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LAND AND SEA

The U.S. Navy commissions the independence-variant littoral combat ship USS Kingsville at the Solomon P. Ortiz Center.

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

Vice admiral Rajesh Dhankhar, NM, assumes the role of director general project seabird on August 28, 2024. He is tasked with overseeing the largest defense infrastructure project currently underway at the Karwar Naval Base.

Source: [Press Information Bureau](#)

The Indian Navy commissions the second Arihant class submarine, *INS Arighaat*, on August 29, 2024, in Visakhapatnam. The submarine features indigenous systems and equipment.

Source: [Press Information Bureau](#)

The U.S. Navy launches the National Call to Maritime Service and Naval Civilian Careers websites in Syracuse, New York.

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

SOFTWARE, SYSTEMS, AND CYBER

The AFCEA/INSA Intelligence and National Security Summit was held between August 27, 2024, to August 28, 2024, in Bethesda, Maryland. The summit convened 2,000 intelligence and national security professionals for a two-day program.

Source: [INSA Twitter](#)

SPACE AND AEROSPACE

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces that Boeing's *Starliner* will return to Earth without astronauts Butch Wilmore and Sunita Williams aboard. Wilmore and Williams will continue their duties as part of the expedition 71/72 crew until February 2025.

Source: [NASA](#)

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India successfully launches its first reusable hybrid rocket, *RHUMI-1*, developed by the Tamil Nadu-based start-up Space Zone India in collaboration with the Martin Group, from Thiruvandhurai, Chennai. The satellites aboard the rocket are designed to collect data for global warming and climate change research.

Source: [PIB Chandigarh Twitter](#)

BUSINESS UPDATES

Lockheed Martin unveils a proposal to supply India with a specialized version of the *C-130J Super Hercules* transport aircraft. The offer is in response to the Indian Air Force's medium transport aircraft tender.

Source: [TheWeek](#)

The Ministry of Defence signs a repeat order with Sig Sauer, a U.S. company, for 73,000 *SIG716* rifles. The deliveries are scheduled for completion by the end of 2025.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

The Indian Army suspends the acquisition of two hundred logistic drones from Chennai-based Dhaksha Unmanned Systems Pvt. Ltd. following allegations that the company uses Chinese components in its unmanned aerial vehicles.

Source: [HinduBusinessline](#)

The Defense Innovation Unit (DIU) issues a second award under the novel responsive space delivery project to Stoke Space. Stoke Space is developing a prototype solution for responsive and precise point-to-point cargo delivery to, through, and from space. The first award under the project was granted to Spaceport Company in May 2024.

Source: [DIU](#)

BWX Technologies, Inc. secures a contract from the National Nuclear Security Administration to undertake a yearlong engineering study focused on deploying a centrifuge pilot plant to establish domestic uranium enrichment in the United States for national security purposes.

Source: [BWX Technologies](#)

Northrop Grumman Corporation is redesigning the intercontinental ballistic missile target vehicle for the Missile Defense Agency.

Source: [Northrop Grumman](#)

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Army selects Northrop Grumman Corporation to participate in the initial phase of the improved threat detection system program. The company's advanced tactical hostile engagement awareness system, a next-generation missile warning sensor, provides continuous 360-degree situational awareness, significantly enhancing aircraft protection and survivability.

Source: [Northrop Grumman](#)

GOVERNMENT UPDATES

The U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum and Stanford University will jointly organize the third edition of the India-U.S. Defence Acceleration Ecosystem (INDUS-X) summit from September 09, 2024, to September 10, 2024.

Source: [iDEX-DIO Twitter](#)

U.S. President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi (PM Modi) engaged in a telephone conversation to discuss PM Modi's recent visit to Poland and Ukraine. The leaders reaffirmed their commitment to collaborate closely, including through regional groups such as the Quad, to promote peace and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region.

Source: [The White House](#)

Japan's Ministry of Defense announces that a Chinese surveillance plane violated Japanese airspace on August 26, 2024.

Source: [Nikkei Asia](#)

The Republic of Korea (ROK) and the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps will conduct exercise Ssang Yong 24 from August 26, 2024, to September 7, 2024, in the Pohang area. The exercise aims to enhance the combat readiness of the ROK-U.S. alliance and improve interoperability between the forces.

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

The United States initiates plans to significantly expand its presence at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Joint Support and Enabling Command in Ulm, Germany. The move aims to enhance the alliance's capacity to rapidly deploy forces, driven by the need to strengthen deterrence capabilities amid rising tensions along NATO's eastern flank.

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

The closing ceremony of the tenth edition of the India-Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise, *Mitra Shakti*, takes place at the Army Training School in Maduruoya, Sri Lanka.

Source: [Indian Army Twitter](#)

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TENDERS AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

V2X, Inc. announces the award of a contract valued at \$747 million to provide critical support and ensure operational readiness for the *F-5* adversary aircraft.

Source: [V2X](#)

Leidos secures a \$51 million contract to enhance missile warning and tracking capabilities for the Combatant Commanders Integrated Command and Control Systems with advanced mission software and technology services.

Source: [Leidos](#)

AeroVironment secures a \$990 million contract to fulfill the U.S. Army's requirement for lethal unmanned systems. Under the contract, the company will provide the next generation of extended-range loitering munitions, Switchblade systems, to the Army.

Source: [AeroVironment](#)

Mazagon Dockyard Ltd. signs a \$600 million deal to supply *Scorpene* class submarine parts to the Brazilian Navy.

Source: [Maritime Gateway](#)

Raytheon Co., McKinney, Texas, secures a \$51.75 million contract for the defense experimentation using commercial space internet program. The contract seeks multi-band, satellite communications antennas capable of use on military aircraft.

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

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