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POLICY

Startups have it Easy for Defence Deals up to Rs 150 Crore

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The government has notified special exceptions in its defence procurement policy to promote startups and will encourage them to bid for contracts valued less than Rs 150 crore without the burden of providing financial credentials. [Read More →](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Indian Army to Begin Deploying Light Howitzers in Eastern Sector

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Indian Army to begin deploying light howitzers in eastern sector. The Indian Army is preparing to deploy its new M777 ultra-light howitzers in eastern Arunachal Pradesh for accurate artillery fire support in the mountainous terrain that could prove to be a "game-changer" in the sector, two officers familiar with the move told HT. [Read More →](#)

Aircraft with Missile Defence Systems for President, PM to Reach India Next Year

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Aircraft with missile defence systems for President, PM to reach India next year. Two long-haul Boeing-777 aircraft with missile defence systems that will serve on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Air India One fleet will reach India in June 2020, two people familiar with the development said. [Read More →](#)

Declare Tejas and Kaveri Projects as 'National Missions'

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At the Aero-India 2019 airshow held in Bangalore, there were two developments of significance, for India's national security as well its moribund aeronautical industry. On February 20, the Indian Air Force and the aviation community heaved a collective sigh of relief after the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas MK1, received its long-awaited Final Operational Clearance; this means it is combat-ready and can be exploited to the limits of its approved 'envelope'. [Read More →](#)

Navy Builds Case for 3rd Aircraft Carrier

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Navy builds case for 3rd aircraft carrier. TNN With China setting a furious pace in construction of new

aircraft carriers, and India in the danger of losing this combat and power projection edge in the Indian Ocean Region, the Navy now plans to take up afresh its long-pending case for a third aircraft carrier with the government. [Read More →](#)

PROJECT UPDATES

Indian Operated T-90 Tanks to Become Russian Army's Main Battle Tank

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Instead of the much-hyped Armata tanks, the upgraded version of T-90M tanks could become the main battle tank for the Russian Army, Uralvagonzavod Special Representative for Military and Technical Cooperation, Army General Alexei Maslov told the Russian News Agency – TASS “We have already prepared the T-90MS [the export version] for a foreign customer and tested it and by the decision of Russia’s Defence Ministry, we have held R&D work, as a result of which we have developed a good T-90M. [Read More →](#)

IAF's Sukhois to Get More Advanced Avionics, Radars

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IAF's Sukhois to get more advanced avionics, radars.TNN India plans to upgrade its fleet of Sukhoi-30MKI fighter jets with more advanced avionics, radars and weapons to further bolster their combat capabilities, with detailed talks currently under way with Russia for the project. [Read More →](#)

France to Offer Brand New Submarine for India's Project-75I TenderWing

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French industrial group “ Naval group ” has confirmed to media that it will be offering India brand new design of the next generation conventional submarine under India’s Project-75I Tender for Six new submarines and new submarine will not be based on the Shortfin Barracuda Block 1A under construction for the Australian Navy nor it will be based on the Scorpene-class attack submarine already inducted by the Indian Navy. [Read More →](#)

IAF Strongly Pitches for Desi Fighters, Plans to Induct 123 Tejas Mark-I/IA, 200 Mark-II and 100+ AMCA

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IAF strongly pitches for Desi fighters,Plans to induct 123 Tejas Mark-I/IA, 200 Mark-II and 100+ AMCA.TNN In a strong push for indigenisation, the IAF has put its full weight behind the development of a home-grown fifth-generation fighter aircraft (FGFA) as well as shown its readiness to go in for 200 Tejas Mark-II light combat aircraft after inducting the first 123 Mark-I jets. [Read More →](#)

HAL Sticks with ELM-2052 AESA Radar for Tejas mk1A, Hints at Advance and Better Derivate

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With latest media reports hinting that indigenously developed UTAAM AESA Airborne AESA Fire Control Radar (FCR) will be ready for integration and trials with new upcoming updated Tejas Mk1A within next one year, HAL Sources close to idrw.org have confirmed that the management is still sticking with the Israeli ELM-2052 AESA Fire Control Radar for Tejas Mk1A program and swapping Israeli AESA FCR with Indian AESA FCR is not been considered for time being for various reasons. [Read More →](#)

Erdogan Kashmir Blabbering to Cost Turkish Company, FSS Project of Indian Navy

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The Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL)’s collaboration with M/s Anadolu Shipyard, Turkey for the FSS project estimated to cost of \$ 2.3 billion is expected to be put on a hold. Without citing any reason, speaking to Financial Express Online on condition of anonymity, a senior official confirmed that “The

contract for the 45,000-ton fleet support ships (FSS) for the Indian Navy with the Turkish Company could be delayed." [Read More →](#)

Ardiden 1U Engine for HAL's LUH will be Certified Soon

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Franck Saudo, chief executive of Safran Helicopter Engines, who spoke to French weekly financial newspaper "La Tribune" has said that Ardiden 1U engine developed for the LUH (Light Utility Helicopter) by India's Hindustan Aeronautics Limited will complete its certification by end of this year and the company expects LUH will be soon inducted into Indian Army and Air force for which it will get engine orders soon from HAL. [Read More →](#)

Indian Navy Battles Defense Ministry over Future of \$3 Billion Contract

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A war of nerves has brewed between senior Indian Navy officials and the Ministry of Defence over the possible cancellation of a program to replace top priority landing dock platforms. Despite requests made by several naval planners not to cancel the procurement of four landing platform docks from domestic shipyards, costing around \$3 billion, MoD is threatening to withdraw the tender said a top Indian Navy official. MoD wants to cancel the tender, because one of the last two bidders faces severe financial crunch. Considering another was eliminated in 2015 due to bankruptcy, that leaves only one player in the fray. [Read More →](#)

Tejas to Get More Teeth With Beyond-Visual-Range Air-to-Air ASTRA Missile; Expects IAF to Order 200 Missiles

Indian Defense News · 30 Sep 2019

India's indigenous multi-role light combat aircraft (LCA) Tejas will soon get more teeth with the integration of advanced air-to-air missile Astra, which may encourage the Indian Air Force (IAF) to increase its squadron strength. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), which successfully integrated Astra on IAF's frontline air-superiority fighter Sukhoi-30MKI (Su-30MKI) will soon begin testing Astra on Tejas, reports say. [Read More →](#)

INVESTMENTS

SAAB Wants to Offer Gripen at Half of Rafale Cost, with Full Tech Transfer, Local Production

Indian Defence Research Wing · 30 Sep 2019

SAAB wants to offer Gripen at half of Rafale cost, with full tech transfer, local production. As India looks to acquire 114 new medium multi-role combat aircraft (MMRCA) to shore up its depleting strength, Swedish defence major SAAB has pitched for a complete Transfer of Technology (TOT) and local production of its Gripen fighter jet at "half" the cost of French alternative Rafale. [Read More →](#)

Global Updates

BAE Systems Delivers Final Eurofighter Typhoon to the Royal Air Force

The Aviation Geek Club · 6 Oct 2019

BAE Systems has delivered the last Eurofighter Typhoon for the Royal Air Force. The company's production facility in Warton, Lancashire will now prepare for the delivery of Eurofighters ordered by Qatar. The most advanced Typhoon aircraft has recently been delivered to the Royal Air Force (RAF). [Read More →](#)

BAE Systems Awarded \$48 Million for Next-Generation Artillery System

Defence-Blog · 5 Oct 2019

BAE Systems Land & Armaments L.P., a business unit of leading British defense firm BAE Systems, was awarded a \$48 million contract modification to support producing of advanced variants of Paladin artillery system. The contract modification announced on 4 October by the U.S. [Read More →](#)

BAE Systems Opens Expanded Facility to Produce U.S. Army Next-Generation Howitzers

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BAE Systems, multinational defense, security and aerospace company, opened the expanded facility in Elgin, Oklahoma that will make next-generation howitzers for the U.S. Army. Legislators, community members, military officials, and BAE officials came out to celebrate the completion of the project with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, KSWO 7News reported, The expanded 52,000 square feet facility will help deliver the newest M109A7 self-propelled howitzers, otherwise known as Paladin Integrated Management, the U.S. [Read More →](#)

Raytheon Rheinmetall Land Systems Submits Bid for Us ARMY Combat Vehicle Competition

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Raytheon Rheinmetall Land Systems, a joint venture formed by Raytheon Company and Rheinmetall Defence, has submitted its bid for the U.S. Army's new Optionally Manned Fighting Vehicle, or OMFV, program. The team will offer the next-generation Lynx Infantry Fighting Vehicle. Lynx is a next-generation, tracked armored fighting vehicle designed to address the critical challenges of the future battlefield. The vehicle provides ample growth capacity to support new technologies over its lifetime, and features lower life-cycle costs. [Read More →](#)

Boeing Awarded \$2.6 Billion for Fifth KC-46A Tanker Production Lot

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The U.S. Air Force awarded Boeing a \$2.6 billion contract for 15 KC-46A tanker aircraft, spares, support equipment, spare engines and wing air refueling pod kits. With this fifth production lot, Boeing now is on contract for 67 KC-46 tankers. Boeing received its first two production lots, for 7 and 12 aircraft, in August 2016. The third lot, for 15 aircraft, was awarded in January 2017; the fourth lot for 18 aircraft in September 2018. [Read More →](#)

Lockheed Submits Proposal to Supply F-21s to IAF

Indian Defence Research Wing · 30 Sep 2019

American aerospace major Lockheed Martin has submitted a proposal evincing preliminary interest to supply F-21 fighter jets to the Air Force and winning the bid may result in it working with 400 local companies, a senior official has said. The American company, which has a decade-long partnership with the Tatas on defence manufacturing, is also working on manufacturing the wings for its F-16 fighters from their JV plant in Hyderabad from and has started work on a prototype, which will enable it to supply to the world soon, its vice president for strategy and business development Vivek Lall told PTI. [Read More →](#)

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to optimize the industry's development capabilities. Its values are: India First; One Voice and Self Reliant for Security.

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