

The Hindu, 1 February 2008

MiG 27 crashes, pilot safe

Kolkata: An Indian Air Force MiG 27 fighter jet crashed on Thursday due to a technical malfunction. The accident took place about 10 km away from the Hashimara airbase. The pilot ejected to safety. The aircraft was flying a routine sortie when it crashed

The Indian Express, 1 February 2008

OPINION: The name is Hercules (Jasjit Singh)

Some aircraft, like the British Spitfire, American F-86 Sabre, DC-3 Dakota, Soviet MiG-21 and others, make a great deal of history and remain part of future history. The famous US-made C-130 cargo aircraft named Hercules from the Lockheed Martin stable of which nearly 2,200 aircraft have been manufactured in 40-odd variants and sold to 60 countries worldwide is clearly one of them. Six of this type in the latest version, which is now in the process of also equipping the US Air Force, would be part of the Indian Air Force inventory in the not too distant future now that the Indian and US governments have signed the Letter of Offer and Acceptance

The Hindu, 4 February 2008

United States delay hits Tejas flight test

BANGALORE: The Aeronautical Development Agency's (ADA) bid to identify a global aerospace firm that could help it hasten the flight test programme of the light combat aircraft Tejas appears to have hit a hurdle. The U.S. Department of State is yet to permit American companies seeking to tie up with the ADA, to share what is perceived as sensitive defence technologies with India.

The Hindu, 6 February 2008

IAF scheme for male pilots under SSC takes off

BANGALORE: The Indian Air Force's recent decision to recruit male pilots under the short service commission (SSC) appears to have paid off. All vacancies for male flight cadets under the SSC route at the Air Force Academy (AFA), Dundigal (close to Hyderabad) have been fully subscribed. Of the batch of 130 flight cadets undergoing training at the AFA, 20 are hoping to become pilots through the SSC route

The Hindu, 9 February 2008

Tejas flight, with drop tanks, successful

BANGALORE: An important step towards the initial operational clearance (IOC) of India's light combat aircraft Tejas was taken here on Thursday, when PV1 (prototype vehicle one) undertook its first successful flight powered by fuel from two drop tanks. Drop tanks not only increase an aircraft's endurance but also allow the pilot to jettison them, if need be, once their purpose is served

The Asian Age, 10 February 2008

IAF flies out 1,700 stranded in snow

Srinagar, Feb. 9: The Indian Air Force on Saturday began evacuating more than 5,000 passengers stranded in Jammu or along the 296-km Srinagar-Jammu highway, the only

road link between the Kashmir Valley and the rest of the country, which has been closed following heavy snowfall early this month. One thousand and seven hundred people were airlifted on Saturday

The Indian Express, 14 February 2008

With help from Air Force, BSF copter fleet to be airborne soon

New Delhi, February 13: The Border Security Force (BSF) hopes to get the grounded helicopter fleet of its Air Wing airborne again after an agreement with the Air Force to provide pilots. A memorandum of understanding to this effect has been signed between the Union Home Ministry and the Ministry of Defence

The Hindu, 16 February 2008

MiG 21 crashes

Ahmedabad: An Indian Air Force MiG 21 fighter plane crashed soon after take-off from Bhuj in the border district of Kutch on Friday. The pilot ejected safely. PTI

The Hindu, 16 February 2008

Opinion: Upswing in Russia-India military ties (Viktor Komardin)

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Pawan Hans, IAF ink deal to hire ret'd pilots

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 15: Pawan Hans Helicopter Limited (PHHL) will soon be able to give a fresh lease of 'flying' life to Air Force pilots nearing retirement and also to its fast expanding network. As per an MoU signed between PHHL and IAF, the two will share expertise and utilise the skills of well-experienced pilots. The move is likely to help PHHL tide over the shortage of pilots as it readies to expand its chopper fleet

The Hindu, 17 February 2008

IAF copters join hunt for naxalites

NEW DELHI: The government has drafted the Indian Air Force (IAF) in the hunt for Communist Party of India (Maoists) activists who had attacked police stations in Orissa on Friday night and decamped with several weapons and ammunition after killing over a dozen policemen. Official sources said the IAF had set up a task force, headed by a senior

officer, to oversee the search and reconnaissance operations. Two Chetak helicopters under his command took off from Bhubaneswar on Saturday in an attempt to locate the fleeing Maoists, about 12 hours after they had concluded the operations with no casualty to their rank and file

The Asian Age, 18 February 2008

7 IIT-K graduates develop UAV

New Delhi, Feb. 17: Seven bright youngsters, all graduates from IIT Kanpur, have developed two models of an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) after several years of painstaking research and design. The UAV, developed by the IIT graduates, is on show at the Defexpo 08 event in the capital, and caught the eye of Army Chief Gen. Deepak Kapoor when he visited the exhibition on Sunday

The Hindu, 21 February 2008

Lakshya successfully flight-tested

Balasore: India's indigenously developed pilotless target aircraft Lakshya was successfully flight-tested from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur on Wednesday

The Hindu, 23 February 2008

Hawk to be inducted today

NEW DELHI: Advanced Jet Trainer Hawk will be formally inducted into the Indian Air Force at a function in Bidar, Karnataka, on Saturday. Defence Minister A. K. Antony will preside over the function. The Hawks are replacing MiG-21s, which have high landing and take-off speeds that made them accident-prone in the hands of trainee pilots