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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trump Ends \$5.6 Billion GSP Trade Preference for India

Indian Defense News · 2 Jun 2019

As he hardens his stand on trade, US President Donald Trump is ending India's \$5.6 billion trade concessions under the Generalised Scheme of Preferences programme with effect from June 5. "I have determined that India has not assured the United States that India will provide equitable and reasonable access to its markets." [Read More](#)

India's Buying of S-400 from Russia will have Serious Implications on Defence Ties

Defence News · 31 May 2019

India's decision to buy the long-range S-400 missile defense system from Russia will have serious implications on defence ties, the Trump administration has warned. A senior State Department official told a group of reporters on Thursday that New Delhi's decision to buy S-400 air defence system from Moscow was significant, disagreeing with the view that it "isn't a big deal". [Read More](#)

Rs 21,738 Crore Naval Helicopters to be New Govt's First Defence Buy

Business Standard · 30 May 2019

The Rs 21,738-crore procurement of 111 light Naval Utility Helicopters (NUH) for the Navy is on track to be the first big procurement of the new National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government. On May 28, the last day for vendors to submit responses to an expression of interest (Eoi) floated by the defence ministry on February 12, at least three international original equipment

manufacturers (OEMs) submitted proposals to build their helicopters through an Indian industry designated as strategic partner (SP). [Read More](#)

US Diplomat to Visit to India for Talks on Defense Issues

Indian Defence Research Wing · 30 May 2019

A senior American diplomat will visit India next week for talks on strengthening bilateral defense ties, including maritime security, and supporting New Delhi's role as a "Major Defense Partner", the State Department has said. [Read More](#)

India to Extend \$100 Million Defence Line of Credit to Kyrgyzstan

Defence News · 30 May 2019

India may extend \$100-million defence line of credit to Kyrgyzstan President of Kyrgyzstan Sooronbay Jeenbekov, who holds the current chair of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, is a surprise special guest at the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 28. [Read More](#)

PROJECT UPDATES

HAL Confident of Getting its Jet Trainer Project Out of Spin

Indian Defense News · 2 Jun 2019

For state-owned aircraft maker Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), the 20-year-old Intermediate Jet Trainer (IJT) project still remains a major challenge, especially after the Indian Air Force (IAF) walked out of the project citing delays and design flaws. [Read More](#)

Turkey's TAIS Contracted \$2.3 Billion Deal to Build Ships for Indian Navy

Indian Defense News · 2 Jun 2019

TAIS, founded by the owners of the top five leading shipyards of Turkey to offer expert and innovative solutions in naval shipbuilding, has received a \$2.3-billion tender to build five ships for the Indian Navy. TAIS has won a cooperation tender that involves the production of five fleet support tankers of 45,000 tons. [Read More](#)

Homegrown BEL System to Ring Death Knell for Rogue Drones

Indian Defense News · 2 Jun 2019

Rogue unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) could find its nemesis in homegrown Drone Guard System (DGS) being developed by Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL). The DGS was first unveiled during the DefExpo held in Chennai in 2018 and later during Aero India held in Bangalore 2019. [Read More](#)

Akash NG Trials This Year

Indian Defense News · 2 Jun 2019

BEL Chairman M V Gowtama confirmed that the first trials of the upgraded version of surface-to-air missile (SAM) Akash NG (new generation) will be held this year. "Akash SAM is the best in the business and it has performed so well during all the recent exercises. [Read More](#)

India to Conclude User Trials of First Locally Developed Howitzer

Defence News · 31 May 2019

The Indian Army (IA) is expected to successfully complete user trials of the 155 mm/52 calibre Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS) within the next two months: a move that would pave the way to start series production of India's first locally designed howitzer. [Read More](#)

Malaysian Order for LCA-Tejas to Boost Further Export Potentials

Indian Defence Research Wing · 29 May 2019

India will get a strong foothold in South East Asia, in case of Malaysia deciding on Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) 'Tejas' manufactured by state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). Speaking to Financial Express Online on condition of anonymity, a top official has said that "There are various dimensions to the export of the LCA Tejas to Malaysia. [Read More](#)

India's Air Force to Arm Russian-Made Su-30MKI Fighters with BrahMos-A Missiles

Indian Defence Research Wing · 29 May 2019

About 40 Russian-made Su-30MKI fighter jets of India's Air Force will be armed with BrahMos-A air-launched missiles in the next two or three years, CEO and Chief Designer of Russia's Research and Production Association of Machine-Building Alexander Leonov said on May 28. [Read More](#)

Turkish Consortium to Sign Pact With HSL to Build Five Fleet Support Ships

Defence News · 29 May 2019

Turkish consortium to sign pact with HSL to build five Fleet Support Ships In a major boost to develop Indian Navy , Hindustan Shipyard Limited, a Ministry of Defence Enterprise, will sign a contract with a consortium formed by five leading shipyards in Turkey for technical collaboration to construct five Fleet Support Ships worth more than Rs 16,000 crore. [Read More](#)

Air Force to Push for 36 More Rafale, in Anticipation of MMRCA 2.0 Swinging the Other Way

Indian Defence Research Wing · 28 May 2019

Recently IAF Chief again declared that Dassault Rafale which will be inducted into Indian Air Force from September onwards will be " Game Change" for the force and will be instrumental in establishing the regional aerial superiority in the region. [Read More](#)

DRDO Successfully Test-Fires Akash-1S Air Defence Missile

Indian Defense News · 28 May 2019

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) on Monday successfully test-fired surface-to-air missile Akash-1S with an indigenous seeker for the second time in last two days. This missile is the first surface-to-air missile with indigenous radio frequency seeker that was initially test-fired in 2017 from the Launch Complex-III at Integrated Test Range at Chandipur in Odisha. [Read More](#)

Trials of Advanced Artillery Gun Begin in Pokhran Range

Indian Defense News · 27 May 2019

India's first high capacity indigenous long range 155mm/52 gun and Dhanush's supplement ATAGS (Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System) firing user trials of next stage began from Friday. The trials began at Pokhran field firing range of Jaisalmer district. [Read More](#)

Global Updates

European Defence Industry Wrongfooted by Saudi Weapons Ban

The Financial Times · 2 Jun 2019

Suing one of your biggest customers may seem unthinkable, but the chief executive of Airbus, Europe's biggest aerospace and defence group, will not rule it out. Germany's decision last October

to ban arms exports to Saudi Arabia following the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi threatens a border contract that Airbus has with the kingdom. [Read More](#)

BAE Systems Partners with UiPath to Expedite Machine Learning Adoption

Bae Systems · 2 Jun 2019

BAE Systems is a technology partner with robotic process automation (RPA) leader, UiPath, in developing suites of software robots that its customers can use to automate high-volume, repetitive business processes. [Read More](#)

GAO Reaffirms ITEP Contract Award

Geaviation · 30 May 2019

GE Aviation is pleased the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) denied ATEC's protest and reaffirmed the U.S. Army's selection of GE Aviation's T901-GE-900 turboshaft engine for the Improved Turbine Engine Program (ITEP). [Read More](#)

New Aircraft Provides Enhanced Early Warning, Command and Control Capability for Evolving Security Needs

Northrop Grumman · 30 May 2019

The Japan Ministry of Defense competitively selected the Northrop Grumman E-2D to fulfill an emerging next-generation airborne early warning requirement. "Northrop Grumman's longstanding partnership with Japan is beginning a new chapter with the delivery of the first Japan E-2D," said Jane Bishop, vice president and integrated product team leader, manned airborne surveillance programs, Northrop Grumman. [Read More](#)

Airbus and Spanish Air Force to Develop Drone and Augmented Reality Inspections for Military Aircraft

Airbus · 29 May 2019

The Spanish Air Force has become the first air force worldwide to support the development of Airbus' drone and augmented reality-based maintenance inspection services, with the aim of drastically reducing maintenance inspections for large military aircraft and increasing overall fleet availability. [Read More](#)

U.S. Air Force Selects Boeing to Provide Weapon Planning Software

Boeing · 28 May 2019

Boeing, through its subsidiary Tapestry Solutions, received a 10-year contract from the U.S. Air Force to provide Weapon Planning Software (WPS) for numerous aircraft and weapons platforms used by U.S. military and allied forces. The mission planning software is designed to help military customers plan every detail of a mission, including routes, threats and points for weapons launches. [Read More](#)

Technology Updates

DRDO's Surveillance System to Bolster Army's Defence System Along the Border

Defence News · 29 May 2019

DRDO's surveillance system to bolster Army's defence system along the border To bolster the Indian Army's defence and surveillance systems along the border, the Dehradun-based Instruments Research and Development Establishment (IRDE), an arm of the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO), has developed a state-of-the-art surveillance equipment —Video and Image Processing Enhancement and Recognition System (VIPERS). [Read More](#)

Army Plans to Stock Up on AI Ammunition

Indian Defense News · 28 May 2019

The army also plans to use AI technology that can predict, for instance, when a tank would require its next servicing, its remaining life and potential failures. The army is working with industry and academic experts to move forward from the proof of concept stage. [Read More](#)

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