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India to Make 5th Generation Combat Jet

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Central Government is now going to make Advanced Medium Combat 5th generation aircraft which will make India self-reliant in the area. Speaking at the 6th convocation of the National Institute of Technology, Meghalaya here in Shillong, Dr G Satheesh Reddy, Secretary of Department of Defence and R&D and the Chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) further said that the Government was now going to make TEJAS MK-2. [Read More →](#)

Govt Committed to Modernise Navy

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the Government is making concerted efforts to modernise the Navy and equip it with the best platforms, weapons and sensors to deal with any conventional and unconventional threats to India's maritime interests. Mr Singh was speaking at the launch of INS 'Nilgiri', the first of the Navy's seven new stealth frigates, at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd in Mumbai. [Read More →](#)

DRDO Chief Urges for Indigenous Defence Production

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Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Chairman G Satheesh Reddy said the country must focus on more indigenous defence production to reduce import in the sector and should become self-reliant in technology. Indigenous produce in defence manufacturing is currently about 45-50 per cent only, he said. Our indigenous produce in defence (sector) is close to 45-50 per cent only. [Read More →](#)

IAF to Induct Rafale in Northeast Soon, Conducts Massive Fighter Jet Exercise in Tezpur

Indian Defense News · 28 Sep 2019

The Indian Air Force (IAF) will soon induct Rafale aircraft in the Northeast region and ready for full operationalisation of eight more Advanced Landing Grounds (ALGs) in the region. Shillong-based Defence PRO Ratnakar Singh said that, the Rafale aircraft will be inducted in the region soon in addition of Chinook and Apache helicopters. "In the Eastern Command region, we recently operationalised Vijaynagar ALG in Arunachal Pradesh which is now fit for fixed-wing operation. [Read More →](#)

Sweden Out, South Korea in for Rs 45,000 Crore Submarine Project

Indian Defence Research Wing · 26 Sep 2019

The Rs 45,000 crore submarine project contest for the Indian Navy continues to throw up surprises with the last minute entry of a South Korean shipbuilder and the pulling out of Swedish company Saab after red flagging policy strictures that can potentially place unlimited liabilities on foreign vendors. [Read More →](#)

PROJECT UPDATES

Hindustan Shipyard Limited to Tie up with Adani for Building Submarines

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Hindustan Shipyard Limited has submitted Expression of Interest (EoI) to build six submarines under P75 (India) for Indian Navy in collaboration with Adani Defence System and Technologies Ltd, an Adani Group company and a subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Ltd. [Read More →](#)

IAF to Place Fresh Orders for 200 Astra Air-To-Air Missile for SU-30 Fleet

Indian Defence Research Wing · 29 Sep 2019

India's first indigenous beyond visual range air-to-air missile (BVRAAM) for fighters, Astra, is now finally ready for induction after 15 tortuous years of development, with the DRDO expecting the IAF to initially order at least 200 missiles for its Sukhoi-30MKI jets. The Defence Research and Development Organisation is also already working to increase Astra's strike range from the existing 110-km to over 160-km. "Astra is one of the best BVRAAMs in the world. We have the capability to develop it for longer ranges," said DRDO chief Dr G Satheesh Reddy, talking to TOI. [Read More →](#)

Stealth Frigate INS Nilgiri Launched in Mumbai for Sea Trials

Indian Defence Research Wing · 28 Sep 2019

Stealth frigate INS Nilgiri, the first ship of the P-17A frigates, was launched at the dockyard of the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) here. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's wife Savitri Singh, as part of traditions, launched INS Nilgiri into the sea for further trials. Besides Rajnath Singh, Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Karambir Singh and other officials were present on the occasion. Launching is a process when a dockyard releases a warship into the sea for the first time and it undergoes various tests. INS Nilgiri is the first in MDL's Project-17 Alfa. [Read More →](#)

Swedish Major Saab Pulls out of p75i Race, Cites 'Unbalance' in Strategic Partnership Policy

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Swedish major SAAB pulls out of P75I race, cites 'unbalance' in strategic partnership policy In a setback to the ambitious strategic partnership initiative to build six conventional submarines under Project 75 India (P-75I), Swedish defence major SAAB has withdrawn from the project saying there has to be a rethinking on the policy. [Read More →](#)

IAF to Begin Fresh Hunt for Mid-Air Refuelling Aircraft

Indian Defence Research Wing · 26 Sep 2019

After two failed attempts to induct new tankers during the last 12 years, the Indian Air Force is (IAF) preparing to begin a fresh hunt for new-generation mid-air refuelling planes to extend the reach of its fighter jets, two senior IAF officers said on condition of anonymity. The official process to buy tankers is expected to begin within two months with the IAF seeking acceptance of necessity (AoN) from the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) — the defence ministry's apex procurement body — to take the proposal forward, said one of the officers cited above. [Read More →](#)

MIDHANI to Be Part of Advanced Multi-Role Combat Aircraft Project

Defence Aviation Post · 25 Sep 2019

Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited or MIDHANI is looking forward to participating in the proposed manufacture

of engine for the Advanced Multi-role Combat Aircraft (AMCA) to be built jointly by the Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) and the Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE) – both Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) bodies based in Bengaluru. [Read More →](#)

Indian Coast Guard Ship Varaha Commissioned by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh attended the commissioning ceremony of Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Ship Varaha in Chennai. Varaha is the fourth in the series of seven 98m offshore patrol vessels. The ship has been indigenously designed and built by L&T in accordance with a contract signed with the Defence Ministry. The name Varaha is taken from the Puranas, the third incarnation of Lord Vishnu which took the form of a boar to protect mother earth from the ocean, by lifting her on his tusks. [Read More →](#)

Star Navigation Systems and Antaz Sign Partnership Agreement

Indian Defense News · 25 Sep 2019

Star Navigation Systems Group and Antaz Technologies have signed a partnership and industrial agreement to jointly propose solutions to meet Indian military requirements. The partnership is in response to the Indian Government's procurement plans for the military, Star noted. [Read More →](#)

India Integrates MBDA-Designed Mistral and ASRAAM Missiles

Aircosmosinternational · 25 Sep 2019

MBDA and Bharat Dynamics (BDL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding at DSEI in London. This agreement is about the final assembly, integration and test of Mistral and ASRAAM missiles in India. As a major Indian weapon systems integrator, BDL supplies domestic and foreign customers. This MoU marks another milestone for the ever more fashion "Make in India", where over 50,000 MBDA-designed missiles have already been manufactured, as underlines George Kyriakides, Director of International Industrial Co-operation at MBDA. [Read More →](#)

Trump Promises More Defence Deals with India, Military Trade to Go Up

Indian Defence Research Wing · 24 Sep 2019

India and the US are slated to announce major defence deals when the two leaders Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the US President Donald Trump meet in New York City on the sidelines for the UNGA. Presently, India-US Defence trade has touched \$18 billion, and the Indian orders have created thousands of jobs in the sector. [Read More →](#)

Indian Navy Is Looking to Buy Short-Range Surface-To-Air Missile Systems to Replace Its Israeli Barak-1 Air Defence Systems on Kamorta Class Corvettes

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A number of foreign companies, including European defence major MBDA and Swedish firm SAAB, are set to submit their proposals to the Indian Navy, which is looking to buy short-range surface-to-air missile (SRSAM) systems to replace its Israeli Barak-1 air defence systems on the Kamorta class corvettes. Though it was initially meant to be a Make in India project, the Request for Proposal (RFP) has been issued under the Buy (Global) category. [Read More →](#)

European Defence Major, Swedish firm in Race to Clinch Deal for Navy's Missile Project

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Indian Navy to Equip Two Lakh Boats with Transponders

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An Indian Navy project to equip sub-20 metre fishing boats and dhows with transponders to enable their tracking up to 250 nautical miles away at sea has proved a success and is expected to provide real-time maritime surveillance to prevent a repeat of the November 2008 Mumbai terror attack. [Read More →](#)

Global Updates

Raytheon, Rheinmetall form Joint Venture for US Army Combat vehicle Competition

Mediaroom · 27 Sep 2019

Raytheon Company and Rheinmetall Defence have established a joint venture to offer the Lynx Infantry Fighting Vehicle for the U.S. Army's Optionally Manned Fighting Vehicle, or OMFV, competition. The U.S.-based joint venture is called Raytheon Rheinmetall Land Systems LLC. Scheduled for fielding in 2026, the OMFV is expected to replace the Bradley fighting vehicle. [Read More →](#)

Advanced Typhoon Delivered to The Royal Air Force

Bae Systems · 27 Sep 2019

BAE Systems handed over the jet as work continues on delivering the capabilities required to ensure Typhoon remains the operationally-effective backbone of the UK's combat air power. The Company's production facility in Warton, Lancashire, is now gearing up to start assembly of Typhoon aircraft for the Qatari Emiri Air Force, with the first jet due to be delivered in 2022. [Read More →](#)

U.S. Army Awards Lockheed Martin Contract to Develop Sentinel A4 Radar

Lockheed Martin · 27 Sep 2019

Lockheed Martin has been awarded a \$281 million contract by the United States Army to develop the Sentinel A4 radar system. Sentinel A4 is a high-performance modification of the Sentinel A3 (AN/MPQ-64A3) air and missile defense radar that will provide updates to improve the existing Sentinel capability against cruise missiles, unmanned aerial systems, rotary wing and fixed wing threats. [Read More →](#)

Lockheed Martin to Begin Supplying F-16 Wings from Hyderabad Plant in 2020

Indian Defence Research Wing · 27 Sep 2019

Lockheed Martin will begin supplying wings for its F-16 combat jets from a facility in Hyderabad from next year, a senior executive said. Lockheed is bidding for a contract, estimated at more than \$15 billion, to supply the Indian Air Force with 114 combat planes and has offered to shift its F-16 production line from the United States to India. [Read More →](#)

U.S. Navy Awards BAE Systems with \$2,6 Billion Contract for Precision-Guided Rockets

Defence-Blog · 26 Sep 2019

The U.S. Navy has awarded BAE Systems with \$2,6 billion in contracts for the procurement of modern precision-guided rocket. The contract award from Naval Air Systems Command covers the procurement of Advanced Precision Kill Weapon System (APKWS) II full-rate production Lots 8-12, a U.S. [Read More →](#)

Airbus A400m Performs First Helicopter Air-To-Air Dry Contacts

Airbus · 26 Sep 2019

The Airbus A400M new generation airlifter has successfully achieved its first helicopter air-to-air refueling contacts with an H225M. Over the course of 4 flights, operated in day conditions over the south of France,

the A400M performed 51 dry contacts marking a decisive milestone towards its full capability as a tanker. [Read More →](#)

BAE Systems Awarded Vehicle Support Work

Shephardmedia · 25 Sep 2019

BAE Systems Land and Armaments has been awarded a vehicle support modification by the US Army, the Department of Defense announced on 24 September. The \$11 million modification is for an existing contract. The company will provide technical support, engineering, logistics and fielding support for the Bradley Fighting Vehicle family of vehicles, the Multiple Launch Rocket System Carrier, and the M113 Armoured Personnel Carrier family of vehicles. Work will run through September 2020. [Read More →](#)

Boeing and Air New Zealand Finalize Order for Eight 787-10 Dreamliner Jets

Mediaroom · 25 Sep 2019

Boeing and Air New Zealand today finalized an order for eight 787-10 Dreamliner airplanes valued at \$2.7 billion at list prices. The carrier, recognized for its long-range flights and global network, will integrate the largest Dreamliner model into its world-class fleet of 787-9 and 777 airplanes from 2022 to strategically grow its business. [Read More →](#)

Airbus Demonstrates ACH160 on Yacht for First Time

Airbus · 24 Sep 2019

Airbus Corporate Helicopters (ACH) will this week begin demonstrating the world's most advanced medium helicopter – the ACH160 – to prospective customers at the Monaco Yacht Show, the world's foremost super yacht event. The aircraft will form the centrepiece of a triumvirate of Airbus helicopters also including the market-leading ACH145 and the lighter ACH135 – all fitted to purpose for yacht operations. [Read More →](#)

Sikorsky Combat Rescue Helicopter Approved to Enter Production

Lockheed Martin · 24 Sep 2019

Lockheed Martin announced the Sikorsky HH-60W Combat Rescue Helicopter (CRH) program achieved a Milestone C decision from the U.S. Air Force, which moves the program into low rate initial production. The Combat Rescue Helicopter will perform critical combat search and rescue and personnel recovery operations for all U.S. [Read More →](#)

Raytheon Awarded US Air Force Contract for Solid State Modules Replacement

Mediaroom · 24 Sep 2019

Raytheon Company was awarded an indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity contract valued at up to \$494,921,934 for Solid State Modules Replacement for the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System and the Precision Acquisition Vehicle Entry Phased Array Warning System (PAVE PAWS) radars. [Read More →](#)

Raytheon Providing Next Batch of Radar Warning Receivers for Air Force Tankers

Mediaroom · 24 Sep 2019

Raytheon Company is providing 111 ALR-69A systems, including spares, to outfit the U.S. Air Force's newest tanker, the KC-46 Pegasus. Raytheon will complete radar warning receiver deliveries by 2025 under the contract with Boeing. ALR-69A – the world's first all-digital radar warning receiver – alerts tanker aircrews to imminent airborne threats and allows them to take evasive action. [Read More →](#)

Rafale Maker Dassault to Set up Unit in Uttar Pradesh's Defence Corridor

Defence Aviation Post · 24 Sep 2019

Uttar Pradesh government has allowed French company Dassault Aviation to set up a unit in the state's upcoming defence corridor. It is to be noted that Dassault Aviation is the same firm which manufactures

Rafale fighter jet. The company was recently in the news after Congress had raised over Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decision to give the contract for Rafale jet to Dassault Aviation bypassing the government procedure. [Read More →](#)

BAE Systems Wins \$7.5 Million Contract Add-On from U.S. Military

Cnybj · 24 Sep 2019

BAE Systems Controls Inc. in Endicott is being awarded a nearly \$7.5 million modification to a previous U.S. military contract agreement, according to a Department of Defense contract announcement issued. The CV-22 Osprey aircraft (Photo credit: U.S. [Read More →](#))

Spicexpress Expands Air Cargo Capacity with 737-800 Boeing Converted Freighter

Mediaroom · 23 Sep 2019

SpiceXpress, SpiceJet's cargo division, has taken delivery of its first 737-800 Boeing Converted Freighter (BCF) as the India-based carrier expands its air cargo operation to better serve one of the world's most populated regions and offer new route options. SINGAPORE, Sept. [Read More →](#)

Technology Updates

DRDO Develops Night Vision Equipment for Indian ARMY Tank Crew

Indian Defense News · 28 Sep 2019

The ability of Indian Army Tanks to strike enemies in the night has got an indigenous boost with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) coming up with Thermal Imaging (TI) Night Vision Devices (NVD) which can locate targets at a greater distance. "We have manufactured TI-based night vision devices for the Tank Commanders night sight which will be able to pick the enemy tanks from a distance of about three kilometres," a DRDO official told this newspaper. [Read More →](#)

MBDA Offers Sea-Ceptor, Exocet, Marte, Camm and Naval Cruise Missiles to Indian Navy

Indian Defense News · 24 Sep 2019

MBDA, a European developer and manufacturer of missiles, plans to offer next generation air combat capabilities for Indian Navy's maritime superiority. The Indian Navy on August 8 also issued requests to global vendors inviting their interest in supplying about 270 combat, 40 practice, 10 training, 6 dummy and 4 cut section medium range anti-ship missiles. [Read More →](#)

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