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KEY EVENTS

Defence Investiture Ceremony 2025 (Phase-II) Held

President Droupadi Murmu conferred 92 Distinguished Service Decorations to the personnel of the Armed Forces, Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and Border Roads Organisation (BRO) during the Defence Investiture Ceremony 2025 (Phase-II) at Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi on 4 June 2025. Adm Dinesh K Tripathi, CNS, presented Gallantry and Distinguished Service Awards to Naval Personnel on behalf of the Hon'ble President of India at the Naval Investiture Ceremony held on 27 June 2025. A total of 51 personnel were conferred with the awards.

Raksha Mantri Holds Meeting with Australian Deputy PM and Defence Minister

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh held a meeting with Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Richard Marles in New Delhi on 4 June 2025. The two Ministers welcomed the signing of the Australia-India Joint Research Project and agreed to intensify and diversify defence industry collaboration.

Raksha Mantri: Government has Transformed India's Security Apparatus

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh, while addressing a conference in Dehradun, Uttarakhand on 10 June 2025, asserted that the government has transformed India's security apparatus. The RM described Operation Sindoor as the biggest action taken against terrorism in Indian history.

Raksha Mantri Commends Armed Forces for Op Sindoor

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh, while interacting with soldiers at Northern Command, Udhampur, Jammu & Kashmir on 20 June 2025, commended the precision, coordination and courage of the Armed Forces and intelligence agencies in destroying terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK).

Raksha Mantri Authorises CDS & Secretary, DMA to Issue Joint Orders

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh has authorised the CDS and Secretary, DMA to issue Joint Instructions and Joint Orders for all three Services. The first Joint Order was released on 24 June 2025.

Raksha Mantri Attends SCO Defence Ministers Meeting

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh, at the SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting at Qingdao, China on 26 June 2025, laid down the broad contours of India's transitional shift in its policy against terrorism and called upon the member countries to unite in eliminating the menace. On the side lines of the meeting, the RM held bilateral meetings with the Chinese, Belarussian, Tajik and Kazakh Defence Ministers.

Raksha Rajya Mantri Announces the Expansion of NCC by Three Lakh Cadets

Raksha Rajya Mantri (RRM) Sanjay Seth, addressing a senior NCC Officer's conference in Bhopal on 3 June 2025, announced the planned expansion of NCC by Three lakh cadets across the country.

RRM Visits Shimla-Based Army Training Command

RRM Sanjay Seth visited the Army Training Command (ARTRAC) based in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh on 9 June 2025. He was apprised by GOC-in-C, ARTRAC Lt Gen Devendra Sharma on the pivotal role played by the Command in the form of institutionalised training through 34 prestigious training establishments.

RRM Visits Kenya and Madagascar

RRM Sanjay Seth led a delegation that visited Kenya and Madagascar from 23-26 June 2025. In Kenya, the RRM and the Cabinet Secretary for Defence of the Republic of Kenya, Roselinda Soipan Tuya, EGH, jointly unveiled the India-Africa Commemorative Pillar at Mile 27, Taita Taveta County, on 23 June 2025. In [Antananarivo](#), Madagascar, the RRM represented India at the 65th Independence Day celebrations of Madagascar and the creation of Malagasy Armed Forces. The RRM held a bilateral meeting with Minister of Armed Forces of Madagascar Lt Gen Sahivelo Lala Monja Delphin.

RRM Visits DMSRDE, Kanpur

RRM Sanjay Seth on 29 June 2025 visited Defence Materials and Stores Research & Development Establishment (DMSRDE), a Kanpur-based laboratory of DRDO. RRM appreciated the efforts of DMSRDE in developing advanced products such as Bullet Proof Jacket (Level-6), Naphthyl Fuel for BrahMos Missile and Activated Carbon Fabric-based CBRN Suit, among others.

Ninth India-South Africa Joint Defence Committee Meeting Held

Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh led the Indian delegation to South Africa for the 9th Joint Defence Committee (JDC) meeting held in Johannesburg on 23-24 June 2025. The South African delegation was headed by Acting Secretary for Defence Thobekile Gamede. Two agreements in the domain of submarine cooperation were exchanged.

Tri-Services All-Women Sailing Expedition Team Returns Home

The Tri-Services All-Women Sailing Expedition team aboarda 'Triveni' returned home on 4 June 2025, after a 1,800-nautical-mile voyage to Seychelles. The expedition was launched on 7 April 2025 and was the first-ever international open-sea sailing mission by an all-women team from the Indian Armed Forces.

NCC Cadets Given Hero's Welcome after Historic Mount Everest Summit

An NCC Mount Everest Expedition Team comprising five boys and five girls with an average age of just 19 was warmly received at DGNCC Camp, New Delhi on 5 June 2025 after successfully summiting the world's highest peak on 18 May 2025. RRM Sanjay Seth interacted with the NCC team on 11 June 2025 and lauded the efforts of the cadets.

Sri Lankan Army Commander Visits India

Lt Gen BKGM Lasantha Rodrigo, Commander of the Sri Lanka Army, graced

the Passing Out Parade at the Indian Military Academy (IMA), Dehradun, as the Reviewing Officer on 14 June 2025. Gen Rodrigo was commissioned in December 1990, with the 87th Course of the IMA.

Combined Graduation Parade (CGP) Held at Air Force Academy

ACM AP Singh, Chief of the Air Staff, was the Reviewing Officer (RO) of the Combined Graduation Parade (CGP) held at the Air Force Academy (AFA), Dundigal, Hyderabad on 14 June 2025. A total of 254 Flight Cadets graduated.

Defence Cyber Agency Organises 'Cyber Suraksha' Exercise

'Cyber Suraksha', a comprehensive cyber security exercise was organised by Defence Cyber Agency under the aegis of Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff, from 16-27 June 2025. The exercise was designed to simulate real-world cyber threats, reinforce secure practices, and test the analytical and defensive cyber skills of participants in a high-paced, gamified environment.

MoD Initiates Comprehensive Review of DAP 2020

The MoD has initiated a comprehensive review of the Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020. A Committee headed by the DG (Acquisition) has been constituted to carry out extensive deliberations with all stakeholders. Former DG (Acquisition), Apurva Chandra, will serve as the Principal Advisor to the Committee.

Indian Navy Hosts IONS Working Group Meeting on Maritime Security

The Indian Navy hosted the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Working Group Meeting on Maritime Security (IWGMARSEC) from 24-25 June 2025 in New Delhi. The event brought together representatives from 13 IONS member nations (Australia, Bangladesh, France, India, Kenya, Mozambique, Oman, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and Thailand).

QUAD Nations Launch First-Ever 'At Sea Observer Mission'

The Coast Guards of India, Japan, the United States, and Australia launched the first-ever 'QUAD at Sea Ship Observer Mission' under the Wilmington Declaration. Two officers from each country embarked on board US Coast Guard Cutter (USCGC) Stratton, sailing to Guam.

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MoD Concludes Emergency Procurement Contracts worth Nearly ₹2,000 Crore

The MoD concluded 13 contracts under the Emergency Procurement (EP) mechanism amounting to ₹1,981.90 crore on 24 June 2025. The procurement aims to enhance situational awareness, lethality, mobility, and protection for troops deployed in CT environments.

Indian Navy Commissions 'ARNALA', First in ASW-SWC Series

The Indian Navy commissioned the first Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water

Craft (ASW-SWC), Arnala, at Naval Dockyard, [Visakhapatnam](#), on 18 June 2025. The ceremony was presided over by Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Gen Anil Chauhan. The ceremony was attended by senior officers including representatives from Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) and L&T Shipbuilding.

ICG Inaugurates Dedicated Jetty at Vizhinjam Harbour

Indian Coast Guard (ICG) DG Paramesh Sivamani inaugurated a dedicated ICG jetty at Vizhinjam Harbour, Kerala on 7 June 2025. The jetty is expected to play a critical role in securing India's southwestern coastline.

DRDO Lab Transfers Technologies of Nine Systems to 10 Industries

The Vehicles Research & Development Establishment (VRDE), a DRDO laboratory located in Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra, transferred technologies of nine systems to 10 industries, in the presence of Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman, DRDO Dr Samir V Kamat on 7 June 2025.

Keel Laying of Fourth Ex-GSL NGOPV (Yard 1283) Held

The Keel Laying ceremony of Yard 1283, the fourth Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) being built by Goa Shipyard Ltd. (GSL) was held on 9 June 2025. The NGOPVs, with an approximate tonnage of 3000T, are designed for Coastal Defence and Surveillance, Search and Rescue operations, Protection of Offshore Assets, and Anti-Piracy missions.

Fifth FPV 'Achal' Built by Goa Shipyard Ltd Launched for ICG

'Achal', the fifth Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) in a series of eight being constructed by GSL for the ICG, was ceremoniously launched on 16 June 2025.

DRDO and IIT Delhi Demonstrate Quantum Tech

India entered into a new quantum era by successfully demonstrating a key technology through DRDO-Industry-Academia Centre of Excellence (DIA-CoE), IIT Delhi on 16 June 2025. The free-space quantum secure communication using quantum entanglement over a distance of more than one km was achieved via a free-space optical link.

Steel Cutting of Fourth Fleet Support Ship for Indian Navy Held

The 'Steel Cutting' ceremony of fourth of the five Fleet Support Ships (FSS) was held at Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) on 19 June 2025, in presence of Adm Dinesh K Tripathi, CNS.

ICG Inducts 'Adamya', the first FPV Out of the Eight Being Built by GSL

'Adamya' the first Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) under the eight FPV Project at GSL was inducted in the ICG on 26 June 2025 in Goa. The FPV is the first ship in its class within the ICG fleet to feature Controllable Pitch Propellers (CPPs) and indigenously developed gearboxes, offering superior maneuverability, operational flexibility, and enhanced performance at sea.

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EUNAVFOR Ships Visit India

ESPS Reina Sofia, commanded by Cdr Salvador Moreno Regil, Spanish Navy and ITS Antonio Marceglia, commanded by Cdr Alberto Bartolomeo, Italian Navy, visited Mumbai from 26 May-1 June 2025 for an operational turn around. Both ships presently operate under European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR). This was the first such visit to India by EUNAVFOR ships. Rear Admiral Davide Da Pozzo, Force Commander, Op Atalanta, also interacted with Rear Admiral Vidyadhar Harke VSM, Chief Staff Officer (Operations), Western Naval Command.

Indian Army Contingent Participates in Military Exercise Khaan Quest

An Indian Army contingent participated in multinational military exercise [KHAAN QUEST](#), from 14-28 June 2025. The 17th edition of the India-Mongolia Joint Military Exercise NOMADIC ELEPHANT also concluded on 13 June 2025 at Ulaanbaatar.

Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh along with Lt Gen Pushpendra Singh, DG (Operational Logistics and Strategic Movement), attended the closing ceremony.

India-France Joint Military Exercise Shakti Held

An Indian Army contingent participated in the 8th edition of the biennial India-French Joint Military Exercise SHAKTI. The exercise was conducted at Camp Larzac, La Cavalerie, France from 18 June-1 July 2025.

INS Teg Visits Mauritius, Seychelles

INS Teg, on her Operational Deployment to the South West Indian Ocean Region, visited Port Louis, Mauritius from 19-22 June 2025. The ship undertook joint surveillance of Mauritian EEZ along with the Mauritius National Coast Guard (NCG) ships and aircraft. INS Teg also visited Port Victoria, Seychelles, for a port call from 26-30 June 2025.

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