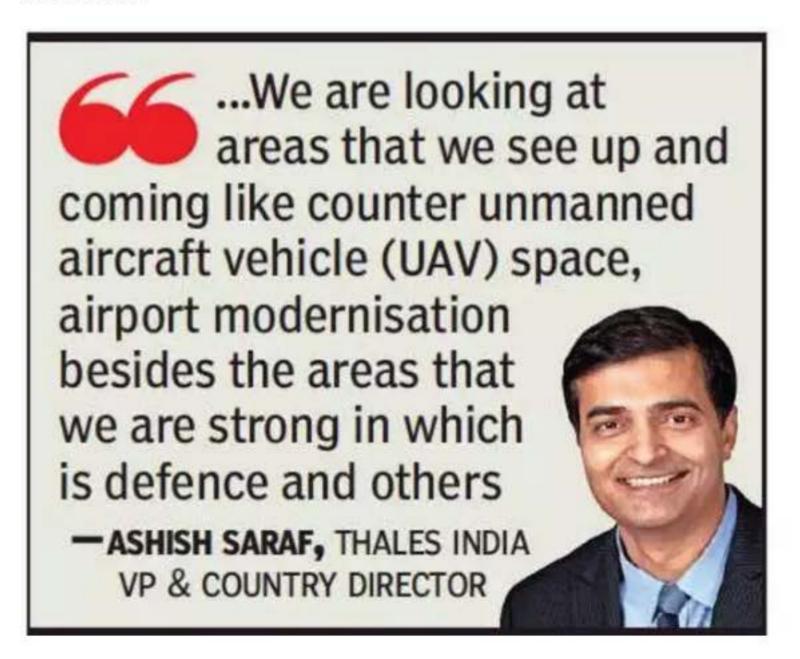
French company Thales to put \$1.2 billion in India over 5 years

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NEW DELHI: French aerospace and defence major Thales Group is betting big on India – especially the emerging drone space here – and has decided to invest a billion euros (about \$1.2 billion) in the country over the next five years. Its drone offerings - that range from manufacturing to traffic management and countering rogue drones – will account for a significant part of this planned mega investment.

India currently has 6 lakh drones, a number that the French major expects will rise at least six times in 5-8 years. "Our solutions allow civil and military aviation authorities to detect - even without data transmission - and verify a drone's registration number, identify its pilot, and confirm its flight authorisation, all in a few seconds.



By the same time, to cope with unexpected or non-registered drones, detection and classification are the first steps before engaging a graduated response,"

Ashish Saraf, Thales India VP & country director, told TOI.