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## Defence Sector Updates

### Policy & Market Updates

#### POLICY

##### **Defence Min Rajnath Hints at Changing India's 'No First Use' Policy on Nuclear Weapons**

The News Minute · 17 Aug 2019

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh stated that India reserves the right to change its decades-long nuclear policy of 'No First Use'. Rajnath Singh, who had visited Pokhran to pay homage to former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his first death anniversary, said that India had firmly stood by the 'No First Use' policy but "what happens in the future depends on circumstances". [Read More →](#)

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### **Rajnath Singh Approves Committee to Review Defence Procurement Procedure to Strengthen Make in India**

India Today · 17 Aug 2019

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved the setting up of a Committee under the chairmanship of Director General (Acquisition) to review the Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP) 2016 and Defence Procurement Manual (DPM) 2009 to strengthen the 'Make in India' programme. [Read More →](#)

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##### **Talks Between OFB and Defence Ministry Going On**

ANI · 17 Aug 2019

Defence Production Secretary Ajay Kumar said the senior officials of the Ministry of Defence (MoD) are holding talks with the employee unions of the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) over the transformation of the entity into public sector units. [Read More →](#)

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## **UP Govt Appoints Lt Gen J K Sharma as Defence Corridor Advisor**

United News of India · 14 Aug 2019

Lt General J K Sharma (Retired) has taken over as the First Senior Defence Advisor to the Uttar Pradesh Government for the upcoming project of Defence Corridor in the state. The officer has been specially picked up by the Uttar Pradesh Government to give an impetus to this important ongoing project, which is expected not only to attract huge investments but also generate unprecedented employment both in skilled and unskilled sectors which is one of the key Area of focus of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

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### PROJECT UPDATES

## **Kaveri Engine: DRDO Finds Cost High; Safran Struggling to Fulfil its €580 Million Offsets Obligation**

Indian Defence Research Wing · 15 Aug 2019

The plan to develop the indigenous Kaveri fighter jet engine as part of the Rafale offsets deal with the help of French technology is believed to have fallen through after the Indian side found the pricing prohibitive. At least three people, who were part of the discussions, told ET that the project is now as good as over. The engine was supposed to power the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) as well as future fighter jets. [Read More →](#)

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## **HAL Pitches for 72 More of Su-30 MKI**

Indian Defence Research Wing · 14 Aug 2019

State-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) has pitched for an order to manufacture four additional squadrons of the Su-30 MKI jets to quickly meet gaps in fighter squadron strength but the air force seems to be only keen on ordering replacements for aircraft that have been lost in accidents. The proposal for manufacturing 72 more fighter jets to add to the current order for 272 was made by the HAL but officials said that the air force has not been keen due to budgetary issues. [Read More →](#)

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## **Manufacturing and Testing facility inaugurated at BEL Unit of Navi Mumbai**

PSU Connect · 14 Aug 2019

Mr Shripad Naik, Hon'ble Minister of State for Ayush & Minister of State for Defence has inaugurated the new state-of-the-art manufacturing facility for Composite Materials, Environmental Testing & Finishing, established at the Navi Mumbai Unit of Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL).

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## **With Dassault Aviation Shifting Focus to FCAS, Rumors of Shifting Rafale Production to India**

Indian Defence Research Wing · 14 Aug 2019

With Alleged corruption claims in the procurement of 36 Rafale combat aircraft long-buried now, IAF is presently preparing its self to take deliveries of the first batch of four aircraft next month in France comes unconfirmed reports of Dassault Aviation and Indian Ministry of Defence in discussion for procurement of a bigger deal which involves 114 units of Make In India Dassault Rafale gathers pace. [Read More →](#)

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## **Rafale Jets Coming to India! IAF to Receive First Batch of French Fighters Next Month**

Indian Defence Update · 13 Aug 2019

Indian Air Force (IAF) is getting ready to receive the first batch of four 'Rafale' fighter aircraft from Dassault Aviation in France next month. The Dassault Rafale is a French Twin-Engine, Canard Delta wing, Multitrole fighter aircraft designed and built by Dassault Aviation for wide range of short and long-range missions, including ground and sea attacks, reconnaissance, high-accuracy strikes and nuclear strike deterrence. [Read More →](#)

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## **It's Pouring Orders for Cochin Shipyard**

Indian Defence Research Wing · 12 Aug 2019

Busy days are ahead for the engineers and workers at Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) with the public sector company landing many lucrative orders, besides the ones it is already working on. These orders have to be completed by 2021. According to CSL spokesperson, recently, two RO Pax vessels designed and built by Cochin Shipyard Limited for the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) were launched. [Read More →](#)

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## **Brahmos-NG Will Have Long-range Air-to-Air Missile Variant**

Indian Defence Research Wing · 12 Aug 2019

A lighter sleeker variant of the Indo-Russian cruise missile dubbed as Brahmos-NG (Next Generation ) will be ready for developmental trials by 2024 said recently a top official of the Brahmos Aerospace. Indo-Russian joint venture company will develop a 1.5-ton Brahmos-NG which is nearly 1 ton lesser in terms of weight when compared to Brahmos-A missiles in service with Indian Air Force (IAF) and 1.5 ton lighter when compared to BrahMos currently in service today with the Indian Army and Indian Navy. [Read More →](#)

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## INVESTMENTS

### **Adityanath Flags Slow Pace of Land Acquisition for UP Defence Corridor**

Business Standard · 15 Aug 2019

Uttar Pradesh chief minister Adityanath has flagged the slow pace of land acquisition for the flagship UP Defence Corridor project, which is estimated to attract investments of more than Rs 20,000 crore.

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## Global Updates

### **BAE Systems Australia Partners with NSW Government to Support Western Sydney Aerotropolis**

Defence Connect · 14 Aug 2019

BAE Systems Australia has committed to deliver a cutting-edge aerospace, space and innovation research and development facility as part of a university and advanced manufacturing precinct being delivered at the Western Sydney Aerotropolis. Premier Gladys Berejiklian [Read More →](#)

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### **BAE Awarded DARPA Contract for Space Machine Learning**

Shephardmedia · 15 Aug 2019

BAE Systems has been awarded a US Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) phase 2 contract to develop machine learning capabilities to help the US Department of Defense gain better awareness of space scenarios. DARPA's Hallmark [Read More →](#)

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### **BAE Systems Starts Building UK's Second Type 26 Frigate**

Defense World.Net · 15 Aug 2019

BAE Systems has cut the first steel for its second Type 26 Frigate christened "HMS Cardiff," marking the formal start of production for the warship for the UK Royal Navy. Type 26 is designed to deliver the most advanced anti-submarine warfare (ASW) capability to the Royal Navy. [Read More →](#)

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### **BAE Systems Supports RAF Typhoon Mission Planning**

Tech Market View · 15 Aug 2019

From a software & IT services (SITS) perspective, it's far easier to keep track of BAE Systems' activities in Applied Intelligence (AI – formerly Detica), its business and technology consulting arm, than it is in the core BAE Systems business. However, we don't ignore this SITS revenue stream; our BAE Systems' UK SITS revenue estimate takes account of both – see UK SITS Supplier Rankings 2019. [Read More →](#)

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### **NAVAIR Contracts BAE Systems to Integrate CV-22 HMD with Forward Defensive Weapon System**

Jane's 360 · 14 Aug 2019

BAE Systems Controls has been contracted by Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) for the software development associated with the integration of Defensive Weapon System (DWS) enhancements with the

CV-22 tiltrotor helmet-mounted display (HMD).The DWS, which is also known as AN/AWG-35(V), is a belly-mounted GAU-17 7.62 mm machine gun that provides the CV-22 with a mission-configurable, crew-served, night vision-compatible weapon system. [Read More →](#)

## Technology Updates

### **TADTE 2019: Taiwan Displays its Latest Weapon Systems**

Jane's 360 · 15 Aug 2019

Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense (MND) showcased some of its latest weapon systems at the 2019 Taipei Aerospace and Defense Technology Exhibition (TADTE), which is being held from 15–17 August in Taipei. Organised by Taiwan External Trade Development Council, the biennial trade show features 150 defence industry exhibitors from Taiwan and overseas. [Read More →](#)

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### **Next-Generation Space Launches: New Issue of Global Defence Technology Out Now**

Army Technology · 15 Aug 2019

SpaceX and the future of US military space launches, the F-35's AI-powered unmanned wingman, a UAV for IED disposal, using F1 technology to power naval laser weapons, the British Army's new offensive cyber capabilities, live vs virtual simulation training, and more. [Read More →](#)

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