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PROJECT UPDATES

Spanish Shipbuilder Reaches Out To Indian Companies As Part of Submarine Bid

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Navantia was among the companies shortlisted for the Project 75I program. A Spanish shipbuilder has announced plans to hold an industry event on April 21 as part of its campaign to sell six advanced submarines to the Indian Navy. Navantia, which is regarded as the fifth-largest shipbuilder in Europe, is offering its S-80 Plus submarine design to the Indian Navy as part of the latter's Project-75I programme.

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Mig-35 Offered with New AESA Radar and Additional Features to India

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RSK MiG Corporation is offering India its Mikoyan MiG-35 fighter jet with a new AESA radar which was unveiled for the first time at MAKS 2019 international air show. Phazotron-NIIR Zhuk-AME AESA radar started test flights on a demo aircraft in early 2019 and currently still going through airborne trials but the production clearance is likely to be secured only by end of 2021 said informed sources.

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Indian MH-60R Helos to be Saudi-Standard, Plus National Mods

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The Sikorsky MH-60R Seahawk maritime helicopters ordered by India will be built to the latest Saudi Arabian configuration, with some additional national-specific modifications. The new initial Indian baseline standard was disclosed on the US government's beta.sam.gov website on 24 March, in which it was noted that the 24 helicopters recently ordered by the Indian government will be built to the same configuration as the 10 helicopters received by the Royal Saudi Naval Forces (RSNF), with some "unique modifications" also included.

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Mig-29UPG Prepped for Astra BVRAAM Integration

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Indian Air Force (IAF) Top Brass has decided to integrate India's locally developed Beyond Visual range Air-to-Air missile Astra Mk1 with the 60 odd fleet of upgraded Mig-29UPG Air Superiority fighter jet after IAF started receiving Limited serial production batch of the Astra Missile for its front-line jets like Sukhoi-30MKI.

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HAL Increases Borrowing as Indian Air Force's Unpaid Dues Grow

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Despite its highest ever turnover projected to exceed INR200 billion (USD2.66 billion) for fiscal year 2019-20 (FY 2019-20), India's state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is compelled to take out bank loans to financially sustain itself because of unpaid dues by the Indian Air Force (IAF) for the past four years.

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India Updates Mil Mi-26T Helicopters

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In the current year, three Mil Mi-26T heavy transport helicopters of the Indian Air Force (IAF) are expected to be sent to Russia for review and extension of the useful operating life of at least an additional 8-10 years. Of the three specimens (out of four) currently available to the IAF one was placed on the ground in September 2013, the second specimen was stopped in August 2014 and the third specimen was last seen flying in 2017 although it should be in flight conditions; a fourth specimen was lost instead on December 14, 2010. [Read More →](#)

IAF's Il-78MKI Aerial Tankers to Get New Engines and Avionics and Additional AWACS

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As per acquisition planned by the airforce for the year 2020-21, IAF plans to upgrade avionics of the Six Il-78MKI aerial refueling tanker based on the Il-76 strategic air-lifter and also re-engine them with the modern Aviadvigatel PS-90A-76 engine thus replacing the original Aviadvigatel D-30KP2 engines currently powering them. [Read More →](#)

Thyssenkrupp Marine Systems and MDL Win Service Contract For Overhaul of Indian Navy Submarine

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Thyssenkrupp Marine Systems was awarded a high two-digit million euros Medium Refit and Life Certification (MRLC) contract by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (MDL) for the overhaul and modernization of the Indian Navy submarine INS Shishumar. It includes the delivery of new equipment, the maintenance of systems and components, as well as on-site technical support and logistical services in form of documentation, training and spare parts. [Read More →](#)

DRDO-IAF Deliberates Development of Next Generation Close Combat Missile (NGCCM) for 5th Gen Fighter Jets

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Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and its associate Labs along with Indian Air Force (IAF) have started deliberation on the development of Next Generation Close Combat Missile (NGCCM) for Air force fighter jet fleet while IAF decides to arm its entire fleet with MBDA developed Advanced Short Range Air-to-Air Missile (ASRAAM). [Read More →](#)

Indian Army to Place Orders for Caracal's CAR 816 Close-Quarter Carbine Soon

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According to the latest media reports, the Indian Army is all set to place orders for Caracal's CAR 816 close-quarter carbine with AE arms firm Caracal in coming weeks, after it recently inked a deal for 16,479 state-of-the-art Negev Light Machine Guns (LMG) with an Israeli firm for front line troops. [Read More →](#)

Hanwha's K-9 Howitzers Get Early Delivery Request from India

Indian Defence Research Wing · 24 Mar 2020

The delivery of Hanwha Defense's K-9 self-propelled guns in India with technological support from the Korean company has been made several months ahead of schedule, according to industry sources. Hanwha Defense shipped the first batch of 10 guns to the Indian Army in November 2018 on schedule, upon which 41 guns of the K-9 Vajra — a modified version of Hanwha Defense's K-9 155-mm 52-caliber — have been manufactured and supplied two to three months ahead of schedule, according to the company. [Read More →](#)

Artillery Guns on Upward Trajectory

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The recent induction of types of artillery guns signals a momentum for the Make in India in defence production. Besides boosting the artillery power of the Indian Army after almost 31 years, the indigenous production will equip units with cost-effective platforms and even open avenues for export. [Read More →](#)

Indian Air Force May Lease Aerial Refuelling Tanker Craft

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The Indian Air Force (IAF) is considering, for the first time, leasing aerial refuelling tanker aircraft to extend the reach of its fighter jets instead of a direct purchase against the backdrop of previous failed attempts to buy new tankers, two officers familiar with the move said on Sunday on condition of anonymity. [Read More →](#)

Indian Navy will Considering Buying Refurbished Kilo Submarines from Russia

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Russia has communicated an offer of selling three old Kilo-class hulls for the Indian Navy to tide over its shortfall of conventional submarines. The \$1.8 billion “three plus three” arrangement bundles refits of three of India’s Kilo-class submarines with an additional three old Russian navy Kilo-class hulls [Read More →](#)

Global Updates

Lockheed Martin Speeds up Payments to Suppliers Amid Coronavirus Slowdown

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Defense contractor Lockheed Martin Corp said on that it would advance more than \$50 million to suppliers hurt by a sharp economic slowdown caused by efforts to stop the coronavirus. Reuters had reported last week that the Pentagon was increasing the amount of interim payments, known as progress payments, to defense contractors. The largest contractors were to get payments of 90% as they work to complete projects. [Read More →](#)

Northrop Grumman Moves to LW30 PROX Qualification, M-ACE CUAS Testing

Jane's 360 · 30 Mar 2020

Northrop Grumman Defense Systems has completed US government testing of its programmable Light Weight 30 mm Proximity Sensing Ammunition (LW30 PROX) round, and is moving towards qualification and fielding of the round to US Army and US Marine Corps air defence echelons within the year. [Read More →](#)

The Army’s Next Attack-Reconnaissance Helicopter is Coming into Focus

Govexec · 29 Mar 2020

The U.S. Army has chosen two competitors — the Bell Textron 360 Invictus and the Sikorsky Raider X — to develop test models of an attack/reconnaissance helicopter to replace some Cold War-era rotorcraft. The Army Future Vertical Lift office on Wednesday announced that two vendors will build and test designs for the next phase of its Future Attack and Reconnaissance Aircraft, or FARA, The final decision is expected in FY 2024. [Read More →](#)

Raytheon Bags S.Korea’s RAM Guided Missile Deal

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The Pentagon awarded Raytheon \$18.3 million for work on South Korea’s Rolling Airframe Missile (RAM) Mod 5 Guided Missile Launching System. “Raytheon Missile Systems, Tucson, Arizona, is awarded an \$18.3 million modification to previously awarded contract for fiscal 2020 Navy and Foreign Military Sales (FMS) funds to Korea for Rolling Airframe Missile Mod 5 Guided Missile Launching System requirements. Work and is expected to be complete by December 2022,” the Pentagon said in a statement. [Read More →](#)

UTC, Raytheon Deal Wins U.S. Antitrust Approval, with Divestitures

Reuters · 27 Mar 2020

The U.S. Justice Department has approved United Technologies Corporation’s planned merger with Raytheon Co, subject to conditions, the agency said. UTC agreed in June to combine its aerospace business with U.S. contractor Raytheon and create a new company worth about \$121 billion, in what would be the sector’s biggest ever merger. It won EU antitrust approval earlier in March. [Read More →](#)

Sikorsky Secures \$125M Navy Contract for Lot 5 CH-53K Production Items

GovCon Wire · 27 Mar 2020

Lockheed Martin's Sikorsky subsidiary has been awarded a \$125.4M contract from the U.S. Navy to obtain long-lead materials needed to manufacture a fifth batch of CH-53K heavy-lift helicopters. The advance acquisition contract will fund long lead items for seven lot 5 low-rate initial production units of the King Stallion platform, the Department of Defense said Thursday. [Read More →](#)

Lockheed Secures Potential \$113M IDIQ to Maintain Navy MUOS Satcom Network

GovCon Wire · 26 Mar 2020

The U.S. Navy has awarded Lockheed Martin's (NYSE: LMT) space systems business a potential 10-year, \$112.7M contract to help maintain a satellite system built to facilitate military communications across the world. Lockheed will sustain the Mobile User Objective System's space segment as well as legacy terminals that support the narrowband satcom network's net-centric communication functions, the Department of Defense said. [Read More →](#)

Raytheon, Aerojet Ink \$1B, 5-Year Standard Missile Deal

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Raytheon Missile Systems has signed a \$1 billion deal with Aerojet Rocketdyne for provision of Aerojet Rocketdyne's propulsion systems for Raytheon's Standard Missiles (SM) for the next five years, Raytheon announced. The agreement is designed to both stabilize and lower costs of the supply chain under Raytheon's long-running contracts with the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) and the Navy. [Read More →](#)

Raytheon To Upgrade Brazilian Air Traffic Surveillance Radars

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Raytheon has won a contract to modernize seven Brazilian Air Force's surveillance radars across the Amazon. The company will upgrade seven legacy radars to the next-generation Monopulse Secondary Surveillance Radar system, Condor Mk3, increasing efficiency and reducing electric energy consumption. [Read More →](#)

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