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Indian Air Force's C-130J, C-17 Transport Aircraft Get Anti-Spoofing Module GPS System Under COMCASA Pact With US

Defence Aviation Post · 3 Apr 2019

Bolstering the bilateral relationship between India and United States of America (USA), both countries have set up the first ever secure communication link between the naval headquarters in India and the US Central as well as Pacific Naval Commands under the much talked about COMCASA pact which India and US signed last year, [Read More](#)

India-US Plans to Revive Defence Policy Group

The Sentinel · 3 Apr 2019

India and the United States are planning to revive the Defence Policy Group (DPG) between the two countries. Both the countries have revived the DPG after a four-year gap with a discussion on the text of the Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA) which is one of the key items in the agenda. [Read More](#)

PROJECT UPDATES

DRDO Offers to Equip Second Airbus C-295 With Netra Airborne Early Warning, Control System for Indian Air Force

Defence Aviation Post · 5 Apr 2019

In an offer to the Indian Air Force (IAF), the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has offered to equip an Airbus C-295 with the upgraded Netra Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) system. [Read More](#)

Indian Navy Signs MoU with Council of Scientific and Industrial Research

Clipper28 · 5 Apr 2019

The Indian Navy and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) today inked a MoU to undertake joint research and development of advanced technologies for the Indian Navy. This will be a collaborative arrangement between labs of CSIR, the Indian Navy and Indian industry. [Read More](#)

Indian Navy Eyes 6 Lethal Submarines with 500 km Strike Range Cruise Missiles on Them

Citytoday · 5 Apr 2019

The Indian Navy has initiated the process to acquire six lethal submarines under the ambitious Project-75 India likely to cost over Rs 50,000 crore. The Navy has initiated the tender process by issuing the initial Expression of Interest to foreign vendors willing to take part in the mega programme. [Read More](#)

Defence-Tech Startup Big Bang Boom Gets ₹ 1.5 Crore Grant from Defence Ministry

Indianweb2 · 4 Apr 2019

Chennai-based Big Bang Boom Solutions (BBBS), a defence tech startup, has bagged a Rs 1.5 crore grant for winning the 'See Through Armor' challenge by the Ministry of Defence under iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence). [Read More](#)

IAF Close to Buying 21 MiG-29 Fighter Jets for \$900 Million

Defense World.Net · 4 Apr 2019

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is looking to purchase 21 Russian MiG-29 jets to address the shortfall of combat aircraft in a deal estimated to be valued at \$900 million (INR 6,300 Crore). [Read More](#)

Artificial Intelligence to Power Indian Navy's Combat Management System in its Indigenous Aircraft Carrier

The Financial Express · 4 Apr 2019

With its own indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC), and indigenous Combat Management System (CMS), India has taken a quantum leap in naval warfare in coming decades. CMS fitted on IAC caters for the enhancement of Threat Evaluation & Resource Allocation (TERA) to effectively integrate the carrier borne MiG 29K's mission planning in the offensive/defensive role. The government is now pushing for a rapid development in Artificial Intelligence (AI). [Read More](#)

BAE Systems Offers Queen Elizabeth Aircraft Carrier Design to India

Defenceupdate · 4 Apr 2019

Speaking at the 2019 Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace (LIMA) exhibition last week, a BAE Systems representative confirmed that the company is offering its Queen Elizabeth Class (QEC) aircraft carrier design to the Indian Navy. [Read More](#)

US Approves Sale of Anti-Submarine Choppers for \$2.6 Billion to India

Defence Aviation Post · 3 Apr 2019

The United States said on Tuesday it had approved the sale of 24 MH-60R helicopters to India, significantly boosting its emerging ally's firepower to target submarines as China expands in the Indian Ocean. [Read More](#)

Boeing Offers to Build 21st Century Aerospace Ecosystem in India

Defence Aviation Post · 2 Apr 2019

Eyeing India's multi-billion dollar fighter jet market, Boeing has offered to build a 21st century aerospace ecosystem in India for co-developing F/A-18 Super Hornet upgrades as part of the country's advanced medium combat aircraft (AMCA) programme. [Read More](#)

HAL Manufactures 41 Aircraft, Helicopters in Fiscal 2018-19

Defense World.Net · 1 Apr 2019

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has manufactured 41 new aircraft, helicopters besides 98 new engines during fiscal 2018-19, according to a financial update issued by the company. In addition, HAL has carried out overhaul of 213 aircraft, helicopters and 540 engines. HAL's R&D projects are on track for the requirement of the Indian armed forces. [Read More](#)

OPINIONS & FEATURES

Defence Production Likely to Open Up for Kerala Startups

The Economic Times · 6 Apr 2019

A high-level team of officials from the defence production will soon visit Maker Village, India's largest electronic hardware incubator, here, which may pave the way for startups from Kerala to enter the defence ecosystem. [Read More](#)

Defence Offset Policy Needs to Work Better

League of India · 6 Apr 2019

In February 2018, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) informed the Standing Committee on Defence (SCoD) that in 11 of the 42 offset contracts signed till then, a final/interim penalty, totalling USD 38.19 million, had been imposed on account of shortfall in the discharge of the offset obligation by the vendors.

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Best Way Of Defence is to Have Deterrence, Says DRDO Chief on Mission Shakti

Defence Aviation Post · 6 Apr 2019

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is addressing the media in Delhi on Mission Shakti project. The organisation is briefing the media on the technical aspects of the anti-satellite missile that was launched recently, amid criticism from NASA regarding the safety concerns of the mission. [Read More](#)

Bringing Out the Big Guns

India Today · 5 Apr 2019

The Union ministry for defence (MoD) is keen on making a splash this year at the 10th edition of the biennial DefExpo, a land, naval and homeland security exhibition which begins near Chennai on April 15. So very keen, that, it prepared a live fire demonstration of a prototype Indian howitzer at the venue, shooting into the Bay of Bengal. The proposal was nixed after sensible advice prevailed. [Read More](#)

With Many Firsts, GRSE Has a Strong Order Book: V K Saxena

Defence Aviation Post · 5 Apr 2019

Kolkata based GRSE which has the infrastructure capability to construct 20 ships concurrently has a very strong order book position of around Rs 21,700 crore, has emerged as a leading shipyard of India, building a wide array of vessels, from Fast Attack Crafts to world-class Frigates. Rear Admiral V K Saxena, (Retd) Chairman & Managing Director, GRSE, Kolkata, shares the company's order book and achievements with the Financial Express Online. [Read More](#)

India's Defence Shield is Now Getting Stronger

The New Indian Express · 4 Apr 2019

India's anti-satellite missile test on March 27 came at a time when its ties with Pakistan were at a new low. It underlined a new intent vis-a-vis China, whose military satellites act as Pakistan's eyes in the skies and have the potential to blind India in case of a two-front war. It also shows India has realised that weaponisation of space will become a reality and defence of space assets must be prioritised.

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Indian Defence Production on Fast Track

Bharatshakti · 2 Apr 2019

Defence production, in the last five years, has grown 80 per cent to be pegged at Rs 80,000 crore in 2018-19. It was Rs 40,000 crore in 2013-14. Indigenisation has been the main thrust since then, with 150 contracts worth Rs 1,27,500 crore having been signed with Indian vendors for defence equipment.

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Global Updates

Lockheed Martin Orders Saab Sea Giraffe AMB Radars for Canadian Ships

Defense World.Net · 6 Apr 2019

Saab has received an order from Lockheed Martin for delivery of Sea Giraffe AMB naval radars supporting the Royal Canadian Navy's new Joint Support Ships. Lockheed Martin Canada, selected by prime contractor Seaspan's Vancouver Shipyards Co. Ltd. is providing the command management system and integration for the Protecteur-class Joint Support Ships. [Read More](#)

F-35 on Track to Hit 80% Mission Capability Rate by September 2019

Flight Global · 5 Apr 2019

Combat units of the Lockheed Martin F-35 stealth fighter fleet within the three US military services and eight international programme partners are on track to reach an 80% mission capability rate by September 2019. [Read More](#)

Raytheon Awarded \$9 Million for Support for Taiwan's Patriot Missile System

Defence-Blog · 5 Apr 2019

The manufacturer of the Patriot missile system, Raytheon has won a contract valued at as much as \$9 million for support for air defense missile system of the Republic of China Armed Forces, commonly known as the Taiwanese Armed Forces. [Read More](#)

Saab to Deliver Radars for Royal Canadian Navy's Joint Support Ships

Saabgroup · 5 Apr 2019

Saab has received an order for delivery of Sea Giraffe AMB naval radars supporting the Royal Canadian Navy's new Joint Support Ships. Lockheed Martin Canada has placed the order. Lockheed Martin Canada, selected by prime contractor Seaspan's Vancouver Shipyards Co. [Read More](#)

IAI Expands Heron UAV Unified Control Station Availability Worldwide

Janes · 4 Apr 2019

Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) is expanding worldwide the availability of the unified control system (UCS) for its family of Heron medium-altitude long-endurance (MALE) unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). [Read More](#)

Northrop Grumman to Provide Avionics Mission Computers for Military Helicopters

Intelligent-Aerospace · 4 Apr 2019

Avionics and flight computer experts at Northrop Grumman Corp. will provide as many as 503 new VME-based FlightPro Gen III scalable mission computers for UH-1Y, AH-1Z, and UH-60V military helicopters of the U.S. Marine Corps. and government of Bahrain. [Read More](#)

Saab Presents Update on Gripen Programme for Brazil

Saabgroup · 4 Apr 2019

Saab presented the latest developments in the Gripen Programme for Brazil at a press briefing during the LAAD International Defence & Security Exhibition in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Saab presented several achievements during the past year, as well as an insight of upcoming milestones. [Read More](#)

Boeing's Helicopter Aircrew Training System for ADF Achieves IOC

Naval-Technology · 2 Apr 2019

Boeing's Helicopter Aircrew Training System (HATS) for the Australian Defence Force (ADF) has successfully met the conditions for initial operating capability (IOC). The HATS training system will be used to prepare navy and army aircrew for transition into complex combat helicopters. [Read More](#)

Australia Orders Second Triton RPA

Air & Cosmos International · 2 Apr 2019

The Australian government has given the green light for the purchase of the next MQ-4C Triton remotely piloted aircraft — the second of a planned fleet of at least six Triton RPAs that Australia is acquiring under a \$1.4bn deal through a cooperative programme with the U.S. Navy. [Read More](#)

Airbus, Naval Group, Rohde & Schwarz Extend French Navy Contract to Build Secure Broadband Network

Telecompaper · 2 Apr 2019

The French defense procurement agency (DGA) awarded the RIFAN 2.1 project to Airbus, Naval Group and Rohde & Schwarz, extending to a new phase their existing contract with the country's naval forces. [Read More](#)

Technology Updates

Russia Develops Plastic Based 30mm Cartridges for Light Artillery

Defense World.Net · 7 Apr 2019

Russian small-caliber ammunition manufacturer SPA Pribor has developed a new generation of small caliber (30 mm etc.) cartridges with plastic master device (PMD) that enhancing the combat efficiency and gun barrel service life. [Read More](#)

Raytheon and USAF to Modernise Legacy Space Debris Tracking System

Airforce-Technology · 4 Apr 2019

A Raytheon-led consortium is partnering with the US Air Force Life Cycle Management Center (AFLCMC) to modernise and simplify the legacy space debris tracking and monitoring system Space Defense Operations Center (SPADOC). [Read More](#)

ISRO Successfully Launches India's Latest EMISAT Defence Satellite

News on Air · 1 Apr 2019

The Indian Space Research Organization, ISRO, launched India's latest satellite EMISAT and 28 other smaller satellites of international customers this morning with textbook precision. The ISRO Telemetry Tracking and Command Network at Bengaluru has assumed control of EMISAT satellite after its successful launch. [Read More](#)

Lockheed Announces Grants for Future Submarine Program Technologies

Naval-Technology · 1 Apr 2019

Lockheed Martin Australia has announced research and development (R&D) seeding grants to support the development of advanced technologies for the country's Future Submarine Program. [Read More](#)

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