

Key Indo-French business news

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FORVIA inaugurated its new JIT plant to supply KIA Motors

FORVIA Faurecia Clean Mobility India commissioned a new Just-in-Time plant in Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh. The plant supports Hyundai-Kia's production needs with locally manufactured emission control and clean mobility components and marks a key step in FORVIA's expansion in India.



Eden Renewables India commissions 300 MW solar project in Rajasthan

Eden Renewables successfully commissioned the 300 MW SECI VIII Solar PV Project in Phalodi, Rajasthan, expanding its Indian solar portfolio beyond 1 GW. The project reinforces Eden's commitment to quality, innovation, and sustainability in advancing India's clean energy transition.



Dassault Aviation positioned for landmark 114 Rafale deal with India

Dassault Aviation is set to benefit from India's MRFA program, as the IAF seeks a government-to-government deal with France for 114 additional Rafale jets. The plan foresees most aircraft being produced locally under "Make in India".

Saint-Gobain initiates manufacturing expansion in Chennai

The expansion includes a seventh float glass line (1,000 tonnes/day) and the Asia-Pacific's largest mineral wool insulation facility (50,000 tonnes/year), both featuring energy-efficient designs and digital integration. This reaffirms the company's commitment to sustainable and high-performance building solutions in India.



Parisian jewelry Maison Messika opens its first boutique in India

Messika officially launched its debut boutique in New Delhi, marking its entry into the Indian market with founder Valérie Messika attending alongside Bollywood actor Ishaan Khatter. The store showcases the Maison's modern diamond aesthetic and celebrates its twenty-year journey in partnership with Ethos Watches.



Elior India acquires majority stake in cafeteria-tech firm Platos

Elior India, part of the French-based Elior Group, took a majority ownership in Platos, a digital-first cafeteria management platform. This merges Elior's culinary expertise with Platos' technology to transform workplace dining. By 2026, the partnership aims to deliver over 150,000 meals daily across 150+ establishments nationwide.



Alstom secures major Mumbai Metro Line 4 contract

Alstom will supply 39 driverless trainsets, state-of-the-art CBTC signalling systems, and 5 years of comprehensive maintenance for Mumbai Metro Line 4. The project, under the “Make in India” initiative, will strengthen Alstom’s footprint in India while supporting the city’s push towards modern and sustainable urban mobility.



Airbus awards Mahindra new H125 fuselage contract

Airbus Helicopters has selected Mahindra Aerostructures (MASPL) to manufacture the main fuselage of its best-selling H125 helicopter at the Bengaluru facility, with first deliveries expected by 2027. This second contract, after the H130 earlier this year, strengthens India's role in Airbus's global rotorcraft supply chain.



SBI partners with AFD on €100m green finance deal

The State Bank of India has signed a €100 million line of credit with Agence Française de Développement at its GIFT City branch to fund climate mitigation and adaptation projects. It aims to support India's low-carbon transition and contribute to SBI's goal of expanding green loans to 7.5–10% of its portfolio by 2030.



India likely to finalize two landmark submarine deals

India is to seal 2 major submarine procurement contracts, worth over ₹1 lakh crore, by mid-2026. They involve acquiring 3 Scorpene-class submarines with France's Naval Group and Mazagon Dock Limited and 6 diesel-electric stealth submarines under Project-75 India with German partner ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems.

