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नौसेना को मिलने वाली है सबसे घातक पनडुब्बी

नई दिल्ली, (पंजाब केसरी): चीन से सिक्किम के डोकलाम एरिया में जारी विवाद के बीच इंडियन नेवी अपनी ताकत बढ़ाने को तैयार है। इसी महीने नेवी को दुनिया की सबसे घातक सबमरीन पनडुब्बी में से एक आईएनएस कलवारी मिलने की उम्मीद है। यह स्कोर्पीन क्लास की सबमरीन है। बेड़े में इसके शामिल होने से इंडियन नेवी को बड़ी राहत मिलेगी। अंडरवाटर फाइटिंग फोर्स की ताकत काफी बढ़ जाएगी।

माना जा रहा है कि कलवारी इंडियन नेवी के लिए मील का पत्थर साबित होगी। इसके मिलने से देश



की अंडरवाटर फाइटिंग फोर्स की ताकत काफी बढ़ जाएगी। भारत ने ऐसी 6 सबमरीन का ऑर्डर दिया था, कलवारी इसमें पहली है। आईएनएस कलवारी को फ्रांस की कंपनी डीसीएनएस के साथ मिलकर मुंबई स्थित मझगांव डॉकयार्ड में तैयार किया

गया है। आईएनएस कलवारी नाम एक प्रकार की शार्क मछली से लिया गया है। इस मछली को टाइगर शार्क कहते हैं। मझगांव डॉक शिपबिल्डर्स लिमिटेड के चेयरमैन और एमडी कमोडोर राकेश आनंद रिटायर्ड ने पिछले महीने कहा था- कलवारी को अगस्त में नेवी को सौंपा जा सकता है। इसके सभी ट्रायल सफल हुए हैं। हालांकि इसके कमीशनिंग की डेट फाइनल होना बाकी है।

क्या है इसकी खासियत : आईएनएस कलवारी डीजल और इलेक्ट्रिक सबमरीन है। इसमें लगे

गाइडेड वेपेंस दुश्मन पर सटीक हमला कर उसे पस्त करने की ताकत रखते हैं। टॉरपीडो के साथ हमलों के अलावा इससे पानी के अंदर भी हमला किया जा सकता है साथ ही सतह पर पानी के अंदर से दुश्मन पर हमला करने की खासियत भी इसमें है। यह डीजल और इलेक्ट्रिक दोनों ही ताकतों से लैस है। इस पनडुब्बी को इस तरह से डिजाइन किया गया है कि इसे किसी भी तरह की जंग में ऑपरेट किया जा सकता है। इस पनडुब्बी में इस तरह के कम्युनिकेशन मीडियम हैं कि दूसरी नेवल टास्क फोर्स के साथ आसानी से कम्युनिकेट किया जा सके।

Business Standard

Army has formulated policy on social media use: Govt

The Indian Army has formulated a policy on the use of social media by its serving personnel which lists out dos and don'ts, the government today said.

In a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha, Minister of State in the Defence Ministry Subhash Bhamre said the guidelines have been issued primarily to ensure security of information and avoid its manipulation or distortion. "The Indian Army has promulgated the policy on the use of social media by serving Army personnel, organisations which list out the dos and don'ts guidelines and content which are barred from being posted on social media platforms," Bhamre said.

He said violations of above guidelines are investigated by the units and formations concerned. The social media policy comes in the backdrop of reports about soldiers airing their grievance on social media.

Following such complaints, the Army also came up with a WhatsApp number where soldiers can post their problems which will be directly addressed to Army chief Gen Bipin Rawat instead of going to social media.

In response to another question, Bhamre said 14,63,512 youths applied to the Indian Army since 2014.

He said, replying to another question, a panel has been set up to examine and give their recommendations on the changes in the promotion policy and Quantified System of Selection (QSS) for officers of the Army.

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When you cry havoc, but leash the Dogs of War

By Shekhar Gupta

Chinese coercive diplomacy is using its official media as a weapon. They can misconstrue our selective outrage as weakness.

LET me first get a disclosure out of the way, and also apply for anticipatory bail. Anybody who knows me and my family knows the living beings we love and adore most of all are cats and dogs. It follows that many of the life's lessons and stories also feature these wonderful family members. These also colour my political writing often, just like similes from the game of cricket.

For utmost clarity: this long preamble is to say, please nobody misunderstand why I drag our first three dogs to make a serious point about my own profession, news-media and the situation on the Sikkim border which is the Modi government's first real strategic crisis.

In the early Eighties, we lived in a tiny "Assam-type" cottage in Shillong, and our three Lhasas imperiously lounged in the little garden, separated from the rest of the wide, open, breezy world with a flimsy chain-link fence. They launched themselves in almighty fury the moment somebody walked by, man or beast. Until one afternoon a Khasi neighbour's poultry-pen was left open, a couple of roosters in natural multi-colour livery escaped and reached our fence.

Surprise, instead of the usual fury, the dogs responded with indifference. Looking generally in a different direction, even snarling at passers-by, but ignoring the roosters. They had never seen such a "threat" before, and were too smart to take chances. We caught on. Much as we'd cajole or instigate them, they would still insist the roosters didn't exist.

I gave you some clues earlier on what I might be referring to by invoking such an involved, old family story. But if you pretend that you haven't figured what it is, think about our fearsome, hyper-patriotic commando-comic channels which go into funk for three hours every evening verbally slaying every enemy of the nation, real or imagined, foreign or Indian, tilting at any conceivable windmill. Then think of the Chinese in Doklam like the roosters across the fence. The warriors take no notice of them. The only difference is, they do it not out of fear of the unfamiliar enemy. It would, in fact, be impertinent of me to call them cowardly in the face of an invader. They do it because they've been counselled to do so. This is the problem.

UNLIKE THE birds, the Chinese are watching this charade and can't be faulted from drawing conclusions. The following would be logical: the most belligerent sections of Indian media, which declare war and victory on Pakistan every evening, are pretending the Chinese challenge doesn't exist, and they've obviously been advised (instructed?) by their government to do so.

Next, it follows that India's government is scared of China. It quite enjoys smaller Pakistan being bashed but, faced by a more formidable adversary, goes into hiding. It not only keeps its own rhetoric in check, it also ensures its media complies. Finally, and most damaging not just for us journalists but also the national interest, the Chinese could conclude that the Indian government controls its media just as they do. That it also chooses to speak — or not — its mind through "its" media. Finally, that India's government also has the ability to instruct its media to similarly call off hostilities with any other enemy, including Pakistan, whenever it wishes.

The mildest implication of this is the low opinion that the Chinese would build of us Indian journalists. The most damaging is the conclusion that India is so scared of the Chinese, so wary of letting public opinion become belligerent that they've even leashed their own hounds, told them not to look east. Meanwhile, the verbal destruction of Pakistan, our own Kashmiris, Muslims, Shashi Tharoor, Bofors agents, continues. The Chinese would have been further intrigued to see one of these channels come close to outraging over the

Doklam standoff. Just that it was limited to the oh-so shocking silence, lack of protest on the campus of the usual suspect, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). They will talk to the tank soon.

We don't know if the Chinese have a sense of humour, and whether they respond to this with a laugh or contempt. Either way, this could lead to a miscalculation and a presumption of Indian pusillanimity. It wouldn't have been the case if these dominant and successful sections of Indian media were equally measured on other threats, especially Pakistan. But because they aren't, because government and ruling party spokesmen frequent these studios in these Pakistan-Kashmiri-Muslim bashing sessions, you can't fault the Chinese for concluding that India doesn't have the mind of a rising world power. It has the temperament of a minor bully who only wants to pick on an enemy lesser than itself. This does India's strategic cause and stature serious damage.

IF YOU'VE followed China even cursorily, or been another Mao enthusiast in your revolutionary years in college, you'd be familiar with the Maoist dictum of 'ta ta, tan tan'. Or 'Fight Fight, Talk Talk'. This is what the Chinese have successfully done in their external relations through the decades. Much of their talking, and fighting have been done through their so-called media. *People's Daily*, *Xinhua*, now *Global Times*. Nobody in the world has any doubt that three decades after Chinese economic reform, its government still speaks through these publications.

That is why through modern history, generations of China-watchers in Hong Kong, Beijing and in important capitals around the world, pored over these publications. These have also been the only source on a system still fully controlled with almost no unintended access to outsiders, journalists, diplomats, academics, spies. That media has now been unleashed on India in exactly the manner some of ours speaks to the Pakistanis.

The fight-fight part of the Chinese dictum is being implemented by their official media. A significant section of our supposedly independent one is silent, and our government is optimistically persisting with the talk-talk part of the same principle. The Chinese are challenging us to fight or withdraw. We aren't fighting back even verbally and insist we want to talk.

It isn't my case that the Indian government should also tell its channels to declare studio war on China. In fact, it is good they haven't. The government is correct to seek a diplomatic resolution and doesn't want its negotiating space constricted by outrage. But such a calm view of the new front would also look more credible if there was some similar discretion applied to the original one.

The Chinese do not want to fight. They know it can embarrass them, as this surely isn't 1962. They also know the moment they fire the first shot, all insecure powers in their front-yard, Australia to Japan and all the way westwards to India, will be brought together overnight, not something the deputy super power wants. The Chinese are playing the game of coercive diplomacy with us. They are using the media they own as an instrument of provocation. The answer is not to scare them by unleashing our own angry grey moustaches and war-painted anchors. But this state-directed overlooking of their threat can persuade China to draw conclusions detrimental to us, and to the prospect of a peaceful, mutually honourable resolution in Doklam.



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India still talking to China, says MEA

By Suhasini Haidar

Maintaining its silence on claims by the Chinese government that India has reduced troop levels on the Doklam plateau where they have been in a standoff with the PLA, the government on Friday said it would not comment on "operational details," but continued to affirm that "war is not an option" despite rising tensions.

"As far as questions on deployments are concerned, these are operational matters on our side or the other side and would not like to specifically go into them," said MEA spokesperson Gopal Baglay, when asked about

