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### **India to buy 350 more upgraded T-90 tanks**

New Delhi, June 03: India is set to sign a major arms deal with Russia to purchase 350 more upgraded T-90 main battle tanks equipped with French night visions in a deal worth more than USD 300 million. India to buy 350 more upgraded T-90 tanks The tanks, which would be used to equip two Indian armoured divisions, are expected to be delivered within 3 to 4 years, according to Russian sources here. The deal was to be signed during the visit from tomorrow of a high level Russian defence delegation headed by General Alexi Fedroovich Maslov, but has run into trouble after Moscow demanded millions of dollars more in sale of additional Sukhoi fighters and carrier Goshkov.

The Hindu, 5 June 2007

### **PMK opposes co-ordinated patrolling**

Chennai, June. 5 (PTI)" The PMK, a partner of the ruling UPA Government at Centre, has opposed 'co-ordinated patrolling' along the Tamil Nadu coast with the Sri Lankan Navy. The PMK's opposition came in the wake of National Security Adviser M K Narayanan's statement last week in which he had said India favoured coordinated patrolling with Sri Lanka to protect Tamil Nadu fishermen from attacks on the high seas. PMK Founder leader S Ramadoss said the very idea that LTTE's air capability was a threat to India was 'crazy', as the country was a mighty military power and LTTE's power was "minuscule" compared with that.

New Indian Express, 5 June 2007

### **Navy heightens vigil to check LTTE clout**

VISAKHAPATNAM: The Indian Navy is strategically moving to retain its upper hand in the Bay of Bengal and Indian Ocean amidst threat from external forces. The topic figured prominently on the agenda of Naval Commander's Conference here recently. The Navy intensified 'Operation Tasha' to ensure peace in the maritime territories of India adjoining Sri Lanka against the backdrop of growing military clout of the LTTE's naval wing.

RIA Novosti, 9 June 2007

### **India to get revamped aircraft carrier from Russia (Part 2)**

MOSCOW. (Viktor Litovkin for RIA Novosti) - In February 2007, Indian pilots and sailors were quite impressed to see the single-seat MiG-29K Fulcrum deck fighter and the two-seat MiG-29KUB deck trainer/combat plane at an airfield in Zhukovsky near Moscow. "We have known about the top-class MiG warplanes for a long time, but the MiG-29KUB that was developed by Russia and India is even better," said Commander Jasvinder Chauhan, India's Air Force Attache in Moscow.

RIA Novosti, 11 June 2007

**India set to boost its naval capability in near future - Navy chief**

NEW DELHI, June 9 (RIA Novosti) - India is planning to commission 39 combat ships and six submarines in the near future to boost its naval power, the Indian Navy chief said Saturday. With about 55,000 men and women, including 5,000 naval aviation personnel and 2,000 Marine Commandos, the Indian Navy is considered the fifth-largest navy in the world. "At present, we have 136 ships and are building 33 more in our shipyards. We are buying six ships and the same number of submarines from abroad," the Hindustan Times newspaper quoted Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Sureesh Mehta as saying.

Zee News, 12 June 2007

**Indian Navy ready for any eventuality: official**

Arakonam, June 10: With ethnic strife between the Sri Lankan government and the rebel forces escalating and sometimes even spilling into the territorial waters, Indian Navy was prepared to face any eventuality, a top official of the Eastern Command has said. "The Indian Navy personnel are confident and ready", Vice Admiral Raman Prem Suthan, Flag Officer Commander-in-chief, Eastern Command said while attending a culminating function of the annual helicopter training at INS Rajah Naval base near Arakonam yesterday.

Times of India, 21 June 2007

**Navy pilot first to fly US fighter**

MUMBAI: Surendra Ahuja, a pilot attached to Indian Navy's flagship aircraft carrier INS Viraat, has become the first in the history of the Navy to qualify to operate fighter aircraft aboard US aircraft carriers. Ahuja, whose training began in November 2006 and ended on May 10, 2007, underwent conversion training on a T-45 Goshawk aircraft. Explaining the significance of his feat, a defence spokesperson told TOI that it was part of the ongoing enhanced Indo-US defence co-operation agreement and covers mutual exchange of personnel, standard operating procedures and operational exposure.

Press Information Bureau, 21 June 2007

**UK VISIT BY CHIEF OF THE NAVAL STAFF**

Admiral Sureesh Mehta, Chief of the Naval Staff is undertaking a visit of UK from 18 to 23 Jun 2007. The visit is aimed at enhancing IN RN relations and to further areas of cooperation, further the scope of content in combined exercises and cross attachment of personnel. Whilst at UK, Admiral Mehta is scheduled to meet the First Sea Lord (Chief of the Naval Staff) of the Royal Navy, the Chief of Defence Staff and the Permanent Under Secretary of Defence. He will also be visiting a naval shipyard, Permanent Joint Headquarters and Royal Naval Training Establishments.

Times of India, 23 June 2007

**Jalashwa now in Indian Navy's fleet**

WASHINGTON: Some 40 Indian navy ships rushed out to the coastal areas in India, Sri Lanka and Indonesia for relief and rescue operations when the deadly tsunami struck the region in December 2004. When the vessels reached the affected areas, naval commanders found jetties and piers broken. They couldn't effect ship-to-shore transfers.

A lone Chetak light helicopter ferried a measly 200 lbs of supplies at a time in one operation. In Indonesia, tiny Singapore lent amphibious boats that could go ashore. "That was the moment we badly felt the lack of a big amphibious ship," recalls Commodore P. Murugesan, Naval Attache at the Indian Embassy, who was part of the humanitarian effort at that time. That deficiency has now been addressed with the commissioning by India's ambassador Ronen Sen of INS Jalashwa, an amphibious landing platform dock, at an elegant ceremony in Norfolk on Friday.

The Economic Times, 26 June 2007

### **Indian Navy acquires US warship**

NORFOLK: Indian Navy's first ever acquisition of a US warship reflects the converging security priorities and interests of India and the United States, according to the Indian Ambassador to the US Ronen Sen. First and foremost it symbolised the growing partnership between the two countries in the field of defence, he said Friday while commissioning an old US warhorse, the USS Trenton, into the Indian Navy as INS Jalashwa (river horse or hippopotamus in Sanskrit), at Norfolk in Virginia, about 230 km from Washington. Jalashwa is 173 metres long and 32 metres wide. It has a large flight deck and a well deck the size of two basketball courts in the aft section. With gross tonnage of 16,900 tons, it is Indian Navy's second largest combat platform after the aircraft carrier Viraat.

International Herald Tribune, 26 June 2007

### **Indian navy takes charge of former USS Trenton**

TRENTON, New Jersey: The USS Trenton, named for New Jersey's state capital, has a new name now that its become part of the Indian navy. The 570-foot-long (174-meter-long) Austin-class amphibious transport dock became the INS Jalashwa, the Sanskrit word for "hippopotamus," during a Friday ceremony at the Norfolk Naval Station in Virginia. It is the first time India has purchased a U.S. Navy ship, according to Ronen Sen, India's ambassador to the United States. The transport dock designed to land Marines fills a need within the Indian navy for a large amphibious ship, Commodore P. Murugesan, the Indian Embassy's naval attache, told The Times of India. When Indian navy vessels sought to bring relief to coastal areas in the aftermath of the December 2004 tsunami, they found jetties and piers broken.