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India Increases Approvals for Defence Industrial Licences

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The Indian government has pointed to an increase in the number of defence industrial licences that it has awarded local companies to support their expanded involvement in defence manufacturing. Shripad Naik, Minister of State for Defence, said in a parliamentary reply on 3 July that up until March 2019 the government had issued a total of 439 licences to 264 local companies. [Read More →](#)

India Edges Forward with Rebooted Plan to Acquire 110 Fighters

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"The evaluation of responses to the request for information (RFI) and finalisation of SQR (Services Qualitative Requirements) have commenced," said defence ministry official Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu in a written response. The SQR could set the stage for a request for proposals, though the timeline is unclear. [Read More →](#)

Su-57E Likely to Beat F-35A in Price and in Offers to India

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While Pentagon has been tempting India with an offer of its F-35A Stealth fighter aircraft in lieu of India not producing S-400 air defense system from Russia, with a unit flyaway cost of F-35A set to fall below \$80 million a unit by 2020 onwards, Russian Defense Ministry have announced their will to induct 76 Su-57s by 2028 and development of Export model of countries like India and China at an attractive price point. [Read More →](#)

India Seeks to Buy \$2.2 Billion Warships to Meet China Challenge

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India sought bids for purchase of warships and support vessels for its navy and coast guard as it ramps up security of its maritime border in the Indian Ocean region. The Narendra Modi government asked seven shipyards to submit proposals for the construction of six missile warships and other smaller vessels worth 150 billion rupees (\$2.2 billion), the Ministry of Defence said in a statement. [Read More →](#)

India's Defence Budget has Nearly Doubled in 5 Years but the Money is not Enough to Upgrade the Weapons

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The Indian armed forces expect the Union Budget 2019, to be announced on July 5, to provide more money to modernise and upgrade the country's defence establishment amidst ever-increasing global and internal challenges. [Read More →](#)

Upgradation of 55 Out of 105 AN-32 Aircraft Done: Govt

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Of the 105 An-32 aircraft planned for upgradation, work on 55 aircraft has been completed, the government said, adding no transporter jet is fitted with "obsolete" and "outdated" emergency locator transmitters. In a written response to a question in Rajya Sabha, Minister of State for Defence Shripad Naik said equipment fitted on An-32 aircraft are functional and serviceable on all aircraft that are flying. [Read More →](#)

Defence Budget Will be Adequate to Acquire Stand-Off Weapons: Officials

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In the interim budget for 2019-20, announced on February 1, defence was allocated ₹319 trillion, a hike of 6.87% compared to the previous year. The budget will be presented on July 5. The defence budget, which is part of the Union Budget to be presented later this week will be adequate to acquire so-called stand-off weapons and fund essential capital acquisitions, defence ministry officials said. [Read More →](#)

Defence Ministry Issues RFPs for Acquisition of Ships, Craft Worth Rs 15,000 Crore

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The Defence Ministry has issued four shipbuilding Requests for Proposal (RFP) amounting to Rs 15,000 crore for the acquisition of various ships and craft for the Navy and the Coast Guard. [Read More →](#)

PROJECT UPDATES

Kalyani Group Likely to Bag Biggest Chunk of Orders for ATAGS Guns

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Four Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS) are at the advanced stage of user-assisted trials of the gun and the Army has begun finalizing the Preliminary Specifications Qualitative Requirements (PSQR) of the 155mm, 52 caliber gun which will clear decks for production of 150 guns in the bulk production clearance order which will be split between Kalyani Group and Tata Power who have developed two guns each at the developmental stage. [Read More →](#)

India Ministry of Defence Renews Ban on Leonardo Bidding for Military Contracts

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The India Ministry of Defence has renewed its ban on Leonardo in bidding on defense acquisition programs in the country. The ministry "has decided to further extend the period of suspension of business dealing with" Leonardo until November this year, according to a June 28 notice from B.P. Pant, the undersecretary of the vigilance section of the India Ministry of Defence. [Read More →](#)

HAL Seeks Bids to Make Choppers; Industry Feels it Will be a White Elephant

The Economic Times · 5 Jul 2019

An attempt by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to rope in the private sector for manufacturing a civilian helicopter has till now received a lukewarm response from the industry, given its abnormally high price tag and operating costs indicated by the public sector unit. [Read More →](#)

India Evaluates Offer from Boeing, Lockheed Martin for 'World's Largest' Fighter Jet Deal

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India has started accepting bids for the 'world's largest' fighter jet deal after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's nod to replace the ageing fleet of Indian Air Force's combat aircraft. This major step has been taken to enhance India's defence capabilities. [Read More →](#)

World's Largest Combat Jet Deal Underway as India Starts Process

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India moved a step closer to inviting bids for the purchase of 114 fighter jets, currently the world's largest deal in play, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeks to boost the capability of the country's armed forces and replace an aging combat aircraft fleet. The deal valued at more than \$15 billion has attracted initial offers from global defence majors, including Boeing Co., Lockheed Martin Corp and Sweden's Saab AB. [Read More →](#)

UAE Company Continues to Wait for the Final Word on CQBs for the Indian Army

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The UAE based Company Caracal continues to wait for the decision to be taken on the close-quarter-

battle carbines (CQB), worth \$ 130 million, even though it has been over a year since it was declared L1. The Company has cleared all the steps after being declared L1 including the commercial negotiating committee (CNC), Acceptance Test Procedure report, and has submitted all the documents as requested by the Ministry of Defence (MoD). [Read More →](#)

BEL will Start Deliveries of Next Generation Astra Air-to-Air Missile to IAF

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BEL officials have confirmed that Next Generation Medium/Short range Astra Air-to-Air Missile will deliver the first batch to the Indian Airforce in next few months. Astra beyond-visual-range missile (BVR) got pre-production orders for 50 units from Indian Airforce last year after the missile system completed final developmental trials. [Read More →](#)

BEL to Manufacture Software Defined Radios for Indian Navy

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India's state-owned defence and aerospace firm Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has received a contract worth Rs 49 crores to manufacture software defined radios for the Indian Navy. The contract was signed with the Indian Defence Ministry. It represents a key milestone in the country's plans for domestic series production of advanced technology SDRs. [Read More →](#)

Spain Wants to be Part of India's Rs 45,000 Crore Submarine Project

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Spain wants to be part of India's Rs 45,000 crore Submarine Project. Spain has expressed interest, however belatedly, to be a part of the pre-bidding process for Rs 45,000 crore Indian requirement for an advanced line of conventional submarines. [Read More →](#)

Global Updates

Despite Turkey's Assurances, US Still Eyes Sanctions, F-35 Exit

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The Trump administration still plans to impose sanctions on Turkey and remove it from a critical fighter jet program if the NATO ally acquires Russian air defences, U.S. officials told Reuters, despite the Turkish president's assurances to the contrary. [Read More →](#)

Russian CEO of Kremlin's Military-Industrial Complex Says The S-500 'will Enter Service Very Soon'

Indian Defense News · 4 Jul 2019

The Russian CEO who oversees the Kremlin's military-industrial complex says the nation's S-500 surface-to-air missile system "will enter service very soon." Russia claims that the S-500 is capable of intercepting hypersonic missiles, drones and aircraft as well as stealth warplanes like the F-22 and the F-35.

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Northrop Grumman Awarded Recapitalization Contract to Provide Continuous Secure Communication in Polar Region

Northrop Grumman · 3 Jul 2019

Northrop Grumman Corporation has been awarded an \$82 million contract by the U.S. Air Force to facilitate military satellite communications in the Earth's north polar region through its Enhanced Polar System Recapitalization (EPS-R) Control and Planning Segment (CAPS) program. [Read More →](#)

Russia to Deliver S-400 System to Turkey Within 10 Days: Erdogan

Indian Defense News · 2 Jul 2019

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has said that Russia's S-400 air defense systems will be delivered to Turkey within the next ten days, Turkey's NTV television reported. According to the TV channel, Erdogan was speaking on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Japan, answering reporters' questions after negotiations with his US counterpart Donald Trump. [Read More →](#)

Northrop Grumman Receives \$104 Million Contract for UH-1Y, AH-1Z and UH-60V Aircraft Mission Computers

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Northrop Grumman Corporation has received a \$104 million indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity (IDIQ) award for the technical refresh of UH-1Y, AH-1Z and UH-60V mission computers. The IDIQ contract covers delivery of production units, retrofit units and spare units for the Marine Corps, Defense Logistics Agency and the government of Bahrain under the Foreign Military Sales Act. This contract brings together multiple mission computer customers, driving greater value, cost efficiency and a reduced logistics footprint.

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Rheinmetall and BAE Systems Launch UK Based Military Vehicle Joint Venture - Rheinmetall BAE Systems Land

Bae Systems · 1 Jul 2019

RBSL intends to play a major role in manufacturing the Boxer 8x8 for the British Army's Mechanised Infantry Vehicle (MIV) programme and other strategic combat vehicle programmes, while also providing support to the British Army's in-service bridging and armoured vehicle fleets. [Read More →](#)

China Eyeing Google's Touchscreen Tech for Stealth Fighters?

Indian Defense News · 7 Jul 2019

A research paper by China's premier scientific institution that had a Google scientist as a co-author has fuelled concern that the technology giant's expertise could be used by Beijing's military. The research paper by the Chinese Academy of Sciences focused on development of a "smart target selection assistant" to boost input speed for touchscreen devices. [Read More →](#)

US Plan to Use "Retro" Technology to Bolster Power Grid Defences

Computing · 3 Jul 2019

The US has unveiled plans to use 'retro' technologies to protect its power grid against cyber attacks. The Securing Energy Infrastructure Act is intended to defend the US energy grid by "partnering with industry to utilize engineering concepts to remove vulnerabilities that could allow hackers to access the grid through holes in digital software systems". [Read More →](#)

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