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Defence News

शिटल मिसाइल और छह एएलएच हेलीकॉप्टर खरीदने के सौदे पर हस्ताक्षर

Source: Dainik Jagran, Dt. 04 Mar 2026

जागरण ब्यूरो, नई दिल्ली : रक्षा मंत्रालय ने भारतीय तटरक्षक बल के लिए छह एडवांस्ड लाइट हेलीकॉप्टर (एएलएच) एमके-11 तथा भारतीय नौसेना के लिए जमीन से हवा में मार करने वाले वर्टिकल लांच शिटल मिसाइलों की खरीद के लिए 5083 करोड़ रुपए से अधिक के अनुबंध पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं।

एलएलएच हेलीकॉप्टरों की खरीद देश की सबसे बड़े रक्षा उपक्रम हिंदुस्तान एयरोनाटिक्स लिमिटेड से की जाएगी। जबकि नौसेना के लिए सरफेस टू एयर मिसाइल के लिए रूस के साथ अनुबंध किया गया है। रक्षा सचिव राजेश कुमार सिंह की मौजूदगी में मंगलवार को अनुबंधों पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए। भारतीय तटरक्षक बल के लिए आपरेशनल रोल इक्विपमेंट, इंजीनियरिंग सपोर्ट पैकेज और परफार्मेंस-बेस्ड लाजिस्टिक्स सपोर्ट के साथ छह आधुनिक हल्के लड़ाकू हेलीकॉप्टर की खरीद के लिए 2901 करोड़ रुपए का अनुबंध किया गया है। इन ट्विन-इंजन हेलीकॉप्टर में अभी चल रहे एयरबोर्न प्लेटफार्म से बेहतर लेटेस्ट फीचर्स हैं। ये हेलीकॉप्टर किनारे पर मौजूद

- 5083 करोड़ के दोनों सौदे के तहत तटरक्षक बल के लिए छह एडवांस्ड लाइट हेलीकॉप्टर
- नौसैनिक युद्धपोतों के लिए रूस से खरीदी जाएंगी सतह से हवा में मारने वाले शिटल मिसाइलें

क्या है शिटल मिसाइल

शिटल एक मीडियम रेंज, युद्धपोतों के लिए बना सरफेस-टू-एयर मिसाइल सिस्टम है जिसे एक साथ कई टारगेट पर हमला करने के लिए डिजाइन किया गया है।

300 धनुष हावित्जर तोपों की खरीद की तैयारी

एनआइ के अनुसार, भारतीय सेना 300 धनुष हावित्जर तोपों की खरीद का आदेश देने जा रही है, जिनका उपयोग सेना में स्वदेशी तोपखाने की 15 रेजिमेंटों के गठन के लिए किया जाएगा। रक्षा मंत्रालय की उच्च स्तरीय बैठक में जल्द ही इसे मंजूरी मिलने की संभावना है। उन्होंने बताया कि धनुष तोपों की लगभग चार रेजिमेंट पहले ही सेना में शामिल की जा चुकी हैं और दो और रेजिमेंट जल्द ही शामिल होने की उम्मीद है।

एयरफील्ड के साथ-साथ समुद्र में जहाजों से भी कई तरह के समुद्री सुरक्षा मिशन में सक्षम हैं। इनके शामिल होने से कृत्रिम द्वीपों, मछुआरों और समुद्री पर्यावरण की सुरक्षा के कामों को पूरा करने के लिहाज से तटरक्षक बल की क्षमता में काफी बढ़ोतरी होगी। रक्षा मंत्रालय के अनुसार, इस परियोजना के दौरान 200 से अधिक एमएसएमई

को अपने उपकरणों की आपूर्ति करने का मौका मिलेगा। नौसेना के लिए शिटल मिसाइलें खरीदने के 2182 करोड़ के अनुबंध पर रूस के जेएससी रोसोबोरोन एक्सपोर्ट संग हस्ताक्षर हुए। मिसाइल खरीद का मकसद अलग-अलग तरह के हवाई खतरों के खिलाफ फ्रंटलाइन युद्धपोतों की एयर डिफेंस क्षमताओं को बढ़ाना है।

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Indian Air Force gets defence board nod to buy 5 S-400s from Russia

Source: Hindustan Times, Dt. 04 Mar 2026

The Defence Procurement Board (DPB) on Monday cleared the Indian Air Force (IAF) proposal to buy five more S-400 air defence systems from Russia according to people familiar with the matter -- a move that comes even as West Asia is seeing a conflict dominated by ballistic missiles and

kamikaze drones. The board, headed by defence secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh, accepted the IAF proposal which will now go to the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) headed by defence minister Rajnath Singh for acceptance of necessity (AoN). It is only after DAC grants AoN that the cost negotiation committee will be constituted to fix the price of the new acquisition before the matter is given the final green signal by the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) via the finance ministry.

India currently has three S-400 systems with another two expected to be inducted into the Indian armed forces this year. The S-400 system performed admirably during Operation Sindoor and ensured that Pakistani fighters, airborne warning aircraft and electronic intelligence aircraft did not take to the skies on May 10 when India blasted enemy airbases, air defence radars and command control systems. Early on the morning of May 10, 2025 an Indian BrahMos strike destroyed the Northern Command and Control network of Pakistan Air Force (PAF) at Chaklala Airbase in Rawalpindi. Pakistan sued for peace soon after.

The defence ministry is now waiting for IAF and the Indian Army's proposal to buy 13 Russian Pantsir S-1 self-propelled missile systems, which counter medium range surface to air missiles, short range rockets and kamikaze drones, the people cited above added. While 10 Pantsir system will be purchased by IAF to protect the 10 S-400 systems that Indian armed forces will ultimately have, three will be purchased by the army to tackle cruise missiles, attack helicopters, loitering ammunition, armed drones, rockets and short range missiles on the borders.

Even though the modalities of S-400 acquisitions are to be negotiated, HT learns that all the five systems will be purchased outright with maintenance, overhaul and repair given to Indian private sector players. Another route will be followed in case of Pantsir -- there will be an initial outright purchase under the fast track route but some systems will be made in India by private firms as the requirement is urgent. The Pantsir system is currently used by the UAE forces -- and its efficacy has been demonstrated in its ability to shoot Iranian kamikaze drones out of the sky.

India's size, the presence of adversaries on its western and northern borders, and its 11,000-km coastline mean the country needs advanced air defence systems to not only counter enemy fighters and bombers way beyond visual range but also to neutralize ballistic missiles. The now coastline is 11,000-km according to the government, which updated the number from 7500 a couple of years back.

The on-going Iran-US war has highlighted the need for anti-ballistic missile systems globally due to proliferation of Chinese long range missiles in the Indian sub-continent and West Asia. This apart, Turkey has been supplying low cost kamikaze drones and loitering ammunition to Pakistan, Iran, Azerbaijan, Maldives and Bangladesh with the strategy of saturation bombing the enemy.

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/india-to-buy-5-more-s-400-air-defence-systems-from-russia-iaf-proposal-cleared-101772587375784.html>

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Defence Ministry signs deals worth ₹5,083 crore to buy ALH Mk-III choppers, Shtil missiles to boost maritime security

Source: The Hindu, Dt. 04 Mar 2026

The Ministry of Defence on Tuesday signed contracts worth ₹5,083 crore for the acquisition of six Advanced Light Helicopters (ALH) Mk-III (Maritime Role) for the Indian Coast Guard, and Surface-

to-Air Vertical Launch – Shtil missiles for the Indian Navy. The contracts were inked in the presence of Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh at South Block in Delhi.

The contract for the six ALH Mk-III (MR) choppers, along with operational role equipment, an engineering support package, and performance-based logistics support, valued at ₹2,901 crore, has been signed with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bengaluru. The purchase comes under the category of indigenously designed, developed, and manufactured products, the MoD said.

The twin-engine helicopters incorporate state-of-the-art features superior to the airborne platforms currently in operation, and are capable of undertaking a wide spectrum of maritime security missions from shore-based airfields as well as from ships at sea. Their induction is expected to significantly enhance the Indian Coast Guard's capability to ensure the safety and protection of artificial islands, offshore installations, and fishermen, as well as safeguarding the marine environment, the Ministry said.

The project envisages supply of equipment from more than 200 MSMEs and is expected to generate approximately 65 lakh man-hours of employment. The contract reinforces the government's commitment to Aatmanirbhar Bharat, or resilient India, and the Make-in-India initiative, while strengthening the country's maritime security architecture, it added.

Separately, the contract for the procurement of Surface-to-Air Vertical Launch – Shtil missiles and associated missile holding frames, valued at ₹2,182 crore, has been signed with JSC Rosoboronexport, a state-run company of the Russian Federation. The acquisition is aimed at substantially enhancing the air defence capabilities of frontline warships against a wide spectrum of aerial threats, the Ministry said.

The system will bolster the layered air defence architecture onboard Indian Navy platforms by providing rapid-reaction, all-weather engagement capability and improved survivability in contested maritime environments. The contract underscores the longstanding defence partnership between India and Russia, built on mutual trust and strategic alignment.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/defence-ministry-hal-5083-crore-contract-advanced-light-helicopters-surface-to-air-vertical-launch-shtil-missiles/article70699034.ece>

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India inks Rs 2,182 cr missile deal with Russia despite US sanctions

Source: The Tribune, Dt. 04 Mar 2026

Amid US President Donald Trump's sanctions on Russia, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) on Tuesday signed a contract to procure a fresh stock of Russian-origin surface-to-air missiles to strengthen the air defence capabilities of Indian Navy warships. The ministry also reaffirmed its confidence in the indigenous Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH), inking a separate contract for six additional ALH Mk-III helicopters for the Coast Guard.

The two contracts are together valued at Rs 5,083 crore — Rs 2,182 crore for the missile systems and Rs 2,901 crore for the helicopters. In November last year, President Trump had announced a new wave of hard-hitting sanctions aimed at isolating Russia, warning that countries maintaining trade ties with Moscow would be "very severely sanctioned".

The Russian missile system, Shtil, is a surface-to-air missile developed by Almaz-Antey Air and Space Defence Corporation. It can engage aerial targets up to 45 km away. The contract for the procurement of the missiles and associated missile holding frames has been signed with JSC Rosoboronexport. The acquisition is intended to substantially enhance the air defence capabilities of frontline warships against a wide spectrum of aerial threats, providing rapid-reaction, all-weather engagement capability and improved survivability in contested maritime environments.

The MoD said the contract “underscores the longstanding and time-tested defence partnership between India and Russia, founded on mutual trust and strategic alignment”. Meanwhile, the contract for the ALH Mk-III version has been inked with public sector major Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bengaluru. It includes operational equipment, an engineering support package and performance-based logistics support.

The contract comes just days after the ALH fleets operated by the Navy and the Coast Guard were cleared for flying. ALH fleets across the Army, IAF, Navy and Coast Guard had been grounded following a Coast Guard helicopter crash on January 5 last year that killed three personnel. The Navy and Coast Guard together operate 51 ALHs, which have now been cleared to fly with certain conditions. The Army and IAF fleets were cleared in April last year. A report by a ‘defect investigation team’ set up by HAL had found cracks in the swashplates of the Navy and Coast Guard ALHs, attributed to operations in saline maritime environments, raising concerns over material fatigue.

The Army operates around 200 ALHs and the IAF about 75. The MoD said the fresh induction would significantly enhance the Coast Guard’s capability to safeguard artificial islands and offshore installations, and protect fishermen and the marine environment.

<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/india/india-inks-2182-cr-missile-deal-with-russia-despite-us-sanctions/>

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Navy to induct stealth frigate Taragiri in February

Source: Hindustan Times, Dt. 04 Mar 2026

The Indian Navy is on course to commission its latest locally built stealth frigate, Taragiri, in February. The new year’s first induction will further boost the navy’s ability to secure the country’s interests in the vast Indian Ocean region where China is attempting to strengthen its hold, officials aware of the matter said on Saturday.

Taragiri will be the fourth stealth frigate to be commissioned into the navy under the ₹45,000-crore, seven-ship Project 17A, with the rest to be inducted by the year-end, said one of the officials, asking not to be named. Nilgiri, Udaygiri and Himgiri were commissioned last year, and Mahendragiri, Dunagiri and Vindhyagiri will follow Taragiri into the navy this year.

“The navy inducted 12 warships last year in a big boost for self-reliance in the defence manufacturing sector, and we are likely to cross that number in 2026,” said a second official, who also asked not to be named. The navy is working on becoming fully self-reliant by 2047, when India celebrates 100 years of independence, and around 60 warships are under construction at various Indian yards.

The P-17A platforms showcase the country's warship-building prowess, have an indigenous content of 75% and come with modern weapons, sensors and systems to dominate the sea battlespace. P-17A is a follow-on of the Shivalik-class (P-17) stealth frigates and represents a significant upgrade over the previous warships.

Nilgiri and Udaygiri were built at the Mumbai-based Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), which has also constructed Taragiri. Mahendragiri is being constructed at MDL too. Himgiri was built at the Kolkata-based Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Limited, where Dunagiri and Vindhyagiri are in different stages of construction.

The frigates are equipped with modern weapons, sensors and electronic warfare suites, including the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile, MF-STAR surveillance radar, Barak-8 surface-to-air missile system and anti-submarine warfare capabilities. The warships have a displacement of 6,670 tonnes, are 149 metres long, can reach a top speed of 28 knots and carry 225 personnel. The new platforms will boost the navy's operational capabilities and combat readiness in the Indian Ocean region, a strategic maritime expanse where the challenges include China's carefully calculated power play for influence and defending the rules-based international order.

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/navy-to-induct-stealth-frigate-taragiri-in-february-101768069348428.html>

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Contract for 04 X 500t Self Propelled Fuel Barges for Indian Navy with M/s Shoft Shipyard Private Limited, Thane

Source: Press Information Bureau, Dt. 03 Mar 2026

A contract for construction of 04 X 500T Self Propelled Fuel Barges has been concluded with M/s Shoft Shipyard Private Limited, Thane (MSME Shipyard) on 02 Mar 2026. These Barges are the proud flag bearers of "Make in India" and "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" initiatives of the Govt of India and will be built under the Classification Rules of Indian Register of Shipping (IRS).



The primary role of these barges will be replenishment of fuel to ships and submarines in harbour and at anchorage. With this contract, Indian Navy continues to encourage and bolster the growth of MSME Shipyards thereby contributing immensely towards the domestic shipbuilding ecosystem in line with Maritime India Vision 2030.

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