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The Light Combat Aircraft Tejas (LCA) Mark-1A and Mark-2 and 114 new fighter jets to be procured will be the mainstay of the Indian Air Force (IAF) in the next decade as other jets are phased out, and before the indigenous fifth-generation Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) is ready, IAF sources said.

The IAF is looking at speeding up the production of the LCA by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

“We are taking delivery of the last four aircraft in the Initial Operational Configuration (IOC). We are expecting to receive 5-6 LCAs in the Final Operational Configuration (FOC) by March this financial year,” a senior IAF source said. “The contract for 83 LCA Mark-1A will be signed this financial year.” the source added.



The AMCA, being designed and developed by the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) with the IAF’s support, is expected to make the first flight in 2032.

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ICFOST national conference curtain raiser event held at DFRL

Mysuru: Association of Food Scientists and Technologists-India (AFST-I) had organised World Food Day, Prof. J.V. Bhat Memorial Lecture and Curtain Raiser of 27th Indian Convention of Food Scientists and Technologists (ICFOST) in association with DRDO-DFRL and CSIR-CFTRI at Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL), Siddhartha Nagar, recently.

Dr. K.S.M.S. Raghava Rao, Director, CSIR-CFTRI, who delivered World Food Day lecture, briefed about the progress of CSIR-CFTRI and need of our action for future for ensuring zero hunger through technologically innovative ways.

Dr. Neerja Hajela, Head – Science and Regulatory Affairs, Yakult Danone India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, delivered Prof. J.V. Bhat Memorial lecture on the topic “The Growing Burden of Antibiotic Resistance — Can Probiotics be one of the Solution to combat the crisis?”



Dr. D.D. Wadikar, Hon. Secretary, briefed about the 27th ICFOST National Conference of AFST(I) to be held at Tezpur University, Assam, from Dec.18 to 20 on the theme ‘Raising Agro-processing and Integrating Novel Technologies for Boosting Organic Wellness’ [RAINBOW-2019].

Dr. G.K. Sharma, Scientist G and Additional Director, DFRL, Mysuru, clicked the Curtain Raiser for ICFOST and wished the conference a grand success. He appreciated the AFST(I) for reaching to North East to conduct ICFOST to spread the knowledge on Food Technology.

All the dignitaries joined to unveil the selfie point of ICFOST on the occasion.

Dr. Anil Dutt Semwal, Director, DFRL, who presided over the event, said both lectures were full of novel information and assured full support to AFST(I) for its 27th ICFOST.

Dr. A.S. Bawa, former Director, DRDO-DFRL, was also present on the occasion. Dr. D.D. Wadikar welcomed. Umapati Hirewodeyar, Hon. Treasurer, proposed a vote of thanks.

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