

## **Navy Gets its First Woman Pilot**

A batch of three trainee officers of the 7th Dornier Conversion Course (DOCC) including a lady officer qualified as Dornier pilots and were awarded the coveted golden "Wings" at a simple and solemn ceremony held at INS Garuda on 02 Dec 19. Vice Admiral AK Chawla, AVSM, NM, VSM, the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C), Southern Naval Command was the Chief Guest for the ceremony who presented the "Wings" to the passing out officers, signifying their qualification as naval aviators.

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## **Curtain Raiser Exercise Hand-in-Hand-2019**

The 8th India-China joint training exercise 'HAND-IN-HAND 2019' with the theme counter terrorism under United Nations mandate is scheduled to be conducted at Umroi, Meghalaya from 07 to 20 December 2019.

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## **Press release : Visit of chief of the army staff to Japan**

General Bipin Rawat, Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of the Army Staff is embarking on an official visit to Japan from 03 to 06 December 2019. During the visit, the Army Chief led delegation will interact with senior hierarchy of the Japan Self Defence Force with an aim to strengthen the bilateral defence ties between the two nations.

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## **MoS, HRD Shri Sanjay Dhotre inaugurates the India Pavilion at International Book fair in Guadalajara, Mexico**

Shri Sanjay Dhotre, Union Minister of State (MoS) for Human Resource Development (HRD) inaugurated the India Pavilion at the International Book Fair at Guadalajara, Mexico. India is the 'Guest of Honour Country' in this book fair, and it is the first Asian country to have received this honour.

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## **Exercise Mitra Shakti -VII: 2019**

The seventh edition of Exercise MITRA SHAKTI- 2019 aimed at enhancing interoperability and operational efficiency amongst the armies of both India and Sri Lanka when deployed as part of United Nations peace keeping forces commenced on 01 December at Aundh Military Station, Pune.

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