

[Lt. Gen. spent Rs 1cr on golf carts: CAG](#)

Asian Age, 11 July 2009

July 10: Army authorities in the Chandimandir-based Western Command have been indicted by a report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for procurement of golf carts in the guise of vehicles for transportation of patients in hospitals and track-laying recee vehicles, causing a loss of Rs 1.17 crore to the public exchequer. The government's curious explanation — that "commercially available golf carts facilitated noiseless reconnaissance in close proximity of the enemy and helped in quick laying of track material" — failed to cut ice with the CAG

<http://www.asianage.com/presentation/leftnavigation/news/top-story/lt-gen-spent-rs-1cr-on-golf-carts-cag.aspx>

[CAG pulls up Army for shortfall in Igla, Milan missiles](#)

Hindustan Times, 11 July 2009

The CAG has pulled up the Army for short supply of Russian-made Igla surface-to-air missiles and Franco-German Milan anti-tank missile, adversely impacting its war reserves and operational readiness. In its report presented in Rajya Sabha on Friday, the CAG said despite the war wastage reserve (WWR) holding of Igla missiles, used for protection of mechanised forces from air attacks, had come down to only 20 per cent in 2004. But the Army placed orders for only 250 of these missiles and despite the precarious shortfall in reserves, it took four years to finalise a contract with Russian arms export firm Rosoboronexport for Rs 103.72 crore

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/StoryPage/StoryPage.aspx?sectionName=IndiaSectionPage&id=cbf51abe-fddf-4a8a-93ce-aa644ff4fa12&Headline=CAG+pulls+up+Army+for+shortfall+in+Igla,+Milan+missiles>

[Army court-martials its first woman officer](#)

Hindustan Times, 12 July 2009

For the first time in the Indian Army's history, a military court on Saturday ordered the court martial of a woman officer for disobeying orders, levelling false allegations against her superiors and communicating service matters to the media. Captain Poonam Kaur had accused three officers, including her commanding officer and second-in-command, of sexually harassing her last year. She was then serving with an ASC (Army Service Corps Battalion) at Kalka near Chandigarh

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[Indigenous nuclear submarine goes on trial](#)

Hindu, 19 July 2009

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will launch India's first indigenous nuclear-powered submarine at Vishakapatnam for trial on July 26. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy conveyed this to journalists here on Saturday after meeting Dr. Singh to discuss various issues pertaining to the State. Top defence and Navy officials will participate in the programme

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/19/stories/2009071958490500.htm>

[It will be \\$2.9 billion for Gorshkov](#)

Hindu, 20 July 2009

NEW DELHI: India is all set to finalise the price tag of aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya (Admiral Gorshkov), which would be closer to the revised demand made by Russia at \$2.9 billion. Authoritative sources in the Ministry of Defence say the figure is likely to be finalised next week when negotiators end discussions. The Russian negotiators arrived here on July 10 and originally intended to stay till July 17. The team has conveyed that the cost had been calculated as per the standards specified by its government and there was little room to de-escalate the cost, revised from its original price of \$1.5 billion. This figure too had been later changed to \$2.2 billion

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/20/stories/2009072060702000.htm>

[Decline in infiltration along Indo-Bangla border: Govt](#)

Times of India, 24 July 2009

SHILLONG: There has been a decline in the number of foreign nationals arrested for infiltrating along the Indo-Bangla border, an official statement said on Thursday. Till June this year, 991 foreign infiltrators were held along the Indo-Bangla border while 2559 such persons were apprehended last year. In 2007 and 2006, the figures were 4206 and 5130 respectively, the statement issued by Union home ministry said here. The government has adopted a "multi-pronged approach" to contain cross-border infiltration which includes round the clock surveillance and patrolling on the borders and establishment of observation posts, the statement said

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/India/Decline-in-infiltration-along-Indo-Bangla-border-Govt-/articleshow/4813206.cms>

[Strategic Andaman&Nicobar military command floundering with low force-levels](#)

Times of India, 24 July 2009

NEW DELHI: India's first and only regional 'theatre command' in the strategically-located Andaman and Nicobar Islands, created as part of the national security reforms after the 1999 Kargil conflict, is floundering and that too badly. There is growing disquiet among the top military brass about the unified Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC), where Navy, IAF and Army assets are under the operational control of a single commander, especially with all the three Services pulling in different directions. "ANC is in a bad shape. It requires many more aircraft, warships and troops but IAF, Navy and Army all remain extremely reluctant to part with any of their 'assets'," admitted a senior officer

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/India/Strategic-AndamanNicobar-military-command-floundering-with-low-force-levels/articleshow/4812910.cms>

[CAG picks holes in Gorshkov acquisition](#)

Hindu, 25 July 2009

NEW DELHI: With cost overruns and delay affecting the acquisition of aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya (Admiral Gorshkov), the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Friday said the Navy's decision to go in for a second-hand ship has become questionable, and that the objective of its induction has been defeated. "The objective of inducting an aircraft carrier in time to fill the gap in the Indian Navy has not been achieved. The cost of acquisition has more than doubled to \$1.82 billion

(Rs. 7,207 crore) in four years. At best, the Indian Navy would be acquiring, belatedly, a second-hand ship with a limited life span, by paying significantly more than what it would have paid for a new ship," the CAG said in its latest report to Parliament

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/25/stories/2009072556341100.htm>

[Kargil was big success for Pak: Musharraf](#)

Times of India, 25 July 2009

NEW DELHI: Former Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf has described the Kargil operation as a "big success" which forced India to discuss the contentious issue of Kashmir. "Yes, indeed, it was a big success because it had impact even on the attitude of the Indian side. How did we start discussing the Kashmir dispute? How was it that the Indians agreed that we will discuss Kashmir and there must be a negotiated settlement? Before this there was no such thing at all," Musharraf said in an interview to an Indian channel

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/India/Kargil-was-big-success-for-Pak-Musharraf/articleshow/4818429.cms>

[Glaring lapses in Gorshkov, Scorpene, Hawk defence deals: CAG](#)

Times of India, 25 July 2009

NEW DELHI: Sleazy wheeling and dealing, huge delays and financial irregularities continue to pervade all defence deals. The Comptroller and Auditor General has now hammered the defence establishment for glaring lapses in the two biggest naval projects — acquisition of Russian aircraft carrier Admiral Gorshkov and indigenous construction of six French Scorpene submarines. This comes even as India under Russian pressure is getting ready to shell out almost \$2 billion (Rs 9,680 crore) over and above what was initially a 'fixed price contract' of \$974 million for Gorshkov's refit, while the Rs 18,798-crore project to construct six Scorpene's at Mazagon Docks has slipped two years behind schedule, as first reported by TOI

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/India/Glaring-lapses-in-Gorshkov-Scorpene-Hawk-defence-deals-CAG/articleshow/4818004.cms>

[Nuclear submarine all set to enter waters](#)

Hindu, 26 July 2009

CHENNAI: The mood is upbeat in the Navy, the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) and the Defence Research and Development Establishment (DRDO) with the indigenously developed nuclear-powered submarine, INS Arihant, (destroyer of enemies) all set to enter the water from the dry-dock at Visakhapatnam on Sunday. The submarine is already fitted with a miniaturised nuclear-powered reactor developed by BARC at Kalpakkam, 60 km from Chennai

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/26/stories/2009072659860900.htm>

[Nuclear-powered submarine to be fitted with ballistic missiles](#)

Hindu, 27 July 2009

CHENNAI: A nuclear-powered submarine is a much more complex platform than any other vessel and India building one on its own is a great achievement. This is the unanimous assessment of officials, be they from the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), the Department of Atomic Energy or the Indian Navy. What enhances the scale of the achievement is that INS Arihant, India's

nuclear-powered submarine, will be fitted with India's own K-15 ballistic missiles that can be launched from under water. The K-15 missiles, which are already under production, can carry both conventional and nuclear warheads. They have a range of 700 km. They are 10.4 metres tall and weigh 6.3 tonnes each

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/27/stories/2009072760301000.htm>

[IAF played a 'pivotal' role in Kargil victory](#)

Hindu, 27 July 2009

DRASS: While the Army jawans fought the Pakistani troops on the ice-covered heights of Drass and Kargil, the Indian Air Force (IAF) was called in for its "most difficult operation ever," — to carry out precision strikes without breaching the Line of Control (LoC). "The fighter planes changed the course of the battle and the use of precision weapons destroyed the enemy fortification," recalled Air Officer Commanding, Jammu and Kashmir, Air Marshal J. Chauhan

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/27/stories/2009072756001200.htm>