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National

Israel's Autonomous Guard Secures \$1.9 Million MoU For Surveillance Tech Entry Into India

Autonomous Guard, an Israeli defence technology firm, has achieved its inaugural breakthrough in the Indian security sector. The company announced a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) worth approximately \$1.9 million with an undisclosed Indian client, reported Israeli based media outlet Jerusalem Post. The agreement centres on the Bee-3 dual-channel observation system. This platform delivers robust day-and-night surveillance capabilities. It integrates advanced thermal imaging and CMOS technologies for mid-range detection and identification. Designed for homeland security and critical infrastructure protection, the ruggedized system withstands extreme weather and harsh field conditions. The firm operates via two key subsidiaries. Skylock specialises in drone detection and neutralisation. BeeSense Sensor Systems leads in border threat detection across land, air, and sea domains. Both serve global military and homeland security clients. BeeSense has gained traction recently, including orders from Israel's Defense Ministry last year.

L&T Kattupalli Launches Navy's Indigenous CTS Krishna

TVS Supply Chain Solutions, announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ALA Group, an Italy-based global aerospace and defence supply-chain integrator, to collaborate on opportunities in India's rapidly expanding aerospace and defence sectors. The MoU establishes a strategic framework for the two companies to jointly pursue aerospace and defence supply chain opportunities, with a particular focus on defence offset programmes. The collaboration will initially focus on India, with potential to evaluate opportunities in other geographies over time.

This includes procurement, market access, government and stakeholder engagement, regulatory and licensing expertise, warehousing and logistics infrastructure, digital platforms, and robust local execution capabilities. TVS SCS will also leverage its operational expertise and long-standing relationships with aerospace and power systems customers across the Asia-Pacific region to support opportunities in India, particularly across aftermarket and in-service supply chains. Currently, TVS SCS' aerospace, defence and utilities operations generate approximately \$140 million in annual revenues, largely anchored in defence and utility programmes in the United Kingdom. ALA Group (with revenues of \$345 million in 2024), on the other hand, will contribute its global aerospace and defence domain expertise, technology platforms, and long-standing relationships, especially in the production



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List of Outcomes: Visit of the President of the French Republic to India

India–France relationship elevated to a “Special Global Strategic Partnership.”

- Creation of an annual Foreign Ministers Dialogue to monitor progress under the Horizon 2047 roadmap.
- Launch of the India–France Year of Innovation. Launch of the India–France Innovation Network.
- Joint initiatives in advanced materials, digital sciences, and AI.
- Inauguration of the H125 Helicopter Final Assembly Line in Karnataka.
- Renewal of the bilateral Defence Cooperation Agreement.
- BEL–Safran joint venture to produce HAMMER missiles in India.
- Reciprocal deployment of officers between Indian Army and French Land Forces.
- Formation of a Joint Advanced Technology Development Group for emerging defence tech.
- Joint Declaration on cooperation in critical minerals and metals.
- Letter of Intent for a Centre on Advanced Materials (DST–CNRS).
- Amendment to the Double Tax Avoidance Agreement.
- Collaboration between T-Hub and Nord France on startups and innovation.
- MoU for scientific collaboration (DST–CNRS).
- Letter of Intent for a National Centre of Excellence for Skilling in Aeronautics.
- Renewal of cooperation in renewable energy between India’s MNRE and France’s Ministry of Economy.
- Launch of the Indo-French Centre for AI in Health at AIIMS.
- Cooperation between DBT and ANRS on infectious diseases and global health research.
- Agreement to establish an Indo-French Centre for Metabolic Health Sciences.
- Letter of Intent between India Post and La Poste (France).

Global

Italy Signs Strategic Deal with Türkiye’s HAVELSAN to Develop New Unmanned Surface Vehicles

Piloda Defence signed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding with Türkiye’s HAVELSAN and Istanbul-based VN Maritime Technologies to develop unmanned and hybrid maritime platforms for Italy. The partnership links Turkish autonomous mission systems with Italian production to expand Mediterranean-focused Unmanned Surface Vehicle capabilities. Under the terms of the MoU, Piloda Defence and VN Maritime are appointed as HAVELSAN’s exclusive representatives and industrial partners for USV projects in Italy. Engagements with Italian defense authorities, coast guard units, and public security stakeholders will therefore be conducted through this joint framework. HAVELSAN brings to the partnership its established expertise in command and control architectures and autonomous control systems. The company’s mission management software integrates sensor fusion algorithms that process electro-optical and infrared payload data in real time, enabling target detection, classification, and tracking without continuous human input. VN Maritime Technologies assumes responsibility for high-performance hull design and hybrid operational concepts. The firm has experience in fast patrol craft and rigid hull inflatable boats equipped with waterjet or high power diesel propulsion systems, often exceeding 40 knots in intercept profiles.



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Lockheed unveils Lamprey underwater drone that can attach to ships

Lockheed Martin unveiled its Lamprey Multi-Mission Autonomous Undersea Vehicle, an unmanned underwater vehicle that can attach itself to ships, launch torpedoes and deploy airborne drones.

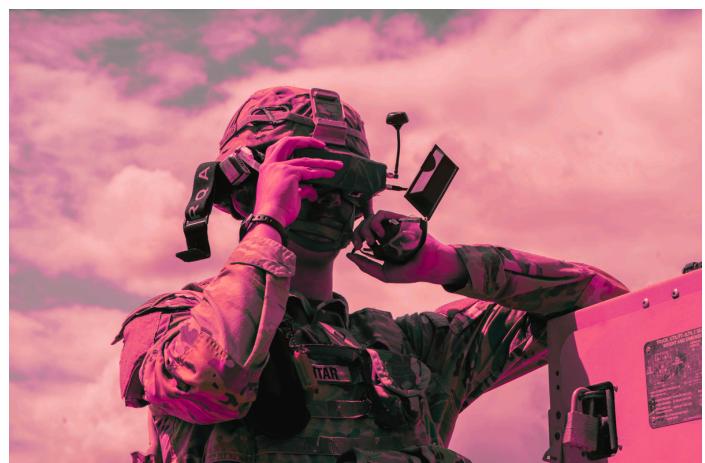
With a 24-foot payload bay, the Lamprey can be modified to perform a wide range of operations, from the seabed to the surface, according to the company. It can loiter on the ocean floor and recharge its batteries by attaching to a host ship, in addition to collecting intelligence from the ocean floor while offering a low stealth profile.



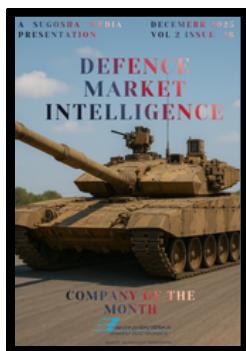
Shield AI, ST Engineering join forces on fine-tuning drone swarms

Shield AI plans to integrate its AI-enabled software into Singaporean manned-unmanned-teaming applications, enabling the coordination of drone swarms.

Local firm ST Engineering and Shield AI signed a memorandum of understanding at the Singapore Airshow here on Feb. 5 to combine the Hivemind autonomy software on different platforms manufactured by the national defense-tech champion.



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