

Defence Current Affairs - April

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. United States & South Korea began their joint military training exercise named 'Foal Eagle. Foal Eagle, the largest annual joint military exercise in South Korea, usually runs about two months. 2. The Turkish Atomic Energy Authority (TAEK) was awarded a construction licence for Akkuyu NPP, Turkey's first nuclear power plant, which is being built in Mersin province, in southern Turkey. JSC Akkuyu Nuklear is the Russian-owned company which is responsible for the project. 3. Indo-Korean joint anti-piracy, search & rescue exercise 'Sahyog- Hyeoblyeog 2018' was conducted off the Chennai coast, in Tamil Nadu. The Korean Coast Guard ship 'Bodaro' took part in the exercise. 4. Indian Air Force (IAF) is going to conduct its biggest ever combat exercise named Gagan Shakti, 2018 along Pakistan & China borders. Depending upon the order of the Air Force Chief, the Air Force will mobilise its assets in the war scenario within 48 hours of the orders. 5. United Arab Emirates (UAE) & Malaysia concluded joint military exercise "Desert Tiger 5" aimed at sharing expertise & enhancing joint military actions in Dubai, UAE. 6. The tenth edition of a biennial exhibition of weapons & military hardware - DefExpo India- 2018 held at Kancheepuram in Tamil Nadu. 7. The Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) & the Groupement des Industries Françaises Aeronautiques et Spatiales (GIFAS) signed an MoU on the sidelines of a major industrial mission in India in the field of aerospace & defence organised by GIFAS with the support of SIDM. 8. Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman & External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj have attended the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's (SCO) defence ministers' & Foreign Ministers meeting in Beijing, China, respectively. The annual summit of the SCO, in which India is the latest entrant along with Pakistan, | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. will take place in the Chinese city of Qingdao in June 2018. 9. As part of ongoing Indo-Malaysian defence cooperation, a joint training exercise Harimau Shakti will be conducted in the dense forests of Sengai Perdik, Hulu Langat, Malaysia. 10. Exercise 'Sagar Kavach' is being conducted to strengthen & assess the loopholes in the coastal security mechanism along Kerala shores. Along with Coastal Police & Marine Enforcement wing, Indian Coast Guard & Indian Navy is also participating in Exercise 'Sagar Kavach'. 11. Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) approved the capital acquisition proposals of over 3,687 crore rupees. The decision was taken in the meeting council, chaired by Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi. 12. Indigenously developed Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas has successfully fired an air-to-air beyond visual range (BVR) missile. |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. India successfully test-fired the Indo-Russian joint venture BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from a test range along the Odisha coast to validate some new features. It was conducted to validate its "life extension" technologies developed for the first time in India by DRDO and team Brahmos. 2. Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) set the ball rolling for building the next generation defence aircraft, the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), by extending an invitation to private players in Coimbatore to build a technology demonstrator. 3. Indian Air Force Chief Marshal Birendra Singh Dhanoa left to Israel on a four-day tour of the country. In Israel, | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the Chief of the Air Staff will be attending a conference on 'Air Superiority as a Bridge to Regional Stability'. 4. Home Minister Rajnath Singh announced that the family of a paramilitary jawan who dies in action will be given a minimum compensation of one crore rupees. 5. Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN-XIII between India and Nepal will be conducted at Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand. Exercise SURYA KIRAN is a biannual event which is conducted alternatively in Nepal and India. 6. Indian Navy commissioned the IN LCU L54, the fourth ship of Landing Craft Utility MK-IV, into its fleet at Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar. |
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7. Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Raksha Mantri Smt Nirmala Sitharaman, met in New Delhi and accorded approval for the procurement of equipment for the Defence Forces valued at over Rs. 6900 crore.
8. The joint military exercise SURYA KIRAN-13 between India and Nepal began at Pithoragarh in Uttarakhand. The military exercise is a biannual event which is conducted alternatively in Nepal and India every six months.
9. India & Pakistan will be part of a multi-nation counter-terror exercise in Russia under the framework of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in September 2018. It will be held in Ural mountains of Russia & almost all SCO member countries China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan & the new members India & Pakistan will be part of it.
10. Indian Army's month-long Vijay Prahar exercise concluded in Suratgarh, Rajasthan.
11. President Kovind visited the Army base camp in Siachen, becoming the first President of India to visit the world's highest battlefield in 14 years.
12. Indian Army has finalised a mega 15,000 crore rupees project under which a range of ammunition for its critical weapons & tanks will be produced indigenously. 11 private firms would be involved in the ambitious project.
13. General Bipin Rawat, Chief of Army the Staff released the book 'Across the Bench - Insight into the Indian Military Judicial System' by Lt Gen Gyan Bhushan,

former Army Commander & Member 'A', Armed Forces Tribunal, Lucknow Bench.

14. General Bipin Rawat, Chief of the Army Staff was on an official visit to Sri Lanka.
15. DRDO Chairman- S Christopher, Headquarters- New Delhi.
16. The Border Security Force came into existence on 01 Dec 1965, and Mr K F Rustamji was the 1st chief and founding father.
17. BSF Headquarters in New Delhi.
18. KK Sharma is the present Director General of BSF.

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1. The navies of India & Indonesia participated in **Passage Exercise (PASSEX)**. Indian Naval ships INS Shakti & INS Kamorta under the command of Rear Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet, undertook Passage Exercise with Indonesian Naval Ship KRI Madidihang (855) on leaving the Port of Makassar, Indonesia.
2. **World's largest multilateral naval exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) begun off Hawaii** in the Western Pacific Ocean. It is likely to be attended by navies of 26 countries including India. Indian Naval Ship Sahyadri has already reached the Pearl Harbour in Hawaii to participate in the 26th edition of RIMPAC exercise.
3. **India & Bangladesh agreed to institute Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) as an annual exercise** between navies of two neighbouring countries. The first edition of CORPAT between two navies was inaugurated by Sunil Lanba during his visit to Bangladesh.
4. India will **host first military exercise of the BIMSTEC Countries in September 2018 in Pune, Maharashtra**. The theme of the exercise includes counter-terrorism in semi-urban terrain & cordon & search.
5. Raksha Mantri, Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated **the first Representative Office of Navratna Defence PSU Bharat**

Electronics Limited (BEL) in Hanoi, Vietnam.

1. **The indigenously upgraded artillery gun Dhanush** successfully completed final user trials & is ready for induction into the Army. Dhanush is an upgraded version of the Swedish Bofors gun procured by India in the mid-1980s.
2. **First biannual Indian Air Force Commanders' Conference** inaugurated by Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at Air Headquarters in New Delhi. The Exercise 'Gagan Shakti' was mentioned as the landmark exercise for IAF.
3. **The United States has renamed its oldest & largest military command, US Pacific Command, or PACOM, to Indo-Pacific Command**, according to the US Defence Secretary Jim Mattis.
4. Making a breakthrough in missile technology, India successfully carried out the flight test of Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) propulsion based missile, according to the Defence Ministry.
5. In a swift operation, the Indian Navy has rescued 38 Indians from Socotra island in Yemen where they were stranded for nearly 10 days after a severe cyclonic storm hit the area. The Navy had diverted its ship INS Sunayna from the Gulf of Aden to Socotra as part of the operation 'NISTAR' to rescue the Indians.

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| <p>6. India successfully test-fired its indigenously developed nuclear capable Long Range Ballistic Missile, Agni-5 from the Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast. It has a strike range of 5,000 kilometres & can carry a nuclear warhead of more than one tonne.</p> | <p>7. Eminent scientist S Christopher has completed his term as the chief of the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO), & Defence Secretary Sanjay Mitra was given additional charge of the post.</p> |
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Defence Current Affairs - July

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An Indian Air Force contingent comprising of four Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft landed at Darwin Air Force Base, Australia for participating in the Exercise Pitch Black-2018. 2. Unified Commanders' Conference (UCC) for the year 2018 held in New Delhi. The Annual Conference provides a platform for discussions at the Apex Level on all 'Joint Issues' amongst the three Services & Ministry of Defence. 3. Major General VD Dogra became the first serving Indian Army officer and the only General across the world to have completed a gruelling 'Ironman' competition held in Austria. 4. National Security Guard will be the first central paramilitary force to opt for e-ticketing instead of the railway warrant under an agreement signed with the IRCTC. 5. India's latest frontline warship INS Trikand reached Sri Lanka in a goodwill visit. INS Trikand is a state-of-the-art warship of the Indian Navy equipped with a versatile range of weapons and sensors capable of addressing threats in all three dimensions - air, surface and sub-surface. 6. India's first private sector unit for manufacturing Unmanned Air Vehicles (UAV) and light bulletproof vehicles (LBPV) will be set up by DCM Shriram Industries Group on the campus of Shriram Rayons in Kota, Rajasthan. 7. An MoU was signed between the Indian Army and State Bank of India on the Defence Salary Package. 8. India's supersonic cruise missile (SCM) BrahMos was test fired from Odisha's Chandipur range launch pad under extreme conditions. The test was conducted in order to increase the longevity of its life. The missile can cruise at speeds of up to Mach 3.0, or three times the speed of sound. 9. Militaries of India and Pakistan will be part of a mega anti-terror drill in Russia named "Peace Mission" in August 2018 which is being organised by the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). It will be joined by all SCO member countries including Russia, China, | <p>Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Defence public sector undertaking Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has signed an MoU with Saab, Sweden, for jointly marketing the L-Band 3D Air Surveillance Radar, RAWL-03, co-developed by BEL and Saab. BEL joined hands with Saab, Sweden and the US, to market the Long Range Air Surveillance Radar, a cost-effective L Band three dimensional radar. 11. One of the country's first Defence incubators will come up in Hyderabad, which is India's missile development centre and fast emerging the hub for aerospace industries. The incubator will be housed at T-Hub. It will be funded through the Ministry's Innovation for Defence Excellence (iDEX) scheme. Under the scheme research in the fields of Aerospace & Defence by MSMEs, start-ups, research institutions, educational institutions are to be funded. 12. As part of Indo-US Bilateral Defence Cooperation, the 7th Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI) meeting held between India and the US delegation in New Delhi. It was co-chaired by, Secretary (Defence Production), Dr Ajay Kumar & under Secretary of Defence for Acquisition and Sustainment, DoD, US Government Ms Ellen M Lord. |
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| <p>1. INS Sahyadri entered the Port of Darwin, Australia to participate in Exercise KAKADU 2018. Exercise KAKADU, which started in 1993, is the premier multilateral</p> | <p>regional maritime engagement exercise hosted by the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) and supported by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). It is held biennially in</p> |
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- Darwin and the Northern Australian Exercise Areas (NAXA).
- The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Defence Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman accorded approval for procurement for the Services amounting to approximately Rs. 46,000 crores. The DAC in a landmark decision approved procurement of 111 Utility Helicopters for the Indian Navy at a cost of over Rs. 21,000 crores.
 - For the first time, India's only aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya will be fitted with a marine hydraulic system to boost the air operations of the ship. Technodinamika, a subsidiary of Russia's Rostec State Corporation, will install the system in the Indian Navy ship by May 2019.
 - Exercise Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Peace Mission 2018, the latest in 'Peace Mission' series formally started at Chebarkul, Russia. All the 8 member nations will participate in this exercise.
 - The NDRF has the biggest ever relief and rescue operation in flood-affected Kerala. A total of 58 teams have been deputed to work in the state out of which 55 are working on the ground. This is the highest ever deployment of NDRF in a single state since its raising in 2006. After the review, PM Modi announced a financial assistance of Rs 500 crore to the State. This is in addition to Rs. 100 Cr. announced by the Home Minister.
 - India successfully flight tested the indigenously developed helicopter launched Anti-Tank Guided Missile 'HELINA' from Pokhran in Rajasthan. The weapon system tested for its full range was released smoothly from the launch platform. The missile hit the target with high precision.
 - The Indian and Thailand's armed forces concluded a two-week long platoon level military exercise called 'Exercise Maitree 2018' in Jammu & Kashmir's Srinagar. The exercise was an annual event designed to strengthen the partnership between armies of the two countries.
 - The first-ever joint air exercise involving the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) commenced at Subang Air Base in Malaysia.
 - DRDO conducted the successful test of the Ballistic Missile Interceptor Advanced Area Defence (AAD) from Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha. The endo-atmospheric missile, capable of intercepting incoming targets at an altitude of 15 to 25 kms was launched against multiple simulated targets of 1500 km class ballistic missile.
 - Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the Defence India Startup Challenge in Bengaluru, Karnataka. Raksha Mantri also launched SPARK (support for prototype and research Kickstart) in defence, framework for IDEX partners, and promotion of start-ups under Make II procedure.
 - Exercise 'Maitree' is a joint military exercise between the Indian Army and Royal Thai Army which is running on in Thailand. It is a platoon level exercise which comprises of infantry component.
 - Pacific Endeavor-2018, a communication exercise under the Multinational Communications Interoperability Program (MCIP) started in Kathmandu, Nepal. The basic objective is to develop common communications operating procedures to enable military forces in the Asia Pacific region to collectively work in the wake of disaster.
 - As part of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) initiatives, SCO Peace Mission Exercise is conducted biennially for SCO member states. The joint exercise for the year 2018 will be conducted by Central Military Commission of Russia at Chebarkul, Chelyabinsk, Russia.
 - Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched a defence industrial corridor in Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh. The move is part of the government's efforts to develop specialised zones dedicated to defence production in the state.

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- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated Parakram Parv exhibition at the military station in Jodhpur to mark the second anniversary of the surgical strikes carried out by the Indian Army across the LoC.
- Indian Air Force successfully test fired the indigenously developed Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile Astra from a Su-30 aircraft.
- Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has approved procurement of 1,000 engines for fitment in T-72 tanks of the Army at an approximate cost of over 2,300 crore rupees.
- India successfully conducted an interceptor missile test off the Odisha coast, achieving a major milestone in developing a two-layer Ballistic Missile Defence system.
- DRDO successfully flight tested the indigenously developed surface-to-surface tactical missile 'Prahar', from Launch Complex-III, ITR, Balasore, Odisha.



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6. Indigenously developed weapon system Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM), was successfully flight tested for the second time from the Ahmednagar range, Maharashtra.
7. Union Minister of Home Affairs Rajnath Singh inaugurated two Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System (CIBMS) pilot projects along the India-Pakistan border in Jammu region.
8. The second edition of Nepal-China joint military exercise (JME) named Mt Everest Friendship Exercise-2018 (Sagarmatha Friendship-2018) commenced in China's southwestern Sichuan province.
9. Russia launched its biggest military exercise since the Cold War named "Vostok-2018", involving about 300,000 service personnel, in eastern Siberia. China is sending 3,200 troops to take part in "Vostok-2018".
10. As part of the ongoing Indo-US defence cooperation, a joint military training Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2018 is scheduled to be conducted in the foothills of Himalayas at Chaubattia in Uttarakhand. This will be the 14th edition of the joint military exercise.
11. BIMSTEC Military Exercise (MILEX-18), the first edition of Military Field Training Exercise for the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical & Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) nations, held at Aundh in Pune.
12. Indo-Mongolia joint exercise Nomadic Elephant-2018, commenced at Mongolian Armed Forces (MAF) Five Hills Training Area, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia with a brief opening ceremony.
13. The first ever mid-air refuelling of the indigenously developed light combat aircraft Tejas successfully carried out, placing India in an elite group of countries having air-to-air refuelling capacity for military planes.
14. India along with 23 other nations participated in a major Indian ocean-wide tsunami mock drill which will involve evacuation of thousands of people from coastal areas in over half a dozen coastal states. The exercise, known as 'IOWave18', is being organised by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO.
15. NITI Aayog Chief Executive Officer Amitabh Kant announced that India will shortly unveil a One Nation-One Card policy for public transport that will entail connectivity between various modes of transport. The objective is to plan for the citizens of India first, rather than focusing on vehicles alone, by providing sustainable mobility & accessibility.
16. Ukraine launched annual joint military exercise named Rapid Trident with the United States & other NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) member countries. Its main goal is to practice countering armed aggression in conditions of the hybrid war.
17. Indo-Kazakhstan Joint Army Exercise 'KAZIND' will be conducted between the Indian & Kazakhstan Army in Otar region, Kazakhstan. This is the third joint military exercise between the two countries which have a history of extensive cooperation in the defence arena.
18. Indian navy ships & aircraft have arrived in Sri Lanka to take part in the joint exercise SLINEX-2018 to be held with Sri Lankan navy at Trincomalee.