed Forces for distinguished service of an exceptional order.
- (2) A Memorandum of Agreement between India and Bangladesh on Defence Cooperation was signed on April 8, 2017 during the visit of Prime Minister of Bangladesh to India from April 7-10, 2017.
- (3) A delegation led by UK Secretary of Defence visited India and had a meeting with Hon'ble Raksha Mantri on April 13, 2017 in New Delhi.
- (4) A delegation led by Hon'ble Raksha Mantri visited Russia from April 26-27, 2017 to participate in the 6th Moscow Conference on International Security.
- (5) A delegation led by Defence Minister of Canada visited India and had a meeting with Hon'ble Raksha Mantri on April 18, 2017 in New Delhi.
- (6) 9th meeting of Joint Military Cooperation Committee (JMCC) with Oman, co-chaired by Defence Secretary, was held on April 17, 2017 in New Delhi.
- (7) A delegation led by Defence Secretary visited Israel to attend the meeting of 13th Joint Working Group (JWG) on Defence Cooperation with Israel from April 25-26, 2017.
- (8) India and the Republic of Korea (RoK) signed an inter-governmental Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Defence Industry Co-operation in Shipbuilding in New Delhi on April 21, 2017. The MoU will help the 'Make in India' initiative.
- (9) Indian Air Force has implemented a pan India Centralised Disbursement System (CDS) of Salary for its Air Warriors and Civilian employees. Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa launched the CDS on April 3, 2017. This endeavour is in line with the Prime Minister's directions on 'Digital India' mission. Indian Air Force has achieved 100% digitisation and central online remittance of salaries.
- (10) Indian Navy successfully undertook the firing of long range BrahMos Land Attack Supersonic Cruise Missile from a ship on April 21, 2017.