

Zee News, 3 October 2007

Indian Navy inducts Russian maritime patrol aircraft, EVS

New Delhi, Oct 01: The Indian Navy on Monday added a Russian made maritime reconnaissance aircraft TU-142 and an indigenously developed Environmental Survey Vehicle (ESV). The TU-142 Bear aircraft, which is larger than the Airbus in size and weight, made its maiden landing at a naval base in Visakhapatnam, the headquarters of the Eastern Naval Command. The aircraft is the naval version of Tupolev TU-95 that played a crucial role for Russians during the Cold War, and India has currently eight such aircraft which are being used for maritime patrol.

The Hindu, 3 October 2007

Environmental Survey Vehicle for Navy

NEW DELHI: An Environmental Survey Vehicle (ESV) developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) was handed over to the Navy here on Monday. DRDO chief M. Natarajan handed over the ESV to Vice-Chief of Naval Staff, Vice-Admiral Nirmal Verma, at the DRDO headquarters. Designed and developed by the Defence Laboratory, Jodhpur, the ESV is a radiological laboratory on wheels and equipped with state-of-the-art instruments. It is capable of estimating radioactivity in field conditions in solid, liquid and air. The ESV will help certify the suitability of eatables and water in field conditions from the radiation safety angle for coastal areas.

Times of India, 9 October 2007

Navy War Room case: Accused gets bail

NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court on Monday granted bail to Vinod Kumar Jha, an accused in the Navy War Room Leak case, on the ground that no charge has been framed against him till date. Justice Pradeep Nadrajog, however, asked Jha to surrender his passport and inform the investigating officer about his residence besides issuing directions to him to visit the police station once in two months and not to influence any witness in the case.

The Hindu, 15 October 2007

Naval Observation Post to come up near Mandapam

RAMANATHAPURAM: As an urgent step to check smuggling activity in the Gulf of Mannar area, the Indian Navy has decided to establish a Naval Observation Post (NOP) at Seeniappa Dharga near Mandapam in Ramanathapuram district. This is the first time that the Navy has come out with a plan to create a facility along the Gulf of Mannar ever since it established Naval Detachments along the Palk Bay during the Indian Peace Keeping Force operations in Sri Lanka. These assets were basically established to assist the IPKF to meet its logistic and strategic needs from the Indian shore.

New Indian Express, 15 October 2007

Indian Navy's war exercise on Oct 19

KARWAR: Despite an expert survey strongly opposing it, the warships and planes of the Indian Navy will carry out firing practice as part of war exercise between 10 am and 1 pm on October 19 at Netrani Island located 19km off Murdeshwar. The deputy commissioner, in a notice, has warned the fishermen against venturing into the sea within

10- km radius of the Island. A survey conducted by the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute had revealed the existence of rich coral reef eco-system near the island.

The Hindu, 19 October 2007

TN fishermen attacked at sea

Porayar (TN) (PTI): In the second such incident in the last one week, four Tamil Nadu fishermen came under firing allegedly by the Sri Lankan Navy while fishing off Kodiakarai coast in Nagapattinam District. While the fishermen escaped unhurt by jumping into the sea, their boat was damaged in the incident in the wee hours of Thursday, officials said on Friday. According to a complaint lodged by the fishermen of Vizhundamavady village near Kodiakarai with the fisheries department, they had ventured into the sea on Wednesday night in a fibre glass boat and were fishing in Indian waters a few kms off Kodiakarai.

The Hindu, 19 October 2007

Sri Lanka denies harassment of fishermen

Chennai: The Sri Lankan government has denied reports of harassment of Indian fishermen by its Navy. The navy had always striven to assist Indian fishermen in times of need, despite the fact that they enter Sri Lankan waters, Sri Lanka Deputy High Commission for Southern India, Chennai, said in a press release on Thursday. Recalling recent instances where Indian fishing vessels were attacked by the LTTE, which unsuccessfully tried to put the blame on the navy, "the Deputy High Commission said the increasing allegations of attacks on Indian fishermen comes at a time when the navy has launched a successful operation to disable LTTE's illegal shipping activities."

Times of India, 24 October 2007

Sri Lanka, India step up vigil on maritime border

COLOMBO: The Sri Lankan and Indian Navy have stepped up vigil along the maritime borders following the deadly attack by LTTE on an airbase in Anuradhapura in North-Central Sri Lanka which left 33 people dead. "We are on the alert and monitoring the situation on the sea. The situation is very much under control," Sri Lankan Navy Spokesman D K P Dasanayake said. In a two-pronged attack on Monday, Tamil Tiger rebels backed by the second-ever aerial bombings attacked on the Air Force base which left 13 soldiers and 20 guerrillas dead.

Zee News, 26 October 2007

Navy plans to set up support base, air enclave

Bhubaneswar, Oct 24: The Navy is planning to set up a Naval support base at Paradip and an 'air enclave' near Biju Patnaik airport here, Commanding Officer of INS Chilka, commodore MVS Kumar said. The Indian Navy already had a patch of 20 acres of area close to Paradip Port which could be developed into a Naval support base, to cater to the logistic requirement of the Naval warships and aircraft, he told a press conference here yesterday.

The Hindu, 31 October 2007

A ship sails tall and proud

KOCHI: INS Tarangini, the Indian Navy's sole sailing ship, returned here on Monday after a 10-month voyage covering 22,000 nautical miles around the globe. Its skipper, Commander Sunil Balakrishnan, spoke of the triumphs and the travails the team faced along the way. A nightmare awaited Tarangini over the Atlantic Ocean. The steering gear broke down in the middle of the night, when the vessel was facing winds of 60 knots and huge waves. It goes to the credit of the personnel on board that they rectified and restored the direction capability of the vessel that very night. Without steering we would be at the mercy of winds and the waves.