

[Russia to deliver MiG-29 engines to India](#)

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Russia will deliver 26 engines for upgrading the MiG-29 combat jets of the Indian Air Force (IAF), with another 120 to be assembled in India, following an agreement with the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) at the ongoing MAKS 2009 air show near Moscow, officials said on Friday. The RD-33/series 3 engine, being delivered by state-run arms exporter Rosoboronexport, is an upgraded version of the powerful RD-33 turbofan with thrust vectoring for the MiG family of fighters. The engine provides superior maneuverability and enhances the fighter's performance in close air combat

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/News/india/Russia-to-deliver-MiG-29-engines-to-India/Article1-445657.aspx>

[Sea Harrier crashes off Goa, pilot killed](#)

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PANAJI: A Sea Harrier crashed off the Goa coast on Friday morning, killing lieutenant commander Saurav Saxena, 31, who was flying the aircraft. The aircraft crashed around 15 nautical miles west of Vasco at 11.57am, 42 minutes after take-off. Navy officials say the British-made Sea Harrier was on a routine exercise with a missile vessel, when a distress call was made to the air traffic controller

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/Sea-Harrier-crashes-off-Goa-pilot-killed/articleshow/4921371.cms>

[Crashes, engine failures ground IAF trainer aircraft](#)

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NEW DELHI: The Indian Air Force (IAF) has grounded its entire fleet of HPT-32 initial trainer aircraft owing to a series of crashes and engine failures. This comes at a time when the force is facing an acute shortage of efficient pilots. Authoritative sources in the IAF told IANS that recurrent engine failure of the Hindustan Piston Trainer (HPT)-32 aircraft - stationed at the Air Force Academy (AFA) in Hyderabad - is the reason behind the grounding since last month

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