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LAND AND SEA

Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) signs an agreement with the U.S. Navy for ship repair. The agreement makes CSL the third Indian shipyard, after Larsen & Toubro and Mazgaon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, to have a master shipyard repair agreement with the United States.

Source: [DRDO](#)

SOFTWARE, SYSTEMS, AND CYBER

Nothing critical to report this week

SPACE AND AEROSPACE

BAE Systems' weather satellite, called the weather system follow-on microwave, has been launched as part of the U.S. Space Force's environmental monitoring program. The satellite, launched from Vandenberg Space Force base in California, will provide crucial data to support the safety and success of warfighters worldwide.

Source: [BAE Systems](#)

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BUSINESS UPDATES

Exolaunch, a provider of launch services, partnered with HawkEye 360, a leading geospatial intelligence company, for a multi-mission launch and deployment deal. The launch, which took place on April 7, 2024, at Kennedy Space Center using SpaceX's Falcon 9, successfully deployed three HawkEye 360 satellite using Exolaunch's "CarboNIX" separation technology.

Source: [Business wire](#)

PSci.AI, a bidding-intelligence platform for government contractors, secures \$10M in series A funding. Battery Ventures led the round, with participation from Tower Research Capital, K Street Capital, and Blu Ventures.

Source: [Business wire](#)

GOVERNMENT UPDATES

During a Congressional hearing on the department of defense's annual budget, U.S. defense secretary Lloyd Austin emphasized the importance of bolstering India's military capabilities to uphold stability across the wider Indo-Pacific region. The secretary also noted the joint efforts of the United States and India in accelerating operational activities to enhance maritime security in the Indian Ocean.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

Indian Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra and Deputy Defense Secretary Kathleen Hicks met at the Pentagon. They discussed implementing the Roadmap for U.S.-India defense industrial cooperation. Both officials praised the major defense partnership's progress in supporting a free and open Indo-Pacific. They also commended efforts to co-produce fighter jet engines and armored vehicles, as well as the success of the India-U.S. defense acceleration ecosystem in fostering innovation and collaboration.

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

The India-U.S. executive steering group (ESG) met at the U.S. Army Pacific headquarters in Hawaii on April 11, 2024. The Indian delegation was briefed on the lightning academy and aviation brigade's capabilities. The Indian Army stated that the ESG summit fosters discussions and plans for military cooperation between the two countries. They emphasized the comprehensive global strategic partnership between India and the U.S., covering various aspects of human endeavor.

Source: [The Economic Times](#)

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The U.S. Army conducts joint battlefield training in the Philippines to enhance combat readiness, ensuring sufficient ammunition in tropical environments. The training aligns with Philippine efforts to fortify territorial defenses amidst tensions with China in the South China Sea.

Source: [DRDO](#)

TENDERS AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The U.S. Space Force awards Rocket Lab USA a \$14.49 million task order to launch an electron mission from launch complex 2. The mission, named space test program-30, is part of the orbital services program-4 and will be managed by the space systems command.

Source: [Rocket Lab](#)

The United States Space Force's space systems command selects Rocket Lab to build and launch a spacecraft for the tactically responsive space mission. The \$32 million contract will see Rocket Lab develop, launch, and operate the spacecraft, which will perform rendezvous proximity operations.

Source: [Rocket Lab](#)

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