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ANNOUNCEMENTS

IAF Protests Rs 100 Crore GST Bill on Import of Aircraft Parts

The Economic Times · 22 Jul 2019

The Indian Air Force has made a representation before the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) to reconsider more than Rs 100 crore of integrated goods and services tax (IGST) levied on various imported items that it has shown as “parts of aircraft” in its books. [Read More →](#)

Rafale will Provide IAF Strategic Deterrence: Defence Ministry

Indian Defence Research Wing · 19 Jul 2019

The Rafale aircraft will provide the Indian Air Force strategic deterrence and requisite capability to engage targets at long ranges, the Defence Ministry said, adding the training of the first batch of officers and technicians is underway with the French Air Force. [Read More →](#)

IAF not Facing Shortage of Pilots, says Government

Indian Defence Research Wing · 18 Jul 2019

Indian Air Force (IAF) is not facing a shortage of pilots and the available strength in the force is sufficient to meet the current operational requirements. Minister of State, Defence, Shripad Naik in a written reply to Ramcharan Bohra in the Lok Sabha said that the IAF has a system in place to motivate youngsters in joining the armed force “The available strength of pilots in the IAF is sufficient to meet the current operational requirements. [Read More →](#)

US Against Any Country Purchasing S-400 Defence System from Russia: Pentagon

Indian Defense News · 18 Jul 2019

The US is keen to make its defence partnership with India stronger, the Pentagon has said, but made it clear that it is against any country purchasing military equipment, including the S-400 missile defence

system from Russia, that is designed to counter America's sophisticated fifth-generation aircraft.

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Russia to Begin Full-Scale Work on 2 Guided Missile Frigates for Indian Navy

Indian Defence Update · 17 Jul 2019

Russia's Yantar shipyard in Kaliningrad is set to begin full-scale work on two modified Admiral Grigorovich-class (Project 1135.6P/M) guided-missile frigates destined for service in the Indian Navy, as part of a \$2.5 billion deal. [Read More →](#)

PROJECT UPDATES

Govt Yet to Decide on HAL Bid, Foreign Cos Tie up with Private Firms

Indian Defence Research Wing · 22 Jul 2019

Foreign helicopter manufacturers are chasing Indian private sector players for a Rs 21,000 crore plan to manufacture naval utility helicopter, a project for which the defence ministry is moving fast but needs to take a call after state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) entered the fray. [Read More →](#)

Navy to Buy Rs 1,589 Crore Satellite from ISRO

Indian Defence Research Wing · 19 Jul 2019

The Indian Navy has placed an order with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for a new dedicated military satellite for communications between its warships, aircraft and shore-based units, with a launch expected within a year. The Rs 1,589 crore order for a new military satellite named GSAT 7R will include launch cost and procurement of necessary infrastructure on ground. [Read More →](#)

HAL has Order Book of 12 Su-30MKIs, 61 Engines

Defense World.Net · 18 Jul 2019

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has an order to manufacture 12 Su-30MKI jets and 61 AL-31FP engines at its Nashik and Koraput plants respectively. Indian Minister of State, Defence, Shripad Naik said in a written reply in Parliament that HAL had prepared a proposal to enhance the Repair and Overhaul (ROH) facility for the AL-31FP engines used in the SU-30MKI fighter. [Read More →](#)

Israel Inks USD 50 Million Deal with India to Supply Complementary Naval MRSAM Systems

Business Today · 18 Jul 2019

State-owned Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) said it has inked a follow-up deal worth USD 50 million to supply complementary Naval MRSAM (medium range surface-to-air missile) systems to the Indian Navy

and the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders. [Read More →](#)

With Missile Orders Worth Rs 8,000 crore., BDL Making Great Strides

The Hindu · 16 Jul 2019

The Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL), celebrating its golden jubilee this year, has orders worth ₹8,000 crore for making various missiles for the armed forces to be delivered within the next five years. This order is expected to reach up to ₹25,000 crore in the next four-five years even as it ramps up the production of next-generation missiles. [Read More →](#)

Global Updates

Future U.S. Navy Frigates Strengthened by Lockheed Martin Integration and Test Experience

Lockheed Martin · 19 Jul 2019

The U.S. Navy selected Lockheed Martin as the Combat System Ship Integration & Test agent for the Navy's future Guided Missile Frigate (FFG(X)) ship program. The Combat System Ship Integration & Test contract will ensure the overall integration of the combat system elements into the Frigate ship design and validate the installation through the completion of waterfront testing. [Read More →](#)

Lockheed Martin, Ball and Kratos Team on Advanced Phased Array for Air Force

Lockheed Martin · 17 Jul 2019

Lockheed Martin, Ball Aerospace, and Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, Inc. were awarded a \$7.2 million prototype agreement by the Defense Innovation Unit to develop a new Multi-Band, Multi-Mission (MBMM) prototype phased array as part of a broader initiative to modernize the existing Air Force Satellite Control Network and bring new technology faster to warfighters. [Read More →](#)

BAE Systems awarded M109A7 extended range work

Shephard · 17 Jul 2019

BAE Systems is to carry out work to increase the range and rate of fire on current and future M109A7 self-propelled howitzers under a contract from the US Army announced on 15 July. Under the \$45 million Extended Range Cannon Artillery (ERCA) Increment 1 prototype contract, the army is looking to address capability gaps in its indirect fire systems and improve the rate and range of fire with the development of power distribution software and hardware integration solutions. [Read More →](#)

Army Awards BAE Systems in Sterling Heights \$45 Million Contract for Extended Range Cannon Artillery Prototype

The U.S. Army has awarded Sterling Heights' BAE Systems a \$45 million contract for the Extended Range Cannon Artillery (ERCA) Increment 1 prototype to increase the range and rate of fire on current and future M109A7 self-propelled howitzers. [Read More →](#)

Technology Updates

Chinese Radar Firm Gives a Glimpse on Future AEW Aircraft

Indian Defence Research Wing · 20 Jul 2019

Future airborne early warning (AEW) aircraft could become unmanned, interconnected and highly intelligent, and will no longer need the traditional mounted radome, giving their greater aerodynamic and stealth capabilities, said China's top radar firm. Chinese military observers said that China is likely developing such aircraft. [Read More →](#)

DARPA Funds BAE Systems Machine Learning, AI Research to Revolutionize Signals Intelligence

Sae Mobilus · 16 Jul 2019

BAE Systems Electronic Systems in Nashua, New Hampshire, won up to \$4.7 million in funding from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) to integrate machine-learning (ML) technology, a subset of artificial intelligence (AI), into platforms that decipher radio-frequency (RF) signals -- helping to advance automated and connected vehicle technologies for military and commercial applications. DARPA, part of the U.S. [Read More →](#)

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