

## DRDO team visits Southern Naval Command

*Scientists introduced to various simulators, other practical training equipment*

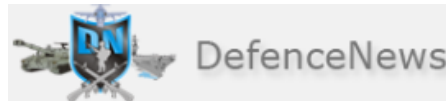
Kochi: A team of 24 DRDO scientists from the Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT), Pune, visited Southern Naval Command on Willingdon Island on an educational mission between May 8 and 21.

They also visited various training units and professional schools in the city.

The scientists visited *INS Dronacharya*, Signal School, Navigation & Direction School, Anti Submarine Warfare School, Naval Institute of Aeronautical Technology, Naval Institute of Educational Training and Technology, Seamanship School, INAS 342, School for Naval Airmen, Flight And Tactical Simulator, Water Survival Training Facility, Naval Aircraft Yard Kochi, Naval Ship Repair Yard Kochi and the Centre of Excellence in Ethics, Leadership and Behavioural Studies.

The team was introduced to various simulators such as Flight Training Simulator, Ship Handling Simulator, Sonar Simulator and other practical training equipment such as aircraft models and weapon systems and mountings. The scientists were also exposed to live demonstrations of Fast Interceptor Craft, diving operations and airshot (blank) firing of practice torpedoes.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Kochi/drdo-team-visits-southern-naval-command/article27202819.ece>



## Russia, Pakistan call for Int'l efforts to avoid military confrontation in space

*The two countries signed a joint statement on Wednesday only a month after Pakistan accused India of weaponising space, as Indian defence scientists successfully destroyed a target satellite 186 miles above the Earth's surface on 26 March*

New Delhi (Sputnik): A month after Islamabad expressed concern over India's anti-satellite missile test, Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov on Wednesday signed a joint statement on no-first placement of weapons in outer space, on the side-lines of the SCO foreign ministers' meet in Bishkek.

The two countries have agreed to "make all possible efforts to prevent Outer Space from becoming an arena for military confrontation and to ensure security in Outer Space activities".

The development came against the backdrop of recent anti-satellite tests conducted by India, which Pakistan considers "a matter of grave concern" and "it would also be amiss to ignore the military dimension of such actions and its implications on the global and regional peace, stability and security".

"The use of force against space-based objects, the development and deployment of Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) systems and their integration into space assets have added worrying dimensions to the issues relating to Outer Space", the Pakistani Foreign Ministry said, while obliquely indicating the anti-satellite test that brought India's sophistication in the realm of ballistic missile defence up a notch.

Russia and Pakistan have agreed to take an urgent step to address gaps in the international legal regime that governs the exploration and use of outer space to ensure peaceful activities and applications of space technologies only for socio-economic development.

The state-funded Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) on 27 March claimed that an indigenously developed ballistic missile defence (BMD) interceptor missile had successfully engaged an Indian target satellite in low earth orbit in "Hit to Kill" mode. The interceptor missile was a three-stage missile with two solid rocket boosters. India claimed that the test was aimed at defending its assets in outer space.

<http://www.defencenews.in/article/Russia,-Pakistan-Call-for-Intl-Efforts-to-Avoid-Military-Confrontation-in-Space-584831>