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PARAS	1696.2	1627.4	+4.23%

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TEMBO	542.8	559.9	-3.05%
CENTUM	2290.0	2355.0	-2.76%
RTNINDIA	62.02	63.65	-2.56%
GOODLUCK	1108.8	1137.8	-2.55%

Defense Business and Industry

India Enhances Naval Strength with New Frigates and Technology



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India has made significant strides in enhancing its naval capabilities with the commissioning of INS Tamal, the last foreign-built frigate, and the delivery of the indigenous stealth frigate INS Udaygiri, marking a dual boost to its blue-water combat capabilities. INS Tamal, a Russian-manufactured ship, is equipped with advanced weaponry, including the BrahMos supersonic missiles and the improved Shtil-1 air defense system capable of launching one missile every 2-3 seconds, showcasing cutting-edge technology from both India and Russia. The commissioning event, attended by Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh, underscores the ship's role as a force multiplier in safeguarding India's maritime interests, especially in the context of increasing threats posed by China and Pakistan in the Indian Ocean Region. With 58 ships currently under construction at Indian shipyards and plans for further expansion, India is reinforcing its naval capabilities to effectively counter regional maritime challenges. The ongoing collaboration with Russian entities, alongside the Make in India initiative, highlights India's commitment to localizing defense manufacturing while enhancing its strategic partnerships, ensuring that the Indian Navy remains robust and prepared for diverse combat scenarios. This holistic naval development reflects India's determination to achieve self-reliance in defense and solidify its position as a leading maritime power in the region.

INS Udaygiri: India's 100th Indigenous Frigate Delivered in 37 Months



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The Indian Navy has proudly received its 100th indigenously built ship, the stealth frigate INS Udaygiri, delivered in a record time of 37 months. Constructed by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDSL) as part of Project 17A, Udaygiri enhances the Navy's blue water capabilities and exemplifies India's commitment to atma nirbharta (self-reliance) in defense manufacturing. This frigate features advanced stealth characteristics and a modern weapon suite, significantly upgrading capabilities from the previous P17 class. The delivery of Udaygiri not only showcases the enhanced design and construction expertise of the Indian Navy's in-house Warship Design Bureau but also highlights the extensive support from over 200 MSMEs, generating direct employment for about 4,000 personnel and further economic benefits through indirect job creation. The project is a clear demonstration of India's expanding defense industrial base, which is crucial for addressing both conventional and non-conventional maritime threats. As MDSL and GRSE continue to build the remaining five P-17A class ships, the initiative reinforces India's position as a self-sufficient and capable player in global maritime security.

India Eyes Russian Nuclear Sub, Kilo-Class Upgrades to Boost Naval Power



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India is poised to enhance its naval capabilities significantly with recent offers from Russia, including a second Akula-class nuclear-powered attack submarine and six refurbished Kilo-class submarines. The Akula-class submarine, which is expected to join the Indian

Navy by 2028, would bolster India's undersea deterrent capabilities, especially for blue-water operations in the Indo-Pacific. The second submarine, speculated to be the unfinished K-519 Iribis, would require refurbishment but further solidifies the longstanding defense collaboration between India and Russia in nuclear submarine development. Additionally, the Kilo-class submarines will be upgraded to carry advanced Novator Kalibr cruise missiles, extending their range to over 1500 kilometers and enhancing the Indian Navy's strike capabilities significantly. This integration of modern weaponry into older platforms could mitigate delays in newer submarine inductions and provide an immediate upgrade to existing fleets. The offers highlight the strategic trust between New Delhi and Moscow while addressing the growing maritime challenges India faces. Furthermore, these developments are critical as India diversifies its defense partnerships and strives to strengthen its indigenous submarine production capabilities in the face of regional security dynamics.

India Urges U.S. to Accelerate GE F404 Engine Deliveries for Tejas SHARE

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India's Defense Minister Rajnath Singh has urged U.S. Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth to expedite the delivery of GE F404 engines for the Tejas Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), which has faced delays exceeding two years, thus hindering the Indian Air Force's modernization efforts amid escalating regional security threats. This appeal was discussed during a recent bilateral meeting where Singh underscored the urgency of the engine delivery, integral for the Tejas Mk-1 and Mk-1A variants, manufactured as part of India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative aimed at achieving self-reliance in defense manufacturing. Simultaneously, Hegseth highlighted the U.S.'s commitment to strengthening defense ties with India, expressing hope for the completion of major pending defense sales and emphasizing the mutual recognition of security challenges in the Indo-Pacific region. Both Singh and Hegseth engaged in discussions about enhancing interoperability, integrating defense industrial supply chains, and increasing joint military exercises, demonstrating a shared commitment to a robust and mutually beneficial defense partnership. The meetings reflected a significant momentum in U.S.-India defense cooperation, with both leaders expressing optimism about future initiatives and collaborations to address common security concerns and build a resilient strategic partnership. This synergy not only aims to bolster India's defense capabilities but also seeks to reinforce stability in the Indo-Pacific, showcasing the

importance of the U.S.-India relationship in the current geopolitical landscape.

Paras Anti Drone Tech to Supply UAV Defense Systems to France SHARE

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Paras Anti Drone Technologies has secured a Rs 22 crore deal to supply advanced counter-UAV technology, specifically the CHIMERA 200 systems, to the French firm CERBAIR. This partnership underscores India's emergence as a reliable exporter of sophisticated defense technologies, aligning with the Make-in-India initiative and the goal of achieving USD 5 billion in annual defense exports by 2025. The CHIMERA 200 features advanced detection and neutralization capabilities against drone threats, reflecting growing global confidence in India's defense manufacturing capabilities. This collaboration not only enhances India's defense export potential but also showcases its commitment to self-reliance and leadership in the global defense sector amidst evolving geopolitical challenges.

Adani Defence delivers NGARM Type-II to enhance India's air defense SHARE

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Adani Defence & Aerospace has delivered the Next Generation Anti-Radiation Missile (NGARM) Type-II, also known as Rudram-II, to the Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL), enhancing India's air defense capabilities. This advanced missile is designed to target and neutralize enemy radar and communication systems with high precision, building on the successful trials of its predecessor. The integration and testing of this missile are part of India's commitment to strengthening indigenous defense technology under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative. This milestone not only reinforces India's strategic deterrence against electronic threats but also showcases the growing capabilities of the domestic defense industry.

PAF Seeks PL-17 BVRAAM from China After S-400 Incident SHARE

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The Pakistan Air Force (PAF) is actively lobbying for the transfer of China's PL-17 Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM) following the recent downing of its Saab 2000 AWACS by India's S-400 defense system. This incident has heightened concerns over the vulnerability of PAF's early warning assets. The PAF aims to enhance its long-range air-to-air capabilities as

a countermeasure to the Indian Air Force's effective use of advanced surveillance platforms. While initially expecting the PL-17 to accompany China's J-35A jets, delays in trials have resulted in the PAF now seeking integration with existing J-10CE fighters, indicating a strategic pivot amid rising regional tensions.

HAL Chooses Israeli ELM-2052 Radar for Tejas Mk1A to Prevent Delays SHARE

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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has opted for the Israeli ELM-2052 Fire Control Radar over the indigenously developed Uttam AESA FCR for the Tejas Mk1A jets to avoid delivery delays to the Indian Air Force. Concerns about extensive integration timelines and the need for weapon system revalidation contributed to this decision. While the Uttam AESA radar is expected to be included in subsequent batches, this approach allows HAL to adhere to its project timelines and aligns with India's Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative, promoting indigenous development in the long run. This pragmatic choice reinforces HAL's commitment to delivering operational capabilities swiftly while balancing indigenous aspirations.

Indian Army Signs Rs.300 Crore Deal for Enhanced Soldier Protection SHARE

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The Indian Army has awarded contracts worth Rs.300 crore (\$35 million) to SMPP Pvt. Ltd. for 27,700 bulletproof jackets and 11,700 ballistic helmets, enhancing troop protection amid evolving security challenges, particularly in counter-terrorism operations. These advanced protective gear items feature significant upgrades, including 360-degree protection against armor-piercing ammunition and a world-first ballistic helmet design. This move is part of a broader effort to modernize capabilities following operational lessons from recent actions against terrorism, reflecting India's commitment to equipping its forces with indigenous, mission-critical systems to counter challenges posed by Pakistan-backed terrorism and ensure soldier safety on the frontlines.

FICV Development Trials Scheduled for September-October to Replace BMP-2 SHARE

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The Future Infantry Combat Vehicle (FICV) is scheduled to enter its development-trial phase in September or October 2025, marking a major milestone in India's efforts to replace its aging BMP-2 infantry combat

vehicles. Two full-scale prototypes—one built by Tata Motors in collaboration with Bharat Forge, the other by L&T—have completed extensive pre-trial testing, and the Army anticipates trials to validate performance across firepower, mobility, protection, amphibious capability, and air transportability. Earlier this year, the vehicles successfully demonstrated a crewless 30mm turret with anti-tank missile capability, offering a significant boost in situational awareness and survivability. The FICV project, originally launched in the late 2000s under a public-private partnership and reshaped following revised requirements in 2015, envisions replacing roughly 2,500–2,600 BMP-2s across mechanised infantry battalions. With features such as a three-person crew and capacity for seven to eight soldiers, STANAG 4-level ballistic protection, active protection systems, laser warning mechanisms, and thermal imaging—alongside amphibious design and airlift compatibility—the FICV embodies India's push for indigenous defence self-reliance under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative. Following the upcoming trials, the Army expects to finalize the design and initiate the procurement process, aiming for phased induction within the next two to three years.

DRDO Develops Photonic Radar to Detect Stealth Aircraft Effectively SHARE

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India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has achieved a significant milestone with the development of its first Photonic Radar, a technology that uses light for detecting and tracking targets, promising to enhance air defence capabilities against stealth aircraft and drones. This innovative radar boasts advantages such as superior resolution and immunity to electronic jamming, marking a paradigm shift in detection technologies. Set to undergo trials in late 2025, the photonic radar symbolizes India's commitment to self-reliance in defence innovation and positions the nation among a select group of countries leading in advanced military technologies, fostering collaboration between government and private sectors for enhanced national security.

India to Develop 12 Hypersonic Systems by 2030 for Triad Capability SHARE

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India is advancing rapidly in hypersonic technology, with plans to develop a dozen diverse hypersonic missile systems by 2030, spearheaded by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). This

initiative aims to establish a hypersonic triad for land, air, and naval capabilities, enhancing India's deterrent posture amid regional security challenges, particularly from China and Russia. Key developments include the Extended Trajectory-Long Duration Hypersonic Cruise Missile and hypersonic glide vehicles, crucial for precision strikes. The successful testing of long-range hypersonic systems marks India's entry into an elite group of nations possessing operational hypersonic arsenals, bolstering national defense and strategic capabilities significantly.

while encouraging European allies to enhance their own military contributions. The Pentagon's review has led to a reduced commitment to ongoing support for Ukraine, showcasing a significant change in U.S. strategy. This development poses a challenge for Ukraine as it continues to defend itself against Russian aggression, further complicating prospects for peace talks.

Geopolitics and Security Alliances

Quad Meeting Strengthens Indo-Pacific Stability, Says EAM Jaishankar SHARE

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The recent Quad ministerial meeting, attended by India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar along with his counterparts from the US, Australia, and Japan, reinforced the group's commitment to promoting peace, security, and stability in the Indo-Pacific. Jaishankar highlighted India's firm stance against terrorism, referencing Operation Sindoor as an example of India's resolve to safeguard its citizens and urging Quad nations to stand united in the fight against terror. The discussions emphasized the need for practical collaboration in areas such as maritime security, technology development, and supply chain resilience, recognizing these as essential to regional stability and economic growth. Australia's Foreign Minister Penny Wong stressed the Quad's role in shaping global affairs, given the group's significant population and economic strength. The leaders agreed on the importance of translating shared principles into concrete actions that benefit not only their own countries but the wider Indo-Pacific. With India set to host the next Quad Summit, expectations are high for deepening cooperation that strengthens security, economic resilience, and a rules-based order amid growing geopolitical uncertainties.

Hamis ready for ceasefire if war in Gaza ends, Israel insists on disarmament. SHARE

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Hamis has expressed a willingness to consider a ceasefire with Israel, contingent upon an end to the ongoing war in Gaza, following a U.S.-backed proposal for a 60-day ceasefire. Israeli officials maintain that cessation terms hinge on Hamis's disarmament and surrender. The conflict, which began on October 7, 2023, has resulted in over 56,000 deaths and widespread humanitarian crises in Gaza. Despite pressure from the U.S. for a resolution, the deep-seated disagreements between Hamis and Israel complicate

Defense Policy and Budgeting

Indian Defence Ministry Audits Supply Chains to Exclude Chinese Parts SHARE

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The Indian Defence Ministry is intensifying its efforts to eliminate Chinese components from military gear by launching a comprehensive supply chain audit aimed at ensuring transparency and self-reliance in defense acquisitions. This initiative comes amid national security concerns surrounding the use of foreign parts, particularly from China, which may create vulnerabilities in critical military systems, especially drones and anti-drone technologies. The ministry plans to appoint an external consultant to assess indigenous content claims, evaluate supply chain dependencies, and scrutinize procurement costs, addressing issues where vendors have inflated local content figures. Major General C.S. Mann emphasized the Army's commitment to reducing foreign dependency and supporting domestic manufacturing under the Make in India initiative. This review aligns with the broader 2025 reforms and follows past incidents, such as the cancellation of drone orders due to Chinese component usage, underscoring the ministry's proactive stance in mitigating security risks. The focus on indigenization not only enhances operational security but also fosters local defense manufacturing capabilities, which is crucial for India's strategic defense posture and resilience against global supply chain disruptions.

US Halts Certain Weapons Shipments to Ukraine Amid Stock Concerns SHARE

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The U.S. has decided to halt shipments of certain weapons pledged to Ukraine, citing concerns over low stockpiles amid escalating Russian attacks. This shift in military aid reflects a new priority under the Trump administration, focusing on America's defense needs

prospects for peace, highlighting a critical juncture in the protracted conflict that severely affects civilians.

Rajnath Singh's SCO stance reflects India's rising confidence against terrorism.



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At the recent Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit, India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh underscored the country's uncompromising stance on terrorism, signaling New Delhi's rising confidence on the global stage. Singh notably refused to endorse the joint communique, which lacked a clear condemnation of state-sponsored terrorism — a veiled reference to Pakistan's well-documented support for terror groups operating in the region. His actions reflect India's growing assertiveness in prioritizing national security, even at the risk of dissent within multilateral forums. The episode also highlights broader challenges within the SCO, where China's dominant influence often prevents meaningful consensus on critical security issues. Singh's firm posture comes amid heightened tensions following incidents like the Pahalgam terror attack, underscoring India's determination to expose Pakistan's duplicity while pursuing diversified global partnerships. As India's global influence expands, its ability to defend its interests while engaging with international platforms like the SCO will be key to its evolving strategic trajectory, particularly in confronting terrorism and safeguarding regional stability.

Jaishankar: India-US Defense Ties Are Most Important in Pentagon Meet



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Recent high-level engagements between Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and U.S. officials, including Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, emphasize the strengthening of India-U.S. defense ties, deemed by Jaishankar as "one of the most consequential" partnerships. The discussions focused on the integration of U.S. defense systems into India's military, highlighting the significance of co-production agreements and enhancing interoperability. Notably, both nations are working towards finalizing major pending U.S. defense sales, which include advanced platforms and systems to rapidly meet India's defense needs, alongside plans for new procurements like Javelin Anti-Tank Guided Missiles. Jaishankar's meetings also stressed the importance of maritime security and technological collaboration in the Indo-Pacific, reflecting a shared commitment among Quad members to counterbalance China's growing influence.

This series of interactions underlines the deepening strategic convergence between India and the U.S., not only in defense but also in critical technologies, trade, and regional security, marking a pivotal moment in their bilateral relationship. The overall narrative suggests a robust trajectory aimed at fortifying India's defense capabilities while fostering a collaborative approach to regional stability.

India and Bhutan Strengthen Defense Ties During Army Chief's Visit



02-Jul-25

India and Bhutan are enhancing their strategic defense cooperation, highlighted by the visit of Indian Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi to Bhutan. The discussions with Lieutenant General Batoo Tshering of the Royal Bhutan Army reflect the strong military ties and trust between the nations. General Dwivedi's visit included paying homage at memorials and engaging with key Bhutanese officials, reaffirming India's commitment to supporting Bhutan through a substantial investment of INR 10,000 Crore for developmental projects. This enduring partnership emphasizes mutual understanding and cooperation, positioning India as a reliable ally in Bhutan's security and development landscape, which is vital in the current geopolitical context.

QUAD Nations Conduct First At-Sea Observer Mission for Maritime Cooperation



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The QUAD nations—India, Japan, the United States, and Australia—have launched their first-ever at-sea observer mission to enhance maritime cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region. This initiative, executed aboard the US Coast Guard Cutter Stratton, includes cross-embarkation of officers from each country and reflects the commitment to a Free, Open, Inclusive, and Rules-Based Indo-Pacific, as emphasized in the QUAD Leaders Summit. India's participation highlights its strategic maritime vision of SAGAR, reinforcing its role in regional security and capacity-building efforts under the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative. This mission fosters stronger ties among the QUAD Coast Guards, aiming to address evolving maritime challenges collaboratively.

Pakistan to Enhance Water Storage in Response to India's IWT Move



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Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif announced plans to enhance the nation's water storage capacity in

response to India's decision to put the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) on hold following recent tensions, including the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack. He emphasized the urgency of building non-controversial water storage infrastructure, such as the Diamer Bhasha dam, to secure water resources critical for Pakistan's agriculture. This move underscores Pakistan's dependence on the Indus river system and the potential repercussions of India's actions, highlighting the ongoing geopolitical tensions surrounding water resource management in the region. It is vital for India to maintain its strategic posture while ensuring the equitable use of shared resources.

Dalai Lama Announces Succession Plans Amid China's Control Claims

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The Dalai Lama confirmed the continuation of his institution, announcing plans for a successor amid concerns about his advanced age. This decision, following numerous appeals from Tibetan exiles and global Buddhists, emphasizes the importance of the Dalai Lama as a symbol of non-violence and Tibetan cultural identity. In response, China asserted its control over the succession process, requiring government approval for the recognition of the next Dalai Lama, which Tibetans view as an infringement on their spiritual autonomy. The Dalai Lama has reiterated that his office, the Gaden Phodrang Trust, alone holds the authority to identify his successor, rejecting any external interference.

China acknowledges complexity of border dispute, open to talks

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China acknowledged the complexity of the Sino-India border dispute and expressed willingness to discuss delimitation and maintain peace along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh emphasized the need for a structured roadmap to de-escalate tensions and rebuild trust, particularly after the 2020 standoff in Ladakh. The discussions, part of ongoing diplomatic and military communications, highlight both nations' commitment to address boundary issues, despite previous delays. This engagement reflects India's proactive stance in ensuring regional stability and enhancing diplomatic ties with China while safeguarding national interests.

Moscow emerges as an unexpected beneficiary of the Middle-East conflict.

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Russia has unexpectedly gained from the Israel-Iran clash, as it diverts global attention and resources away from Ukraine. With the crisis drawing Western focus and potentially inflating oil prices, Moscow benefits from the distraction and economic tailwinds, even as its attention remains fixed on reasserting dominance in Ukraine. President Putin, though criticized for not offering overt military support to Iran, appears to be executing a long-term strategy: he's maintaining strategic ambiguity in the Middle East while reinforcing Russia's position in Europe. The shift in Western priorities could loosen resolve on sanctions and weapons shipments to Kyiv, weakening Ukraine's defenses and paving the way for a potential breakdown of its air defenses. Russia has also absorbed valuable insights from its military engagements, bolstering its drone production independently of Iranian technology. Overall, Moscow is leveraging this geopolitical shuffle—emphasizing its military readiness and alliances—to reinforce its global clout and strategic buffer against evolving Western threats.

Quad ministers condemn Pahalgam terror attack, strengthen Indo-Pacific ties.

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The Quad foreign ministers strongly condemned the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir, emphasizing that no act of terror will go unanswered while reaffirming their commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific. They underscored the importance of international law, freedom of navigation, and supply chain security, particularly in light of rising geopolitical tensions with China and North Korea. The meeting also highlighted upcoming initiatives, including enhanced maritime cooperation and disaster response exercises, and showcased India's pivotal role in the Quad, emphasizing solidarity against threats to regional stability. The united stance reflects a growing collaboration among these nations to counter coercive actions and promote peace in the region.

Jaishankar and Japan's Foreign Minister Discuss India-Japan Summit

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India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Japan's Foreign Minister Yasukazu Iwaya engaged in

discussions to bolster their strategic partnership ahead of the upcoming India-Japan summit on the sidelines of the Quad meeting. They emphasized mutual trust, cooperation in defense and security, and a shared commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific. The ministers highlighted the importance of high-level interactions, including a recent meeting between Prime Ministers Modi and Ishiba, and recognized expanding bilateral ties encompassing economic, infrastructure, and humanitarian dimensions. The dialogue underscores the Quad's role in ensuring regional stability and development, reflecting a united front in addressing common challenges in the Indo-Pacific region.

PM Modi's Five-Nation Tour Includes BRICS Summit in Brazil



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is on a five-nation tour to Ghana, Trinidad & Tobago, Argentina, Brazil, and Namibia from July 2-9, with a key focus on attending the BRICS Summit in Rio de Janeiro. This visit aims to enhance India's diplomatic relations and economic ties with these nations, particularly in sectors like technology, agriculture, and energy. Notably, Modi's participation in the BRICS Summit emphasizes India's commitment to a multipolar world and cooperation among emerging economies. The tour is expected to strengthen India's presence in the Global South and bolster partnerships across various multilateral platforms.

Former PAF Chief Sohail Aman's Unsubstantiated Claims Mocked Online



02-Jul-25

Former Pakistan Air Force Chief Sohail Aman has drawn widespread ridicule after claiming that the PAF struck 34 Indian Air Force bases during the recent Indo-Pak conflict, a statement widely dismissed due to the absence of any supporting evidence. The conflict, which followed a major terror attack in Kashmir, prompted India to launch Operation Sindoor, targeting Pakistani military infrastructure with precision strikes that reportedly caused considerable damage. In contrast, Pakistan's retaliatory efforts were largely neutralized by India's advanced air defense systems, resulting in minimal impact. Despite these realities, Aman's exaggerated claims reflect a familiar pattern of Pakistani leadership inflating military successes to bolster domestic morale and obscure operational shortcomings. These unsubstantiated statements are

seen by many as part of an ongoing propaganda effort to deflect attention from the PAF's limited ability to match India's technologically superior and strategically coordinated air operations.

India's Unofficial LR-LACM Offer to Greece: A Potential Aegean Shift



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India has reportedly made an unofficial offer of its Long-Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LR-LACM) to Greece, potentially altering the Aegean security landscape amid ongoing tensions with Turkey. The LR-LACM, developed by India's DRDO, boasts a range of 1,500 km and advanced capabilities that could target Turkish military assets, enhancing Greece's deterrence. This move aligns with India's strategic deepening of military ties with Greece, especially following Turkey's support for Pakistan. While the reports remain unverified and the missile is still in testing, the potential integration of the LR-LACM with Greek fighter jets reflects India's growing influence in regional defense dynamics.

Military Operations

India to receive first Apache helicopters this month for Pak border.



02-Jul-25

India is set to receive its first batch of Apache AH-64E attack helicopters this month, following a delay of over 15 months due to technical issues in the US. Initially scheduled for delivery as part of a \$600 million deal signed in 2020, these helicopters will significantly enhance the Indian Army's capabilities along the western border. The Army Aviation Corps, which raised its first Apache squadron in March 2024, is eagerly awaiting these advanced helicopters known for their agility and firepower, further strengthening India's operational readiness amid regional tensions. This acquisition reflects India's commitment to modernizing its defense forces and maintaining a strategic edge.

US envoy urges B-2 bombers' deployment to Yemen after Houthi strike.



02-Jul-25

A recent missile launch by Houthi rebels from Yemen prompted a strong warning from US Ambassador to Israel, Mike Huckabee, who suggested deploying B-2 bombers to Yemen. This incident follows Israel's interception of the missile and highlights the ongoing

tensions between the Houthis and Israel, especially after the ceasefire between Israel and Iran. The Houthis justified their action as support for Palestinians and Iran, while Israel's Defense Minister threatened retaliation against both Tehran and the Houthis. The situation underscores the escalating regional conflict and the potential for increased military engagement, with the US's strategic capabilities possibly being leveraged in this volatile environment.

Evidence Suggests PAF Fighter Jet Downed in Bhimber Clash SHARE

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Emerging in early July, a video purportedly filmed during the first week of May in Bhimber, Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, shows locals combing a forested area, seemingly searching for two pilots who ejected from a downed fighter jet. While there has been no official confirmation from Pakistan, the circumstances and location strongly suggest that the aircraft belonged to the Pakistan Air Force, with analysts speculating it was likely a two-seater variant such as a JF-17B or F-16D. The footage has attracted attention from open-source intelligence experts, who are calling for forensic verification, geolocation, and metadata analysis to establish the precise aircraft type and crash coordinates. This incident comes amid a broader aerial engagement between India and Pakistan in early May, described by some observers as one of the largest Beyond Visual Range dogfights in recent history involving over 120 aircraft. Pakistan has not officially acknowledged losing any aircraft in this particular skirmish. Independent scrutiny of the video could reveal whether this represents a previously undisclosed PAF casualty and shed light on the nature of cross-border military confrontations in this tense region.

Singh emphasized India's measured and proportionate military response during Operation Sindoor, contrasting it with Pakistan's history of supporting terrorism. He also requested expedited delivery of General Electric engines for the indigenous Tejas fighter jets and hinted at a broader cooperation in defense production and military exercises with the US. Notably, India's diplomatic efforts include sharing intelligence on Pakistan's role in global terrorism, reinforcing its stance against equating victims with perpetrators. This assertive messaging reflects India's shift towards a more proactive approach in counter-terrorism, garnering support from allies, while emphasizing that it will no longer only react to attacks but actively protect its sovereignty. Such developments signify India's growing confidence in addressing security threats and enhancing defense collaborations, particularly with like-minded nations.

Jaishankar Affirms India's Zero Tolerance for Terrorism and Nuclear Threats SHARE

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India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, during his address in Washington, reaffirmed India's zero tolerance policy towards terrorism and explicitly rejected the notion of nuclear blackmail deterring India's right to self-defense. Following the Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 lives, Jaishankar emphasized that India will no longer treat terrorists as mere proxies nor spare the governments that support them, clearly identifying Pakistan-based terror groups as the primary threat. He highlighted India's proactive military operations, including Operation Sindoor, targeting terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, which resulted in significant militant casualties. Jaishankar urged the international community, particularly U.S. allies, to understand and support India's position against terrorism and to recognize that victims and perpetrators should never be equated. Furthermore, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh reinforced India's right to pre-emptively respond to cross-border threats, ensuring that India's military actions are measured and focused. The unified message from Indian leaders underscores a strengthened and uncompromising stance against terrorism, reflecting India's determination to safeguard its sovereignty and national security while seeking international recognition of these rights. This hardened policy is pivotal as India navigates complicated geopolitics while asserting its commitment to regional stability and counter-terrorism efforts.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism

India Asserts Right to Pre-Emptive Strikes Against Terrorism SHARE

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India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has asserted the country's right to conduct pre-emptive strikes against terrorism, especially in response to cross-border threats from Pakistan, during a recent phone call with US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth. This statement follows the Pahalgam terror attack and highlights India's commitment to a proactive defense strategy amid international discussions that have seen US President Trump praising Pakistan's military leadership.

30-Year Fugitive Linked to Pipe-Bomb Plot Against L K Advani Arrested SHARE

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Terrorist Abubacker Siddique, linked to multiple bomb blasts in South India, was arrested after 30 years of evading capture, alongside his associate Mohammed Ali. Siddique was involved in significant terror cases including the 2011 pipe-bomb planting during L K Advani's rath yatra in Madurai. Their arrests, facilitated by the Tamil Nadu Anti Terrorism Squad and central intelligence agencies, reflect India's persistent efforts to combat terrorism and enhance internal security. This operation underscores the commitment of Indian law enforcement to pursue long-held fugitives, contributing to a safer environment amidst ongoing security challenges.

Former TPC Commander Anis Ansari Shot Dead in Hazaribagh SHARE

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Anis Ansari, a former area commander of the banned extremist group T리티या Prastuti Committee (TPC), was found shot dead in Hazaribagh, Jharkhand, indicating potential internal conflict within extremist groups and organized crime. His body exhibited multiple gunshot wounds, and local authorities suspect his killing may stem from rival factions competing over extortion operations, particularly after Ansari's expulsion from TPC for alleged misconduct. The region has recently seen increased violence linked to extortion demands, prompting police to enhance patrols and investigate the incident thoroughly. This highlights the ongoing struggle between criminal enterprises and the challenges faced by law enforcement in curbing such violence.

Cybersecurity and Information Warfare

Iran-linked group "Robert" claims to have 100GB of Trump's emails. SHARE

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A cyberattack group linked to Iran, named "Robert," claims to possess 100GB of emails from associates of former US President Donald Trump, raising alarms about potential foreign interference in US politics. The US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has condemned the incident as a disinformation campaign aimed at undermining Trump. Previous hacking incidents have targeted Trump's campaign, leading to ongoing investigations against Iranian

nationals. CISA warns that any involvement in this breach will result in severe legal consequences, emphasizing the need to protect national security and the integrity of US political institutions.

Mil Personnel & Veterans

K. Murali appointed new Director of DLRL, enhancing electronic warfare capabilities. SHARE

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K. Murali has been appointed as the new Director of the Defence Electronics Research Laboratory (DLRL-DRDO) in Hyderabad, succeeding N. Srinivas Rao. With over three decades of experience at DLRL, Murali has played a significant role in the development of Electronic Warfare Systems, RF Seekers, and Counter Drone Systems for the Armed Forces. His leadership is expected to further enhance India's capabilities in electronic warfare, which is crucial for modern military operations. The continuity in leadership at DLRL underscores India's commitment to advancing its defense technology and maintaining a robust defense infrastructure tailored to meet contemporary security challenges.

Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan Appointed Western Naval Commander SHARE

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Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan has been appointed as the next commander of the Western Naval Command, succeeding Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh, who will retire on July 31. The Western Naval Command, known as the sword arm of the Indian Navy, plays a crucial role in safeguarding India's maritime interests. This leadership transition reflects the Indian Navy's commitment to enhancing its operational capabilities in a strategically significant region, ensuring readiness against emerging maritime challenges. The appointment of a capable leader like Vice Admiral Swaminathan underscores India's proactive stance in strengthening its naval defenses and maintaining regional stability in the Indian Ocean.

Rear Admiral V. Ganapathy Takes Command of MILIT in Pune SHARE

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Rear Admiral V. Ganapathy has taken command of India's Military Institute of Technology (MILIT) in Pune,

a key institution under the Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff tasked with training mid-career officers from the Indian Armed Forces and allied nations in advanced military technologies. His extensive background, including leadership roles and educational qualifications from prestigious defense institutions, positions him to enhance MILIT's emphasis on joint technical education amidst the evolving landscape of modern warfare. As the armed forces adapt to rapid technological advancements, Rear Admiral Ganapathy's leadership is expected to further solidify MILIT's reputation as a center of excellence in this critical area.

Army Honors Kargil Martyr Santhosh Kumar in Kochi Home Tribute SHARE

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Army personnel commemorated the 26th anniversary of the Kargil victory by honoring the martyr Lance Naik Santhosh Kumar P K at his home in Kochi. The tribute included floral offerings and a memento presented to his family, highlighting his sacrifice during Operation Vijay in 1999. Santhosh, who served for nearly 15 years, was posthumously awarded the Sena Medal for his bravery. His legacy is further honored by a memorial built by local residents and a park named in his memory, emphasizing the enduring respect and recognition for the sacrifices made by Indian soldiers in safeguarding the nation's territory.

Five Units to Receive Army Commander Citation at ARTRAC Ceremony SHARE

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The Army Training Command (ARTRAC) is set to honor five establishments with the prestigious Army Commander Unit Citation for their excellence in training, innovation, and leadership during an investiture ceremony. Additionally, three units will be recognized for outstanding financial management and awarded the Financial Excellence Award, while others will receive accolades for promoting e-office initiatives. Nine individual innovators will be celebrated for their technological contributions that enhance operational efficiency. This ceremony, presided over by Lieutenant General Devendra Sharma, underscores the Indian Army's commitment to fostering excellence and resilience, reflecting a strong organizational ethos that prioritizes innovation and effective resource management.

Miscellaneous

EAM Jaishankar and US Energy Secretary discuss energy partnership SHARE

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and U.S. Energy Secretary discussed strengthening the India-U.S. energy partnership during Jaishankar's official visit to the U.S. at the invitation of Secretary of State Marco Rubio. This meeting highlights the growing focus on bilateral energy cooperation, reflecting India's strategic shift towards sustainable energy sources and technological collaborations. Enhanced energy ties can not only bolster economic growth but also strengthen geopolitical ties between the two nations. As India seeks to diversify its energy sources and enhance energy security, such partnerships could play a crucial role in addressing the challenges posed by climate change and energy dependence.

Russia Sentences Ex-Defense Minister to 13 Years for Corruption SHARE

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Former Russian deputy defense minister Timur Ivanov received a 13-year sentence for corruption, marking a significant move in President Putin's crackdown on graft within the military as Russia continues its war in Ukraine. Ivanov was found guilty of embezzling 4.1 billion roubles, with state media highlighting outrage among war correspondents over corruption's impact on soldiers' lives. This case reflects a broader pattern of accountability in Russia's defense sector, coinciding with Ukraine's own efforts to address military corruption. Such developments emphasize the importance of transparency and integrity in defense operations, particularly during wartime, which can bolster national morale and trust.

Indian Researcher Shubhanshu Shukla Studies Muscle Stem Cells in Space SHARE

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Shubhanshu Shukla is conducting significant muscle stem cell research aboard the International Space Station (ISS) as part of the Myogenesis experiment, in collaboration with Bengaluru's InStem. This research aims to understand muscle loss in microgravity by investigating mitochondrial function and testing metabolic supplements for muscle repair. Shukla's work, which also includes educational outreach for Indian students on space science, highlights India's

expanding role in international space exploration and biomedical research. The ongoing Ax-4 mission, which involves various studies on astronaut health, underscores the importance of such interdisciplinary research in enhancing our understanding of human biology in space.

Vikram Misri Visits Mauritius to Strengthen Bilateral Ties



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Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri's visit to Mauritius emphasized India's commitment to strengthening bilateral ties, reiterating Prime Minister Modi's invitation for PM Ramgoolam to visit India. Discussions focused on enhancing cooperation in various domains, including maritime security and social challenges like drug addiction, with India providing specialized anti-drug equipment. This visit aligns with India's Neighbourhood First policy and reflects the deep civilizational ties and strategic partnership between the nations. Misri's engagements reinforce India's role in the Indian Ocean Region and its dedication to the development and prosperity of Mauritius, highlighting a mutual commitment to a multi-dimensional partnership benefiting both countries.

NASA Astronaut Anil Menon Begins First Mission to ISS



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NASA astronaut Anil Menon is set to embark on his first mission to the International Space Station (ISS), where he will spend about eight months conducting scientific investigations and technology demonstrations critical for future deep space exploration. Menon, who has an impressive academic background in neurobiology, mechanical engineering, and medicine, previously served as SpaceX's first flight surgeon. His assignment highlights the significance of international collaboration in space exploration, with American and Russian crew members working together aboard the ISS. Menon's mission is a vital step toward NASA's ambitious goals, including the Artemis program and human missions to Mars, showcasing the ongoing commitment to advancing scientific knowledge and technological innovation.

Trump: India-US Trade Talks Aim for Lower Tariffs and Access



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Negotiations between India and the US are intensifying as a July 9 deadline approaches, threatening the reimposition of a 26% tariff on Indian exports if no agreement is reached. India is firm on protecting its dairy sector and resisting broad concessions on genetically modified crops, while seeking greater access for its labor-intensive exports. The US, in turn, demands lower duties on its agricultural products and access to India's consumer market. Both sides are considering an interim agreement to avoid escalating trade tensions, with a comprehensive trade agreement targeted for completion by fall 2024, aiming to significantly boost bilateral trade by 2030.

Indian lawmakers to review aviation safety after Air India crash



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A panel of Indian lawmakers is set to review civil aviation safety following the tragic Air India crash on June 12, which claimed 260 lives. The upper house of parliament has summoned airport operators, air traffic controllers, and airlines like Air India and IndiGo for a thorough examination of passenger safety. This comes amid ongoing investigations into the crash and prior safety violations by Air India, highlighting the pressing need for stricter compliance and oversight in the aviation sector. Enhancing safety protocols is crucial for restoring public confidence and ensuring the integrity of India's rapidly growing aviation industry.

India to Establish New Strategic Oil Reserves for Energy Security



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India is planning to establish three new strategic oil reserves to enhance its energy security, as it currently imports over 80% of its oil needs. The new reserves will include a 5.2 million-ton facility in Bikaner, a 1.75-million-ton site in Mangalore, and another reserve in Bina, with details yet to be finalized. This expansion aims to bolster India's emergency stockpile and align with the International Energy Agency's requirement for member countries to maintain a minimum of 90 days of oil reserves. By diversifying storage and allowing private participation, India is taking crucial steps to mitigate geopolitical risks and secure its energy future.

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Defence Sector Stocks

Stock	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume	Change	RSI14	SMA20	SMA200
TANEJAERO	478.0	482.05	460.0	482.05	64271	5.0	81.04	398.88	386.41
DRONACHRYA	90.78	90.78	90.78	90.78	18000	5.0	56.35	91.15	100.67
SWANDEF	228.57	228.57	228.57	228.57	311	5.0	99.96	149.58	22.2
LOKESHMACH	183.0	191.81	183.0	191.81	20408	5.0	63.71	174.11	263.0
PARAS	1637.7	1702.0	1632.2	1696.2	1192139	4.23	59.58	1636.46	1146.37
ASTRAMICRO	1025.2	1072.0	1025.2	1066.8	598916	4.07	49.0	1108.89	821.36
SIKA	1372.0	1458.8	1341.2	1401.5	86651	3.67	60.49	1377.83	642.86
MACPOWER	0.0	972.9	972.9	972.9	1867	3.54	67.06	865.79	1183.91
BHARATFORG	1288.9	1319.0	1275.0	1311.4	1905720	2.12	58.06	1301.93	1266.17
SUNITATOOL	775.0	790.5	775.0	790.5	2750	2.0	54.61	792.58	730.57
HBLPOWER	625.9	632.0	615.5	626.85	2380197	1.04	64.27	595.53	559.01
DATAPAT'NS	2936.9	2962.4	2913.0	2953.7	244991	0.84	54.99	2967.32	2295.49
AZAD	1647.6	1669.9	1637.9	1657.6	111409	0.67	50.5	1642.43	1560.95
PTC	179.9	182.0	178.4	179.84	1069389	0.58	55.88	175.91	169.47
MIDHANI	436.0	441.0	427.55	437.05	767291	0.45	56.38	434.81	341.87
ADANIENT	2634.0	2646.0	2613.6	2630.2	621409	0.32	61.96	2541.79	2530.15
LMW	16920.0	16922.0	16581.0	16851.0	3329	0.11	57.21	16372.9	16205.49
MAZDOCK	3279.9	3294.8	3240.0	3278.2	1598186	0.1	51.34	3272.3	2501.95
MARINE	208.9	211.45	206.0	207.22	130240	-0.03	44.33	220.08	216.28
BDL	1985.0	1996.2	1947.0	1975.2	2111770	-0.26	61.26	1909.06	1321.87
HAL	4912.2	4939.7	4845.0	4898.3	819887	-0.28	49.8	4964.33	4276.45
NIBE	1695.1	1700.0	1652.05	1667.95	12523	-0.28	48.2	1740.09	1544.51
ROSSELLIND	69.9	69.96	68.51	68.86	12463	-0.32	44.12	70.02	92.54
GRSE	2997.0	3008.9	2935.0	2973.4	1120902	-0.33	49.93	3143.7	1842.29
MTARTECH	1591.1	1599.4	1566.6	1584.3	83770	-0.39	39.31	1677.76	1578.08
DCXINDIA	281.35	285.0	278.35	279.8	2059163	-0.43	40.58	294.28	305.15
DYNAMATECH	7245.0	7245.0	7068.0	7161.5	5316	-0.63	55.44	7057.5	7147.48
APOLLO	192.0	194.56	189.0	190.52	2820429	-0.65	53.03	196.92	124.29
WALCHANNAG	227.06	228.5	221.15	225.44	77383	-0.71	47.69	238.08	237.32
COCHINSHIP	2055.4	2059.9	2005.0	2025.3	1503047	-0.97	47.37	2168.91	1588.74
KRISHNADEF	893.1	894.0	877.1	883.85	15750	-0.99	48.87	922.93	729.51
BEL	431.05	432.75	422.6	426.95	22843521	-1.23	69.03	405.61	305.78
AXISCADES	1460.0	1489.0	1414.0	1424.7	91792	-1.28	67.76	1289.38	757.35
ZENTEC	1978.1	1987.8	1928.0	1952.5	268635	-1.29	52.74	1968.34	1765.6
URAVIDEF	499.0	518.0	476.0	489.5	26242	-1.34	44.67	496.13	443.05
PREMEXPLN	571.15	577.35	560.0	563.3	263963	-1.37	47.66	594.14	468.88
JYOTICNC	1066.9	1069.6	1035.0	1051.4	564747	-1.41	33.71	1140.88	1140.19
BEML	4443.7	4449.0	4352.0	4366.4	298022	-1.48	54.02	4416.62	3639.55
SOLARINDS	17251.0	17283.0	16780.0	16939.0	151251	-1.49	57.78	17007.25	11547.77
IDEAFORGE	586.0	586.6	575.0	576.9	276642	-1.57	51.92	590.6	529.41
CFF	644.0	650.4	628.5	628.5	36600	-1.83	55.46	627.72	584.42
HIGHENE	776.15	776.15	775.0	775.0	10398	-1.9	62.09	726.54	598.45
LT	3666.6	3674.2	3583.9	3596.8	1330176	-1.91	47.49	3637.48	3514.62
AVANTEl	165.1	166.14	159.36	160.39	1685444	-2.12	56.7	160.76	144.65
RELINFRA	406.0	411.8	393.55	396.75	2297322	-2.37	60.25	390.98	284.31
GOODLUCK	1133.3	1139.7	1102.5	1108.8	115016	-2.55	62.69	1060.97	904.83
RTNINDIA	63.97	63.99	61.25	62.02	7151576	-2.56	61.86	58.41	57.3
CENTUM	2374.0	2374.0	2274.0	2290.0	27056	-2.76	50.32	2324.44	1819.06
TEMBO	550.5	559.0	531.9	542.8	44184	-3.05	67.74	491.08	578.35
TECHERA	202.0	202.0	189.35	190.2	41600	-4.57	46.26	208.45	-