Major activities of Department of Defence for the month of November, 2019

**International Cooperation**


(2) A delegation led by Parliamentary State Secretary for Federal Minister of Defence, Germany visited India and held a bilateral meeting with Defence Secretary on 1st November, 2019.

(3) A delegation led by Hon'ble Raksha Mantri visited Russia for attending the India – Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military and Military-Technical Cooperation (IRIGC M&MTC) meeting during 5th – 7th November, 2019.


(5) A delegation led by Chief of General Staff (CGS), Vietnam Peoples' Army (VPA) and Vice Minister of Defence of Vietnam visited India during 24th – 27th November, 2019.

(6) A delegation led by Joint Secretary (International Cooperation) visited Qatar for attending the 5th Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting during 27th – 28th November, 2019.

(7) A delegation led by Defence Minister of Mozambique visited India during 26th – 30th November, 2019 and held a bilateral meeting with Hon'ble Raksha Mantri on 29th November, 2019. A Supplementary Agreement on Promoting Maritime Security in Mozambique Exclusive Economic Zone between India and Mozambique was also signed on 29th November, 2019.
(8) A delegation led by UK MoD Permanent Secretary visited India for attending the 21st Defence Consultative Group (DCG) meeting on 29th November, 2019.

(9) A delegation led by Minister of Defence of Japan and Foreign Affairs Minister of Japan visited India for attending the 1st India-Japan 2+2 Foreign and Defence Ministerial Dialogue on 30th November, 2019. Prior to 2+2 Foreign and Defence Ministerial Dialogue, a bilateral meeting between visiting Defence Minister of Japan and Hon'ble Raksha Mantri was also held on the same day.

Defence Acquisition Council

(10) Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Hon'ble Raksha Mantri, accorded approval for Capital Procurement for the Services amounting to over Rs. 22,800 crore.

Acquisition

(11) Procurement of Qty 464 T-90 Tanks with M/s OFB (HVF, Avadi) was signed on 4th November, 2019.

(12) Six Advance Light Helicopter (6 ALH) contract was signed on 5th November, 2019 with M/s HAL, Helicopter Division, Bangalore at a cost of Rs. 287.4867 crore.

Induction

(13) ICGS Annie Besant (GRSE) Yard 2114) was inducted on 5th November, 2019 and ICGS Amrit Kaur (GRSE Yard 2115) was inducted on 19th November, 2019.

Miscellaneous

(14) To initiate the election process, DGDE has been directed to issue suitable instructions to Cantonment Boards to make necessary preparations for holding of ordinary elections viz., reservation of wards to SC/ST/Women, etc. Further, DGDE has been requested to submit a consolidated proposal to this Ministry for notification of wards reserved for SC/ST/Women in the official Gazette. Based on the report of DGDE, the election Notification will be issued.
(15) As recommended by the Expert Committee and after consultation with all the stakeholders, necessary instructions were issued to all Cantonment Boards to allow/permit construction of a w.c./toilet in existing buildings in absence of any such provision within that tenement to an authorized resident, subject to condition that proper sewerage connection to the said building already exists in the Cantonment. With this decision, the situation in Cantonments would improve thereby benefitting several households residing in the Cantonments.

(16) Hon'ble Raksha Mantri inaugurated Sisseri River bridge at Lower Dibang Valley in Arunachal Pradesh on 15th November, 2019. The 200 metre long bridge between Jonai-Pasighat-Ranaghat-Roing road will provide connectivity between Dibang Valley and Siang.

(17) Hon'ble Raksha Mantri inaugurated the 172nd Defence Pensioners Adalat in Uttar Pradesh capital Lucknow on 23rd November, 2019, becoming the first Raksha Mantri to be a part of the event.

(18) Hon'ble Raksha Mantri approved extension of retention of government accommodation by Battle Casualties for a period of one year instead of three months.

(19) Online registration is now open for girl children for admission to Class VI in five Sainik schools for academic session 2020-21. The form is available at [www.sainikschooladmission.in](http://www.sainikschooladmission.in).