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POLICY

Defence Ministry to Adopt New Procurement Policy

Defence Aviation Post · 10 May 2019

The defence ministry will be adopting a new procurement policy that will define the level of indigenous content for defence equipment and give higher preference to local vendors in contracts and to start with, it has identified military textiles such as bulletproof jackets, boots and high altitude clothing for this purpose. [Read More](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

India, Vietnam to Strengthen Cooperation in Atomic Energy, Defence and Security

The Hindu · 12 May 2019

India and Vietnam agreed to further strengthen cooperation in defence and security, peaceful uses of atomic energy and outer space, oil and gas and renewable energy as Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu concluded his four-day visit to the Southeast Asian country. [Read More](#)

US Offers to Sell THAAD Defence System to India as Alternative to Russian S-400s

Hindustan Times · 12 May 2019

The United States has offered Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) and Patriot Advance Capability (PAC-3) missile defence systems to India in as an alternative to Russian S-400s, a competing equipment that India has said it is close to acquiring after years of negotiations. [Read More](#)

Defence Clothing: MoD Goes for 'Make In India'

Indian Defense News · 11 May 2019

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has put in place a policy that raised the participation of Indian firms in manufacturing 'technical textile' for the armed forces. Technical textile is used for specialised products like bullet-proof jackets, bullet-proof Patka and high altitude clothing. [Read More](#)

FO Terms Increase in Indian Defence Budget an Attempt to Start Arms Race in Region

Defence Aviation Post · 10 May 2019

Foreign Office Spokesperson Dr Muhammad Faisal termed the increase in Indian defence budget an attempt to start an arms race in the region but New Delhi know that increasing the budget won't affect

anything. [Read More](#)

Indian Air Force Plans to Buy Advanced ‘bunker buster’ version of Spice-2000 Bombs

Indian Defence Research Wing · 9 May 2019

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is planning to buy an advanced version of the Spice-2000 bomb, which can be used to reduce enemy buildings and bunkers to rubble in no time. It is to be noted that Spice-2000 bomb was used by IAF's Mirage-2000 fighter jets in the airstrikes on Jaish-e-Mohammad terror camp at Balakot in Pakistan. [Read More](#)

India, UK in Talks for Making Indian Navy's Largest Warship – the INS Vishal Aircraft Carrier

The Financial Express · 6 May 2019

India is looking to tie-up with the UK to build a warship for the Indian Navy. If the negotiations and planning materialize, then Indian Navy will get its biggest warship under the Make-In-India scheme, according to a PTI report. The new warship will be built along the lines of HMS Queen Elizabeth. [Read More](#)

Boost for Indian Navy! Rs 3,600 Crore Proposal to Buy Russia's Kamov-31 AEW Helicopters Cleared

The Financial Express · 6 May 2019

The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) headed by Defence minister Nirmala Sitharaman has recently approved the Rs 3,600 crore proposal to buy 10 Kamov-31 AEW Helicopters from Russia for the Indian Navy. "It is a single vendor purchase to be made from Russia for the Indian Navy, these helicopters will be on board the Indigenous Aircraft Carrier-1 (IAC)," confirmed a senior naval officer to Financial Express Online. [Read More](#)

PROJECT UPDATES

HAL May Not be Production Partner for Medium Weight Fighter (MWF)

Indian Defence Research Wing · 10 May 2019

India's Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL) will be assembling initial pre-production Medium Weight Fighter (MWF) jets but that doesn't assure that it will also get rights to manufacture them locally said Industrial sources close to idrw.org. [Read More](#)

Bhishma Tanks to be 'Made in Avadi'

Indian Defence Research Wing · 9 May 2019

The Russian made T-90S tanks are one of the most lethal Main Battle Tanks (MBTs) in the world. The tanks, assembled at the Heavy Vehicles Factory (HVF) in Avadi, near Chennai, would be deployed along Pakistan border. The Indian Army has plans now to induct 464 Russian-origin upgraded T-90 "Bhishma" MBTs along the border. [Read More](#)

INS Vela, Navy's Fourth Scorpene-class Submarine, Launched for Trials

Indian Defence Research Wing · 6 May 2019

Scorpene class submarine Vela, equipped with modern machinery and technology to guard the seas, was launched, an official said. It will undergo a number of tests by the Indian Navy before it gets commissioned in the defence fleet, the official added. It is the fourth submarine to be launched by the state-owned Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) after entering into a contract for the construction and transfer of technology for six Scorpene-class submarines with French collaborator Ms Naval Group (formerly known as DCNS). [Read More](#)

L&T MBDA, Tata Power Defence Proposals Get SEZ Board Approval

Indian Defense News · 6 May 2019

L&T MBDA Missile Systems Ltd, a joint venture between L&T and France's missile systems manufacturer MBDA, has received in-principle approval from the government for its proposed unit for assembly of missile weapon systems at the Aspen Infrastructure Ltd Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Coimbatore. This will allow the company to carry out some preparatory work while waiting for its industrial licence. [Read More](#)

INVESTMENTS

Adani Finalises Acquisition of Alpha Design

Indian Defense News · 6 May 2019

In a filing on the Bombay Stock Exchange on 20 April, Adani said the acquisition will provide it with "strong tier-one capability" in military platforms. Adani, which is headquartered in Ahmadabad, did not reveal the value of the acquisition. However, in December 2018, when Adani announced it has started talks with ADTL about the takeover, it valued the transaction at about INR4 billion (USD 57.3 million). [Read More](#)

Global Updates

Raytheon and Kongsberg Unveiled Lethal Version of MH-60 Romeo Armed with Naval Strike Missiles

Defence-Blog · 12 May 2019

Raytheon Missile Systems, partnered with Kongsberg Defence and Aerospace, has unveiled a lethal version of MH-60 Romeo multimission helicopter armed with two Naval Strike Missiles. Media specialist James Drew has posted a photo of an advanced helicopter with Naval Strike Missiles that was unveiled during the Sea Air Space Exposition at the Gaylord National Convention Center in National Harbor. [Read More](#)

US Orders Deployment of Patriot Defense Systems, Warship in The Middle East

Defense World.Net · 11 May 2019

The United States (US) has ordered the deployment of Raytheon's Patriot missile defense systems, SanAntonio-class amphibious warship USS Arlington, and auxiliary equipment to US Central Command (CENTCOM) in the Middle East owing to simmering tensions between the US and Iran. [Read More](#)

DARPA Selects Northrop Grumman to Develop Bio Sensors to Detect Underwater Threats

Defense World.Net · 10 May 2019

A combination of biologically-derived sensors and artificial intelligence are being developed to enhance and improve the effectiveness of underwater detection and tracking. The US Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has selected Northrop Grumman for the Persistent Aquatic Living Sensors (PALS) programme under which the company will develop biological sensing hardware using underwater biological organisms to detect underwater threats. [Read More](#)

DARPA Cancels ARES Cargo Drone Project With Lockheed Martin

Flight Global · 10 May 2019

The Pentagon's Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) canceled its ARES research programme with Lockheed Martin and Piasecki Aircraft due to cost. The project was aimed at developing a vertical takeoff and landing (VTOL) aircraft with twin, tilting ducted fans for hauling military cargo. [Read More](#)

Upgraded Su-25 Fighter To Get AI-enabled Sighting System

Defense World.Net · 9 May 2019

Upgraded version Su-25 fighter, Su-25SM3 will be equipped with Artificial Intelligence (AI) enabled target acquisition and sighting system to allow pilots to strike designated targets without their participation. "As part of further upgrade of attack aircraft, the latest Su-25SM3 versions will be furnished with a new sighting system. [Read More](#)

Lockheed Partners with Red Hat to Deliver Faster F-22 Upgrades

Airforce-technology · 8 May 2019

Lockheed Martin has partnered with Red Hat to create an open architecture to accelerate the delivery of software capabilities to the US Air Force's (USAF) F-22 Raptor fifth-generation fighter aircraft. The open architecture created by the companies is based on Red Hat OpenShift Container Platform. [Read More](#)

Harris Corporation Contracted for Support MQ-25 Unmanned Tanker for U.S. Navy

Defence-Blog · 7 May 2019

U.S. leader in tactical communications, geospatial systems, services Harris Corporation has been awarded a contract by the Boeing Company to partner with Boeing AvionX in supplying the mission management open systems processor for the MQ-25 unmanned aerial refueling program. [Read More](#)

BAE Systems Signs Contract to Supply LRSAM Sensors for US Navy's Super Hornet Jets

Defense World.Net · 7 May 2019

BAE Systems has signed a contract with Lockheed Martin for the production of more than 50 long range anti-ship missile (LRASM) sensors and are working to achieve early operational capability (EOC) on the United States Navy's F/A-18E/F Super Hornet in 2019. [Read More](#)

Rohde & Schwarz Presents Wide Variety of T&M Solutions at first EuMCE Event in Prague

Jane's 360 · 6 May 2019

Rohde & Schwarz will take part in the newly created European Microwave Conference in Central Europe (EuMCE) in Prague. The T&M specialist will present products and solutions for applications ranging from wideband radar, shielded mmWave device testing and multipoint device testing to thermal effects diagnostics. [Read More](#)

Technology Updates

Northrop Grumman Unveils Next Gen Maritime Inertial Navigation System

Defense World.Net · 10 May 2019

Northrop Grumman Corporation has unveiled SeaFIND (Sea Fiber Optic Inertial Navigation with Data Distribution), a next generation maritime inertial navigation system for use on aquatic surveillance vehicles. The SeaFIND succeeds the company's MK-39 Mod 3 and 4 series Inertial Navigation System product line, the company said in a statement Monday. [Read More](#)

US Navy's SSBN 740 Submarine Tests Trident II D5 Missile

Naval-Technology · 10 May 2019

The US Navy's Ohio-class ballistic-missile submarine USS Rhode Island (SSBN 740) has launched an unarmed Trident II D5 missile off the coast of Cape Canaveral, Florida. The test flight of the missile was performed in partnership with the US Navy's Strategic Systems Programs (SSP). [Read More](#)

Navy League 2019: USN Preparing For ANTX Technology Demos

Jane's 360 · 9 May 2019

US Navy (USN) leaders are calling on industry and academia to pitch their manoeuvre, logistics, and force protection ideas and technologies for an upcoming Advanced Navy Technology Exercise (ANTX). During

8 May expeditionary forces panel at this year's Navy League conference, Rear Admiral James Kilby, the director of warfare integration, called on industry, academia, and other development organisations to come forward and propose technologies for the ANTX slated to take place in mid-July at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. [Read More](#)

BAE Systems Tapped for Upgrade Advanced Precision Kill Weapon System Rockets

Defence-Blog · 8 May 2019

The U.S. Department of Defense said that BAE Systems, Information and Electronics Systems Integration Inc. from New Hampshire is awarded \$10,8 million order for the upgrade of the Advanced Precision Kill Weapon System (APKWS) guidance section. [Read More](#)

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