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ANNOUNCEMENTS

India Concludes Price Negotiations to Acquire 62 C295 Transport Aircraft

Defence Aviation Post · 28 Mar 2019

India's Ministry of Defence (MoD) has concluded price negotiations to acquire a total of 62 Airbus Defence and Space C295 medium transport aircraft (MTA) for the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). [Read More](#)

India to Deliver 4 Gunship Helicopters to Afghanistan in July

Indian Defence Research Wing · 26 Apr 2019

India is expected to supply four gunship helicopters to Afghanistan by July, with the deliveries falling almost a year behind schedule. As first reported by Hindustan Times in March 2018, Afghanistan, Belarus and India had inked a trilateral pact to supply the refurbished Mi-24 helicopters. [Read More](#)

Indian Air Force's Fighter Jet Procurement Plan Moves Forward

Defence World.Net · 25 Mar 2019

The Indian Air Force (IAF)'s plan to acquire 114 combat aircraft to supplement its depleting fleet of fighters has advanced to the next step with the air force submitting list of requirements to the Ministry of Defense (MoD) for its approval. [Read More](#)

PROJECT UPDATES

HAL Plans to Ramp up LCA-Tejas Mk1A Production Even Further

Indian Defence Research Wing · 31 Mar 2019

HAL and IAF are close to sealing a final agreement on production of 83 upgraded Tejas Mk1A fighter jet and anticipating fresh order in near future, HAL is now augmenting its production capacity which can be ramped up to 24 jets per annum once Mk1A fighter jet goes into production, said Hindustan Aeronautics Limited chairman R Madhavan. [Read More](#)

Russia to Offer Sukhoi Su-57E Variant to India

Indian Defence Research Wing · 29 Apr 2019

Speaking at a media briefing at the 2019 LIMA exhibition in Langkawi, Russian officials have confirmed that the Russian Government is set to clear export of the Sukhoi Su-57 PAK FA fifth-generation fighter aircraft to many prospective customers like India and to countries in the middle east and Asia. [Read More](#)

Indian Navy Gets Most Critical, Made in India, CM System for Its Indigenous Aircraft Carrier

In line with Indian Navy's focus on indigenous development and participation of the private sector, the Combat Management System (CMS) for the Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC) has been developed by M/s Tata Power Strategic Engineering Division (TPSED), in collaboration with Weapon and Electronics System Engineering Establishment (WESEE) and M/s MARS, Russia. [Read More](#)

Chandigarh to Get Maintenance Centre for Russian MI-17 Helicopters By 2019 End

Defence Aviation Post · 29 Mar 2019

In a development that will boost India's self-sufficiency in carrying out defence repairs, the country is set to get its own centre for carrying out repair works on Russian Mi-17V-5 type helicopters within 2019. [Read More](#)

Russia, India to Turn BrahMos Cruise Missile into Hypersonic Weapon

Taas · 28 Mar 2019

The BrahMos cruise missile will get a maximum speed of Mach 5 during its upgrade to become a hypersonic weapon, Russian Head of the BrahMos Aerospace Russia-India Joint Venture Alexander Maksichev told TASS at the LIMA 2019 arms show in Malaysia. [Read More](#)

India Renews Indigenous AWACS Efforts

AIN · 28 Mar 2019

Recent skirmishes with neighboring Pakistan have resulted in India's military focus returning to a delayed program for an Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS). [Read More](#)

US to Offer India Alternative to Russian S-400 Missile Defence System

Defence Aviation Post · 28 Mar 2019

The US is working with India to offer an alternative to the Russian S-400 Triumf missile defence system, according to Assistant Defence Secretary Randall Schriver, but he left open the possibility that Washington may not punish New Delhi over the \$5.4 billion Moscow deal. [Read More](#)

OFB Chairman Inaugurates Gun Shop for Production of Sarang-155 At VFJ

Defence Aviation Post · 27 Mar 2019

Director General Ordnance Factories (DGOF) and Chairman of Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) Saurabh Kumar inaugurated newly established Gun Shop to kick-start production of Sarang-155 gun at Vehicle Factory Jabalpur. [Read More](#)

Indian Navy Commissions Facility to Train Against NBC Contamination

Janes · 26 Mar 2019

The Indian Navy inaugurated its first facility designed to train personnel in detecting, monitoring, and cleansing nuclear, biological, and chemical contamination on its platforms on 25 March. [Read More](#)

Indian Navy May Finalise \$2 Billion MH60R Seahawk Multirole Naval Helicopters Deal

Defence Aviation Post · 25 Mar 2019

Indian Navy is expected to conclude contract with the US-based aerospace giant Lockheed Martin for 24 MH60R Seahawk multirole naval helicopters by October 2019. [Read More](#)

India Eyes Sale of Tejas to Malaysia

Defence Aviation Post · 25 Mar 2019

India is hoping that its indigenously developed light combat aircraft Tejas will impress a global audience at Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA), in Malaysia, even as there is talk that the Malaysian government may be interested in procuring the planes for its air force. [Read More](#)

HAL Produces 16th LCA

Business Line · 25 Mar 2019

Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) has produced the 16th Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) as per the target till March 31. HAL has order for 40 LCAs (16 fighters each in Initial Operational Clearance (IOC) and Final Operational Clearance (FOC) configuration and eight trainers) from the Indian Air Force (IAF), with customer flights expected to be completed by the end of this month. [Read More](#)

Cochin Shipyard Bags Rs 270 Crore Floating Vessel Order from Home Ministry

Business Line · 25 Mar 2019

Cochin Shipyard has bagged an order worth Rs 270 crore for supply of nine floating border outpost vessels (FBOPs) from the Home Ministry. The order for nine vessels was bagged by CSL against a stiff domestic competitive tender process participated by other shipyards, CSL said in a BSE filing. [Read More](#)

INVESTMENTS

Tata Motors arm Transfers Defence Business Worth Rs.625 Crore to TASL

The Economic Times · 30 Mar 2019

Tata Motors has sold its stake in subsidiary TAL Manufacturing Solutions Limited to sister concern TASL for Rs 625 crore for the aerospace business. [Read More](#)

Adani Defence Systems and Technologies Ltd forms Subsidiary

Defence Aviation Post · 28 Mar 2019

Adani Defence Systems and Technologies Limited – a wholly owned subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Ltd has incorporated a Company namely “Adani Rave Gears India Limited” on 27th March, 2019. [Read More](#)

OPINIONS & FEATURES

India Current Developments and Strategic Stability

Mordern Diplomacy · 30 Apr 2019

Indian current developments such as India-Russia deal for nuclear powered submarine, induction of new anti-tank guided missile ‘Nag’ and Pinaka guided rocket system can further escalate the ongoing conflict between India and Pakistan, and become a challenge for existing strategic stability of South Asia. [Read More](#)

Taking Defence to a Higher Orbit

Indian Defence Research Wing · 29 Apr 2019

The shooting down of a fast-moving satellite in an orbit 300 kilometres from earth in an attempt to prove the country’s anti-satellite technology prowess is undoubtedly a remarkable feat. This is strategically significant as, in the eventuality of an attack, India can cripple the enemy’s communication and financial services, among others, by targeting its satellites in orbit. [Read More](#)

Indian Defence Industry Keen to Support African Countries: Army Chief Rawat

Indian Defence Research Wing · 28 Mar 2019

Army Chief General Bipin Rawat said that the Indian defence industry was keen to support African countries in the acquisition of latest military hardware. He was speaking at the closing ceremony of Africa-India Field Training Exercise-2019 at Aundh Military station [Read More](#)

Defence, Make in India and The Illusive Goal of Self Reliance

Defence Aviation Post · 26 Mar 2019

The euphoria over the growth prospects of the private sector in defence production still prevails even

though prospective vendors have not received any major orders in the last five years. Ever since the sector was opened up for private investment, including Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), the expectation has been that it will become a major contributor to the 'Make in India' initiative, accelerate manufacturing-led industrial growth and attract a flood of investment in capital and technology. [Read More](#)

Look Beyond India to Partake a Slice of Lucrative Defence Sector

Moneycontrol · 26 Mar 2019

Recent events over the past couple of months again highlighted the defence and security challenges that India face. According to a report by the World Economic Forum, India has a defence spending of around \$63 billion. [Read More](#)

Global Updates

Boeing Gets \$46 Million U.S. Navy Orca Contract Modification

Defence-Blog · 29 Mar 2019

Boeing has been awarded a \$46.7 million U.S. Navy contract modification for the Orca Extra Large Unmanned Undersea Vehicle (XLUUV) program. This contract modification award completes the XLUUV competition and brings the total awarded amount for five XLUUVs and associated support elements to \$274.4 million. [Read More](#)

Thyssenkrupp Marine Systems and Embraer Equip the Brazilian Navy for the Future

Atlas Elektronik · 29 Mar 2019

The Aguas Azuis Consortium, formed by thyssenkrupp Marine Systems, Embraer Defense & Security and Atech, was selected by the Brazilian Navy for the construction of four defense ships in the Tamandaré Corvettes Class Program (CCT) as preferred bidder. [Read More](#)

U.S. Army Awards \$1.13 Billion Contract to Lockheed Martin for Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System Production, Support Equipment

Lockheed Martin · 28 Mar 2019

Lockheed Martin received a \$1.13 billion contract from the U.S. Army for Lot 14 production of Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System (GMLRS) rockets and associated equipment. The contract calls for the production of more than 9,500 GMLRS Unitary and Alternative-Warhead (AW) rockets, more than 300 Low-Cost Reduced-Range Practice Rockets (RRPRs) and integrated logistics support for the U.S. Army and international customers. [Read More](#)

Elbit Systems Awarded \$125 Million Contract From the IMOD to Provide Automatic SPH Gun Systems to the IDF

Elbitsystems · 27 Mar 2019

Elbit Systems Ltd. announced that it was awarded an approximately \$125 million (NIS 460 million) contract from the Israeli Ministry of Defense to supply fully automatic self-propelled howitzer gun systems to the Israeli Defense Force. The contract, which also includes the supply of training simulators, will be performed over a 12-year period. [Read More](#)

U.S. Navy Awards BAE Systems \$41 Million Contract for USS Anchorage Upgrades

Bae Systems · 27 Mar 2019

BAE Systems has received a \$41.8 million contract from the U.S. Navy to perform routine maintenance and modernization of the amphibious transport dock ship USS Anchorage (LPD 23). The Anchorage will undergo 12 months of restorative work at BAE Systems' shipyard in San Diego. [Read More](#)

Raytheon to Develop ASARS-2B Radar for USAF's U-2 Aircraft

Airforce-Technology · 26 Mar 2019

Raytheon has received a \$320m undefined contract from the US Air Force (USAF) to develop a version of the advanced synthetic aperture radar (ASARS-2B) for the U-2 Dragon Lady reconnaissance aircraft. [Read More](#)

Thales Opens UK Facility to Develop TACTICOS Naval CMS

Naval-Technology · 26 Mar 2019

Thales is set to open a new facility in the UK to develop its TACTICOS naval combat management

system, designed to meet current and future military needs. The naval combat management system is part of a proposed solution for the Royal Navy's £1.25bn Type 31e general purpose light frigate programme. [Read More](#)

BAE Systems Showcases Upgraded 'Light Tank' with Active Protection Systems

Defence-Blog · 26 Mar 2019

Britain's biggest defense company BAE Systems showcased the technology demonstrator of the Mobile Protected Firepower (MPF) vehicle or 'light tank', equipped with the active protection systems at the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Global Force Symposium in Huntsville. [Read More](#)

Airbus Releases Eurofighter Mission Support System to German Air Force

Airforce-Technology · 25 Mar 2019

Airbus has released a new mission support system (MSS) into service for Eurofighter to the German Air Force. The MSS contains new air-to-surface planning features and can fully exploit the multirole capabilities of Eurofighter Typhoon. [Read More](#)

Australian Government Selects Nasams for their LAND 19 Phase 7B

Kongsberg · 25 Mar 2019

Raytheon Australia and Kongsberg Defence & Aerospace joined Defence Minister, the Hon. Christopher Pyne and South Australian Premier, the Hon. Steven Marshall, to announce that the National Advanced Surface to Air Missile System, NASAMS, was selected for the Australian Government's Short Range Ground Based Air Defence program known as LAND19 Phase 7B. KONGSBERG is a subcontractor to Raytheon Australia. [Read More](#)

Safran Unit Wins Contract to Support RAN's IRST VAMPIR Systems

Naval-Technology · 25 Mar 2019

Safran Electronics & Defense Australasia (SEDA) has received a contract to provide in-service support to the Royal Australian Navy's (RAN) infrared search and track (IRST) VAMPIR systems. [Read More](#)

Technology Updates

India to Launch Its Homemade Low-Cost Spy Satellite

Indian Defence Research Wing · 30 Mar 2019

Indian Space Research Organisation is getting ready to launch 29 satellites from the US, Lithuania, Spain and Switzerland including EMISAT next week. This is the first time that the Indian space agency is attempting to launch these satellites in three different orbits.

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India Gets Ready for Stars Wars in the Future With Made in India BMD Missile

Defence Aviation Post · 28 Mar 2019

Amidst growing tensions with Pakistan, and China's growing space programme, India joined a select group of countries that includes only US, Russia and China, when it successfully conducted an Anti-Satellite (A-SAT) missile test 'Mission Shakti' from the Dr A P J Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha.

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Northrop Grumman Ground System Provides Direction for the First Dual Interceptor Test for Ground-Based Midcourse Defense System

Northrop Grumman · 25 Mar 2019

Northrop Grumman Corporation, as the strategic partner to prime contractor, Boeing, successfully provided the weapon task plans for the Ground-based Midcourse Defense (GMD) system Ground Based Interceptors (GBI) during the first dual interceptor mission against an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) target for the U.S. Missile Defense Agency (MDA). [Read More](#)

Raytheon Kill Vehicle Hits ICBM Target in First Dual-Salvo Test

Raytheon · 25 Mar 2019

The U.S. Missile Defense Agency, in partnership with the Boeing-led industry team, tested two Raytheon Company Exoatmospheric Kill Vehicles, which destroyed a threat representative intercontinental ballistic missile during a test of the Ground-based Midcourse Defense System, or GMD. One EKV intercepted the target and the other gathered test data in what is known as a "two-shot salvo" engagement. [Read More](#)

Raytheon Developing New Version of Advanced Synthetic Aperture Radar for U-2 Aircraft

Raytheon is developing a new version of the Advanced Synthetic Aperture Radar that flies on the U-2 Dragon Lady aircraft under a \$320 million undefinitized contract from the U.S. Air Force. [Read More](#)

U.S. MDA and Boeing Complete Historic Missile Defense Test

Boeing · 25 Mar 2019

U.S. Missile Defense Agency and Boeing for the first time launched two Ground-based Midcourse Defense system interceptors to destroy a threat-representative target, validating the fielded system protects the United States from intercontinental ballistic missiles. [Read More](#)

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