

[Defence research agency woos graduates to design drones](#)

Hindustan Times, 7 June 2009

In a bid to lure graduate engineers for a bright career in aerospace technologies, the state-run premier Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has selected 10 college teams from across the country to demonstrate low-cost unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) they have designed and developed for reconnaissance. "The teams will demonstrate their technology prowess with the low-cost UAVs they have built at our test range in Kolar (about 100 km from here) on Tuesday. The top two teams will be selected on the performance of their surveillance systems," DRDO chief controller for research and development (R&D) Prahlada told reporters in Bangalore on Saturday

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/StoryPage/StoryPage.aspx?sectionName=IndiaSectionPage&id=e98b34e4-5377-4a21-8cd9-cb493359c019&Headline=Defence+research+agency+woos+graduates+to+design+drones>

[IAF aircraft wreckage, bodies recovered](#)

Hindu, 11 June 2009

Guwahati: The wreckage of the Antonov AN-32 transport aircraft of the Indian Air Force, which went missing on Tuesday, and bodies of the 13 defence personnel who were on board were found on Wednesday at Rinchi village in West Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh bordering China. IAF spokesperson Wing Commander Ranjib Sahoo, based in Eastern Air Command headquarters in Shillong, told The Hindu that there were no survivors. The bodies were recovered but details were not immediately available. He declined to comment on the cause of the crash and said it would be known only after IAF experts visited the site and carried out an investigation. The two black boxes were yet to be traced

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/11/stories/2009061159931100.htm>

[MiG-21 crashes in Dibrugarh](#)

Hindu, 19 June 2009

Guwahati: A MiG-21 aircraft of the Indian Air Force crashed near the Chabua base in Upper Assam's Dibrugarh district on Thursday afternoon. The pilot, however, bailed out. Colonel Rajesh Kalia, spokesman at Army's 4 Corps headquarters at Tezpur, said the cause was not known. A court of inquiry was ordered into the crash that occurred around 2 p.m., shortly after the aircraft took off from the Chabua base

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/19/stories/2009061950100100.htm>

[Black box of AN-32 recovered](#)

Hindu, 19 June 2009

BANGALORE: Eight days after an AN-32 transport aircraft of the Indian Air Force went down in Arunachal Pradesh, its flight data recorder (black box) was recovered during a combined operation by the Army, the Air Force and civil porters. The aircraft was returning from a routine sortie when it went down near Tato village in West Siang district on June 9, killing all 13 Service personnel aboard

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/06/19/stories/2009061959891000.htm>

[MoD: IAF crashes are serious](#)

Asian Age, 20 June 2009

June 19: The ministry of defence (MoD) has taken a serious note of the series of Indian Air Force air crashes that have taken place in the past 50 days. Defence minister A.K. Antony on Friday said the "defence ministry is taking it seriously" and has asked the IAF to take corrective action on the matter. As many as five IAF air crashes have taken place in the past 50 days, the latest being the crash of a MiG-21 aircraft in Assam on Thursday

<http://www.asianage.com/presentation/leftnavigation/news/india/mod-iaf-crashes-are-serious.aspx>

[IAF aircraft tests in July](#)**Asian Age, 22 June 2009**

June 21: The Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to begin from July the flight trials of the six US and European aircraft, including the French Dassault Rafale and the Swedish Gripen, for India's medium multi-role combat aircraft (MRCA) competition ahead of finalising its choice for a combat jet. Although the IAF planned to finish the trials by March in the world's most hotly-contested aircraft deals this century yet, they could actually go on till August next year as some of the manufacturers say that they would be able to send their aircraft to India only around September. That means that the hot weather trials due to be held in Jaisalmer in Indian desert conditions would be completed not in July 2009 but in July 2010

<http://www.asianage.com/presentation/leftnavigation/news/india/iaf-aircraft-tests-in-july.aspx>

[IAF to assist scientists tracking solar eclipse](#)**Hindu, 30 June 2009**

NEW DELHI: The Air Force will assist scientists in their quest to study the July 22 solar eclipse by flying a jet fighter and a transport aircraft, with the latter carrying a team of researchers. Agreeing to a request of Vigyan Prasar, an autonomous organisation under the Department of Science and Technology, the IAF agreed to be part of the scientific experiment