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## KEY EVENTS

### RRM is Chief Guest at Strategic Culture Seminar-cum-Exhibition

A seminar-cum-exhibition on 'Historical Patterns of Indian Strategic Culture' was [held](#) at in New Delhi on 21 May 2024. Raksha Rajya Mantri Ajay Bhatt graced the event as the Chief Guest. The RRM commended the Indian Army and the United Service Institution of India (USI) for the 'Project Udbhav' initiative, which aims to explore the country's ancient texts and oral traditions to unearth invaluable insights into its strategic culture.

### CDS Chairs Parivartan Chintan II

A Two-day 'Parivartan Chintan II' was [held](#) in New Delhi on 9–10 May 2024, under the [chairmanship](#) of the CDS, Gen Anil Chauhan. The event discussed various issues related to the ongoing process of theaterisation. The CDS emphasised the need for expediting the progress of the initiatives to create a Multi Domain Response capable Indian Armed Forces.

### CDS: Technology Driving Revolution in Military Affairs

CDS Gen Anil Chauhan [stated](#) that technology is driving the Revolution in Military Affairs, underscoring the need for amalgamation of present technologies and investment in future emerging technologies. He was addressing the Department of Atomic Energy on the occasion of National Technology Day on 11 May 2024.

### CDS Interacts with Agniveer Trainees

CDS Gen Anil Chauhan [stated](#) that Agniveers are not just soldiers but also leaders, innovators and defenders of the nation's sovereignty. He was interacting with the Agniveers undergoing training at Maratha Regimental Centre and Airmen Training School (ATS), Belagavi on 20 May 2024.

### CDS: Jointness 2.0 Is the Way Forward

CDS Gen Anil Chauhan called upon the three services to create a Joint Culture as they move towards [forming](#) Joint Operational Structures, while delivering 22<sup>nd</sup> Major General Samir Sinha Memorial Lecture at USI of India, New Delhi on 21 May 2024. The CDS termed Jointness & Integration as pre-requisites to the creation of functional Integrated Theatre Commands.

### CDS Attends Exercise Cyber Suraksha 2024

CDS Gen Anil Chauhan [attended](#) 'Exercise Cyber Suraksha 2024' conducted by Defence Cyber Agency on 22 May 2024 and underscored the importance of strengthening India's cyber defence capabilities.

### CDS Visits HQ Training Command of IAF in Bengaluru

CDS General Anil Chauhan [visited](#) the Training Command of the Indian Air Force (IAF) headquartered in Bengaluru, Karnataka on 24 May 2024. The CDS lauded the efforts of all personnel towards

creating synergy amongst the Services in conduct of the training.

### **CDS Visits Aircraft and Systems Testing Establishment**

CDS Gen Anil Chauhan [visited](#) Aircraft and Systems Testing Establishment (ASTE) and Air Force Test Pilots School (AFTPS) in Bengaluru on 24 May 2024. Gen Chauhan presided over the valedictory function of the 46 Flight Test Course conducted at AFTPS.

### **Inter-Services Organisations (Command, Control & Discipline) Act Notified**

The Inter-Services Organisations (Command, Control and Discipline) Act has been [notified](#) through a Gazette Notification to be enforced with effect from 10 May 2024. The bill was passed by both the Houses of Parliament during the Monsoon Session of 2023. The Act will be a step towards greater integration & jointness among the Armed Forces personnel.

### **Chief of Army Staff Reviews Passing Out Parade of 146<sup>th</sup> Course of NDA**

COAS Gen Manoj Pande [reviewed](#) the Passing Out Parade of 146<sup>th</sup> Course of National Defence Academy at Khadakwasla on 24 May 2024. 1265 cadets participated in the parade of which 337 cadets were from the passing out Course. This included 199 Army Cadets, 38 Naval Cadets & 100 Air Force cadets including 19 cadets from Friendly Foreign Countries

(Bhutan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar & Maldives). A contingent of 24 female cadets, presently in their third and fourth term of training, also took part in the parade.

### **COAS Gets One Month Extension**

The Appointments Committee of Cabinet on 26 May 2024 [approved](#) the extension in service of COAS General Manoj C Pande, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC for a period of one month, beyond his normal age of superannuation (31 May 2024), i.e. up to June 30, 2024. He was appointed as the COAS on April 30, 2022. He was commissioned in December 1982 in the Corps of Engineers (The Bombay Sappers).

### **Dr Samir Kamat Gets One Year Extension**

The Appointment Committee of Cabinet on 27 May 2024 [approved](#) the extension in service of Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Dr Samir V Kamat for a period of one year, up to May 31, 2025.

### **Sixth Edition of Commandants' Conclave held in Pune**

The sixth edition of Commandants' Conclave was [held](#) at Military Institute of Technology, Pune under the aegis of HQ Integrated Defence Staff on 7 May 2024. The conclave served as a platform for the commandants to engage in discussions on fostering joint culture and adoption of new technologies in training the future leaders of the Armed Forces.

**Maroon Beret Ceremonial Parade Held**

To mark the successful completion of training of Air Force Special Forces ‘Garud’ Commandos, Maroon Beret Ceremonial Parade was [held](#) on 18 May 2024 at Garud Regimental Training Centre (GRTC), Air Force Station Chandinagar. Air Marshal PK Vohra, Senior Air Staff Officer, Western Air Command was the Reviewing officer for the parade.

**7<sup>th</sup> India-Indonesia Joint Defence Cooperation Committee Meeting Held**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting between India and Indonesia was [held](#) in New Delhi on 03 May 2024. Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane and Secretary General of the Ministry of Defence, Indonesia, Air Marshal Donny Taufanto, M.D.S. co-chaired the meeting. AM Tuafanto visited the DRDO headquarters in New Delhi as well as TATA Advanced Systems and L&T Defence facilities in Pune. He also held deliberations with Bharat Forge, Mahindra Defence & Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited. He also called on the CDS General Anil Chauhan.

**Director General Defence Intelligence Agency Visits Tanzania**

DG Defence Intelligence Agency (DG DIA) Lieutenant General DS Rana [visited](#) the United Republic of Tanzania from 13-15 May 2024. The DG interacted with senior military leadership of Tanzania, including the CDS of Tanzania Peoples’ Defence Force, General Jacob John

Mkunda, and his counterpart Maj Gen MN Mkeremy, Chief of Defence Intelligence.

**Second India–Australia–Indonesia Maritime Security Workshop Held**

The 2nd edition of India–Australia–Indonesia Trilateral Maritime Security Workshop (TMSW) was [conducted](#) from 15–17 May 2024, at INS Dronacharya, Kochi, India. The theme of the workshop was ‘Indian Ocean Region: Collaborative Efforts to Enhance Regional Maritime Security’.

**12<sup>th</sup> India-Mongolia JWG Meeting Held**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Joint Working Group (JWG) [meeting](#) between India and Mongolia took place in Ulaanbaatar on 16-17 May 2024.

**Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd Completes 250 Years**

Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL) on 14 May 2024 [celebrated](#) the completion of 250 years. Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane [termed](#) the MDL as a precious jewel of India and commended it for being the country’s biggest shipyard.

**BRO Celebrates 65<sup>th</sup> Raising Day**

The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) [celebrated](#) its 65<sup>th</sup> Raising Day on 7 May 2024. Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane lauded the BRO for fulfilling its responsibilities successfully in inhospitable terrain and tough weather conditions. DG, Border Roads Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan stated that the pan-India presence of the BRO reflects its commitment to national security, connectivity and development.

## ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT

### Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo System Successfully Flight-Tested

Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART) system was successfully [flight-tested](#) on 1 May 2024. SMART enhances the anti-submarine warfare capability of the Indian Navy far beyond the conventional range of lightweight torpedo.

### Keel Laying Ceremony of First Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel Held

The keel laying ceremony of the first NGOPV (ex-GSL) was [held](#) at M/s Goa Shipyard Ltd, Goa on 3 May 2024. The NGOPVs will be utilised for performing missions such as Anti-Piracy, Coastal Defence & Surveillance, Search & Rescue and Protection of Offshore Assets.

### ICG Inks MoU with Private Sector for Indigenous Marine Grade Steel

ICG and Jindal Steel & Power (JSP), on 7 May 2024, [signed](#) a MoU for the supply of indigenous marine grade steel.

### Keel Laying Ceremony of 8<sup>th</sup> ASW SWC (ex-GRSE) Held

The keel laying ceremony of the 8<sup>th</sup> ASW SWC (ex-GRSE) was [held](#) at M/s GRSE, Kolkata on 10 May 2024. The Arnala Class of ships will replace the in-service Abhay class ASW Corvettes of Indian Navy and are designed to undertake anti-submarine operations in coastal waters, Low Intensity

Maritime Operations (LIMO) and Mine Laying Operations.

### DRDO Holds 8<sup>th</sup> Technology Council Meeting

The DRDO [organised](#) the 8<sup>th</sup> Technology Council Meeting in New Delhi on 9 May 2024 to review the status of induction of DRDO technologies into the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), Police and NDRF under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

### DRDO Celebrates National Technology Day 2024

DRDO celebrated the National Technology Day 2024 by [organising](#) various lectures and orations in its laboratories & establishments on 10 May 2024. National Technology Day is celebrated on 11 May every year commemorating the successful nuclear tests conducted by India.

### ICG Signs MoU for Supply of Indigenous Marine-Grade Aluminium

ICG and Hindalco Industries, on 9 May 2024, [inked](#) a MoU for the manufacturing and supply of indigenous marine-grade aluminium to Indian public and private shipyards for the construction of ships.

### RudraM-II Air-To-Surface Missile Successfully Flight-Tested by DRDO

DRDO successfully [flight-tested](#) the RudraM-II air-to-surface missile from Su-30 MK-I platform of the IAF on 29 May 2024. It is an indigenously-developed solid-propelled air-launched missile system

meant for Air-to-Surface role to neutralise enemy assets.

### **Steel-Cutting Ceremony for First ICG NGOPV Held**

The steel-cutting ceremony for the first Next-Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel ([NGOPV](#)) took place at MDL Mumbai on 31 May 2024. Six NGOPVs are being procured for the ICG at a total cost of Rs 1,614.89 crore.

## **DEFENCE DIPLOMACY**

### **Jordan Armed Forces Training Delegation Visits SNC and INA**

A three member Jordan Armed Forces (JAF) training delegation led by Cdr Hazem I Maitah [visited](#) Southern Naval Command (SNC), Kochi and Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala from 29 April-4 May 24. VAdm Vineet McCarty, Commandant of INA shared insights on training methodologies, leadership strategies and operational experiences.

### **Eastern Fleet Deployment to South China Sea**

Indian Naval Ships Delhi, Shakti, and Kiltan led by RAdm Rajesh Dhankhar, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet [visited](#) Singapore from 6-9 May 2024 reaffirming the commitment to enhance maritime security and stability in the region. These ships also [visited](#) Manila, Philippines as part of Operational Deployment of the Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet to South China Sea.

### **INS Kiltan Visits Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam and Muara, Brunei**

INS Kiltan [arrived](#) at Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam on 12 May 2024, as part of the Operational Deployment of the Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet. The visit concluded with a Maritime Partnership Exercise at sea between the Indian Navy and Vietnam People's Navy. It [arrived](#) at Muara, Brunei on 25 May 2024, and was accorded a warm welcome by the Royal Brunei Navy.

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