

# DOT Weekly

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## LAND AND SEA

On March 10, 2025, Indian naval ship *INS Imphal* arrived in Port Louis, Mauritius, for the fifty-seventh Mauritius National Day celebrations.

Source: [PIB](#)

India-Kyrgyzstan twelfth joint special forces exercise *KHANJAR-XII* will be held in Kyrgyzstan from March 10 to March 23, 2025.

Source: [Indian Army X](#)

On March 10, 2025, *INS Tarkash* assisted an Iranian dhow off the Somali coast by restoring its reverse osmosis plant for drinking water and providing first aid to injured crew members.

Source: [Indian Navy](#)

India's NewSpace Research and Technologies and the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Army Research Laboratory have partnered under the foreign technology assessment support program to develop advanced autonomy algorithms for blue unmanned aerial systems-approved hardware.

Source: [NewSpace Research and Technologies](#)  
[LinkedIn](#)

The military combat parachute system developed by Aerial Delivery Research and Development

Establishment, Agra, was tested during a combat freefall jump from 27,000 feet. It is the only parachute system in use by Indian armed forces capable of deployment above 25,000 feet.

Source: [DRDO X](#)

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The India-Bangladesh naval exercise Bongo Sagar 2025 and coordinated patrol were conducted in the Bay of Bengal.

Source: [PIB](#)

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The U.S. Navy will recognize only male and female sexes as immutable, allowing affected sailors to request voluntary separation without repaying benefits.

Source: [U.S. Navy](#)

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The Indian Navy inducted its ninth ammunition cum torpedo cum missile barge, LSAM 23, at Naval Dockyard Mumbai, on March 12, 2025, enhancing logistics support for naval operations.

Source: [PIB](#)

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The keel laying ceremony for the second of five fleet support ships was held at Larsen & Toubro Shipyard, Kattupalli, on March 12, 2025.

Source: [PIB](#)

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On March 09, 2025, Alpha Tocol Engineering Services handed over the first rear fuselage for light combat aircraft *Mk1A* to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited in Bengaluru.

## SPACE AND AEROSPACE

Source: [PIB](#)

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On March 09, 2025, Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh launched a research project on space psychology at the Indian Air Force's Institute of Aerospace Medicine in Bengaluru.

Source: [PIB](#)

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National Aeronautics and Space Administration and SpaceX launched the spectro-photometer for the history of the universe, epoch of reionization and ice explorer missions on March 11, 2025.

Source: [NASA](#)

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The U.S. Space Force's Space Systems Command seventh annual Cyber Expo will be held on April 22-24, 2025, at Los Angeles. The event will cover cyber strategy, artificial-intelligence, zero trust, and quantum.

Source: [Space Security Command](#)

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The Assam government announced plans to launch ASSAMSAT, its own satellite, to support agriculture, disaster management, and border security.

Source: [Assam CM X](#)

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Air Chief Marshal AP Singh emphasized adaptive strategies, integrated training and operational synergy among services during his address at Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, on March 11-12, 2025.

Source: [PIB](#)

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The Indian Air Force plans to induct 114 multi-role fighter jets within the next four-five years via a fast-

tracked global tender to counter fleet depletion.  
competitors include *Rafale*, *Gripen*, *F-15EX*, *F-21*,  
*Su-35*, and *Eurofighter*.

Source: [Economic Times](#)

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Raytheon Co. received a \$91.9 million contract for  
Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile C8 and  
D3 integration, finishing by August 6, 2027.

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

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The U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force explosive  
ordnance disposal technicians conducted joint training  
at Fort Johnson, Louisiana, to counter unmanned  
aerial system threats.

Source: [U.S. Army](#)

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The U.S. Air Force *F-16 Fighting Falcon* participates  
in exercise Blue Sands.

Source: [U.S Central Command X](#)

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The Aeronautical Development Agency conducted a  
test launch of the advanced targeting and ranging  
system for the beyond visual range air-to-air missile  
from the Light Combat Aircraft Air Force *MkI*  
prototype off Chandipur, Odisha.

Source: [PIB](#)

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Sakthi Aircraft Industry Private Limited and the Aero  
Club of India have partnered to manufacture 200  
Diamond *DA40 NG* trainer aircraft in India.

Source: [The Times of India](#)

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## BUSINESS UPDATES

Rolls-Royce proposes co-developing a next-generation combat aircraft engine for India's advanced medium combat aircraft program, offering full intellectual property rights.

Source: [India Defence Research Wing](#)

## GOVERNMENT UPDATES

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute Report (2020–24), United States led global arms exports forty-three percent, with India as a key buyer.

Source: [SIPRI](#)

The U.S. financial year 2025 stop-gap spending bill, proposed on March 9, 2025, allocates \$33.33 billion for shipbuilding, exceeding the presidential request by \$1 billion. It boosts funding for submarines and destroyers while reducing allocations for frigates and aircraft carriers through September 30, 2025.

Source: [House of Representative](#)

Saudi Naval Support Co and others were awarded a \$100 million contract for minor construction at Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, until March 31, 2030.

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

The U.S. has approved a \$91.2 million sale of 54 Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System-Alternate Warhead rounds to Australia, including support

services.

Source: [Defense Security Cooperation Agency](#)

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On March 12, 2025, Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth ordered a review of U.S. military standards for fitness, body composition, and grooming, including beards.

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

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North Atlantic Treaty Organization chief Mark Rutte visited the United States on March 13, 2025, for discussions on European defense spending, defense production, and Ukraine peace efforts in talks with President Donald Trump.

Source: [NATO](#)

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The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency's Defense Sciences Office will host Discover DSO Day in Chicago on April 23-24, connecting Midwest scientists and technologists to advance U.S. national security.

Source: [DAPRA](#)

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General Electric Aerospace secured a \$5 billion contract for *F110-129* engines, supporting Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Bulgaria.

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

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Lockheed Martin received a \$122.5 million contract to expand production of joint air-to-surface standoff missile and long-range anti-ship missile, ensuring continued long-range strike capabilities for U.S.

## TENDERS AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

forces.

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

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L3Harris won a \$33.7 million contract for U.S. military distributed space command and control system sustainment.

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

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