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1 FIFTH-GENERATION FIGHTER AIRCRAFT

Scope | 127 swing-role stealth fighters for over \$25 billion (₹1,62,500 crore)

Approval | Pact with Russia in Oct 2007; \$295m preliminary contract in Dec 2010

Status | Final R&D contract yet to be inked after thumbs down from the IAF



2 NAVAL MULTI-ROLE HELICOPTERS

Scope | Produce 123 anti-submarine warfare helicopters for over \$3 billion (₹19,500 crore)

Approval | Got 'acceptance of necessity' to buy 16 choppers in 2008. But tender scrapped

Status | RFI for 123 choppers issued in August 2017



3 LIGHT UTILITY HELICOPTERS

Scope | 200 Kamov-226T helicopters for over ₹6,500 crore

Approval | Agreement with Russia in Dec 2015. Earlier, tenders for 197 choppers from abroad scrapped thrice in 10 yrs

Status | JV formed but final contract yet to be inked

4 MINE COUNTER-MEASURE VESSELS

Scope | 12 warships to detect & destroy enemy mines for ₹32,000 crore

Approval | Navy hunting for MCMVs since July 2005

Status | No contract yet between Goa Shipyard & South Korean shipyard Kangnam



6 FUTURE INFANTRY COMBAT VEHICLES

Scope | 2,314 armoured vehicles for ₹60,000 crore

Approval | Got 'acceptance of necessity' in Oct 2009

Status | Dispute over whether 2 or all 5 contenders, plus OFB, should make detailed project reports



5 PROJECT-75 (INDIA) SUBMARINES

Scope | 6 new stealth diesel-electric submarines for ₹70,000 crore

Approval | Got 'acceptance of necessity' in November 2007

Status | 4 foreign vendors responded to RFI issued in July 2017. Selection of Indian shipyard yet to begin



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Army begins process to buy indigenous short-range UAVs
To be developed, manufactured in India by private industry
- Indian Express-
Cyber-diplomacy to be a key issue at Global Conference on Cyber Space: Ravi Shankar Prasad
Ravi Shankar Prasad said on Thursday that India is very keen to promote cyber-diplomacy as part of its diplomatic initiatives.
- Indian Express-
Bengal vs Odisha: Whose rosogolla is it anyway?
At the end of claims and counterclaims over the origin of the rosogolla, West Bengal has gained a GI tag for its variant.

ECONOMY

- The Hindu-
Curbs on export of pulses abolished
The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has abolished all curbs on export of pulses to allow farmers to seek remunerative prices for their output.
- The Hindu-
UDAN: Airfields set for checks
Aviation officials to inspect 64 airports set to be put on regional connectivity map

Science and Tech.; Environment

- The Hindu-
Global Ministerial Conference: WHO seeks universal health coverage in India
India has been toying with the idea of UHC since 2011 when a high-level expert committee, formed by the erstwhile Planning Commission, submitted its report but nothing much came of it.
- Indian Express-
Delhi smog: Gulf dust storm had a bigger role than stubble burning
Delhi smog: The study says that the dust storm was responsible for 40 per cent of the pollution on November 8, when the average air quality index was 478, indicating "severe" levels of pollution.
- Live mint-
How much is the Great Barrier Reef worth? Economists have an answer
Valuing nature in monetary terms can help industry, govt and the scientific community understand the contribution of the Great Barrier Reef to the economy and society, says Deloitte report

PIB

- **Cabinet approves Continuation of sub-schemes under Umbrella Scheme "Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS)" for the period till November, 2018**
More than 11 crore children, pregnant women & Lactating Mothers and the Adolescent Girls will be benefited through this scheme.

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