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1. Blueprint for Theatre Commands: Vision 2047



CDS General Anil Chauhan unveiled Vision 2047 to integrate India's armed forces under a unified Theatre Command structure. The plan emphasizes the adoption of joint doctrines, artificial intelligence, and cutting-edge technologies to strengthen operational capabilities. It aims to ensure better coordination among the Army, Navy, and Air Force, with a target to implement major milestones by mid-2025.

2. India-US Defence Partnership Strengthens



India and the United States held high-level talks to deepen their defence partnership, focusing on advanced technologies like fighter jet engines and unmanned aerial systems. This collaboration is part of the Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI) and aims to promote regional security while fostering innovation in defence manufacturing.

3. Airbus-TATA H125 Helicopter Production



Airbus has partnered with TATA to produce H125 helicopters in India, marking a significant boost for the "Make-in-India" initiative. This is India's first private production line for these versatile helicopters, widely used for law enforcement, disaster response, and tourism. The project is expected to strengthen the domestic aerospace sector.

4. UN Peacekeeping Training for Kyrgyzstan Forces



India conducted its second UN peacekeeping training session for Kyrgyzstan's armed forces, focusing on modern operational strategies. The training emphasized the use of advanced technologies and the importance of maintaining peace in conflict-prone regions. This initiative strengthens India's role as a global leader in peacekeeping missions.

5. Reliance Naval Renamed Swan Defence



Reliance Naval and Engineering Ltd has been renamed Swan Defence and Heavy

Industries Ltd following its acquisition by Swan Energy. This marks a new chapter for the company, focusing on shipbuilding and defence manufacturing. The name change aligns with the vision of enhancing India's self-reliance in defence.

6. Indigenous Testing of Astra Air-to-Air Missile



India successfully tested the Astra air-to-air missile, developed with indigenous components. This state-of-the-art missile is designed for beyond-visual-range combat, significantly improving the operational capabilities of the Indian Air Force. It highlights India's growing self-reliance in defence technology.

7. India and Italy's Counter-Terrorism Partnership



India and Italy agreed to strengthen their counter-terrorism cooperation by sharing intelligence and enhancing technology for security purposes. Both nations will focus on combating terrorism financing and ensuring the responsible use of advanced tech to prevent extremist activities. This collaboration underscores the importance of global partnerships in addressing terrorism.

8. Successful Naval Exercise 'Sea Shield'



The Indian Navy conducted Exercise 'Sea Shield,' simulating real-world maritime threats to improve coastal defence and combat readiness. The drill involved advanced naval fleets and submarines, showcasing India's capability to secure its maritime borders. It reinforces the Navy's commitment to safeguarding regional stability.

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