

Army: 3rd BrahMos test within a fortnight

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New Delhi: With the Army still sceptical about the last test of the BrahMos missile, authorities are preparing to carry out the third trial of the 290-km strike range Block II supersonic cruise missile "within a fortnight". "BrahMos has to prove the missile's capability to the Army and the third test-firing of the missile is likely to be carried out within a fortnight," a defence ministry source said here.

Bangalore gets Army special forces unit

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New Delhi/Bangalore: Ignored in the initial list of locations for the four regional NSG hubs, Bangalore on Friday got an equivalent security cover in the form of a special forces unit of the Army which will counter any terrorist threats in the city and adjoining regions. Home Minister P Chidambaram, who was visiting the city, said the move was in conformity with the decision taken by Centre to give a specialised anti-terrorist force to Bangalore.

40 women join Army as Lieutenants

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Chennai: History was made at the hallowed Major Parameshwaran Drill Square at Officers Training Academy in St. Thomas Mount here on Saturday, when 40 women joined the Indian Army as Lieutenants after a passing-out parade. Theirs was the first batch of cadets to undergo 11 months of rigorous training on a par with their male counterparts. When women cadets were first inducted in 1992, their training was for six months. For Shikha Bhaduri, one of the 40 trainees, it was a very special day.

Antony reviews security with Service chiefs

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New Delhi: Concerned at the spurt in terrorist incidents in J&K and unrest in the neighbourhood, defence minister AK Antony on Tuesday held a high-level review meeting with chiefs of the three Services besides the defence secretary. The four-hour-long meeting, attended by Admiral Sureesh Mehta, Air Chief Marshal Fali Homi Major and General Deepak Kapoor and defence secretary Vijay Singh, also reviewed the security apparatus in place in view of the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls.