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## Defence Sector Updates

### Policy & Market Updates

#### Policy

#### **To Boost Defence Exports, Modi Government to Launch 'Open General Export License' Scheme**

Indian Defence Research Wing · 18 Jun 2019

Indian Government is working to boost Indian defence exports and towards this it plans to launch a new 'Open General Export License' scheme. Mr Sanjay Jaju, Joint Secretary (DIP), Department of Defence Production Ministry of Defence, Government of India said, "We are working on launching the Open General Export License where the entire process of taking permission from the government will also be further reduced." [Read More](#)

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **India Lining up Defence Deals Worth \$10 Billion with US Amid Trade Row**

The Times of India · 23 Jun 2019

India is lining up defence deals worth around \$10 billion for the US over the next two-three years despite ongoing trade disputes and immigration concerns, even as New Delhi and Moscow have worked out a [Read More](#)

#### **Russia Offers India More Mig-29UPG Fighter Jets at Throw Away Price**

Indian Defence Research Wing · 22 Jun 2019

Russia has offered India more air frames of Mig-29 which with upgraded UPG Upgrade package will cost less than \$40 Million a unit to bulk up fleet force due to the shortage of fighter jets because of

delays in modernization and series of the retirement of older jets. [Read More](#)

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## **India to Acquire Ten More US P-8I Aircraft for ISR and ASW Operations**

Indian Defence Research Wing · 21 Jun 2019

The search for the additional ten P8Is cleared its first hurdle, on June 20, when the Services Capital Acquisition Categorisation Higher Committee (SCAPCHC), headed by the Chief of Integrated Staff or CISC, a senior lieutenant-general and including the three vice chiefs of staff of the three services cleared the proposal of about Rs 22,500 crore (\$US 3.2 million). [Read More](#)

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## **Ahead of Mike Pompeo's Visit, India Takes First Steps to Sign Major Defence Deal with US**

Indian Defence Research Wing · 20 Jun 2019

On the eve of the visit of the U.S. Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, to India, the first step towards a major defence deal with the United States has been taken. India wants ten more P-8I aircraft for surveillance, reconnaissance and anti-submarine operations in addition to the eight it contracted for in 2009 for the Navy. [Read More](#)

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## **France Seeks Cooperation from India for Aviation, Defence Industries**

DNA India · 19 Jun 2019

Describing India as a true partner, French Ambassador to India Alexandre Ziegler said France is looking forward to further exchanges with India for providing support to deepen industrial relations in defence and the [Read More](#)

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## **Sniper Rifles for Indian Army Delayed as 20 Firms Offer Weapon, But None Make Ammunition**

Indian Defence Research Wing · 18 Jun 2019

The Indian Army's wait for much-needed sniper rifles just got longer, with the procurement process hitting a glitch: 20 firms replied to the Army's request for information (RFI), floated last year, but none of them manufacture the ammunition. The absence of ammunition-manufacturing capacity is seen as a major drawback because the Army was looking to secure technology transfer under the final deal for the seamless operation of the rifles in the long run, ThePrint has learnt. [Read More](#)

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## **Rs 45,000 Crore P-75 Submarines Project: Navy Issues EOI for Shortlisting Partners**

Indian Defence Research Wing · 21 Jun 2019

The Indian Navy has issued an Expression of Interest for shortlisting potential strategic partners for the construction of six P-75 (I) submarines, a major initiative under the 'Make In India' costing nearly Rs 45,000 crore, the Defence Ministry said. [Read More](#)

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## **GTRE Revives Kaveri Turbofan Program With SNECMA**

Indian Defense News · 21 Jun 2019

Various jets and helicopters part of Indian Air Force's arsenal and especially the LCA Tejas may soon get Made In India Aero Gas Turbine Engines as GTRE scientists have revived the program with the help of French aircraft engine manufacturer Snecma, IANS has reported. [Read More](#)

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## **F-21: Not so Cheap, American Fighter will Come with a Hefty Price Tag for India**

Indian Defence Research Wing · 20 Jun 2019

The US government has been pushing India to place an order for their soon to be out of production F-21 aircraft also known as an F-16V fighter jet. F-21 has been pushed to India has an low-cost alternative which features F-35 technology in terms of avionics and sensors and will be exclusively Made, locally in India if it gets the deal for 114 units of fighter aircraft from the Indian air force. [Read More](#)

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## **US Voices Interoperability Concerns About Indian S-400 Procurement**

Indian Defence Research Wing · 20 Jun 2019

The US government has voiced additional concerns about India's planned procurement of Almaz-Antei S-400 Triumf self-propelled surface-to-air missile (SAM) systems from Russia. Speaking at a recent US House of Representatives foreign affairs subcommittee, US Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asia, Alice Wells, said the S-400 acquisition "could effectively limit India's ability to increase interoperability [with the US]". [Read More](#)

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## **India's Infantry Combat Vehicles Project May Just Die from Apathy**

Indian Defense News · 18 Jun 2019

With the Army failing to convince the bureaucracy to push the project through, it will float in an eternal orbit. Neighbours China and Pakistan have been modernising their militaries swiftly. The Indian soldier's wait for a modern Infantry Combat Vehicle that will carry him into battle protected from enemy fire, continues without an end in sight. [Read More](#)

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## **Garden Reach to Get a Boost as Frigate Orders Near Rollout**

Indian Defence Research Wing · 18 Jun 2019

Revenue growth at Garden Reach Shipbuilders, a manufacturer of warships for the Indian Navy, is likely to pick up soon. This may attract investors, who would have revenue visibility for the next 3-4 years during which the company would make frigates for the Navy. [Read More](#)

## **Global Updates**

### **Italian Air Force Solidifies KC-767A Tanker Mission Readiness with Boeing PBL Agreement**

Mediaroom · 21 Jun 2019

Boeing will continue providing Performance-based Logistics (PBL) support to the Italian air force (ItAF) fleet of KC-767A tankers through July 2021 per an extended contract agreement for two additional years announced at the Paris Air Show. Through the partnership with Boeing, the ItAF can rely on outstanding aircraft availability, which has been instrumental to the success of missions.

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### **Boeing Looks to F/A-18 E/F Block III for Overseas Boost**

Indian Defence Research Wing · 20 Jun 2019

The company sees an opportunity to sell more than 350 aircraft across six major fighter competitions, and is in discussions with other unspecified countries, Boeing vice-president Thom Breckenridge says. The key publicly-known opportunities for the type are fighter requirements in Canada, Switzerland, Germany and Finland, as well as separate competitions for the Indian air force and navy. [Read More](#)

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### **Elbit Systems Awarded \$73 Million Contract to Supply J-MUSIC DIRCM Systems for the German Air Force**

Elbitsystems · 19 Jun 2019

Elbit Systems Ltd. announced that it was awarded an approximately \$73 million contract from Diehl

Defence GmbH & Co. KG ("Diehl Defence") to provide J-MUSIC™ Directed Infrared Counter Measure (DIRCM) systems for the German Air Forces' Airbus A400M aircraft. [Read More](#)

## Upgraded RAM Missile Ready for US Navy

Mediaroom · 19 Jun 2019

The U.S. Navy successfully completed a series of guided flight tests for Raytheon Company's RAM™ Block 2A short-range, surface-to-air missile. Testing occurred at the Naval Air Warfare Center in China Lake, California, and from the Navy's self-defense test ship off the coast of Southern California. RAM is the world's most modern ship self-defense weapon and protects ships of all sizes.

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## Raytheon AIM-9X Block II Missile Hits Target in First Flight from NASAMS Launcher

Mediaroom · 19 Jun 2019

Raytheon Company launched an AIM-9X® Sidewinder Block II missile for the first time from a National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System, and engaged and destroyed a target during a May 2019 flight test supported by the Royal Norwegian Air Force at the Andoya Test Center in Norway. The AIM-9X Sidewinder is a Triple-threat missile that can be used for air-to-air engagements, surface-attack and surface-launch missions without modifications. U.S. [Read More](#)

## Russia's State Arms Exporter Delivers Combat Aircraft Worth Over \$6 Billion in 2018

Indian Defense News · 19 Jun 2019

Russia's state arms seller Rosoboronexport delivered combat aircraft and helicopters worth over \$6 billion in 2018, the company's press office said in a statement released on the eve of the Paris Air Show at Le Bourget in France. [Read More](#)

## Technology Updates

### High Time, India Revives the Original Astra Mk2 Program

Indian Defence Research Wing · 23 Jun 2019

After recent Aerial clash with Pakistan, there is a mad rush to procure next-generation air to air missiles from various countries to arm them on front line fighter jets like Su-30MKI, Mig-29 and

Mirage-2000 with Western, Indian and Russian developed even though no such urgency has been shown to expedite development of local indigenous programs in the first place. [Read More](#)

## DRDO Pins Hopes on Target Drone 'Abhyas'

Indian Defense News · 19 Jun 2019

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is aggressively pushing Abhyas – the High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) – to enter into the production mode by next year. Buoyed by successful text-book-launch of Abhyas last month from ITR Chandipur, the DRDO scientists are now readying the flight for another trial in the presence of Service representatives.

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## Israeli Defence Giant Rafael Leverages AI for Target Identification

Analyticsindiamag · 18 Jun 2019

Rafael Advanced Defense Systems Ltd, a leading Israel-based defense technology company has unveiled its new Automatic Target Recognition (ATR) capability for its SPICE-250, a GPS-guided air-droppable unguided bombs. Based on autonomous electro-optic Scene-Matching Algorithms, the missiles [Read More](#)

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