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Indian ARMY's T-72, T-90 Tanks to Get Indigenous Armour Piercing Fin Stabilised Discarding-Sabot Ammunition

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Indian Army's T-72 and T-90 tanks will soon get indigenous 125mm Armour Piercing Fin Stabilised Discarding-Sabot (APFSDS) ammunition for their main gun. The decision to go for indigenous development and production of the ammunition, which will substantially enhance the enemy armour penetration capability, was taken at a Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) meeting chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in New Delhi.

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Defence Ministry Clears Acquisition of Military Hardware Worth Rs 2,000 Crore

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The Defence Ministry accorded approval for procurement of weapons and military platforms amounting to around Rs 2,000 crore. The Defence Acquisition Council, the ministry's highest decision-making body on procurement, cleared the proposals. "The DAC, chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh accorded approval for capital procurement for the services amounting to approximately Rs 2,000 crore," a defence ministry spokesperson said. [Read More →](#)

DRDO Hands over Second 'Netra' Early Warning System to IAF

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The Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO) handed over the second airborne warning plane, Netra, to the Indian Air Force. The indigenously-built aircraft was handed over to Western Air Command chief, Air Marshal Raghunath Nambiar, at the Bathinda Air Base in Punjab. The Netra, an Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEWC) aircraft, had played a stellar role during the Balakot airstrikes that had been carried out by the IAF in February this year. [Read More →](#)

S-400 Systems to Be Delivered in India Within 18-19 Months: Russia

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Russian Deputy Prime Minister Yuri Borisov said S-400 air defence missile systems will be delivered to India in strict accordance with the schedule. "The advance payment has been received and everything will be delivered in strict accordance with the schedule, within about 18-19 months," Borisov told state-owned broadcaster Rossiya-1.

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Seven More Squadrons of Indian Air Force to Be Equipped with Akash Mrsam Missile Defence

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In another defence for the indigenous defence manufacturing ecosystem, seven more squadrons of the Indian Air Force (IAF) are to be equipped with Akash medium-range surface to air missile (MRSAM) defence system. The Defence Ministry has signed the Rs 5,357 crore deal with Bangalore-based Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) which will deliver the systems within the next three years. [Read More →](#)

In a 1st, Bengaluru Firm Designs, Develops Two Sniper Rifles

Indian Defence Research Wing · 14 Sep 2019

As India pushes for increased participation of the private sector in defence production, a firm in Bengaluru's Koramangala has, in a first for an Indian firm, designed and developed two sniper rifles prototypes meant for the armed forces, indigenously. SSS Defence, which has begun work on constructing an 80,000 sqft arms factory at Jigani, 28km from Bengaluru, is hopeful of putting the two weapons on trial with the special forces soon, even as it has its eyes locked on the export market. [Read More →](#)

India Signs Contract with Russia for Enhancing Air Defence Capability of Delhi Class Warships

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In a boost for Indian Navy, the Defence Ministry signed contract with Russia for enhancing air defence capability of Delhi class warships of Indian Navy. The contract for modernisation of "Air Defence Complex Kashmir and Radar Fregat MAE" on P-15 (Delhi Class) of ships was signed between the Ministry of Defence and JSC Rosoboronexport, Russian Federation. The modernisation of Radar and Missile systems would enhance the air defence capability of the P-15 Ships. [Read More →](#)

Saab to Hold Meetings with Indian Firms to Make Gripen E Fighter Jets in India

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Swedish defence major Saab is planning to hold meetings with Indian companies in October to develop ecosystem in the country for manufacturing multi-role fighter aircraft, a top official of the company said here. Saab is in the fray for a contract to supply around 110 fighter planes to India under the Multi Role Fighter Aircraft (MRFA) programme. [Read More →](#)

HAL Awaits Contract for LUH

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Government-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) has completed high-altitude testing in hot-and-high weather conditions of the Light Utility Helicopter (LUH) in the Himalayas. AIN has learned that, while HAL is close to operational clearance certification, with some systems tests and documentation still to be completed, it is unable to move much further with production until a contract is signed. [Read More →](#)

Astra Vertical Launch (VI) Is India's 5th Indigenous Air Defence System

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Its raining Indigenous Air Defence Systems in India, DRDO Chief G. Satheesh Reddy in an interview confirmed that DRDO has taken up development of Astra vertical launch (VL) based low-level quick-reaction air defence system based on Astra BVR-AAM which is all set to be inducted into Indian Air Force (IAF) by end of this year. [Read More →](#)

Cyient and Qinetiq Sign Mou to Offer Avionics Products for Unmanned Target Systems in India

Canada NewsWire · 11 Sep 2019

Cyient, a global engineering and technology solutions company, announced that it had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with UK-based defense technology firm, QinetiQ Target Systems (QTS), to offer avionics products for its unmanned target systems. [Read More →](#)

HAL Plans to Make Ilyushin IL-114s for Regional Flights

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Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) is eyeing to assemble the famed Russian Ilyushin IL-114 aircraft in India and offer it in the 70-seater turboprop category to airlines here for regional commercial flights. The PSU has tied up with Public Joint Stock Company (PJSC, or Ilyushin) and is planning to start offering maintenance service for this aircraft in India and later move over to assembling the same here. "PJSC is working on civil certification of this aircraft, that is likely to come by 2021. [Read More →](#)

IAF Move to Place Orders for Lca Will Give Boost to Industry: Drdo Chief Reddy

Indian Defence Research Wing · 9 Sep 2019

The move by the Indian Air Force (IAF) to place orders for 83 Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas will help boost the scientific community in the country's aeronautical sector and the industry, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) chief G Satheesh Reddy said. [Read More →](#)

DRDO Developing New Rifle-Launched Grenade for Forces

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The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is developing a new variant of a rifle-launched grenade having more advanced technical and safety features than the present generation of grenades. The grenade, which has 40 mm caliber, can be launched from an "under-barrel launcher" (UBL) fixed to the fore of a standard issue rifle or from a multiple grenade launcher (MGL), a dedicated hand-held weapon used to fire grenades from a cylindrical magazine similar to that in a conventional revolver. [Read More →](#)

Air Force to Place Fresh Orders for Astra Missile

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Indian Air Force (IAF) will be receiving the first batch of Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVR-AAM) Astra by end of this year and Defence Ministry and IAF have started the process of placing fresh orders for the Astra missile by end of this year or early 2020 for at least 100 units produced by defense PSU Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL). BEL is already manufacturing of 50 pre-production samples ordered by IAF. [Read More →](#)

INVESTMENTS

Moscow, New Delhi in Talks over S-400 Missiles Production in India: Rostec CEO

Indian Defence Research Wing · 16 Sep 2019

Moscow is holding talks with New Delhi on starting the production of S-400 Air Defense Systems in India, said Sergey Chemezov, CEO of Russia's Rostec state corporation. "Yes, we are discussing the localization [of S-400 production] with India as well," Chemezov told the RBK broadcaster, adding that India has already acquired the license for the production of a lot of technology, such as the Su-30 fighter jet and the T-90 tank, reported Sputnik. [Read More →](#)

Rs 5400 Crore Deal Inked for 7 More Squadrons of Akash Missiles for IAF

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The IAF got a long-delayed booster shot to shore up its air defence capabilities, with a Rs 5,400 crore deal being inked with defence PSU Bharat Electronics for seven additional squadrons of the indigenous Akash surface-to-air missile systems. Sources said the delivery of the new Akash-2 squadrons, which are geared to intercept hostile aircraft, helicopters, drones and sub-sonic cruise missiles at a range of 25-km, will begin in 18 months. [Read More →](#)

IAF Seeks Rs 40,000 Crore to Acquire New Equipment

Indian Defence Research Wing · 14 Sep 2019

Grappling with a spending crunch that could hit its modernisation efforts, the Indian Air Force (IAF) has sought additional money from the government to buy new equipment and also pay for weapons and systems it has already contracted to purchase, two senior IAF officials said on condition of anonymity. The capital expenditure of Rs 39,300 crore earmarked for IAF in this year's budget is not enough to upgrade capabilities and more money needs to be pumped in to avoid a funding crisis, said one of the officials cited above. IAF requires at least Rs 40,000 crore more to pursue its modernisation, he added.

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Adani Group Puts in Last-Minute Bid for Indian Navy's Rs 45,000-Crore Submarine Project

Indian Defence Research Wing · 12 Sep 2019

In a last-minute entry, the Adani Group submitted a bid for the Rs 45,000-crore Indian Navy submarine project, taking other contenders by surprise for what is the largest ongoing Make-in-India initiative in the defence sector. The much-awaited contest was expected to be a faceoff among traditional contenders such as Larsen and Toubro (L&T), Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL) and Reliance Naval and Engineering Ltd, all of which own shipyards. [Read More →](#)

Global Updates

State Department Approves Poland's \$6.5 Billion F-35 Fighter Jet Order

Washington Post · 13 Sep 2019

Lockheed Martin has received State Department approval to sell a fleet of F-35 Joint Strike Fighters to the Polish military in an estimated \$6.5 billion order, part of an expanded military partnership between the United States and Poland, a NATO ally that hosts a substantial U.S. [Read More →](#)

GCS build gains pace [DSEI19D4]

Jane's 360 · 13 Sep 2019

BAE Systems Naval Ships is moving forward with the manufacture phase of the Royal Navy's Type 26 Global Combat Ship programme, with production now under way on the second of the planned eight-ship City-class vessels. Meanwhile, engineering work is ramping up on design derivatives selected to meet the future needs of Australia and Canada. [Read More →](#)

Raytheon, Lockheed Martin Receives New Contract for Javelin Missile Production

Defence-Blog · 13 Sep 2019

The Javelin Joint Venture team, by Raytheon Company and Lockheed Martin, has been awarded a \$185.6 million contract for the Javelin missile production. The contract, announced by the Department of Defense, calls for full-rate production of the Javelin weapons system, includes All Up Rounds, Command Launch Unit retrofits, battery coolant units, Javelin outdoor trainers, outdoor trainer instruction station, tripods, Javelin vehicle launcher and electronics. [Read More →](#)

Lockheed Martin Wins \$41M Deal to Support Apache Helicopter

Yahoo Finance · 11 Sep 2019

Lockheed Martin Corp. LMT recently secured a \$40.6 million contract to supply Modernized Turret kits for the Apache attack helicopter. The deal was awarded by the U.S. Army Contracting Command, Rock Island Arsenal, IL. Work related to this contract is expected to be completed by Feb 28, 2023. [Read More →](#)

DSEI 2019: Bae Systems Showcases Kingfisher Naval Munition Concept

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BAE Systems unveiled its Kingfisher concept round for sub-surface warfare at the 2019 Defence and Security Equipment International exhibition (DSEI 2019) in London. The Kingfisher is still at an early conceptual phase and is planned to be added to BAE Systems' naval weapons portfolio as a lighter and more cost-effective option for surface ships engaging sub-surface targets compared with torpedoes.

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BAE Systems Delivers cv90 Mjölner Mortar System to Sweden

Army Technology · 11 Sep 2019

BAE Systems has delivered the Mjölner vehicle mounted mortar system to the Swedish Defence Materiel Administration (FMV) for the Swedish Army's CV90 combat vehicles. Developed and produced by BAE Systems Hägglunds, Mjölner is a turret solution that will bring indirect fire capability to the fleet of CV90s.

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BAE Systems Delivers New CV90 Mortar Variant to the Swedish Army

Yahoo Finance · 10 Sep 2019

BAE Systems has completed the first full rate production delivery of the CV90 Mjölner Mortar System to the Swedish FMV (Defence Materiel Administration), introducing a new capability to the fleet of CV90s by adding indirect firepower. The first four vehicles will be handed over to the Swedish Army in September following the recent delivery that met schedule, budget and quality requirements. [Read More →](#)

'Golden Arrows' Squadron, Once Led by Air Chief, to Be Revived for Rafale

Indian Defence Research Wing · 10 Sep 2019

The Indian Air Force is expected to resurrect its 'Golden Arrows' 17 Squadron which will be the first unit to fly the multi-role Rafale fighter jets. IAF Chief B S Dhanoa will resurrect the 17 squadron at an event at the Ambala Air Force Station as it prepares to receive the Rafale jets, official sources said. [Read More →](#)

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