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## Defense Business and Industry

### HAL acquires ten GE F-414 engines for LCA Mk2 prototypes amid key US negotiations. [SHARE](#)

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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has acquired ten GE F-414 engines for the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Mk2 program, enabling the development of prototypes aimed at enhancing the Indian Air Force's multirole capabilities. This stockpile is crucial as HAL engages in negotiations for an 80% Transfer of Technology (ToT) agreement with General Electric, which would localize engine production in India and support the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. With plans to co-produce up to 1,200 engines, the LCA Mk2 will integrate advanced systems, positioning it as a formidable asset against regional threats. The ongoing US-India defense cooperation underscores the strategic importance of this initiative, addressing India's urgent need to bolster its aerial power amidst a squadron shortfall.

### GTRE-Safran 120 kN engine integrates smoothly into AMCA, confirms ADA Chief. [SHARE](#)

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In a significant boost to India's fifth-generation fighter program, the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) Chief Dr. Jitendra Jadhav announced that the co-developed GTRE-Safran 120 kN engine will integrate seamlessly into the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) with minimal design modifications. This engine, which exceeds the thrust of the F-414, is set to enhance the AMCA's stealth and operational capabilities, including supercruise. The project, with a budget of ₹15,000 crore, is on track for its first flight by 2028 and aims for induction by 2035. This successful collaboration not only strengthens India's defense technology but also positions the nation as a key player in the global aerospace market, while addressing

critical challenges in engine integration and performance.

### Govt plans to restructure HAL into specialized units to reduce backlog. [SHARE](#)

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The Indian government is actively considering a major restructuring of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to tackle its staggering order backlog exceeding Rs 2.7 lakh crore, which is more than eight times its annual revenue. This backlog includes fighter jets, helicopters, and propulsion systems, causing significant production delays affecting the Indian Air Force's (IAF) operational readiness. The government has engaged an external consultancy to develop a strategic plan focused on creating three specialized autonomous units within HAL, each dedicated to fixed-wing aircraft, helicopter manufacturing, and Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) services. The urgency of this move has been amplified by a recent Rs 66,500 crore contract for 97 Tejas Mk-1A fighter jets, despite ongoing delays in delivering a previous order of 83 aircraft from 2021, largely due to engine supply issues from General Electric. The restructuring aims to improve operational efficiency, accelerate delivery timelines, and align with the government's vision of boosting indigenous defense manufacturing and encouraging private sector collaboration, ensuring that HAL can meet the critical demands of the nation's defense modernization programs. The initiative aligns with India's broader Atmanirbhar Bharat goals and the looming need for new aircraft like the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA).

### AeroVironment to develop advanced materials for U.S. Air Force's electromagnetic protection. [SHARE](#)

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AeroVironment has secured a significant \$499 million contract from the U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) to develop advanced materials under the High-Performance Electromagnetic Spectrum Survivable

Materials Advancement (HELMSSMAN) program. This initiative aims to enhance the protection of personnel and systems against harmful electromagnetic radiation, focusing on developing vision protection materials and improving the electromagnetic resilience of U.S. military assets. Initial task orders worth \$246 million will facilitate research, prototyping, and testing of these protective technologies. The broader significance of this initiative underscores the increasing importance of safeguarding military operations in complex electromagnetic environments, a crucial aspect of modern warfare that could influence U.S. defense capabilities and strategies in future conflicts.

### **HAL accelerates Tejas Mk1-A deliveries with faster US engine supplies.** **SHARE**

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Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is accelerating the delivery of Tejas Mk1-A fighter jets, supported by improved engine supplies from General Electric (GE), which recently delivered its fourth F404 engine. With ten aircraft already built and ready for handover, the first two deliveries are expected in October 2025. Despite initial delays, HAL remains optimistic, aiming for timely production to address the urgent needs of the Indian Air Force (IAF), particularly following the retirement of the MiG-21 fleet. The successful completion of weapons integration trials and the impending contract for additional engines signify a critical step in enhancing India's aerial capabilities, reinforcing the nation's commitment to self-reliance in defense.

### **ARTRAC to incorporate 34 advanced technologies into Army training curriculum by 2030.** **SHARE**

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The Army Training Command (ARTRAC) celebrated its 35th Raising Day, emphasizing its pivotal role in enhancing military preparedness through the integration of 34 niche technologies into its training curriculum by 2030. Lt Gen Devendra Sharma announced plans to train an additional 12,000 soldiers in the upcoming year, highlighting advancements in drone training aligned with modern warfare strategies. ARTRAC's collaboration with leading institutions for joint research underscores its commitment to innovation and technology absorption, supporting the Indian Army's Decade of Transformation. This initiative is significant as it aligns with India's vision for a self-reliant defense posture while ensuring the Army remains adaptable and future-ready, ultimately

contributing to the national goal of a developed Bharat by 2047.

### **India's AVANI seeks global partners to enhance defense exports.** **SHARE**

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India's leading armoured platform manufacturer, Armoured Vehicles Nigam (AVANI), is actively seeking global partnerships to expand its export capabilities, particularly targeting markets in Africa, West Asia, Central Asia, and Southeast Asia. This initiative aligns with the Indian government's push for increased defense exports, as evidenced by a substantial rise from ₹81 crore in 2019-20 to over ₹3,545 crore in the recent fiscal year. AVANI's offerings include the Arjun Main Battle Tank and T-90 tanks, along with spare parts and support services for various platforms, positioning it as a competitive player internationally. This move not only enhances India's defense manufacturing reputation but also underscores the strategic shift towards greater self-reliance and global engagement in the defense sector.

### **Air Marshal Bharti urges swift indigenisation and engine development to counter China's military rise.** **SHARE**

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At Aero Tech India 2025 in New Delhi on September 29, 2025, Air Marshal Awadhesh Kumar Bharti underscored the critical urgency for India to fast-track indigenization in defense manufacturing, specifically focusing on military jet engine development to counter the pressing security challenges posed by China. He cautioned that dependency on imported critical components jeopardizes national security and stressed a shift toward rapid innovation and tighter collaboration between the Indian armed forces and domestic defense industries. Highlighting a significant milestone, Bharti pointed to the recent ₹62,370 crore contract signed on September 25, 2025, with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for 97 Tejas MK-1A aircraft featuring 64% indigenous content and substantial new systems integration. The production involves over 100 Indian companies and is expected to generate thousands of jobs. Looking ahead, the focus remains on advancing the TEJAS MK-2 and the cutting-edge Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) programs to fortify India's air defense capabilities while reducing dependency on foreign technology. Bharti emphasized the need to intensify innovation beyond incremental progress to achieve complete self-reliance in defense manufacturing within defined timelines.

## India's Dhvani hypersonic missile set to surpass BrahMos speeds. SHARE

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India is advancing its military capabilities with the development of the Dhvani hypersonic missile, which is designed to fly at speeds exceeding Mach 5 (7,400 km/h) and perform sharp maneuvers, making it difficult for current missile defense systems to intercept. Building on the success of the Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle, the missile integrates advanced thermal barrier coatings and innovative propulsion methods to ensure reliability at extreme speeds. As a potential game-changer in South Asia's strategic landscape, the Dhvani missile not only enhances India's deterrent posture but also positions the nation among global powers pioneering hypersonic technology, thereby reaffirming India's transition from a defense importer to a frontline innovator in missile systems. The deployment of Dhvani is expected to significantly influence military dynamics in the Indo-Pacific region.

## AMCA's GaN AESA Radar with 1,593 TRMs to Compete Globally SHARE

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India's Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) program progresses with the development of a Gallium Nitride (GaN)-based Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radar, featuring 1,593 Transmit/Receive Modules (TRMs). This indigenous radar, developed by DRDO's LRDE, ensures advanced detection capabilities, electronic warfare resilience, and energy efficiency, promising a competitive edge against global fifth-generation fighters. The AMCA's radar is positioned to exceed detection ranges of 250 km, enhancing situational awareness in contested airspaces. As a key element of India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, this technological advancement emphasizes self-reliance and could significantly influence future air combat dynamics in the Indo-Pacific region, highlighting the importance of electronic superiority in modern warfare.

## International demand rises for India's cost-effective HAL LCH Prachand in global attack helicopter market. SHARE

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India's indigenous Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) Prachand is witnessing a surge in international interest as a versatile and affordable alternative in the global attack helicopter market. At least three countries, including Nigeria, Argentina, and the Philippines, are in advanced discussions to procure the Prachand, leveraging its proven high-altitude capabilities and

competitive pricing of approximately \$45.53 million per unit. Recent contracts for 156 units from the Indian armed forces bolster HAL's production capabilities and signal reliability to international buyers. The Prachand's development underscores India's growing defense export potential, enhancing its strategic position in the global military landscape while reducing dependence on foreign suppliers, thereby positioning India as a key player in defense manufacturing.

## Defence Ministry to tender for 80 Medium Transport Aircraft for IAF's airlift needs. SHARE

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In a significant move to address the Indian Air Force's (IAF) airlift shortfall, the Defence Ministry is set to issue a tender for up to 80 Medium Transport Aircraft (MTA) with a payload capacity of 18-30 tonnes. This program, aimed at replacing the ageing Antonov An-32 and Ilyushin Il-76 fleets, underscores India's commitment to self-reliance in defense manufacturing. Major global players like Embraer, Lockheed Martin, and Airbus are vying for the contract, each proposing indigenous manufacturing partnerships. The move is timely as the IAF's airlift capacity has diminished, emphasizing the need for modern aircraft to bolster operational readiness in diverse and challenging terrains. This initiative will not only enhance operational capabilities but also align with India's Atmanirbhar Bharat vision, fostering domestic industry growth.

## Politics

## Chidambaram clarifies he never claimed US blocked India's retaliation post-26/11. SHARE

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In a recent clarification, former Home Minister P. Chidambaram addressed comments regarding the UPA government's decision not to retaliate militarily against Pakistan after the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, asserting he never stated that the US prevented such action. Chidambaram emphasized that while he considered retaliation, the consensus, influenced by diplomatic channels, favored a non-military response. His remarks have triggered a political backlash, with the ruling BJP criticizing the UPA for perceived inaction and yielding to US pressure. This incident highlights the ongoing debate about India's defense posture and the complexities of decision-making in the face of

terrorism, shaping public discourse on national security and foreign relations.

## Leh violence inquiry to wrap up within four weeks, ensuring transparency. SHARE

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A magisterial inquiry into the September 24 violence in Leh, which resulted in four fatalities and numerous injuries, is set to conclude within four weeks. Ordered by the Leh deputy commissioner, the inquiry aims to investigate the circumstances surrounding the police action and subsequent unrest, following a shutdown called by the Apex Body Leh to press for statehood and constitutional safeguards for Ladakh. Sub Divisional Magistrate Nubra Mukul Beniwal, appointed as the inquiry officer, encourages public participation to ensure a transparent investigation. This incident highlights the ongoing tensions in Ladakh regarding governance and local autonomy, underscoring the importance of addressing regional demands to maintain stability and peace in this strategically significant area.

## Wife of activist Sonam Wangchuk urges President for his release. SHARE

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Gitanjali J Angmo, the wife of climate activist Sonam Wangchuk, has appealed to President Droupadi Murmu for her husband's unconditional release from Jodhpur jail, where he has been detained under the National Security Act following violent clashes in Ladakh. Angmo argues that Wangchuk, who has dedicated his life to advocating for Ladakh's ecological and social issues, poses no threat to the nation and emphasizes his contributions to supporting the Indian Army. She condemns his treatment during detention, claiming it undermines efforts to foster solidarity in the region, which is crucial for both national security and environmental sustainability. This situation highlights the tension between civil activism and state security measures in India, raising questions about the balance between law enforcement and the rights of citizens advocating for ecological preservation.

## Geopolitics and Security Alliances

### India to host UN troop contributor chiefs' conclave from Oct 14, with Nepal, Bangladesh attending. SHARE

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India is set to host the United Nations Troop Contributing Countries (UNTCC) Chiefs Conclave in New Delhi from October 14 to 16, bringing together military leaders from over 30 nations. This event underscores India's significant role as one of the largest contributors to UN peacekeeping missions, having deployed nearly 290,000 personnel across 50 missions since the 1950s. India aims to enhance dialogue, cooperation, and best practices among troop-contributing countries while advocating for inclusivity within UN decision-making structures. Notably, Pakistan and China have not been invited to the conclave, a decision reflecting India's ongoing diplomatic strains with these nations over regional security and border issues. Officials, including Deputy Chief of the Indian Army Lt. Gen. Rakesh Kapoor, reiterated that Indian peacekeepers are deployed only under UN mandates, emphasizing India's commitment to international peace and security under the UN framework. The exclusion of Pakistan and China serves as a strategic message about India's assertive stance on regional dynamics. Overall, this conclave not only highlights India's leadership in global peacekeeping but also reinforces its dedication to upholding international norms, showcasing its capabilities as a trusted partner in fostering global stability.

### INS Sutlej arrives in Mauritius for 18th joint hydrographic survey mission. SHARE

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INS Sutlej, a specialized hydrographic survey vessel of the Indian Navy, has arrived at Port Louis, Mauritius, to conduct the 18th Joint Hydrographic Survey mission, which commenced on September 29, 2025. This initiative, carried out under a longstanding bilateral MoU on Hydrography, aims to cover approximately 35,000 square nautical miles and includes training for Mauritian officials in hydrographic data collection and processing. The deployment of INS Sutlej underscores the commitment of India and Mauritius to enhance scientific collaboration and strengthen strategic maritime ties, reflecting their mutual interests in navigational safety and sustainable ocean resource management in the Indian Ocean Region. This mission



not only reinforces India's role as a responsible maritime power but also highlights the importance of regional cooperation in addressing common challenges.

## India warns Pakistan on Sir Creek dispute amid rising tensions. SHARE

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh issued a stern warning to Pakistan regarding the long-standing Sir Creek dispute, emphasizing that any misadventure would provoke a decisive response capable of altering the region's historical and geographical landscape. He criticized Pakistan's military infrastructure expansion near the estuary, reinforcing India's commitment to securing its territorial integrity amidst ongoing tensions. The dispute, rooted in maritime boundary interpretations since the 1947 Partition, holds significant economic implications due to potential oil and gas reserves. With increasing military deployments from both nations, particularly Pakistan's enhanced presence since 2019, the situation remains tense, underscoring the importance of diplomatic dialogue to resolve the contentious issue peacefully while maintaining vigilance on the ground.

## US Think Tank Advocates Stronger India-US Defense Cooperation Against China. SHARE

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A report from the Heritage Foundation emphasizes the need for deeper defense ties between India and the United States to counter the shared threat posed by China. Senior Research Fellow Robert Peters advocates for enhanced naval cooperation and support for India's domestic drone industry, suggesting the U.S. provide intelligence and military technology to bolster India's capabilities in the Indian Ocean. As India develops its defense industrial base, Peters encourages military sales between the nations, viewing India as a critical ally in the Indo-Pacific. The report underscores the importance of focusing on shared strategic interests while minimizing criticism of India's domestic policies, highlighting the potential for a strengthened bilateral relationship amid rising regional tensions.

## India, France enhance military ties in 22nd Air Staff Talks SHARE

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India and France conducted the 22nd edition of Air Staff Talks in New Delhi from September 29 to October 1, 2025, focusing on enhancing military cooperation

between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the French Air and Space Force (FASF). The discussions emphasized joint training, combined exercises, and the exchange of expertise to strengthen operational coordination and foster a long-term strategic partnership. This meeting reflects the robust defense relationship between the two nations, particularly emphasizing 'Atmanirbharata' or self-reliance in defense. Additionally, both countries are advancing bilateral ties in civil nuclear energy and emerging technologies, underlining the strategic significance of their collaboration in a rapidly evolving global security landscape.

## PoK Leader Accuses Pakistan of Brutality Amid Rising Protests SHARE

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Tensions in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoK) have escalated as mass protests erupt against the Pakistani government's neglect and violent repression of citizen demands for reforms. Demonstrators, led by the Jammu Kashmir Joint Awami Action Committee, are calling for the implementation of a 38-point Self-Rule Charter, including the abolition of reserved assembly seats for Kashmiri refugees and demands for better public services. The Pakistani administration's heavy-handed response, including firing on protesters, has intensified public outrage and led to widespread unrest across multiple districts. This crisis not only highlights the growing discontent within PoK but also poses a significant challenge to Islamabad's authority, potentially destabilizing the region further and complicating its governance.

## INS Trikand's Taranto visit enhances India-Italy defense collaboration. SHARE

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The Indian Navy's INS Trikand has made a significant port call in Taranto, Italy, aimed at strengthening defense ties between India and Italy. During its visit, the ship's crew engaged in professional exchanges with their Italian counterparts, focusing on enhancing naval interoperability and operational knowledge. Captain Sachin Kulkarni met with Rear Admiral Andrea Petroni, highlighting the importance of bilateral defense cooperation amidst growing global maritime challenges. This engagement follows India's participation in Exercise Bright Star 2025 in Egypt, showcasing a tri-service approach to multinational military cooperation. The deployment reflects India's commitment to enhancing maritime security and establishing itself as a reliable partner in the Mediterranean region, underscoring the strategic

importance of collaborative defense initiatives in ensuring regional stability.

## India and Canada aim to strengthen ties through cooperation and dialogue. SHARE

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India and Canada are actively working to strengthen their bilateral ties following recent tensions, as highlighted in a meeting between Indian Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar and Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand. The discussions focused on enhancing cooperation in trade, investment, and security, reflecting a commitment to overcome past challenges, particularly regarding pro-Khalistan separatist activities. Although both nations acknowledge the need for progress in economic collaboration, ongoing high-level visits signify a positive trajectory towards rebuilding trust. Anand's anticipated visit to India later this month, alongside her broader Indo-Pacific engagements, underscores a renewed commitment to deepening strategic partnerships, which could yield substantial growth in trade and security cooperation going forward. This diplomatic engagement is crucial for regional stability and mutual interests in the Indo-Pacific context.

## Putin's India visit on Dec 5-6 to strengthen trade and defense ties. SHARE

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Russian President Vladimir Putin is expected to visit India on December 5-6 for an annual summit, focusing on trade, energy, and defense collaboration amid ongoing Western sanctions on Russia. The discussions will emphasize defense manufacturing and technology transfer, aligning with India's Make in India initiative, particularly in advanced capabilities like fifth-generation fighter aircraft. Additionally, regional security issues involving Pakistan and Afghanistan are anticipated topics, reflecting shared concerns over counterterrorism. This summit serves as a crucial platform for India to reaffirm its strategic partnership with Russia while balancing its growing ties with the US and NATO, underlining India's independent foreign policy approach amidst geopolitical tensions influenced by the Ukraine conflict.

## ISI trains Hamas as a proxy against India while deceiving US. SHARE

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Recent reports indicate that Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) has been training Hamas to act as a proxy against India, while simultaneously misleading

the United States regarding its role in the Gaza peace process. With Hamas leaders attending training camps alongside groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammad, the ISI aims to deploy them against both Balochistan Liberation Army and Tehreek-e-Taliban, as well as in northeastern India. This strategy highlights Pakistan's double standards and its continued support for terrorist organizations, undermining its alleged partnership with the US. The developments underscore an ongoing geopolitical challenge for India, as it faces the threat of cross-border terrorism supported by Pakistan amidst broader regional instability.

## India Condemns Pakistan's Human Rights Hypocrisy at UN Council SHARE

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At the UN Human Rights Council, Indian diplomat Mohammed Hussain criticized Pakistan for its hypocrisy regarding human rights, highlighting its poor record and ongoing internal crises, particularly the systematic persecution of minorities. In contrast, Pakistan's envoy reiterated claims about Kashmir, attempting to deflect criticism amid rising unrest in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir, where protests against the government have resulted in violence and demands for better governance. Amidst this turmoil, Islamabad's intensified security measures have only exacerbated public anger, further undermining its claims of democratic governance. This exchange underscores the growing international scrutiny on human rights practices in South Asia and the implications for regional stability, reflecting a complex geopolitical landscape where narratives are fiercely contested.

## Kanwal Sibal Critiques Trump's Claims on Indo-Pak Conflict Mediation SHARE

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In a recent address, former U.S. President Donald Trump claimed he averted a significant conflict between India and Pakistan, attributing his success to the intervention of Pakistan's Army Chief, General Asim Munir. Indian former Foreign Secretary Kanwal Sibal criticized Trump's assertions as naïve, suggesting he was easily manipulated. The Indian government has consistently rejected external mediation narratives, reaffirming that ceasefire negotiations were conducted bilaterally between military leaders without foreign influence. This incident has reignited discussions within Indian strategic circles regarding the risks of external involvement in Indo-Pak relations, underscoring India's commitment to maintaining its sovereign decision-

making in security matters, emphasizing that India's military actions remain independent and not subject to foreign dictates.

## Jaishankar greets China, emphasizes rebuilding ties and cooperation.



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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar extended greetings to China on its Founding Day, reflecting a renewed diplomatic engagement following recent high-level meetings between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping. The discussions highlighted a successful disengagement along the Line of Actual Control and a commitment to resolving boundary issues through diplomatic means. Economic cooperation was emphasized, with both nations recognizing their roles in stabilizing global trade, while cultural exchanges were identified as essential for building mutual trust. This evolving India-China relationship is viewed as crucial not only for bilateral progress but also for fostering a multipolar Asia and global order, underscoring the importance of mutual respect and collaboration in addressing shared challenges.

## Pakistan's PM Shehbaz Sharif disrupted by slogan during UNGA speech.



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During a recent speech at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif faced a significant disruption when a political slogan was chanted, breaching the assembly's strict protocols against such demonstrations. This incident not only overshadowed Sharif's criticisms of India regarding Kashmir but also raised serious concerns about security lapses at a high-profile diplomatic forum. Analysts noted that this embarrassment comes at a time when Pakistan's leadership is already scrutinized for economic instability and alleged ties to terrorism, potentially undermining its credibility on the international stage. The ongoing investigation into the security breach further highlights the challenges Pakistan faces in maintaining its diplomatic image amidst increasing geopolitical tensions with India.

## Military Operations

## Defence Minister lauds Operation Sindoor's success against Pakistan's threats.



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On October 2, 2025, during a ceremonial event at the Bhuj Military Station in Gujarat, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh praised the Indian Armed Forces for their success in Operation Sindoor, which effectively thwarted Pakistan's attempts to breach India's defense network from Leh to the Sir Creek region. Singh emphasized that this operation not only revealed vulnerabilities in Pakistan's air defense system but also underscored India's capability to inflict significant damage on its adversaries at a time and place of its choosing. He issued a stern warning against any aggressive actions by Pakistan in the Sir Creek area, reiterating that such moves would provoke a decisive response that could alter both history and geography, reminiscent of India's military achievements in past conflicts. The minister reaffirmed that while India is committed to counter-terrorism efforts, it demonstrated restraint during the operation to avoid escalating tensions into a full-scale war. Singh also highlighted the importance of joint operational capability among the Army, Navy, and Air Force as critical to India's national security, particularly in addressing multifaceted challenges including terrorism, external aggression, and cyber threats. This event, marked by the shastra puja ceremony symbolizing respect for military power as instruments of righteousness, reflects India's broader strategic posture of preparedness and deterrence in the face of persistent security challenges from neighboring adversaries.

## Madhya Pradesh CM lauds 'Operation Sindoor' for showcasing Indian military strength and readiness.



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Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav praised the Indian armed forces for showcasing their strength through 'Operation Sindoor', emphasizing India's preparedness to counter any aggression, particularly from neighboring Pakistan. During a ceremony on Vijayadashami, he articulated the significance of state-sponsored shastra puja programs, reflecting India's ancient commitment to power. Furthermore, he announced the recruitment of over 20,000 police personnel and the introduction of an AI-based chatbot, 'Safe Clicks', to combat cyber crimes in Madhya

Pradesh. This initiative not only reinforces the state's security framework but also highlights the government's focus on modernizing law enforcement through technology, marking a significant step in enhancing public safety and national defense capabilities.

## Security forces conduct search in Kathua after suspicious movement detected.



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A joint search operation by security forces, including the police and the Border Security Force (BSF), is ongoing in J&K's Kathua district following reports of suspicious movement near the international border. Local residents reported three individuals, one carrying a heavy backpack, prompting the security forces to conduct a thorough search along the Ujh river near Jhathana village. Although no suspects have been apprehended yet, evidence of movement has been confirmed. The operation underscores the vigilance of Indian security forces in preventing cross-border terrorism, particularly amid increasing drone threats from Pakistan. This proactive approach aims to ensure the safety of civilians and thwart any potential attacks, highlighting the strategic importance of border security in the region.

peace in affected areas, critical for regional stability and development.

## Modi warns of ISI-backed Rohingya infiltration threatening India.



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has reiterated concerns over illegal immigration, particularly regarding potential Rohingya infiltration, which Indian security agencies link to plots orchestrated by the ISI in Pakistan and the DGFI in Bangladesh. As tensions in Myanmar persist, these agencies are reportedly utilizing militant groups to facilitate this infiltration, posing a threat to India's national security. The recent implementation of the Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025, aims to strengthen immigration controls while emphasizing India's openness to legitimate visitors. However, rising Rohingya camps in Bangladesh signal a troubling trend that could exacerbate violence and radicalization, challenging regional stability and emphasizing the need for robust border security measures. The situation underscores the precarious geopolitical landscape India navigates amidst escalating threats from organized terrorism and illegal immigration.

## Amritsar police bust cross-border smuggling network, arrest five suspects.



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In a significant crackdown, Amritsar police apprehended five individuals tied to a cross-border arms and narcotics smuggling network, seizing 1.50 kg of heroin and 12 pistols. DGP Gaurav Yadav reported that the arrested suspects, including Joban Singh and Jashanpreet Singh, were directly communicating with smugglers in Pakistan through social media to orchestrate the transference of illicit goods aimed at exacerbating inter-gang rivalries in Punjab. The operation underscores ongoing concerns regarding cross-border criminal activities and their impact on regional security. Authorities are pursuing further investigations to unravel the comprehensive network, highlighting the need for robust countermeasures against such threats to national integrity and public safety.

## Terrorism and Counterterrorism

## CRPF Cobra Unit Uncovers Explosives, Averts Maoist Attack in Chhattisgarh



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In a significant operation, the Cobra 208 Battalion of the CRPF successfully uncovered a substantial cache of explosives and materials linked to Maoist insurgents in Bijapur, Chhattisgarh. This discovery, made during a routine patrol, included high-grade explosives like RDX, along with logistical supplies indicative of plans for large-scale violence against security forces and infrastructure. The operation is part of the ongoing Operation Sankalp, aimed at dismantling Maoist strongholds by March 2026, highlighting the persistent threat of Left-Wing Extremism in the region. The timely action of the Cobra unit has not only thwarted a potential attack but also demonstrated the effectiveness of their intelligence and jungle warfare tactics in combating insurgency. This operation reinforces the government's commitment to securing



## Mil Personnel & Veterans

### Maj Gen G Srinivas takes command at College of Defence Management in Secunderabad.



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Major General G Srinivas has officially taken over as the Commandant of the College of Defence Management (CDM) in Secunderabad, succeeding Lieutenant General Harsh Chhibber, who has been promoted to Director General of Information Systems. A distinguished Gunner Officer and alumnus of both the CDM and the National Defence College, Maj Gen Srinivas brings extensive experience in operational logistics and strategic planning, particularly from his recent role in the Western Command theatre during Operation Sindoor. His leadership is expected to enhance CDM's mission of delivering advanced management education to Indian Armed Forces officers, fostering a new generation of strategic thinkers capable of addressing evolving national security challenges. This appointment underscores India's commitment to strengthening its military leadership and operational readiness in a dynamic geopolitical landscape.

## Miscellaneous

### Defence Ministry hosts blood donation camp on National Donation Day.



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On October 2, the Defence Ministry organized a Blood Donation Camp at South Block, New Delhi, in conjunction with National Voluntary Blood Donation Day, which aims to raise awareness about the significance of blood donation. The camp saw participation from 202 Ministry officials, all of whom underwent thorough health screenings to ensure safety. Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh emphasized the campaign's theme, "Give Blood, Give Hope: Together We Save Lives," promoting community involvement in enhancing the national healthcare system. This initiative not only highlights the urgent need for voluntary blood donations but also reinforces the sense of responsibility and altruism among citizens, which is vital for supporting healthcare needs across the country.

### AICTE introduces defence technology curriculum for engineering students to boost indigenous capabilities.



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The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has launched a model curriculum for engineering and technology undergraduate programs focused on defence technology, aiming to strengthen indigenous capabilities and prepare students for innovation in the defence sector. AICTE chairman Prof TG Sitharam emphasized the necessity of creating a talent pipeline to support India's evolving defence landscape, driven by Atmanirbhar Bharat and technological advancements. The curriculum offers specialized knowledge in areas such as aeronautics, naval technologies, and cybersecurity, while fostering interdisciplinary learning and practical exposure. This initiative addresses the longstanding issue of industry-ready manpower in defence production, ultimately contributing to India's ambition of becoming a global leader in defence technologies and enhancing national security.

### Army jawan arrested in Samba for allegedly harassing a woman.



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A serving Army jawan from Kerala, assigned to a Rashtriya Rifles battalion in Rajouri, has been arrested for allegedly sexually harassing a tribal woman in Samba district. The incident occurred on September 23 while the victim, a second-year B.Sc. student, was returning home. Following the incident, the accused reportedly fled the scene but was apprehended by local police shortly thereafter. This development highlights ongoing concerns about the conduct of military personnel and the need for robust measures to ensure the safety and dignity of women, particularly in regions with significant military presence. Addressing these issues is crucial for maintaining public trust and morale within the armed forces, as well as safeguarding community relations.

### BCCI plans to complain against Salman Agha over controversial press remarks.



02-Oct-25

Pakistan T20I captain Salman Agha faces potential repercussions from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) following controversial remarks made during a press conference after the Asia Cup 2025 final. In response to Indian captain Suryakumar Yadav's pledge to donate his match fees to the Indian Army and

victims of the Pahalgam terror attack, Agha announced that the Pakistan team would similarly donate their match fees to civilians affected by India's Operation Sindoor. The BCCI is reportedly preparing a complaint against Agha, deeming his comments political and sensitive, which could attract international scrutiny. This incident underscores the ongoing tensions between India and Pakistan, reflecting the intricate interplay of sports and geopolitics in the region.

## None of India's 35 Flying Schools Achieve Top Ratings, 22 Rated C. SHARE

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The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has released its inaugural ranking of Flying Training Organisations (FTOs) in India, revealing that none of the 35 assessed received the top ratings of A or A+. Of these, 13 FTOs were rated B, while 22 fell into the C category, indicating significant room for improvement in operational aspects, safety standards, and compliance. The rankings, which will be updated biannually, highlight the need for FTOs to enhance their performance, particularly those receiving C ratings, as they will be issued notices for self-evaluation. This first assessment underscores the importance of elevating pilot training standards in India to ensure safety and quality in aviation.

## Meghalaya CM opposes uranium mining, prioritizing local health and environment. SHARE

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Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma has firmly stated his government's opposition to uranium mining in the state, emphasizing concerns over health,

environmental, and land rights raised by local tribal organizations. His remarks follow a recent notification from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change that proposed exemptions for public consultations on mining projects involving atomic minerals like uranium. Sangma indicated that he would seek clarification from the central government if necessary, reiterating that the interests of the local population must be protected. This stance underscores the ongoing tension between development initiatives and environmental safeguards, reflecting broader debates around resource management in sensitive ecological regions.

## Kenya Navy Commander visits Southern Naval Command to boost maritime cooperation. SHARE

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Major General Paul Owuor Otieno, Commander of the Kenya Navy, visited the Southern Naval Command (SNC) in Kochi, India, from September 30 to October 2, 2025, to enhance maritime cooperation. Discussions with Vice Admiral V Srinivas focused on training engagement and regional maritime security, highlighting initiatives like the Indian Ocean Ship Sagar, which promotes synergy among IOR nations. The visit included demonstrations of advanced training infrastructure and medical facilities, reaffirming the longstanding partnership between the Indian and Kenyan Navies since 1990. This collaboration underscores the importance of strengthening regional capabilities and interoperability, reflecting India's commitment to enhancing maritime stability in the Indian Ocean region, a critical area for global trade and security.

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