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LAND AND SEA

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully flight-tests the *RudraM-II* air-to-surface missile from the *Su-30 MK-I* platform of the Indian Air Force off the coast of Odisha on May 29, 2024.

Source: [Press information Bureau](#)

On May 29, 2024, the small business Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd delivered the ammunition cum torpedo cum missile barge landing ship ammunition, or *LSAM 20*, to the Indian Navy in Mumbai.

Source: [Press Information Bureau](#)

An Indian Air Force contingent, consisting of eight Rafale fighter jets, will participate in the advanced aerial combat training exercise called "Red Flag" in Alaska, United States, from May 30 to June 14, 2024.

Source: [Tribune India](#)

The Indian Navy receives the bollard pull tug called Baljeet on May 30, 2024.

Source: [Press Information Bureau](#)

SOFTWARE, SYSTEMS, AND CYBER

The Defense Innovation Unit (DIU) launches a new portfolio focused on emerging technologies to bridge the gap between the Pentagon's science and technology arm and private sector innovators in critical fields like quantum sensing, nanotechnology, and microelectronics.

Source: [Defense News](#)

Starlink in Ukraine is facing disruptions from Russia's new technology prompting Ukraine to work with SpaceX to solve the problems.

Source: [Cyber News](#)

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SPACE AND AEROSPACE

DIU selects The Spaceport Company to demonstrate a sea-based launch platform capable of rapidly deploying cargo or satellites into orbit.

Source: [Defense News](#)

The Indian Space Research Organisation will source payloads for its upcoming missions from domestic private firms.

Source: [Defence.in](#)

BUSINESS UPDATES

The Indian Army partners with Indian Oil Corporation Limited to conduct demonstration trials of hydrogen fuel cell-based bus technology.

Source: [Press Information Bureau](#)

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) selects two companies, Aurora Flight Sciences and Bell Textron, Inc. to compete in designing a new high-speed, runway-independent aircraft.

Source: [Defense One](#)

DARPA greenlights the next phase of the advanced aircraft infrastructure-less launch and recovery program for six industry partners. The program aims to develop and demonstrate a lightweight unmanned aerial system capable of vertical takeoff and landing from ship decks.

Source: [Defense News](#)

India formalizes an agreement with Swedish defense manufacturer Saab for the indigenous production of the *Carl Gustaf M4* weapon system.

Source: [Defence.in](#)

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GOVERNMENT UPDATES

Indian naval ship Kiltan arrives at Muara, Brunei, on May 25, 2024. The visit aims to strengthen the friendship and cooperation between the two maritime nations.

Source: [Press Information Bureau](#)

Vice admiral Gurcharan Singh assumes the appointment of the commandant of the National Defence Academy, on May 25, 2024.

Source: [Press Information Bureau](#)

General Manoj C. Pande, chief of the army staff, gets a one-month service extension on May 26, 2024, by the appointment committee of the cabinet.

Source: [Press Information Bureau](#)

The Japan Self-Defense Forces announce their first-ever participation in the U.S.-led valiant shield military exercise, scheduled from June 7 to June 18, 2024. The announcement coincides with China's ongoing joint sword-2024A exercise near Taiwan.

Source: [USNI News](#)

The joint China-Cambodia military exercise, known as Golden Dragon took place between May 16 and May 30, under the theme of "joint counter-terrorism operations and humanitarian relief."

Source: [DW News](#)

The Philippines formally rejects China's unilateral fishing ban in the South China Sea, amidst ongoing tensions in the contested waterway.

Source: [Nikkei Asia](#)

The 12-day joint military exercise between India and France concludes at Umroi, Meghalaya. The exercise aimed to enhance joint tactical operations between the armed forces of both nations.

Source: [The Statesman](#)

On May 27, 2024, South Korea, Japan, and China will hold a trilateral leaders summit in Seoul.

Source: [Akashvani News](#)

U.S. defense secretary Lloyd Austin plans to meet with his Chinese counterpart, Admiral Dong Jun, on the sidelines of the twenty-first annual Shangri-la dialogue.

Source: [The Week](#)

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On May 27, 2024, the appointment committee of the cabinet extended Dr. Samir V. Kamat's service as secretary of the department of defence (research and development division) and chairman of DRDO.

Source: [Press Information Bureau](#)

A second delegation of U.S. lawmakers arrives in Taiwan. Led by senators Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill) and Dan Sullivan (R-AK), the group met with newly inaugurated President William Lai Ching Te in Taipei, along with other top officials.

Source: [American Institute in Taiwan](#)

The Philippines signed a maritime cooperation agreement with Brunei to enhance regional stability.

Source: [South China Morning Post](#)

Defense officials from Japan and the United States will meet in Tokyo early next month for the first-ever bilateral meeting on the development of weapons systems together.

Source: [Nova News](#)

TENDERS AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The U.S. Air Force awards Boeing a nearly \$7.5 billion contract on May 26, 2024, to produce more joint direct attack munition conversion kits

Source: [Defense News](#)

General Electric gets a \$438 million contract for workload augmentation and offload support of *F-110* engine module supplies

Source: [U.S. Department of Defense](#)

Lockheed Martin Rotary and Mission Systems get a \$44 million contract for in-service AEGIS foreign military sales combat system sustenance.

Source: [U.S. Department of Defense](#)

Boeing is bidding for the Indian multi-role fighter aircraft valued at over \$18 billion contract by keeping the *F/A-18E/F* Super Hornet on the table alongside the previously offered *F-15EX* Eagle II.

Source: [Defence.in](#)

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The U.S. Army awards Palantir a \$480 million deal to work on an AI warfare project called the Maven smart system until 2029.

Source: [Cyber News](#)

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