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### LAND AND SEA

According to The Hindu Business Line, India has approached the United States and France for government-to-government procurement of five-tonne-class, twin-engine naval helicopters to meet the Indian Navy's requirement for 111 units.

Source: The Hindu Business Line

On May 13, 2025, three terrorists were eliminated in Shopian, Kashmir, during "Operation Keller" conducted by the Indian Army.

Source: <u>Indian Army</u>

On May 14, 2025, India's top military leadership shared insights on the successful execution of "Operation Sindoor", highlighting tri-services synergy and new-age multi-domain operational integration.

**Source**: Ministry of Defence X

On May 15, 2025, the U.S. Army leaders and Indo-Pacific allies gathered at the land forces pacific symposium to emphasize landpower, positional advantage, and partnerships as key to regional deterrence and integrated security.

Source: <u>U.S. Army</u>

The U.S. Navy leaders told Congress their top priorities are boosting shipbuilding, fixing readiness

shortfalls, and improving quality of life for sailors and Marines.

Source: U.S. Department of Defense

On May 16, 2025, thirty African nations, supported by the U.S. Navy's sixth fleet concluded exercise Obangame Express 2025.

Source: U.S. Navy

The U.S. Navy and Pearl Harbor National Memorial are preparing to remove historic mooring platforms from the USS Arizona to protect the site and honor its legacy.

Source: U.S. Navy

## SOFTWARE, SYSTEMS, AND **CYBER**

Larsen and Toubro Cloudfiniti partnered with Bengaluru-based QpiAI to advance quantum computing solutions, including India's national quantum mission and scalable quantum computing as a service across industries.

**Source**: Larsen and Toubro

Defense Innovation Unit's hybrid space architecture project is rapidly integrating commercial space technologies to build a resilient, multi-orbit network for secure Department of Defense (DoD) communications by 2026.

Source: Defense Innovation Unit

Bharat Electronics Limited secures a contract of approximately \$66 million for integrated drone detection and interdiction system, software-defined

radio, and Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based solutions for naval ships.

Source: Bharat Electronics Ltd

# SPACE AND AEROSPACE

On May 11, 2025, defense minister Rajnath Singh virtually inaugurated the *BrahMos* aerospace integration and testing facility in Lucknow.

Source: Press Information Bureau

On May 12, 2025, the Airports Authority of India announced the resumption of commercial flight operations at thirty-two airports.

Source: Airports Authority of India

The Forty-third electronic combat squadron completed the first *EA-37B* training sortie, ushering in a new era of advanced airborne electromagnetic attack operations.

Source: Official United States Air Force

Indian government plans \$115.5 million push for indigenous counter-drone tech, boosting local manufacturing and software innovation.

Source: Hindu Business Line

On May 14, 2025, *Raman mini* thrusters cleared flight qualification for *Vikram-1*, marking a step toward integration with the orbital adjustment module.

**Source**: <u>Skyroot Aerospace X</u>

According to News18, two indigenously developed drones by Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur are

scheduled for final trials on May 25 and are likely to be inducted into Indian Army operations.

Source: News18

### BUSINESS UPDATES

On May 12, 2025, Saab announced a new facility in Mölnlycke, Sweden, to expand radar and sensor system production.

Source: Saab

Germany's Helsing has launched an AI powered underwater drone network using signal gathering *I*Fathom drones and learning underwater recognition algorithms to detect enemy submarines with ten times more sensitivity and forty times faster than humans.

Source: Helsing

The Indian Express reports that the government has instructed Bharat Forge, Mahindra to ramp up production of munitions and armored carriers amid rising defense needs.

Source: Indian Express

Indra unveils *VAlERO*, a modular autonomous weapon system comprising a multi-purpose air vehicle, configurable surface launcher, planning and control ground segment, and support equipment.

Source: Indra

Raytheon receives a \$580 million U.S. Navy contract to produce next generation jammer mid-band pods for the *EA-18G* Growler, including units for the Royal Australian Air Force.

Source: Raytheon

On May 14, 2025, L3Harris and Airbus U.S. Space and Defense announced a partnership to enhance the unmanned *MQ-72C* logistics connector with advanced system integration for next-gen Marine Corps operations.

Source: L3Harris

On May 14, 2025, the Australian DoD and Lockheed Martin connected *F-35 Lightning II* simulators at Royal Australian Air Force bases Williamtown and Tindal, making Australia the first international *F-35* customer to enable distributed mission training.

Source: Lockheed Martin

# GOVERNMENT UPDATES

On May 11, 2025, the United States and China made substantial progress in trade talks, signaling a potential breakthrough in easing the \$1.2 trillion U.S. trade deficit.

**Source**: White House

On May 12, 2025, the United States and China agreed to suspend 24 percent additional tariffs for 90 days and initiate a new trade dialogue to ease economic tensions.

Source: Joint Statement

On May 13, 2025, India firmly China's repeated attempts to rename locations in Arunachal Pradesh, reaffirming the state's integral status as an inalienable part of the nation.

Source: Ministry of External Affairs

On May 13, 2025, India declared a Pakistani official

persona non-grata for activities inconsistent with

diplomatic norms, directing expulsion within 24 hours.

Source: Ministry of External Affairs

India's defense exports rose from \$79.24 million in

2013-14 to \$2.73 billion in 2024-25.

Source: Defense Minister India X

On May 15, 2025, Indian Ambassador to the United

States, Vinay Mohan Kwatra briefed congressional

India caucus co-chairs Rep. Rich McCormick and

Rep. Ro Khanna on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's

'new normal' against terrorism, as demonstrated in

Operation Sindoor following the Pahalgam attack.

Source: India in USA X

India proposes retaliatory tariffs on U.S. goods worth

\$7.6 billion at the World Trade Organization over steel

and aluminum duties.

**Source**: World Trade Organization

Raytheon secures a contract worth \$2.13 billion with

modification, raising the total to \$3.33 billion contract

for Standard Missile-3 block missile variants for the

United States and foreign military sales.

**Source**: <u>U.S. Department of Defense</u>

DRS Laurel Technologies secures a \$51 million

contract modification for ship self defense system

# TENDERS AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

support.

Source: U.S. Department of Defense

Sikorsky Aircraft and CT receives a \$47 million contract for *H-53* helicopter sustainment support.

Source: <u>U.S. Department of Defense</u>

General Dynamics and Bath Iron Works was awarded a \$216.5 million contract for *DDG-51* planning yard services, supporting Navy destroyer fleet maintenance.

Source: <u>U.S. Department of Defense</u>

Raytheon Technologies receives a one billion dollars noncompetitive contract to deliver up to 55 SM-3 block IB interceptor missiles.

Source: U.S. Department of Defense

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